

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

**Benson VFW Post 2503**  
**JULY 2023**  
www.vfwpost2503.org  
(402)-571-8397

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



**POST 2503 OFFICERS 2022-2023**

*Commander: Al Dorn  
Sr. Vice Commander: Joe Bohelski  
Jr. Vice Commander: Mike Hackenberg  
Quartermaster: Sharon Cooper  
Chaplain: Dennis Kerr  
Surgeon: Jim Sorensen  
Judge Advocate: Tom Penke  
Officer of the Day: Doug Sorensen  
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: Carrie Turner  
Treasurer: Sue Stark  
Secretary: Luanne Rosso  
Chaplain: Mary Dalton  
Conductress: Marcia Jones  
Guard: Jeanne Shadden  
Patriotic Instructor: Deb Freese*

**From the Commander**

Greetings, Comrades!

CHANGE is inevitable. Like it or not, change is a part of our lives. All things change.

Most of us like the price of gasoline to drop, but hate it when it rises. We know this and we live with these changes because we know that the price of gasoline is not constant. So, what's this got to do with Benson VFW Post 2503? Things change here, too. We just changed leadership, with a new commander and one new vice commander. We have problems to solve, some new and some that have been with us for a very long time. Changes are necessary.

Here are a few of the things I have seen in the last few weeks as your Post Commander. Some Styrofoam containers went up by a penny each. Wow... Big Deal, right?! Should we ignore this change? After all, it's only ten bucks a box.

But another item went up \$28, and one brand of beer went up more than thirty cents a bottle. Do we raise a price, or discontinue an item, or pass on the cost increase in the sale price of something else? Or, do we just assume everything will take care of itself and move on to something more fun?!

Thanks to a recent, generous donation and a national grant our Post has some new food service equipment.

This is another change, one which seemed to please nearly everyone. We then experimented with a change in where customers should stand to purchase their food & beverages, but this is potentially an unpopular change. Hmm....

At the State VFW Convention in June, I met with many VFW National/Department/District/Post officers.

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**From the Auxiliary President**

Happy Summer Everyone,

July begins our new programs. Hospital, Veteran/Family Support, Auxiliary Outreach, Youth are a few of the bigger ones. Thank you to the officers who will be chairpersons for this year. They will be planning events, or activities, to meet the requirements for our Auxiliary for the year.

Please continue to support our desserts, which is how support our programs and make donations to charities for Veterans and community projects.

If you wish to contact the auxiliary for information or to volunteer to help us, you are welcome to do so at my number.

Our first meeting in 2023-2024 is July 20th . We will be introducing new ideas and voting on activities.

Our goal is to keep the meeting under 60 minutes. We did that much last year. If you come and need to leave early, you may do so. Children may come to the meeting with you.

Auxiliary benefits include: Scholarships, Cancer Grants, opportunities to volunteer in groups for veterans and friends with others, and make new friends or see some old friends.

We all look forward to getting to know more of you this year!

Micky Dorn  
President  
402 850-5075

**Dear Valued Veteran,**

**It's time to sign up for the 38<sup>th</sup> Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion at the Omaha Marriott Hotel-Regency August 10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Only once every five years does this reunion come to Omaha. The event includes great fun and interesting tours, entertaining and educational seminars at the hotel each day, a Saturday banquet and a lady's luncheon, live music at the hotel each night, and an opportunity to meet with those who served in the Vietnam War. The opening ceremony will be held at your VFW Post 2503 with a bar-be-que dinner. Great time for you and family to join in on this very rare event.**

**Please go to [www.VetsReunion.com](http://www.VetsReunion.com) for details and sign-up. Or you can call Ron Haase at 402-740-3305 or Gary Wachter at 402-427-5255. Hope to see you there!**

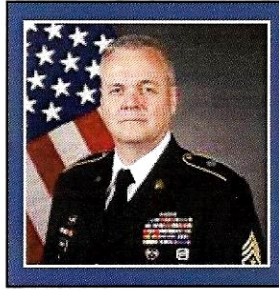
**Larry Quilliam, VFW Post 2503 Past Commander**





**VFW POST 2503  
HONOR GUARD MEMBER  
LEO HARRINGTON  
RECEIVES QUILT OF VALOR**

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**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE OF HOPE**

My friends at the VFW like displays of patriotic feelings. We look forward to those moments when Don Bacon and Pete Ricketts share gratefulness on Memorial Day. You can really feel the positive feelings for veterans and their sacrifice. But then, one group of our friends suffer during July. Veterans with PTSD are not receiving the loving vibes of patriotic feelings from the loudest fireworks. In fact, my neighbors who spend the most money on the loudest fireworks, have never ever mentioned the Declaration of Independence. I need your help to figure out places of quiet on the 4th of July so that veterans with PTSD and dog owners, (most are both) may spend the holiday in the peace they earned. I believe it is possible to at least find one county in each State that will appreciate a large number of quiet friends coming over each Fourth of July. Do you have ideas to accomplish something like this? Have you experienced any challenge like this before? What did you learn? I believe it is possible to respect and love our veterans and give them a peaceful Independence Day. They earned our respect. Dennis Kerr, Post Chaplain

**ROOM RENTALS at  
VFW POST 2503  
NORTH ROOM  
OR  
SOUTH ROOM**



Contact  
**MONA  
RUSSELL** at  
**402-943-9067**  
to  
reserve  
a room.



**EVERY  
TUESDAY AT  
THE POST  
5:30 to 7 PM**



**Moving Veterans Forward**

We are here to accept all donations to Moving Veterans Forward. Food and cleaning supplies are always a priority. For help with your donation, please contact Ron Hernandez at 402-301-6300.

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## From the Commander

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The consensus is that we all must embrace change. We can't run the VFW like we have in the past and expect to survive, let alone to thrive. Some things that have been attractive to veterans are still very important and must be saved, but other things are not. And some things drive members (or potential members) away. Tradition is important, and want to maintain our heritage. But much of what we do requires new thinking, AKA, "change." When we change things we sometimes also make mistakes. We are all volunteers and nobody here is perfect. If we work together and keep trying we usually will get it right. Eventually. Patience is appreciated.

One way to achieve success is to have many, many more VFW members supporting Post 2503 with their time, talents and treasure, so many more that we run out of chairs at our monthly meetings. That would be a big change.

Until that happens, we can simply work together, do the best we can, and try to be a kind to everyone.

Alan "AL" Dorn  
Commander, Benson VFW Post 2503



# Omaha Area Bikers 37TH ANNUAL CHARITY RUN July 22, 2023

Sign up 10am to Noon at Juniors Forgot Store  
11909 Calhoun Rd and ends at VFW 2503 90<sup>th</sup> & Military

## \$500 First Prize!

\$20 per hand \$5 Party Only-Starts at 5pm

Entertainment by - Little Joe McCarthy

All Vehicles Welcome

All Proceeds Go To Benefit Nebraska Spina Bifida Inc.



Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>  
8 PM  
In the Honor Room



SURVEY SAYS  
GAME SHOW  
&  
COMEDIAN  
MCLOTTO  
AT THE  
POST!  
5 PM TO 7 PM  
FRIDAY  
JULY 7th

**CONGRATULATIONS! TO THE FOLLOWING VFW POST 2503 AUXILIARY MEMBERS FOR COMPLETING ANOTHER HUGE LEVEL OF VOLUNTEERING HOURS FOR VETERANS:**

JANICE DAVIS—100 HOURS

MONA RUSSELL—300 HOURS

ELISABETH APPLEBY—500 HOURS

HELEN OTTE—750 HOURS

MICHAELA DORN—100 HOURS

GARLEND GRUA—300 HOURS

LINDA HUMPHREY—1,000 HOURS

MARCIA JONES—2,500 HOURS

WHEN YOU SEE THESE AUXILIARY MEMBERS AT THE POST,

BE SURE TO THANK THEM FOR ALL THEY DO! THEY MAKE VFW POST 2503 A SUCCESSFUL POST.

# JULY 2023

## KITCHEN NEWS for JULY

### 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

Happy Independence Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Open	Post Closed	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open
2 <b>POST BREAKFAST</b> 8 AM to 11  Room Rentals Available	3	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>  <b>POST CLOSED</b>	5 <b>NO HAMBURGER NIGHT</b> MARINE CORP LEAGUE @ 7	6 Sewing Ladies 1pm	7  <b>SOUTH ROOM GAME SHOW &amp; COMEDIAN</b> 5 TO 10 PM HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	8 10 point pitch @ noon- Room Rentals Available
9 <b>POST BREAKFAST</b> 8 AM to 11 Room Rentals Available	10	11 5:30 to 7 PM <b>TACO TUESDAY</b>  QUILTS OF VALOR @ 5:30	12 <u>Hamburger Night</u> <b>BROASTED CHICKEN</b> Crew— Baylor's	13 Sewing Ladies 1pm 172nd Trans 5 pm Am Legion 7 pm HONOR GUARD 7pm	14 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7 SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION @ 6 PM	15 10 point pitch @ noon- Room Rentals Available
16 Room Rentals Available	17	18 5:30 to 7 PM <b>TACO TUESDAY</b> USCG @ 7PM 	19 <u>Hamburger Night</u> <b>CHICKEN FRIED STEAK</b> Crew— Am Legion 112 LEGION RIDERS @ 6	20 <b>POST/TAUX Meeting 7 PM</b> House Comm Meeting @ 6:00pm Sewing Ladies 1:00pm	21 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	22 <b>OMAHA AREA BIKERS CHARITY RUN</b> 4 to 11 PM 10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
23 <b>AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST</b> 8:30—11:30 AM 	24	25 5:30 to 7 PM <b>TACO TUESDAY BOB FIELDS BAND</b> @ 7 PM 	26 <u>Hamburger Night</u> <b>SHRIMP BASKET</b> Crew— Kitchen 6 PM MARINE CORP LEAGUE OFFICERS	27 Sewing Ladies 1:00pm MOC COOTIES @ 7:00pm QUILTS OF VALOR @ 5:30	28 HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7	29 10 point pitch @ noon Room Rentals Available
30 Room Rentals Available	31	<b>TACO TUESDAY</b> 5:30 to 7 PM 				



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**SEE INSIDE FOR:**  
**GAME SHOW FRIDAY**  
**TACO TUESDAYS**  
**TWO BREAKFAST SUNDAYS**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

From Your Honor Guard Captain, Rod Ulfers

**MILITARY RITES: MAY 2023**

Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
05/02/2023	Ronald Kolterman	Resurrection	11 33
05/03/2023	Luca Pumilla	Resurrection	8 24
05/05/2023	Donald Shelton	Westlawn	11 33
05/05/2023	Gary Ford	Evergreen	11 33
05/06/2023	Gregory Minter	Westlawn	9 27
05/08/2023	Ernest Law	Omaha National	9 27
05/09/2023	Bernard Menard	Omaha National	7 21
05/09/2023	Robert Erwin	Omaha National	8 24
05/09/2023	Bailey Salisbury	Omaha National	8 24
05/10/2023	Richard Casper	Omaha National	9 27
05/10/2023	Herzberger	Omaha National	9 27
05/15/2023	Ardie Langfeldt	Omaha National	8 24
05/16/2023	Willard Stevenson	Omaha National	7 21
05/16/2023	Barton McElligott	Calvary	9 27
05/16/2023	James Shirley	Omaha National	9 27
05/17/2023	Jack Cook	Omaha National	10 30
05/17/2023	Thomas Maher	Calvary	9 27
05/20/2023	John Adams	Westlawn	3 9
05/20/2023	Richard Olsen	Omaha National	3 9
05/22/2023	Charles Drake	Omaha National	7 21
05/23/2023	Larsen Walker	Omaha National	6 18
05/23/2023	Don McCoy	Omaha National	7 21
05/25/2023	William Messick	Omaha National	8 24
05/26/2023	Gale Shelton	Omaha National	6 18
05/30/2023	Robert Heren	Westlawn	5 15
05/31/2023	Dale Brumbaugh	Omaha National	6 18

• Post Member  
Month's Total: 27 Funerals, 224 Member Participation, 672 Hours




**MAY 2023**  
**All of our brave brothers**  
**And sisters**  
**who have**

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**ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE IN**  
**THE VFW POST 2503 NEWSLETTER:**  
**EVERY MONTH FOR SIX MONTHS.**  
**TOTAL COST IS \$200.**  
**Call Mary Dalton AT 503-810-1216.**  
**MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WILL NOTICE.**

**NOTICE:** All articles should be in the Newsletter Box, **IN WRITING**, at the Post no later than **SATURDAY, JULY 24<sup>th</sup>**, for the **AUGUST 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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