

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

**Benson VFW Post 2503**  
**APRIL 2024**  
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**Honor Guard  
Meeting**  
2nd Thursday  
every month  
7:00 pm

### POST 2503 OFFICERS 2023-2024

Commander: Al Dorn  
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Service Officer: Paul Riccio



### AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2023-2024



President: Micky Dorn  
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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!

**SPRING CRAFT SHOW:** Please note... Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 3pm. *Come early, buy often!*

**POST ELECTION:** Election of 2024-2025 officers will take place at our monthly meeting, on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**NEBRASKA PRIMARY ELECTION:** Here a few key dates to remember, in this State/National election cycle.

April 15<sup>th</sup> will be the first day for in-person early voting (at county election offices)

April 29<sup>th</sup> will be the final day to postmark *mailed-in* voter registration, *on-line* voter registration, etc.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the final day for *in-person* voter registration

May 13<sup>th</sup> will be the final day for early voting

May 14<sup>th</sup> is Nebraska Primary Election Day

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Alan "AL" Dorn

Commander, Benson VFW Post 2503

### From the Auxiliary President

Thanks to all who help each week with food nights.

The Auxiliary is still providing desserts on Wednesday Hamburger nights for donations. Thanks for the donations of desserts each week.

April is election month for the Auxiliary. April 18<sup>th</sup> the Third Thursday at 7 PM.

New members consider attending the meetings; all members please attend and help elect officers and get to know other members.

Any member in good standing may run for any office in the Auxiliary and vote on all issues.

We have a book called a Podium Book, Bylaws, and Rituals; it contains information about the Auxiliary organization, rules, regulations, and meeting rituals of the auxiliary. The book is \$9.00 for the new edition. Older editions are only good for the rituals because many items were changed at the National convention in 2023.

Volunteerism: you can volunteer your time anywhere you choose. If you are volunteering for an organization: food pantry, homeless shelter, red cross, hospice, nursing home, etc. the auxiliary will sponsor you and help document your hours.

Patriotism: be sure your voter registration is up to date, and you know where to vote. I have some forms if you need to change your name, address, etc.

We always need volunteers for the VA hospital in Omaha and the Veterans Home in Bellevue. there is monthly BINGO at the VA Home always fun! Call me for the Marcia Jones activities list for both VA Hospital and VA Home.

One of our Gold Star members Margie Hanna took a tumble and is recovering. Cards can be sent to the Auxiliary, and we will get them to her.

Blessings to you all. Happy Spring!

Micky Dorn, President

(402) 850-5075



**Bar Food**  
**Coming to**  
**Post 2503**

**April Menu**

**Cheese Quesadilla**  
 Flour Tortilla, Cheese Blend,  
 w/side of Sour Cream

**Pizza Rolls**  
 Flour Tortilla, Mozzarella Cheese,  
 Pepperoni, Marinara Sauce

**TACO TUESDAY**

**ORDER UP!**

**Taco:** (Meat, Lettuce Tomato, Jalapeno & Cheese)  
 Flour Soft Shell or Corn Hard Shell - \$2.50 EA  
 Extra Meat - \$3 EA

**Nachos:** (Chips, Lettuce Tomato, Jalapeno & Cheese)  
 Meatless: \$3 EA. Loaded: \$4.50 EA

**THE VFW POST 2503**

**Spring** **FOOD**  
**Craft Show**

**APRIL 20, 2024**

**9am-3pm**

VFW POST 2503  
 8904 MILITARY RD  
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# HOUSE & BUILDING REPORT

The Post had no maintenance day in March due to St. Patrick's Day festivities. The next post maintenance day will be held on April 21st @ 0900. As always .....volunteers are appreciated.

-- V/R Bill Hackenberg



Building Committees

VFW POST 2503

# SHOW & SHINE

COMING MAY 5th 2024

## CAR SHOW—9am—3pm

Serving Breakfast 8am-11am  
Lunch Served From 12-3pm  
Raffles During The Day!  
Awards Will Be Given at 3pm



Tuesday Nights, 7pm  
Starts April 2nd



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- APRIL 2ND- APRIL 30TH—CORNHOLE in South Room - 6 pm
- THURSDAY'S—Sewing Club in South Room - 1-2:30 pm
- APRIL 4TH—Omaha West Coast Swing Dance Club in South Room - 7-10 pm Newbies welcome!
- APRIL 14TH—VFW Breakfast in North Room - 8-11 am
- APRIL 14TH—District 10 Meeting in North & South Rooms - 1 pm
- APRIL 18TH—Post & Auxiliary Meetings — ELECTION of OFFICERS - 7 pm
- APRIL 20TH—VFW Post 2503 SPRING CRAFT SHOW - 9 am-3 pm
- APRIL 26TH—Quilts of Valor in South Room - 5:30-9 pm
- APRIL 27TH—Legion Family Fun Day & Breakfast in North Room - 8 am-2 pm
- MAY 2ND—Omaha West Coast Swing Dance Club in South Room - 7-10 pm Newbies welcome!
- MAY 5TH—VFW POST 2503 SHOW & SHINE CAR SHOW (see ad on this page)
- MAY 8TH—Legion Blood Drive in South Room - 11:30 am-6 pm
- MAY 14TH—Statewide & Presidential Primary in North Room - 6:30 am-8 pm
- MAY 27TH—Memorial Day Ceremony at VFW Post 2503

## NOTICE.....

All newsletter articles and photos should be in The Newsletter Box, IN WRITING at the Post **NO LATER** than THURSDAY, APRIL 25th for the MAY Newsletter.  
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# APRIL 2024

## KITCHEN NEWS for APRIL

### 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



JOIN US IN THE CANTEEN FOR  
**HAPPY HOUR**  
FROM 4 TO 7 **EVERY FRIDAY**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Open	Post Closed	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open	Post Open
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>14 <b>VFW Breakfast</b> 8am—11am</p> 	15	<p>16 <b>FARGO TUESDAY</b> USCGA NR 7pm <b>CORNHOLE</b> SR 6PM</p>	<p>17 <b>Hamburger Night</b> Chicken Fried Steak</p>  <p>Crew — Cabin Crew Riders SR 6pm</p>	<p>18 Sewing Ladies 1pm House &amp; Building Mtg NR 5:30pm</p> <p>Post Meeting SR 7pm Aux Meeting NR 7pm Election of Officers</p>	<p>19 <b>HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7</b></p> <p><b>VFW Craft Show</b> Set Up</p>	<p>20 <b>VFW</b> <b>Craft Show</b> 9am-3pm</p>
<p>21 <b>HOUSE &amp; BUILDING MAINTENANCE DAY</b></p>	22	<p>23 <b>FARGO TUESDAY</b> <b>CORNHOLE</b> SR 6PM</p>	<p>24 <b>Hamburger Night</b> Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich</p>  <p>American Legion Post 112 RIDERS SR 6pm</p>	<p>25 Sewing Ladies 1pm</p> <p><b>MOC/MOCA MEETING</b> SR 7PM</p>	<p>26 <b>HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7</b></p> <p><b>QOV</b> 5:30—9—SR</p>	<p>27 <b>American Legion</b> <b>Family Day</b> 8:00-2:00 NR With Breakfast</p>
28	29	30				
		<p><b>FARGO TUESDAY</b> <b>CORNHOLE</b> SR 6PM</p>				
		<p>2 <b>FARGO TUESDAY</b> <b>CORNHOLE</b> SR 6PM</p>	<p>3 <b>Hamburger Night</b> Stuffed Peppers</p>  <p>Crew — Cabin Crew Marine Corp League SR 6pm</p>	<p>4 Sewing Ladies 1pm <b>Omaha Swing Dance</b> 7:30—9:30 SR</p> 	<p>5 <b>HAPPY HOUR 4 TO 7</b></p> <p><b>QUI-VIVE</b> 7-10pm SR</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>TAPS</b> 10:30 am-12:30 SR</p>

# PHOTO GALLERY

## St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner was the Highlight of the Month!



## The 2024 Annual Honor Guard Banquet Was also the Highlight of the Month!



### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE OF HOPE

#### Brothers & Sisters:

In the story of Exodus, God hardens Pharaoh's heart multiple times. And there is disaster as Pharaoh continues his grudge against the Jews.

In our life today, how often do we harden our hearts, and hold onto grudges of this world? A while later, Jesus teaches us to pray to God, and ask him, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." And, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Jesus says lots of other things like that too.

There is a saying, "nobody prays for peace like a soldier." In my experience, this is a true statement. The oldest and wisest of my sergeants are more like the Andy Griffith character who was slow to anger and slow to be judgmental. Less experienced soldiers often seem more like Barney Fife; looking for a fight, and a grudge to justify it. So when I hear the news, and they want me to hold a grudge against certain people, the shepherd's voice in my heart becomes quite skeptical right away.

Dennis Kerr, Post Chaplain



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**MILITARY RITES** FEBRUARY 2024



Date	Military Members Deceased	Cemetery	#	Hours
02/03/2024	David Hamling	Oak Hills	1	30
02/05/2024	Robert Benak	Omaha National	12	36
02/06/2024	Thomas Haynes	Omaha National	9	27
02/06/2024	Robert Thorpe	Omaha National	8	24
02/07/2024	Ricky Gardner	Omaha National	8	24
02/07/2024	Henry Thornton III	Omaha National	7	21
02/10/2024	Edwin L Palensky	Bohemian	7	21
02/10/2024	Fred L Shepard	Westlawn	6	18
02/14/2024	Thomas A Lemon	Mount Hope	12	36
02/16/2024	Stanley Bieranowski	Forest Lawn	8	24
02/19/2024	David N Keller Sr	Omaha National	8	24
02/20/2024	Cheryll Wampler	Heafy	6	18
02/20/2024	Herbert Brown	Mt Hope	6	18
02/22/2024	Jerome Buscher	Calvary	9	27
02/23/2024	Terrence Ciurej	Omaha National	9	27
02/24/2024	Sam Sorensen	Springwell	11	33

Month's Total Funerals .....16  
Member Participation .....136  
Total Hours .....408



All of our brave brothers and sisters who have passed before us.

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