

**POST &
AUXILIARY
MEETINGS**
3RD Thursday
both 7 p.m.

Benson VFW Post 2503 SEPTEMBER 2022

www.vfwpost2503.org
(402)-571-8397

**Honor Guard
Meeting**
2nd Thursday
every month
7:00 pm



POST 2503 OFFICERS 2022-2023
*Commander: Larry Quilliam
Sr. Vice Commander: Al Dorn
Jr. Vice Commander: Sharon Cooper
Quartermaster: Dan Raabe
Chaplain: Dennis Kerr
Surgeon: Jim Sorensen
Judge Advocate: Tom Penke
Officer of the Day: Mike Hackenberg
Adjutant: Richard Runnels
Guard: T Trotty
Service Officer: Paul Riccio*



AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2022-2023

*President: Micky Dorn
Sr. Vice President: Linda Humphrey
Jr. Vice President: Jan Davis
Treasurer: Sue Stark
Secretary: Luanne Rosso
Chaplain: Mary Dalton
Conductress: Marcia Jones
Guard: Jeanne Shadden
Patriotic Instructor: Luanne Rosso*

From the Commander

Greetings to all! I hope you and your family are well.

Thanks to our Quartermaster, Dan Raabe, a huge change will be coming to the Post. Soon you will see construction of a new patio on the North end of the building. All the broken concrete will be removed and replaced with paver stones in a patriotic design. And the patio will include a gas fire pit. We have pictures of the proposed plan for you to see at the Post.

The patio addition to our Post will allow you to use the outdoors area this fall, and next spring and summer. As we move forward we will need to make some changes to the yard area including moving the horseshoe pits. The result of this addition will encourage more folks to use our outdoor spaces and attract younger veterans and their families to our Post.

We will need volunteers to help with the work to improve the outdoor area. If you are able, please contact me and we will add your name to the list of available help.

Nebraska Cornhusker Tail Gates is on at the Post on Saturdays! Bring food up to the Post for yourself and others to enjoy and let's enjoy cheering on the Cornhuskers to a winning season.

Breakfast at the Post on Sunday September 11th starting at 8 AM. Following will be a bigger and better car show with more great food to enjoy! Plan to enjoy this fun family event.

On Friday, September 16th at 6 PM we will celebrate POW/MIA DAY in the Honor Room with a few speeches and the Table of Honor Ceremony with a cake following the event. This is a must-see ceremony to add to your calendar. We honor and recognize the sacrifices of those Americans who have been prisoners of war and remember those who are missing in action. Every day.

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From the Auxiliary President

Hello Auxiliary and friends,

History: The Buddy Poppy is 100 years old and made by disabled veterans. Donations go to the relief fund. See the display and history of the Buddy Poppy in the Canteen. We have 5 new members since July 1st. All new members: please come to the meeting September 15th. We want to welcome you. Each new member since July 2021 is encouraged to attend. We are a work in progress and need you to make our Auxiliary the most active, fun, and productive in the State. EVENTS: We honor first responders by serving them dinner at the Irvington Fire Department firehouse on Sept 8th, at 6 PM. Donations for the lasagna meal and dessert are welcome, but the Auxiliary has arranged for the meal. We served lunch for the Douglas County Veteran Treatment Court Veterans, families, and mentors. They provided food and desserts; we cooked and served. Congressman Don Bacon visited the program's veterans, and he will speak at their graduation this month. We provided baby shower gifts to the VA for new Moms, and we ordered coats and shoes for homeless veterans for the VA Stand-down on November 11th, at UNO. Three Poppy events were held this month: a benefit for Spina Bifida at the Forgot Store and at 2 Car Shows. A frequent visitor on Hamburger Nights became a citizen. Buddy Poppies and flags from Auxiliary members welcomed her as a citizen of the United States. Thank you to Carrie, Mona, and Jan for food prep on Hamburger Night! Members provide the desserts every Wednesday as a fund raiser. Mona directs desserts. Call me and I will put you in touch with her to coordinate a donation. Bake it yourself, but we like store bought cake, too! VFW Auxiliary Memorial Service for Margaret Reece, 101 years old, was held at the request of her family. She was a WAVE in WW II as an air traffic controller, and Margaret was an active member of the American Legion Post 112 and the VFW Post 2503 Auxiliary.

Next meeting: September 15, 2022, please come!
Micky Dorn, President 402 850-5075

From the Commander

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The Post's Wednesday Hamburger Nights continue to grow in participation. Please invite your friends and family every Wednesday. Be sure to enjoy your Post by having a great meal at a very reasonable price. Also, you could win two steaks during the Meat Raffle. We are growing and doing more to serve our Veteran Community. Volunteers are needed for a few hours each month. Volunteers make our Post successful, and I hope you can donate some time and energy to your Post. Just let me know when you are available, and I can find a task for you to help out the Post.

Carry on,
Larry Quilliam
VFW Post 2503
Commander

ROOM RENTALS at VFW POST 2503

RATES:

NORTH ROOM . . . \$550
SOUTH ROOM . . . \$450

Contact Mary Miller at
402-943-9067 to reserve your
date. Spread the word to your
friends and family.

The Post's rooms look great
decorated for weddings,
birthdays, and graduation
parties.



The Voice Of Democracy 2022-23

theme is:

"Why is the Veteran Important?"

and

The Patriots Pen 2022-23

theme is:

"My Pledge to Our Veterans."

Voice of Democracy is for grades 9-12,
and Patriots Pen is for grades 6-8.

Copies of the entry information will be
placed on the Post's Canteen tables.

Entry deadline is 31 October 2022.

CONTACT SHARON COOPER at 402-676-
5253 or e-mail to purplebelt@cox.net

IMPORTANT

Questions on Camp LeJeune Justice Act:

Many veterans have reached out to the VFW regarding the Camp LeJeune provision (Section 804) of the recently passed PACT Act. Please be advised that there is an offset of VA disability benefits with any settlement that may be received through a lawsuit.

Veterans are encouraged NOT to sign any contracts to participate in lawsuits until VA clarifies how the settlements will affect service-connected benefits and care. VA regulations on this are expected in the coming months. For clarification on the impact to your current or future VA benefits, contact an accredited **VFW service officer**.

Under the new 2022 PACT Act

eligibility is added for Veterans who served in

Republic of Vietnam
01/09/1962–05/07/1975

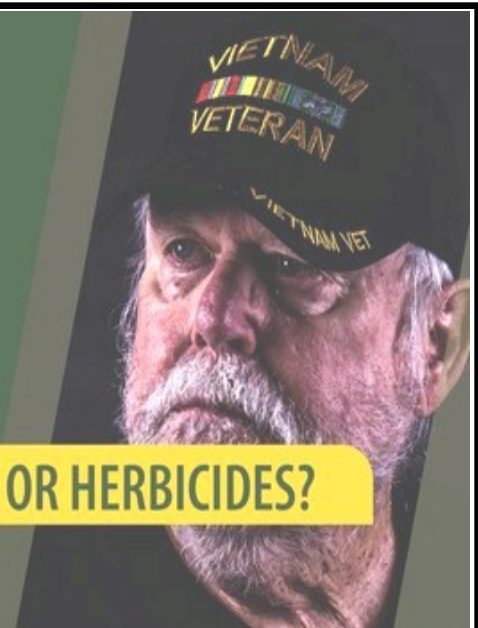
EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE OR HERBICIDES?

Learn more at VA.gov
1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411)

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs



SATURDAY NEBRASKA FOOTBALL 2022

North Dakota **Sept 3, 2:30 PM** @ Nebraska

Georgia Southern **Sept 10, 6:30 PM** @ Nebraska

Oklahoma **Sept 17, 11:00 AM** @ Nebraska



SEE YOU AT THE POST !

BRING A POTLUCK DISH OR SNACKS

@BensonAmericanLegion

Benson American Legion Family
DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
Sacrifice Is Meaningless Without Remembrance

**SUNDAY
 SEP. 18TH**

VFW Post #2503
**8904 MILITARY RD.
 OMAHA, NE**

**BREAKFAST
 8:30-11:00**

**4TH ANNUAL BENSON ALR
 REMEMBRANCE RUN
 SCAVENGER HUNT POKER RUN**

**FIRST RESPONDERS
 VEHICLE DISPLAY
 9:00-11:00**

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT
 AMERICAN
 VETERANS
 ROBOTICS
 COME JOIN US



NOTICE!


Effective immediately, Bill Hackenberg is the new Webmaster and Social Media Contact.

Bill is a great supporter of the Post. You will see great new things from him.

I will be the backup, leaving me time for other activities. It has been great, these last eight years, communicating with all of you.

My respect, thanks, and love to all of our Veterans and their families.

Kathy Rabbe

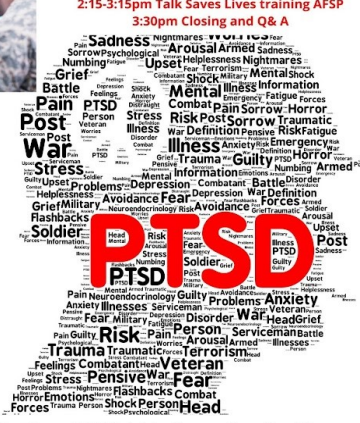


"Silouan Green's journey of overcoming incredible personal trauma to find passion and purpose in life is both inspirational and timely. I look forward to helping spread the word and reach those who need to hear his message."
 To register, email: donna68701@yahoo.com

"TALK SAVES LIVES"

Sun. Sept. 25, 12-4pm VFW Post 2503, 8904 Military Road, Omaha, NE 68134

12-12:45pm Lunch served
 1-2pm Guest speaker Silouan Green
 2:15-3:15pm Talk Saves Lives training AFSP
 3:30pm Closing and Q&A



SO MILE MARCH

988
 NEW LIFELINE NUMBER
 24/7
 GOALS: LIVE, PREVENT, HEAL, HOPE

Sponsored by Northeast NE Suicide Prevention Coalition

CONTACT Kathy Raabe at kfr14819@cox.net

From the Jr-Vice Commander

About 3 years ago, a Vietnam Veteran, Howard Ball, spoke at our Post meeting about plans to construct a Memorial in Papillion honoring the 400 Nebraskans who lost their lives in Vietnam.

Including a Medal of Honor Marine from South Omaha, and 3 brothers from Niobrara, NE.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held March 29, 2022, and the Memorial is slated to be dedicated early in 2023.

The Post and Auxiliary plan to make a donation in response to the challenge made last year by the Springfield VFW Post.

Please feel free to ask me questions when you see me at the Post. Thank you.

Sharon Cooper, Jr-Vice Commander & Member, NVVMF Education/History Committee

MOVING VETERANS FORWARD

SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

We are in **DESPERATE** need of these **items**: Coffee, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, Hamburger Helper, Ketchup, Mustard, Jelly, Pork & Beans, and Sloppy Joe Mix

And we are in need of the following utensils: Toasters, Coffee Makers, Tea Pots, Hand-Mixers, Counter-Top Microwaves, F & Q Mattress Covers, Toilet Brushes, Bath Towels, Laundry Baskets, Bathroom Rugs, Bathroom Cleaners, Sauce & Soup Pots & Pans, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, and F & Q Comforters.

Questions? Please contact Kathy Raabe at kfr14819@cox.net OR (402) 392-0210 Thank you all for your generosity.

CRAFT SHOW at THE POST

SEPTEMBER 24

FREE ADMISSION

9 AM to 3PM


LUNCH provided by the

VFW POST 2503 AUXILIARY

NEW OUTDOOR PATIO TO BE BUILT ON THE POST'S NORTH SIDE

Dan Raabe asked me (Kathy Raabe) to write about the Patio Project we are blessed with courtesy of his former employer, Watkins Concrete Block Co., Inc. Dan worked for them for 35 years. Dan mentioned to some friends who are still working that we needed to replace our Post patio due to wear and tear and heavy truck traffic. A new Hardscape Salesman is a veteran and was interested in helping a Veteran with a patio project, all donated material and labor. The design by Watkins is seen below. The design is a nice patio and fireplace area for not just one veteran but many. Horseshoe pits will be moved to a different area.

We look forward to this positive change outdoors.



DESIGN STUDIO

SEPTEMBER 2022

KITCHEN NEWS for SEPTEMBER




VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers to head up or work a Wednesday night crew. Also needed is someone who can come in during the day EACH

Wednesday to help with prep and setup for Wednesday night hamburger nights. Please contact Linda at 531-205-5641

PLEASE THANK UNION WORKERS FOR LABOR DAY

which pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Room Rentals Available				Sewing Ladies 1:00pm 172nd Trans 5:00 pm Am Legion 7:00 pm Honor Guard 7:00 pm Auxiliary/First Responders Dinner for Irvington Fire Dept.	SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION MEETS @ 6 PM HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
11 POST OPENS @ 8 AM BREAKFAST 8 AM to NOON and CAR SHOW 	12	13	14 Hamburger Night STUFFED PEPPERS Crew—S Schaefer Marine Corps League Meeting	15 POST/AUX Meeting 7:00 pm House Comm Meeting @ 6:00pm Sewing Ladies 1:00pm	16 NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY at 6 PM HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	17 DAUGHTERS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR meeting 1 PM 10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
18 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: BREAKFAST 8:30 FIRST RESPONDERS' VEHICLE DISPLAY REMEMBRANCE	19	20 US Coast Guard Aux MEETS @ 7 PM	21 Hamburger Night SWEET ITALIAN SAUSAGE SANDWICHES Crew—P Petersen	22 Sewing Ladies 1:00pm MOC COOTIES @ 7:00pm	23 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	24 CRAFT SHOW at POST and LUNCH by Auxiliary 9 AM to 3 PM FREE ADMISSION 10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
25 GOLD STAR MOTHER CEREMONY TALK SAVES LIVES NOON TO 3 PM OVERCOMING PTSD Room Rentals Available	26	27	28 Hamburger Night SHRIMP BASKET Crew—CABIN	29	30	



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SEE INSIDE FOR:

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST
& CAR SHOW.**

CRAFT SHOW

POW/MIA CEREMONY

From Your Honor Guard Captain Dan Raabe

MILITARY RITES: JULY 2022

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
7/01/2022 Lawrence Leddy	Omaha National	8	24
7/05/2022 James Ristvert	Omaha National	9	27
7/08/2022 Michael Brewer	Omaha National	12	36
7/08/2022 John Schmit	Calvary	12	36
7/09/2022 Gordon Fredrickson Jr	Evergreen	7	21
7/09/2022 Raymond McDermott	Calvary	6	18
7/11/2022 Peter Kozak	Omaha National	11	33
7/11/2022 Allen Bates	Omaha National	11	33
7/11/2022 Harry Evans	Omaha National	10	30
7/12/2022 Edward Harbac	Omaha National	8	24
7/13/2022 Alan Jensen	Omaha National	6	18
7/14/2022 Joe Nemece	Calvary	9	27
7/15/2022 James Paladino	Omaha National	9	27
7/16/2022 Nick Huerta	Westlawn	8	24
7/18/2022 Jessie Johnson	Mount Hope	10	30
7/19/2022 William Besak	Evergreen	8	24
7/19/2022 John Hoeven	Omaha National	5	15
7/21/2022 John Carpenter	Forest Lawn	7	21
7/21/2022 Virgil Bisson	Forest Lawn	8	24
7/22/2022 Delmar Vlcek	St. Columbkille	5	15
7/25/2022 Robert Brewster	Omaha National	8	24
7/26/2022 Marvin Rwtswalaeger	Omaha National	7	21
7/29/2022 Gary Becker	Omaha National	10	30
7/29/2022 John Lehning	Forest Lawn	10	30

• Post Member

Months' Total: 24 Funerals, 204 Member Participation, 612 Hours



JULY 2022
All of our brave brothers
And sisters
who have
Passed before us.

GULF WARS AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS

**YOU SERVED WITH HONOR, VALOR,
AND DISTINCTION.**



**VFW POST 2503
WELCOMES YOU and
YOUR FAMILY to
OUR FAMILY!**

**NOTICE: All articles should be in the Newsletter Box,
IN WRITING, at the Post no later than SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER
24TH, for the OCTOBER Newsletter. If articles are not submitted by
the deadline, they will have to wait for the next newsletter. Thank you.**

**The Post is selling Memorial Bricks around
the memorial walk and flag. Memorial
Bricks are being sold by Post 2503 to be
put around the outside of the Memorial flag
pole. These bricks will cost \$60.00 each. They will
be for VFW, Auxiliary, AMVET & Auxiliary members,
their families, and people they sponsor. They will be
ordered once a year on April 1st, for installation
by Memorial Day each year. Max 16 spaces per line,
3 lines, and cost \$60.00 per brick.**



Name _____

Phone # _____

WORDS ON BRICK

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Checks Only—No Cash / Return this form to the Post