

**Post & Auxiliary
Meetings
1st Thursday
every month
7:30 p.m.**

Benson VFW Post 2503 April - May 2011

www.VFWPost2503.org.
(402) 571-8397

**Honor Guard
2nd Thursday
every month
7:30 p.m.**



POST 2503 OFFICERS 10-11

Commander: Ron Brown
Sr. Vice Commander: Tim Ross
Jr. Vice Commander: Doug Whitaker
Quartermaster: Gary Krause
Chaplain: Ann Thieman
Surgeon: Terry White
Judge Advocate: Dave Christiansen
Officer of the Day: Bob Podany
Adjutant: Fred Van Peer
Guard: Arnold Gerst
Service Officer: Ed Sawyer
Parliamentarian: Fred Van Peer



AUXILIARY OFFICERS 10-11

President: Connie Liebsack
Sr. Vice President: Connie Ross
Jr. Vice President: Luanne Rosso
Treasurer: Ruth Gerst
Secretary: Pat Dembowski
Chaplain: Linda McMullen
Conductress: Phyllis Hickman
Guard: Marcia Jones
Patriotic Instructor: Blanche Ferree

Commanders Corner

Today as we are doing this newsletter, the Kid's Easter Party is going on. I hope everyone has a great time and that they enjoy the party, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Easter Bunny.

I want to thank my wife Mary, my daughter Rhonda Rolles and my niece Cherri Yost for doing the kid's parties this year. They did a great job. Thank you also to the ladies who made cookies for the parties and of course Santa and Easter Bunny.

Thank you to everyone that donated to the maintenance fund.

May 3rd, 6:00 to 9:00 pm, the Car Shows start again. Come on out.

CONGRATULATIONS to new incoming officers.

Commander - Tim Ross

Sr Vice - Doug Whitaker

Jr Vice - Mike Rosso

Quartermaster - Ron Dupell

Joint Installation of officers is on May 19th 2011 at 7:30 pm. You can e-mail me at: ron2503VFW@cox.net
Yours in Comradeship,

Ron Brown

Your VFW Dues. Someone asked me "What happens with the dues members pay each year?" Annual members pay \$36. \$11.50 goes to the National VFW in KC, \$12.50 goes to the State VFW in Lincoln, \$12.00 stays at the Post, (\$6.00 for this year, \$6.00 for next year).

Life Dues.

The Post will receive from \$3.50 for our older Life Memberships, to \$9.00 for those who recently joined the Life Membership Program.

Gary Krause, Your Quartermaster

UP COMING ACTIVITIES AT THE POST

SUNDAY OMELET BREAKFAST

May 15th

8:30 to noon

\$5.00



Friday Night Food Nights

Friday - April 22nd \$6.00

Friday - May 13th \$5.00

Serving 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Your Post Honor Guard is in need of more members. Contact Chuck Wolf through the Post. Participate every day of the week or on the weekends. Honor your comrades.

***Installation of new officers
Thursday May 19th, 7:30 pm
We want to see all Post and
Auxiliary members here!***

COOTIE CORNER

Up Coming Events:

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Cootie Meeting

3rd Monday, 6:30 pm, Bingo at ENVH

(Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home)

Sunday June 5th, Homemade Chicken Fried Chicken

11:30 to 1:30 - Dinner open to everyone

Seam Squirrel Gary Steckelberg, Cootie Pres. Toni Geis

AUXILIARY NEWS

Sisters,

Elections were held. Come to the installation on May 19th to meet your new officers.

Betty Drucker, one of our "sewing ladies", a member since 1948 attended our April meeting. Follow her lead and come to meetings. We need you!

We are putting Auxiliary Basket nights on hold for the time being due to poor attendance.

Call me at 402-391-2292 with any questions or suggestions.

We will be doing gift bags for the women of the Lydia House for Mother's Day. There will be a box on the table by the sign in sheet at the Post. Please put Mother's Day cards (signed) in this box so we can give them to the women at Lydia House along with their gift bags. We will be doing over 50 bags. This is a Community Service project.

Connie Ross, Sr Vice President

THE WII BOWLING TOURNAMENT

On March 5th was a huge success. Thank you to all the 32 participants and those who cheered them. Congratulations to the winners.

1st Place: Jack Dixon & Jim Van Kat

2nd Place: Linda Humphrey and Royce Dent

3rd Place Becky Dohse and Duke Humphrey

Linda Humphrey and Luanne Rosso

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Evergreen Cemetery - 78th and Center, 30 May, 9:30 am

Mt Hope Cemetery - 78th and Military, 30 May, 11:30 am

VFW 2503 - 89th and Military, 30 May, 1:30 pm

Evergreen and Mt Hope Cemeteries are conducted jointly by VFW 2503 and Benson American Legion Post 112. Plan on attending these ceremonies.

Volunteers are needed to help put up flags on Veteran's graves at Mt Hope Cemetery at 78th and Military on Saturday May 28th at 1:00 pm. Over 1,000 flags and crosses are placed on their graves. Contact Jerry Hoda-kowski at 402-493-9990 or Terry White at 402-397-5527, to volunteer or for further information.

Memorial Day Notice

If you would like to have the name of your deceased loved one, who was a member in good standing with the Post, placed on the vertical Memorial by Memorial Day, please contact Ron Brown @ 402-453-9964 by April 30th. Cost is \$25.00.

All articles should be in the NewsLetter Box, IN WRITING, at the Post no later than **May 7th**. If articles are not submitted by the deadline they will have to wait for the next newsletter. We try to have the newsletter to the printers by the Friday following the meetings. If changes need to be made after the meetings, articles can be amended. When your article is late, the Newsletter is late to all our members. Please use a full sheet of paper. Little pieces of paper can get lost.

Thank You

VFW Post 2503 Internet Web Site

www.vfwpost2503.org

The purposes of the web site are to:

1. Provide prompt information about Post activities to members, veterans and our community.
2. Safeguard our Post by reducing operating costs.

To make this project successful, I need your help. Please consider receiving your newsletter electronically. If you would like to do so, please send your name and e-mail address to Webmaster at **webmaster@vfwpost2503.org**. If you do not have e-mail access, you will continue to receive your newsletter by US Mail.

Please take the opportunity to view our website and make comments or suggestions at the bottom of the web site page. If you do not have internet access, please ask family or friends to show the site to you. May I count on you? Ron Brown, Cmdr.

Ron Dupell Webmaster@VFW Post 2503.org

FROM THE KITCHEN

The following guests were the winners of the free meal on Hamburger Night. March 9th - Betty Carew, 16th - Joe Lapadula, 23rd - Kim Gerst, 30th - Emma Hutchinson, April - 6th Wanda Leighton. Congratulations and thanks for supporting the Post.

I want to thank all the new volunteers at the Post and all the volunteers who put in a lot of time working to make all our food nights a success. You are great people.

Keep in mind on **HAMBURGER NIGHT** that hamburgers, chicken sandwiches and fish will always be served. The menu on the calendar is the SPECIAL for that day. Please remember to fill out a ticket for a chance to win a free meal.

HI BUD!

Please thank our Veterans and keep our members, families and Troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely, Kathy "Tiger" Thielen & the Crews

POPPIES. Please see me about signing up for a shift at Hy-Vee, Bakers or WalMart on either 21th or 28th May. We will be collecting at these locations for Poppies. The receipts are for the hospitalized veterans who make the poppies. The profit goes to our local Veterans Relief Fund.

Thank you.

Chairman Paul Knievel

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS

The maintenance raffle netted \$5476.00. Thanks to all who donated. **The winners of the drawing were:**

1st Place - Jack Dixon

(Jack donated back a portion of his winnings. Thanks Jack.)

2nd Place K. Cernik

3rd Place - D. Lohmeier


Tom White
Thank You Vets
 www.tomwhite2010.com

The Post is in need of someone to handle the room rentals. There is a stipend for this position. Please submit your application in the form of a letter to Commander Ron Brown and the House Committee. We will be interviewing during the regularly scheduled House Committee Meeting (May 3rd, 7:00 pm). The person hired must be available for calls, "tours", contract signing and early access for room renters. Please contact Ron Brown.

April/May 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24 Post Opens 12 noon -6 pm HAPPY EASTER	25 Post Closed	26 AMVETS MEETING 7:30 pm	HAMBURGER 27 NIGHT 5:30 - 7:30 pm Liver & Onions w/ Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy or Sloppy Joe Soup - Chili RESERVATIONS REQUIRED Crew - K Thielen	28 VVA Meeting 7:30 pm	29 <u>Advertise in your</u> <u>Post newsletter.</u> <u>Call the Post for</u> <u>rates</u> 402-571-8397 NR Ext/SR	30 NR Ext/SR
Post Open 12 noon -6 pm Buckets of Beer SPECIAL 5 domestics \$13 NR	2 Post Closed	3 Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm House Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	HAMBURGER 4 NIGHT 5:30-7:30pm Chicken & Noodles over Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Soup - Broccoli & Cheese Crew - Mike Rosso	5 Ladies Sewing 1:00-3:00 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 pm	6 PLAY KENO & Pickles NRExt	7 NR Ext/SR

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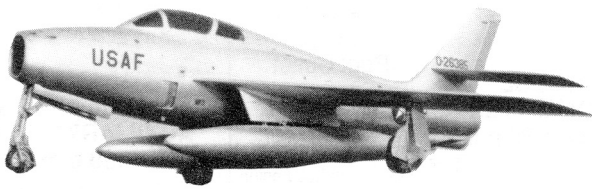

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May 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8 Post Open 12 noon -6 pm Buckets of Beer SPECIAL 5 domestics \$13 PLAY KENO	9 Post Closed	10 Keystone Citizen Patrol 7:30 pm	Hamburger 11 Night 5:30-7:30PM BBQ Featherbones/ French Dip Soup - Chicken Noodle Crew - K.Thielen	12 Ladies Sewing 1-3:00pm Honor Guard Meeting 7:30pm American Legion 7:00pm 172nd Trans Co NR	13 SR	14 <u>Advertise in Your</u> <u>Post Newsletter.</u> <u>Call Gary for rates.</u> NR/SR
15 Post Open 12 noon -6 pm BREAKFAST 8:30 to Noon \$5.00	16 Post Closed	17 Coast Guard 7:30pm	HAMBURGER 18 NIGHT 5:30 - 7:30 pm Reubens Soup - Chili Crew - C Thornton HUMDINGERS	19 Cooties Meeting 7:30 pm VFW Riders 7:00 pm	20 PLAY KENO & Pickles NR/SR	21 NR/SR
22 PLAY PICKLES Post Open 12 noon -6 pm	23 Post Closed	24	HAMBURGER 25 NIGHT 5:30-7:30 pm Hot Turkey Sandwich w/Mashed Potatoes/Gravy or Chili Dogs Soup - Cream of Potato Crew - P. Peterson	26 VVA 146 Meeting 7:30 PM	27	28 NR/SR



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- ★ **RAFFLE WINNERS**
- ★ **SUNDAY BREAKFAST**
- ★ **FOOD NIGHTS**
- ★ **OFFICER INSTALLATION**

From your Honor Guard Captain Chuck Wolf

MILITARY RITES : March 2011

Military Members

Deceased	Cemetery	Members
03/02/11 Dabbbs, Gordon	Westlawn	11
03/05/11 Watkins, Cleveland	St John	10
03/08/11 Hardin, Delois S.	Thomas	12
03/10/11 Franklyn, Frederick E.	Forest Lawn	12
03/11/11 Martin, Richard L.	Mt Hope	13
03/11/11 Evans, Douglas Jr.	Forest Lawn	13
03/12/11 Lyons, J.	Roeder	1
*03/16/11 Schenkelberg, Gilbert	Calvary	13
03/16/11 Wismont, Ronald	Heafey	11
03/17/1 Bourke, William	Forest Lawn	11
03/18/11 Bradford, Robert	Evergreen	9
03/21/11 Miller, Carton	Westlawn	11
03/22/11 Medeiros, David F. Sr.	Calvary	9
03/24/11 Marino, Lewis T.	Forest Lawn	10
03/24/11 Hand, Walter A.	Elk City	9
03/28/11 Jabenis, Morris	Bethel	13
03/29/11 Roberts, Jerry	Forest Lawn	12
03/30/11 Poldberg, Lyle	Forest Lawn	2

Funerals 18..... Members 182.....Hours 546

March 2011

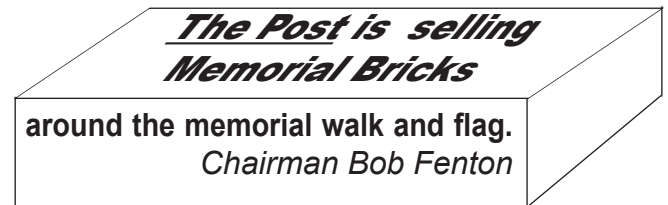
Larry M. Bisbee
Rodney W. Engdahl
Marvin E. Phipps
Gilbert Schenkelberg



CLUB HOURS

Monday Closed
 Tuesday Noon -10:00 pm
 Wed. & Thurs. Noon -10:00 pm
 Friday & Saturday Noon -11:00 pm
 Sunday Noon- 6 pm

PHONE: 571-8397



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, cost, \$60.00 per brick.

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Please Print

Phone # _____

WORDS ON BRICK

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