

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

# Benson VFW Post 2503 NOVEMBER 2022

[www.vfwpost2503.org](http://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

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you took part in the ceremony for our new patio. We owe a sincere thanks to our Quartermaster, Dan Raabe, Watkins Concrete, and the volunteers who helped make that patio a possibility. Going forward we still have more to do to make that area a spectacular place for our members to use frequently. The following work still needs to be done: 1) Install a gate to the entrance; 2) add additional privacy to the fencing; 3) outdoor lighting; 4) replace the horseshoe pits; and 5) ideally we need to find a way to add a cover over part of the patio. Those items will require money by donations or sponsorships to finish the task. If you would like to help, or if you can find a generous sponsor, we would like to hear from you immediately!

Veterans Day, on the 11<sup>th</sup>, will be the best event in recent history! With your family and friends, I strongly urge you to attend this once-a-year event. We are very proud of our building and our efforts to reach out to Veterans. We are proud to announce we will have at least nine private and public agencies at the Post. During our free meal for veterans from 1 to 7 PM, they will answer your questions and provide help. This will be a great time to stop by to meet, face to face, with Berry Law, local mortuaries, the VA Medical Center, four medical insurance providers, and more. This is our effort not only to serve a great meal, but also to serve our veterans with helpful opportunities on the day we recognize veterans for their service to our country.

Also, you can contribute clothing or food on Veterans Day by bringing it to the Post to be donated to Moving Veterans Forward. Moving Veterans Forward does a terrific job of reaching out to needy veterans. And our Post members Bill and Mike Hackenberg will be onsite to accept your donations for the MVF trailer all day. We need volunteers to help us raise flags surrounding our parking lot on Veterans Day.

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### From the Auxiliary President

Happy Thanksgiving to each of you.

Activities in October: Thank you to the Irvington VFD and the Post Auxiliary members who replaced tattered flags at a local cemetery and at the Post. Gold Star members were honored by a luncheon at the Post. We celebrated our 90<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Anniversary with a cake and ice cream.

We handed out treats at the Trunk or Treat with the American Legion. Our Auxiliary has hundreds of volunteer hours at the VA and other hospitals. The sewing group is making Christmas stockings for Veterans and for the Assisted Living homes. We honored Ruth Gerst with a bouquet of 100 flowers on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Plus, we donated eight chairs for the new Patio.

November events: Election Day, be sure to Vote!

The Auxiliary will help with the distribution of winter hats, neck pillows, scarves, and much more at the VA on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Annual Veterans Day Bake Sale: bring your baked goods donation or a monetary donation on Veterans Day Nov 11. Look for us in the North Room this year!

Clothing and canned foods will be accepted on Veterans Day, a trailer will be in the parking for donations.

Over 90% of our annual members have paid their dues for 2023, thank you! Our goal is 100% by December 31<sup>ST</sup>.

Scholarships are available from the State for anyone going back to school or going to college or trade school in the fall of 2023.

You must be a member or a spouse, or a child, or a grandchild of an VFW Auxiliary member to apply.

A student graduating from any High School in NE or currently in college or trade school is eligible.

The application deadline is March 31, 2023.

Application forms are available now. Call me if interested.

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### From the Commander

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Flags are raised at 8 AM and taken down at around 5 PM. Extra hands make a big job small. Please let Al Dorn, Dan Raabe, or me know if you are available.

We would like your input on New Year's Eve at the Post. That is a Saturday evening. Should we have an early potluck event? Or a dinner or appetizers with music? Or a catered dinner? Some activities require reservations and payment in advance of the event. Please let Linda Humphrey, Micky Dorn, or Mary Dalton Quilliam know your preferences. Or call me at 503-970-7061 or email me at [larryq1109@yahoo.com](mailto:larryq1109@yahoo.com) with your ideas.

For over two and a half years, we have been diligently working on the Post to make it an ideal place for you to enjoy. Our registered Post members numbers far exceed the number of people who enjoy our Post currently, and I am lost on how we can get more of our members to come and enjoy their Post. We communicate via mail, email, Facebook and our website. If you have not come by our Post recently, I wish you would just to see the hard work of our volunteers and to see just how nice our facility is.

Carry on,  
Larry Quilliam  
VFW Post 2503  
Commander

### ROOM RENTALS at VFW POST 2503

NORTH ROOM

OR

SOUTH ROOM

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.



### SELECT YOUR NEW YEAR'S PREFERENCE

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | Appetizers from 4-9   |
| 2 | Appetizers and Dance from 5-10  |
| 3 | Dinner only, catered by Abrahams at ca. \$35.00 P/P from 5:30-7:30        |
| 4 | Dinner only catered by Post & Auxiliary at ca. \$30.00 P/P from 5:30-7:30 |
| 5 | Dinner, catered by Abrahams & Music from 5:30-10                          |
| 6 | Dinner, catered by Post & Auxiliary & Music from 5:30-10                  |

### From the Auxiliary President

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#### Meetings:

November 17, at 7 PM, please come to the Auxiliary meeting because we have lots to discuss. Veteran Holiday activities and charities are some of the issues for the coming year.

December 15th will be a Christmas Party, so even if you have not been to a meeting lately, plan to come to visit and to eat! Bring a friend or family member.

Happy Thanksgiving!

We wish you fun, food, and family time.

Best Wishes,

Micky Dorn, President 402 850-5075

### SATURDAY NEBRASKA FOOTBALL 2022

Minnesota **Nov 5, TBD** @ Nebraska  
@ Michigan **Nov 12, TBD** Nebraska  
Wisconsin **Nov 19, TBD** @ Nebraska  
@ Iowa (FRI) **Nov 25, 3 PM** Nebraska

SEE YOU AT THE POST !  
BRING A POTLUCK DISH  
OR SNACKS.



MIKE MOBERG and JAN DAVIS welcome TOM PENKE back to the Post after a long absence from back surgery.

Tom may be down, but he's not out.

Tom vows to return to HONOR GUARD duty as soon as possible.

### PATRIOT PEN and

### VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

JUDGING OF ENTRIES WILL BE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6  
FROM 12 PM TO 4 PM IN THE  
POST'S SOUTH ROOM

# VFW POST 2503 PATIO PROJECT

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**PATIO FIRE-PIT INSCRIPTIONS with EMBEDDED CHALLENGE COINS from ALL BRANCHES**



## \*NOVEMBER DONATIONS\*

The only thing pressing right now is to stock up on coffee, one pound cans or pods only. Sweetener packets (sugar and Sweet n Low), creamer packets, individual envelopes hot chocolate for the fall and winter for the volunteers and the veterans. Dollar Stores or Dollar Trees are great places to shop for these. Questions?

Please contact Kathy Raabe at [kfr14819@cox.net](mailto:kfr14819@cox.net) OR (402) 392-0210  
Thank you all for your generosity.

## HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

November 11, 2022

# VETERANS DAY



**Where: VFW POST 2503**  
8904 Military Road  
Omaha, NE 68134  
**Time: 1:00 - 7:00 P.M.**  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Free to Veterans

### OUTREACH TABLES

- Alzheimer's Nebraska
- American Sr Benefits (ASB)
- Berry Law
- Braman Mortuary
- Good Shepherd Mortuary
- Physicians Mutual Insurance
- United Health Care
- VA Hospital
- Vet Center

## ALL GULF WAR AND IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS ARE WELCOME AT THE POST

### VFW Post 2503 HONOR GUARD



**VFW Sponsors**

# NOVEMBER 2022

**KITCHEN NEWS for NOVEMBER**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED VETERANS DAY!**

**ALSO,** 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

**HAPPY VETERANS DAY**



| SUNDAY  | MONDAY      | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|-------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| Post Closed   | Post Closed | Post Open                                | Post Open  | Post Open   | Post Open   | Post Open   |
| 6   | 7           | 8<br>7 PM<br><b>BOB FIELDS BAND</b><br>  | 9<br><b>NO HAMBURGER NIGHT</b><br>   | 10<br>Sewing Ladies 1:00pm<br>172nd Trans 5:00 pm<br>Am Legion 7:00 pm<br>Honor Guard 7:00 pm | 11<br><b>VETERANS DAY DINNER</b><br>1 PM to 7 PM<br><br><b>THANK YOU!</b> | 12<br><b>NEBRASKA FOOTBALL</b><br>TBD vs MICHIGAN<br><b>N</b><br>10 point pitch @ noon  |
| Room Rentals Available  |             |  |  |   |   |   |
| 13<br>POST OPENS @ 8 AM<br><b>BREAKFAST</b><br>8 AM to NOON<br> | 14          | 15                                       | 16<br>Hamburger Night<br><b>SHRIMP BASKET</b><br>Crew—<br>Cabin<br>Legion Riders @ 6 | 17<br><b>POST/AUX Meeting 7:00 pm</b><br>House Comm Meeting @ 6:00pm<br>Sewing Ladies 1:00pm  | 18<br><b>HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7</b>  | 19<br><b>NEBRASKA FOOTBALL</b><br>TBD vs WISCONSIN<br><b>N</b><br>10 point pitch @ noon |
| 20  | 21          | 22<br>US Coast Guard Aux<br>MEETS @ 7 PM | 23<br><b>NO HAMBURGER NIGHT</b><br>  | 24<br><b>THANKSGIVING</b><br>POST CLOSED<br>  | 25<br><b>NEBRASKA FOOTBALL</b><br>3 PM vs IOWA<br><b>N</b>                | 26<br><b>10 point pitch @ noon</b><br>Room Rentals Available                            |
| Room Rentals Available  |             |  |  |   |   |   |
| 27  | 28          | 29                                       | 30<br><b>NO HAMBURGER NIGHT</b><br>  |   |   |   |
| Room Rentals Available  |             |  |  |   |   |   |



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**SEE INSIDE FOR:**

**VETERANS DAY DINNER**

**HAMBURGER NIGHT**

**NEBRASKA FOOTBALL**

*From Your Honor Guard Captain Dan Raabe*  
**MILITARY RITES: SEPTEMBER 2022**

| Military Members Deceased    | Cemetery           | # | Hours |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---|-------|
| 9/02/2022 Louis Ojeda        | Westlawn-Hillcrest | 7 | 21    |
| 9/03/2022 Clair Soseman      | Westlawn-Hillcrest | 5 | 15    |
| 9/07/2022 Max Clark          | Thomas             | 7 | 21    |
| 9/07/2022 Steven Keeney      | Westlawn-Hillcrest | 3 | 9     |
| 9/09/2022 Fed Newby          | Omaha National     | 9 | 27    |
| 9/09/2022 Robert Vogtman     | Omaha National     | 9 | 27    |
| 9/10/2022 Dennis Egr         | Resurrection       | 5 | 15    |
| 9/12/2022 Edward Hutchinson  | Omaha National     | 6 | 18    |
| 9/14/2022 Willa McCormick    | Calvary            | 4 | 12    |
| 9/15/2022 John Gerry Deremer | Omaha National     | 4 | 12    |
| 9/16/2022 Dr. John Coover    | Omaha National     | 6 | 18    |
| 9/16/2022 Roy Abbott         | Omaha National     | 6 | 18    |
| 9/19/2022 Richard Schmidt    | Westlawn-Hillcrest | 4 | 12    |
| 9/19/2022 Donald Mackintosh  | Gentleman          | 4 | 12    |
| 9/21/2022 Terry Nolan        | Omaha National     | 7 | 21    |
| 9/24/2022 Michael Gloeb      | Calvary            | 6 | 18    |
| 9/26/2022 Jerome Methe       | Calvary            | 5 | 15    |
| 9/28/2022 John Rand          | Blair Cemetery     | 8 | 24    |
| 9/30/2022 Andrew Haluska     | Omaha National     | 9 | 27    |

\* Post Member  
Months' Total: 19 Funerals, 114 Member Participation, 342 Hours

**SEPTEMBER 2022**


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



**Honor/Color Guard Events: Members & Hours**  
Septemberfest Parade 7 21  
POW/MIA Ceremony 7 21  
**TOTAL 14 42**

**NOTICE:** All articles should be in the Newsletter Box, **IN WRITING**, at the Post no later than SATURDAY, November **21st**, for the **DECEMBER 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 memorials for living or deceased people. 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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