

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

Benson VFW Post 2503

September 2011

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

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



POST 2503 OFFICERS 11-12

Commander: Tim Ross
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Jr. Vice Commander: Mike Rosso
Quartermaster: Ron Dupell
Chaplain: Jerry Hodakowski
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Adjutant: Fred Van Peer
Guard: Arnold Gerst
Service Officer: Dave Christiansen
Parliamentarian: Fred Van Peer



AUXILIARY OFFICERS 11-12

President: Connie Dohse-Ross
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Jr. Vice President: Royce Dent
Treasurer: Ruth Gerst
Secretary: Pat Dembowski
Chaplain: Blanche Ferree
Conductress: Linda McMullin
Guard: Ann Hoff
Patriotic Instructor: Linda Humphrey

Commanders Corner

Keep Your Word

Comrades, The Post membership dinner is September 16th. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm, and dinner at 6:00 pm. Sign up at the bar by September 6th.

You might be shocked at how much the Post has changed over the past few years. We seem to be straying away from the basic principles of the VFW and sensible financial principles. Remembering the past is how we go forward into the future.

We need to set good examples at the Post, the old members as well as the new members. If someone asks you questions, give them the information they are requesting, or tell them you will find the answer and get back to them, keeping your word. Speak to everyone you pass at the Post. If you don't know them, introduce yourself to them, don't just walk away. Look out Post 2503. We are going to get the job done and let everyone know we are 'Back in Town'.

Remember, you can always call me at home - 402-391-2292 or leave a message in my box at the Post.

Just as it is in politics, if you don't vote, you can't complain. If you don't attend your Post meetings, you can't complain - attend and let your voice be heard.

In your service.

Commander Tim Ross

Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Sisters,

We've started going over the Auxiliary Programs. Come to a meeting to learn all about them.

The Auxiliary membership dinner is October 21st. We are making some changes to the dinner this year. You may ask why. It's because our funds are dwindling. This year the Auxiliary dinner will be a Pot Luck. The Auxiliary will be providing the meat and everyone will need to bring a side dish for at least 10 people. If your last name begins with A-I, bring salads. J-Q, bring potato or vegetable, and R-Z, bring dessert. You will not be able to attend without a side dish. Life members will not be able to attend if they do not pay their \$7 cancer dues. Department states cancer dues are not a donation, but an obligation. Deadline for reservations and payment of your cancer dues is October 12th. Call Ruth at 402 498-9781 for reservations, send your cancer dues to Ruth Gerst at 2526 North 130th Street, Omaha Nebraska 68164. Just as it is in politics, if you don't vote, you can't complain. And if you don't attend Auxiliary meetings, you can't complain or let your voice be heard.

Any questions, call President Connie Ross at 402 391-2292. Be sure to read "Up Coming Event" found elsewhere in the newsletter.

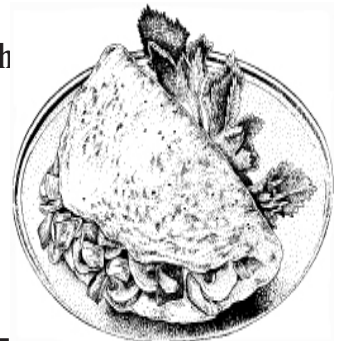
Connie Dohse Ross, Auxiliary President

SUNDAY OMELET BREAKFAST

September 18th

8:30 to noon

\$5.00



Friday Night Food

Nights

Friday - Sept. 16th \$6.00

Friday - Sept. 23rd \$6.00

Serving 5:30 to 7:30 pm

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

**Every Tuesday Aug 30th,
Sept, 6th, 13th, 20th
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**6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Food and Drinks**

for more info call:
Duke @ 571-4178



COOTIE CORNER

Up Coming Events:

3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm, Cootie Meeting

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

(Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home)

Seam Squirrel Gary Steckelberg, Cootie Pres. Toni Geis

Upcoming Events

BBQ RIB DINNER - Saturday, Sept 10th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, \$8.00 Adults and \$4.00 kids under 10

Purchase tickets at the bar, resevation deadline August 26th

Volunteers are needed to work, call Tim.

Post Membership Dinner - Friday, Sept 16th, 5:30 pm Cocktails, 6:30 pm Dinner

Make your reservation at the bar by Sept 9th.

Omelet Breakfast - Sunday September 18th, 8:30 - noon \$5.00

Friday Basket Night - Sept 23rd, 5:30 - 7:30 pm \$6.00

Post Picnic - Sept 25th, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm

'High Class Garage Sale' - Saturday, Oct 1st, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday October 2nd , 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Craft Show/Bake Sale - Saturday, Oct 8th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Questions/Application? Call Connie

Auxiliary Membership Dinner - Friday, Oct 21st - Read the Auxiliary article for information

October Fest - Oct 29th - More information to come

From the Desk of Your Quartermaster

Hello everyone. As I start the effort to learn the responsibilities of the Quartermaster, I would like to thank those who elected me, and especially Gary Krause for his guidance. He also deserves recognition for having served Post 2503 for many years during which he expressed concern about our declining revenues and financial state.

One of my campaign promises was to reduce Post operating costs. The salary of the Quartermaster was reduced by 50% at the July 7th Post meeting. We must also turn toward computer processing. With the assistance of others, work is being done to implement Quick Books financial software to aid us in producing reports and processing financial transactions.

Another area where we can reduce expenditures is our newsletter

We are spending \$700 - \$750 each month to publish and mail over 1800 newsletters. We would like to reduce that cost by half. First, we'd like to eliminate multiple copies to the same address. And second, please consider changing to receiving the newsletter by e-mail or printing from the web-site. Thank-you to the nearly 300 who already are doing this. Encourage others to do the same. There is wireless network access in the Post home and we are looking into getting a printer so that members could print their newsletter when they visit the Post.

I urge everyone to become involved in the Post. There has been a positive trend, but more is needed. If we have not seen you for a while, please make an effort to join us more often.

Ron Dupell, Quartermaster

VFW POST #2503

PICNIC

Sept 25th

12:00 Noon to 6:00 pm

There will be a \$3.00 charge per person/ children under 10 \$1.00. If you are planning to attend please call the post at 402-571-8397 so we have an idea how much food to prepare.

Thank You



All articles should be in the NewsLetter Box, IN WRITING, at the Post no later than **September 3rd**. 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.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, send a message with your name and e-mail address to the webmaster at webmaster@vfwpost203.org. We will continue to send newsletters to those who do not have e-mail, or prefer to receive it by 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? Tim Ross, Cmdr.

Ron Dupell Webmaster@VFW Post 2503.org

FROM THE KITCHEN

The following guests were the winners of the free meal on Hamburger Night: Carol Oliver, Al Scurlock, Ginny Petersen, Darrell Oliver and Ruth Cafferty. Congratulations and thanks for supporting the Post.

Plan on attending the Post Picnic on Sunday Sept 25th from noon to 6:00 pm. The picnic will be held at the Post rain or shine. Games and fun for everyone. We will have Brats, Hamburgers and Hotdogs with all the fixings. I want to thank all the new volunteers at the Post and all the volunteers who put in alot 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

Flag Remembrance Cards

Flag Remembrance Cards are now available at your Post. These cards are encased in a plastic envelope along with a star taken from an American flag. The card says:

I was part of our American flag. I flew proudly.

The sun and elements have caused me to become faded, tattered, and torn.

I can no longer proudly fly.

Carry me as a reminder that I am not forgotten.

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They are banded together with 10 cards to a bundle. Stop by and pick up a bundle or two. Give the cards to your family members, friends and people you meet while going about your day-to-day activities. The cards are a reminder of what the flag means and give your Post some advertising. *Bob Ekdahl*

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August/September 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Trophy Car Show 28 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Post Opens 12 noon - 6 pm NR-Ext&Kit	29 Post Closed	House 30 Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Vietnam Vets 7:00 pm Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm	HAMBURGER 31 NIGHT 5:30-7:30 pm Hot Meatloaf Sandwich w/Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy/Green Beans Soup - Chicken Noodle Crew - C Thornton	1 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 pm	2 <u>Advertise in your Post newsletter.</u> <u>Call the Post for rates</u> 402-571-8397 SR	3 PLAY KENO & Pickles NR/SR
Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm 4 Reservations due for Post Membership Dinner today!	5 Post Closed	6 Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm	HAMBURGER 7 NIGHT 5:30 - 7:30 pm Goulash/Roll or Pulled Pork Sand- wich Soup - Cream of Potato Crew - P Peterson	8 Honor Guard Meet- ing 7:30 pm Amer Legion 7:00 pm 172nd Trans	9 PLAY KENO & Pickles	10 NR Ext/SR

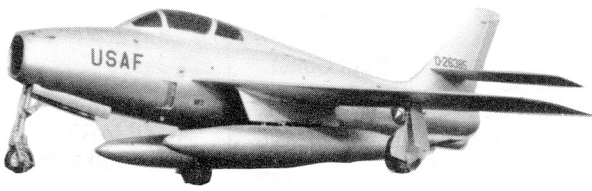
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm 11 Buckets of Beer SPECIAL 5 domestics \$13 PLAY KENO	12 Post Closed	13 Keystone Citizen Patrol 7:30 pm Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm	Hamburger 14 Night 5:30-7:30PM BBQ Featherbones or Sloppy Joe Soup - Chili Crew - Bill Thielen	15 Cooties Meet- ing 7:30 pm VFW Riders 7:00 pm	16 Post Membership Dinner 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner NR/SR	17 Advertise in your Post newsletter. Call the Post for rates 402-571-8397 NR
Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm 18 BREAKFAST 8:30 to Noon Only \$5.00	19 Post Closed	20 Coast Guard 7:30 pm Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm SR	HAMBURGER 21 NIGHT 5:30 - 7:30 pm Chicken Fried Chickenw/Mashed Potatoes/Gravy or Chef Salad Soup - Brocc & Cheese Crew - Mike Rosso HUMDINGERS	22 VVA 146 Meeting 7:30 PM	23 Chicken/Fish/ Shrimp Basket Night 5:30 - 7:00 pm NR	24 PLAY PICKLES NR Ext Kii/SR
Post Picnic 25 Noon - 6:00 pm \$3.00 per person/children under 10 \$1.00. If you are attending please call the post at 402-571-8397 so we have an idea how much food to prepare. Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm NR Ext	26 Post Closed	27 AMVETS 7:30 pm FINAL Car Show of 2011 6:00 - 9:00 pm	HAMBURGER 28 NIGHT 5:30-7:30 pm Taco Salad, Tacos or McRib Sandwich Soup - Chicken Noodle Crew - Kathy Thielen	29 Auxiliary Garage Sale NR	30 Buckets of Beer SPECIAL 5 Domestics Only \$13.00 on Sundays.	



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

From your Honor Guard Captain Chuck Wolf

MILITARY RITES : July 2011

Military Members

Deceased	Cemetery	Members
07/02/11 Burbach, Arthur C.....	Calvary.....	11
07/01/11 Titsworth, Matthew.....	Forest Lawn.....	10
07/06/11 Zimmerman, Denis N. .	Reichmuth FH Elkhorn.....	8
07/08/11 Dohse, Dale.....	Mt Auburn.....	12
07/09/11 Miller, Gene E.....	Gentleman.....	13
07/13/11 Huxtable-Turner, Dolores	Forest Lawn.....	9
07/14/11 Kardell, Donald.....	Westlawn.....	12
07/15/11 Finnegan, James J.....	Calvary.....	13
07/19/11 Cook, Reginald Leon...	Clair Memorial United Meth.....	8
07/20/11 Matt, Robert L.....	Calvary.....	10
07/20/11 Pattavina, James W.	Calvary.....	10
07/20/11 Edwardson, James Thomas	Evergreen.....	8
07/22/11 Mitchell, Robert B.	Forest Lawn.....	9
07/22 Washington, Rodrick Charles	Evergreen.....	9
07/23/11 Roach, Harry H.....	Holy Sepulchre.....	7
07/23/11 Fletcher, Charles Bruce	Cherry Hills Event Center.....	3
07/25/11 Rudolf, John R. Sr.....	Forest Lawn.....	8
07/29/11 Chieslik, William.....	Bellevue.....	9
*07/29/11 Sundburg, Larry Steven	Braman.....	1

Funerals 19..... Members 170..... Hours 510

*Post Members



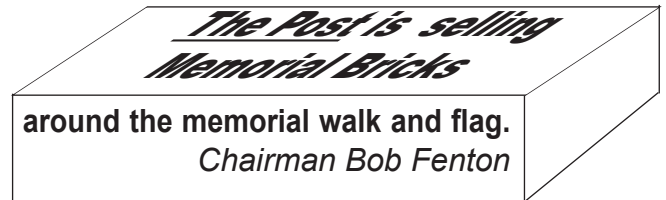
July 2011

Floyd L Howard
Arnold E Howell
Frank W Shotwell
Kenneth W Sowers
Larry S Sundburg

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.

Name _____
Please Print

Phone # _____

WORDS ON BRICK

LINE 1 _ _ _ _ _

LINE 2 _ _ _ _ _

LINE 3 _ _ _ _ _

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