

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

# Benson VFW Post 2503 FEBRUARY 2023

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



## POST 2503 OFFICERS 2022-2023

Commander: Larry Quilliam  
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Chaplain: Dennis Kerr  
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Officer of the Day: Mike Hackenberg  
Adjutant: Richard Runnels  
Guard: T Trotty  
Service Officer: Paul Riccio



## AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2022-2023

President: Micky Dorn  
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Conductress: Marcia Jones  
Guard: Jeanne Shadden  
Patriotic Instructor: Luanne Rosso

### From the Commander

#### COMRADES

The month of February will be a busy month for us at the Post. You must take advantage of our events and make your winter more enjoyable.

Tom and Jerry drinks at the Post on Sunday, February 5th, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. First drink is free! Make your reservations today for our Saturday, February 11th, "Romantic Valentine's Dinner" and live music with Dan Reynolds. The entertainment will be great and the dinner divine for \$20.00 plus tax (\$21.40) per person. That's the best buy in Omaha! Tickets are on sale today at the Post.

Sunday morning the 12th will be another spectacular breakfast at the Post. Starts at 8 am and ends at 11 am.

Sunday afternoon February 12th is Super Bowl, and the Post is sponsoring a "Soup Contest" at the Post. Bring your delicious soup of six (6) quarts and \$5. Registration is between 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and voting is between 4:30-6:00 p.m. You may get to walk out the Big Winner of \$50.00! Also feel free to bring other food we can enjoy together while watching Super Bowl. We will also have games to play during the game.

Thanks to a special donation, we will soon be closing off the fencing on the North end and installing privacy screening. By the time spring hits, we should be able to enjoy our new patio again.

We have had some significant repair costs to the building recently including repairing the heating and rebuilding the door in the North room. Our annual building drive continues and your donations keeps our Post running. Please be generous.

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### From the Auxiliary President

Happy Valentine's Day!

Saturday, February 11, Valentines Italian dinner, music, dancing, and a Photo Booth for a picture of your loved one, family, group of friends or just yourself! Our own Candy Kasal-Campbell will take photos. So dress up if you want a nice photo. Details to come.

February 24, is the first Friday Lentin fish dinner. Desserts by the Auxiliary: we always need a pie or cake to serve and volunteers to serve them. Just come help out on those evenings at 4:30 PM to set up. It would be great. We need help every Friday during Lent. Volunteers are needed on our work crews on Wednesday Hamburger

Nights: sign up for a regular crew or occasional help. Day time help on Wednesdays, 11 AM to 2 PM, includes free lunch! And an hour or two wrap silverware, set the tables, or cut veggies! Auxiliary meeting February 16th: plan to come. We are finishing our program year and it has been a great year but plans are still being made for our Veterans. Bring ideas! If you know of someone who needs a little help with transportation or friendship let me know.

Bring ideas to the meeting and MEET NEW MEMBERS! Start planning for a big St. Patrick's Day: wear your green, eat a Corned Beef dinner, and check-out the bake sale and raffle! This is our annual fun party. Volunteering all day or an hour or so would help: 1 PM to 7 PM or to sell out. In March: we need help on Wednesdays and Fridays. Menu to be announced.

Thank you for your dues renewals!

Respectfully submitted,

Micky Dorn, President  
402 850-5075



Happy Valentine's Day!

### REMEMBER THE DATE

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023, at 6:30 PM**  
**VFW POST 2503 PATRIOT PEN AND VOICE OF  
DEMOCRACY WINNERS WILL BE  
RECOGNIZED BEFORE THE POST MEETING**

## From the Commander

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Darts every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. and loads of fun! Join us!

On Friday, the 24th, begins weekly Lenten Fish Fries at 5:30 p.m. They will be delicious! We need volunteers to help us accomplish all these tasks. Your volunteer help makes a huge difference and turns big jobs into small work. It is your Post.

Help us make our Post a shining star!

Carry on,  
Larry Quilliam  
VFW Post 2503 Commander

## ROOM RENTALS at VFW POST 2503

**NORTH ROOM OR SOUTH ROOM**  
Contact **MONA RUSSELL** at 402-943-9067 to reserve a room. Spread the word to your friends and family. The Post's rooms look great decorated for Weddings, Birthdays, and Graduation parties.

## **CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE OF HOPE**

In the village of Terni, Italy, we can hear of the legend of St. Valentine.

He was ministering to persecuted Christians, and helping people in love get married. These things were against the law and punishable by death. Because Valentine was an honorable veteran, as well as a good and honest man, Emperor Claudius took a liking to him, and allowed him to continue helping people in love get married.

When Valentine tried to convert Claudius, the emperor changed his mind, and sentenced him to death. St. Valentine's final note was to the blind daughter of a judge, who he restored to sight by prayer. It was one of his heart shaped letters he used to share hope with persecuted Christians. It started...from your Valentine.

This is one of my favorite stories, and it teaches me about a loving ethic of service. I hope everyone has a happy Valentines Day this year.

Dennis Kerr,  
Post Chaplain

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

VFW POST 2503  
8904 MILITARY RD



TOM & JERRY PARTY AT THE POST  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 - 400  
FIRST ONE IS FREE!  
BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

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AT  
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## **A MESSAGE FROM MOVING VETERANS FORWARD**

*Ron Hernandez*

A great milestone was achieved today. We completed our 2000 Veteran move today. A single mother and her teenager son. Proud Air Force Veteran who served our Great Country. I would like to personally thank everyone who has supported donated, and volunteered their time to help Moving Veteran's Forward. If it wasn't for everybody out there, devoting their time and energy to help us, we would not be able to complete the missions that we do on a daily basis. Thank you!





**Do  
Something  
That  
Matters.  
The  
VFW POST  
2503 HONOR  
GUARD  
wants you to  
join our team!**



**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11** VFW POST 2503  
8904 MILITARY RD  
OMAHA, NE

**LOVE IS IN  
THE AIR!**

**ROMANTIC  
ITALIAN DINNER**  
5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

**Dance to the Music of  
DAN REYNOLDS**  
7:00 - 9:30

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS CONTACT THE BARTENDER  
OR LARRY/MARY QUILLIAM AT 503-810-1216

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY SOUP CHALLENGE**  
**AT THE POST IS FEBRUARY 12TH.**  
**POST OPENS AT 2 PM.**  
**Bring 6 quarts of your best home-made  
soup and \$5 to enter. Register by 3:30 PM.**



**House and Building Committee Report**

January was a busy month for the House and Building Committee. The House and Building Committee meetings are open to all Post members and bartender staff. However, only 5 members are allowed to vote and are listed at the end. Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday at 6pm.

We've hired new bartenders to help Kathy and Nikki: Steve, our security guard; Candy, our former bartender; Dick's daughter Sandy, and Mindy. Please give them all a warm welcome when you see them.

We're reopening the canteen on Sundays on March 19th, Noon to 8 PM.

- We will begin having hot food on Friday nights: just bar snacks like Jalapeño poppers, breaded cheese curds, cheese stuffed pretzels, French fries.
  - We have a new frosty beverage available: Original flavor Twisted Tea.
  - There's now a TV at the north end of the bar
  - We again have a shuffleboard in the canteen! It's not as nice as the old one, but it's something fun to do. It's free to play. Pucks are behind the bar.
  - We had 2 emergency repairs in January: our HVAC system and the glass door in the north room.
  - The door closure mechanism in the canteen men's room has been replaced so the door no longer slams.
  - At the Post meeting, we approved two quotes for fencing on the north side of the building. The first quote is to close off the fence by the new patio area. The second quote is for privacy slats in the fence line.
  - The burned out bulbs in the outside can-lights have been replaced. Also, there are 2 sockets and an entire fixture not working. These need some maintenance performed in the spring to repair.
  - We've started keeping a log book of maintenance activities, which is kept behind the bar.
  - No maintenance days are currently planned for February.
- As always, if you have any suggestions, comments or concerns please tell any of our post officers or House and Building Committee members. The members are Bill Hackenberg, Jim Sorenson, Joe Bohelski, Mike Hackenberg, and "T" – for Terrific.

**Thanks,  
Joe Bohelski**



**\*FEBRUARY DONATIONS\***  
**February Wish List for  
Moving Veterans Forward:**

**Ice cube trays, Kitchen and Bath Trash Bags, all sizes of Ziplock Freezer Bags, Laundry Soap Pods, Dish Soap, Brooms, Mops, Dustpans, Fabric Softener, Ajax, and Bleach.**

**Dan and Kathy Raabe are still the contacts for Moving Veterans Forward. We work with MVF, G4V, 50-Mile-March, and Peer Support.**

**Thank you all for your continued support of these organizations that directly support Veterans.**

**Questions? Call Dan: 402-651-8039, or Kathy: 402-392-0210.**

# FEBRUARY 2023

## KITCHEN NEWS for FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



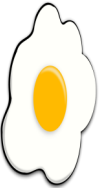





Still looking for volunteers for Hamburger Nights—help in the Kitchen or the Serving Table.

If you have a group of 5 or 6 volunteers, YOU can start your own crew!

Please contact Linda at 531-205-5641

## Abraham Lincoln:

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and, under a just God, cannot long retain it."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Post Closed	Post Closed	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	
<p>Room Rentals Available</p> <p>5 POST OPEN @ 12 to 4</p> <p><b>TOM &amp; JERRY PARTY</b></p> <p><b>FIRST ONE is FREE!</b></p> <p>Room Rentals Available</p>	6	<p>7 PM</p> <p><b>BOB FIELDS BAND</b></p> <p>DARTS at 6:30 PM</p> 	1	<p>Hamburger Night</p> <p><b>BEEF STEW</b></p> <p>Crew—Cabin</p> <p>MARINE CORPS LEAGUE @ 7 PM</p>	2	3	4
<p>12 8 AM to 11 AM for <b>SUPER BOWL BREAKFAST</b></p> <p>Post Re-Opens at 2 PM for <b>SOUP CONTEST &amp; GAME</b></p> <p>Room Rentals Available</p>	13	14	15	16	17	18	
<p>19</p>	20	<p>VALENTINE'S DAY</p> <p>DARTS at 6:30 PM</p>  <p>US Coast Guard Aux MEETS @ 7 PM</p>	<p>Hamburger Night</p> <p><b>CHICKEN FRIED STEAK</b></p> <p>Crew—Am Legion #412</p>	<p><b>TIME CHANGE:</b></p> <p><b>POST/AUX Meeting 6:30 pm</b></p> <p>House Comm Meeting @ 6:00pm</p> <p>Sewing Ladies 1:00pm</p>	<p>HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7</p>	<p>10 point pitch @ noon</p> <p>Room Rentals Available</p>	
<p>26</p> <p>AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST 8:30—11:30 AM</p>  <p>Room Rentals Available</p>	<p>PRESIDENTS DAY</p> 	21	22	23	24	25	
27	28	<p>DARTS at 6:30 PM</p> 	<p>Hamburger Night</p> <p><b>TUNA &amp; NOODLES</b></p> <p>Crew—Kitchen Crew</p> <p>MARINE CORPS LEAGUE @ 7 PM</p>	<p>Sewing Ladies 1:00pm</p> <p>MOC COOTIES @ 7:00pm</p>	<p>POST FISH FRY 5 TO 7 PM \$15</p> <p>HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7</p> 	<p>10 point pitch @ noon</p> <p>Room Rentals Available</p>	
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**SEE INSIDE FOR:**

- TOM & JERRY PARTY**
- TUESDAY NIGHT DARTS**
- ROMANTIC DINNER**
- SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

*From Your Honor Guard Captain, C Wolf*  
**MILITARY RITES: DECEMBER 2022**

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
12/02/22 William Housh	Omaha National		
12/05/22			
12/06/22 Bryson Booker	Salem Baptist Church	5	15
12/08/22 Richardo Hernandez	St. John's	6	18
12/08/22 Gary Boltz	Maser Funeral Chapel	7	21
12/09/22 Stewart Grimes Jr	Omaha National	5	15
12/09/22 Lloyd W. Gloyne	Omaha National	7	21
12/12/22		8	24
12/17/22 William Latka	Calvary Heafey	6	18
12/18/22 James Folon	Countryside Community	3	9
12/19/22 Gary G. Dean	Omaha National	7	21
12/19/22 Lawrence Hahn	Calvary Heafey	8	24
12/21/22 Kenneth Tealer	Forest Lawn	6	18
12/29/22 Steven Shislett	Omaha National	6	18
12/30/22 Terry Carpet	Omaha National	7	21

\* Post Member  
Month's Total: 15 Funerals, 80 Member Participation, 240 Hours



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

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**NOTICE:** All articles should be in the Newsletter Box, **IN WRITING**, at the Post no later than **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18th**, for the March 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.



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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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