

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

# *Benson VFW Post 2503 August 2011*

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

**Honor Guard  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
every month  
7:30 p.m.**



## **POST 2503 OFFICERS 11-12**

**Commander:** Tim Ross  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Doug Whitaker  
**Jr. Vice Commander:** Mike Rosso  
**Quartermaster:** Ron Dupell  
**Chaplain:** Jerry Hodakowski  
**Surgeon:** Terry White  
**Judge Advocate:** Dave Christiansen  
**Officer of the Day:** Bob Podany  
**Adjutant:** Fred Van Peer  
**Guard:** Arnold Gerst  
**Service Officer:** Dave Christiansen  
**Parliamentarian:** Fred Van Peer



## **AUXILIARY OFFICERS 11-12**

**President:** Connie Dohse-Ross  
**Sr. Vice President:** Luanne Rosso  
**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**

I want to thank the Post and Auxiliary for the faith you have placed in me and the New Post Officers.

‘Joining hands for Veterans’ is our theme for the upcoming year. We need to make some changes here at the Post, and working with the Auxiliary, we can make these changes.

Money is tight right now, so we won’t be spending money on things that we can purchase down the road. The Post and I need you, come to a meeting and hear our vision. If you want to volunteer you can call the Post at 402-571-8397, or call me Tim Ross at 402-391-2292, or Connie, the Auxiliary President at 402-391-2292.

Along with the Auxiliary President, I want to thank Past Commander, Ron Brown; Past Auxiliary President, Connie Liebsack; Past Quartermaster, Gary Krause; Kathy ‘Tiger’ Theilen and her crews on Hamburger nights; Duke Humphrey and wife Linda for their hard work at the car shows; Sue and all the bartenders; Valerie (cleaning lady); card players; ‘Ladies of the Afternoon’ Aka Sewing Ladies; and anyone we might have missed, for your years of service to the Post and Auxiliary.

Please let us know of any ideas you may have for fundraisers, and bands you would like to see more of this year.

Call me Tim Ross at 402-391-2292 with any concerns you might have regarding the Post. I am here for you.

Working for veterans, I am in your service.

*Commander Tim Ross*

## **Auxiliary News**

Auxiliary Sisters,

Again, I want to thank you for electing me and having faith in me. The Post, Auxiliary and Honor Guard need new members. Do you know of anyone who can join any of the above? Are you the wife, daughter, sister, or grandchild of a Post member? You can join!!! Many of you have given of your time, talent and treasures over the years to the Post, Auxiliary and Honor Guard. We thank you for your years of service. I want to invite you to come back, if only to the meetings. You can be involved as much or as little as you want.

Start going through you house, basement and garage. On October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be having our ‘high class garage sale’. No junk please.

Be sure to read the whole newsletter. There is a long list of upcoming events. We’ve got a whole lot of shaking going on!!! You can always call me at 402-391-2292.

*Connie Dohse Ross, Auxiliary President*

**P.S.** To the lady who sent me a note about volunteering, thank you. I am so very sorry that no one called you or got back to you. You didn’t sign your name, but if you will call me, I would love to chat with you about the things you would like to volunteer for. It really bothers me that you think we are a ‘clique’ and I will look into the matter.

## COOTIE CORNER

### Up Coming Events:

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 pm, Cootie Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:30 pm, Bingo at ENVH

(Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home)

*Seam Squirrel Gary Steckelberg, Cootie Pres. Toni Geis*

## Upcoming Events

### ★ OMELET BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30 - noon \$5.00

### ★ FRIDAY BASKET NIGHTS

July 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 7:30 pm \$6.00

### ★ VFW TROPHY CAR SHOW

Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm, food and drink available

### ★ BBQ RIB DINNER

Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, \$8.00 Adults and \$4.00 kids under 10

Purchase tickets at the bar, reservation deadline August 26<sup>th</sup>

### ★ POST MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm Cocktails, 6:30 pm Dinner  
*Make your reservation at the bar by September 9<sup>th</sup>.*

### ★ 'HIGH CLASS GARAGE SALE'

Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

### ★ CRAFT SHOW/BAKE SALE

Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm,

Questions/Application?

Call Connie at 402-391-2292

## CLASSIC CAR SHOW

*Every Tuesday*



**July, August**  
VFW Post #2503  
8904 Military Road

**6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
**Food and Drinks**

for more info call:  
Duke @ 571-4178



All articles should be in the NewsLetter Box, IN WRITING, at the Post no later than **August 6<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://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](mailto: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 in July: Terri Christensen, Dewey Lenser, TL French, Vicki Werth and Mary Baines. 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*

Thanks to Ron Dupell and Doug Whitaker for installing the Wi-Fi in the Post, and updating the computer equipment in the Quartermaster's Office.

## SUNDAY OMELET BREAKFAST

**August 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**8:30 to noon**  
**\$5.00**



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**August 2011**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Post Opens 12 noon - 6 pm	1 Post Closed	2 House Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Vietnam Vets 7:00 pm  Car Show 6 - 9 pm	3 <b>HAMBURGER NIGHT</b> 5:30 - 7:30 pm Italian Sausage, Brats Off the Grill or Tacos Soup - Vegetable Beef Crew - P Peterson	4 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 pm	5 <u>Advertise in your Post newsletter.</u> <u>Call the Post for rates</u> <u>402-571-8397</u>  NR	6  NR/SR
7 Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm  Buckets of Beer SPECIAL 5 domestics \$13	8 Post Closed	9 Keystone Citizen Patrol 7:30 pm  Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm	10 <b>HAMBURGER NIGHT</b> 5:30-7:30pm Chicken & Noodles w/ Mashed Potatoes & Roll or Shrimp Basket Soup - Chili Crew - Bill Thielen	11 Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 pm Amer Legion 7:00 pm 172nd Trans  Vietnam Veterans Reunion 11 - 14 August	12 <b>PLAY KENO &amp; Pickles</b>	13  NR Ext

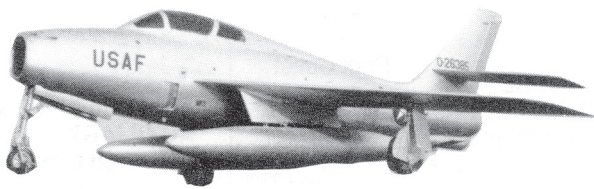
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14 Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm  <b>PLAY KENO</b>	15 Post Closed	16 Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm  Coast Guard 7:30 pm  SR	17 <b>HAMBURGER NIGHT</b> 5:30 - 7:30 pm Chicken Fried Steak w/Mashed Potatoes/Gravy/Corn or Sloppy Joe Soup - Ham & Bean Crew - Mike Rosso	18 Cooties Meeting 7:30 pm  VFW Riders 7:00 pm	19 <b>PLAY KENO &amp; Pickles</b>  NR	20 <u>Advertise in your Post newsletter.</u> <u>Call the Post for rates</u> <u>402-571-8397</u>  NR
21 Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm  BREAKFAST 8:30 to Noon \$5.00	22 Post Closed	23 Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm  AMVETS 7:30 pm	24 <b>HAMBURGER NIGHT</b> 5:30 - 7:30 pm Spaghetti/Salad & Bread or Pork Tenderloin Soup - Broccoli & Cheese Crew - Kathy Thielen	25 VVA 146 Meeting 7:30 PM	26 Chicken/Fish/ Shrimp Basket Night 5:30 - 7:00 pm  Daybreak Band 8:00 - 11:00 pm  NR	27 <b>PLAY PICKLES</b>  NR
28 Trophy Car Show 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm NR Ext	29 Post Closed	30 <b>PLAY KENO</b>	31 <b>HAMBURGER NIGHT</b> 5:30-7:30 pm Hot Meatloaf Sandwich w/Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy/Green Beans Soup - Chicken Noodle Crew - C Thornton	VFW National and Cooties Conventions August 27 - September 1	Deadline for BBQ Rib Dinner Reser- vations is August 26 <sup>th</sup> . Tell the bar- tenders if you are coming.	Buckets of Beer SPECIAL 5 domestics \$13 on Sundays.



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

*From your Honor Guard Captain Chuck Wolf*

**MILITARY RITES : June 2011**

**Military Members**

Deceased	Cemetery	Members
06/01/11 Hegarty, Bian T.	Holy Sepulchre	7
06/01/11 Walss, J.	Forest Lawn	7
06/03/11 Bachanan, Mary Ann	Calvary	7
06/04/11 Lower, John C.	Forest Lawn	9
06/06/11 Goaley, Michael D.	Calvary	10
06/08/11 Brau, Richard	Calvary	9
06/08/11 Dixon, Carl Edward	Forest Lawn	8
06/11/11 Sedlak, Stuart J.	Resurrection	1
06/11/11 Rochaford, Kenneth E.	Calvary	8
06/13/11 Messerli, Loyd R.	Cedar Lawn	8
06/16/11 Vodracek, Raymond	Evergreen	10
06/17/11 Smith, Maurice V.	Calvary	9
06/18/11 Kelley, Franklin R.	Westlawn	9
*06/21/11 Koehler, R.	Forest Lawn	12
06/24/11 Salisbury, Richard	Calvary	9
06/24/11 Hamilton, Thomas E.	Covenant Church	7
06/25/11 Middleton, Thomas O.	Calvary	12
*06/27/11 Heck, Bernard J.	Forest Lawn	14
06/28/11 Bailey, Don	Calvary	17
06/28/11 Kuepper, Richard R.	Resurrection	17
06/29/11 McHale, Patrick H.	Resurrection	9
Funerals 21	Members 199	Hours 597

\*Post Members



**June 2011**  
**Lloyd H. Darling**  
**Bernard J. Heck**  
**Franklin R. Kelley**  
**Richard A. Salisbury**

**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**

***The Post is selling  
Memorial Bricks***  
**around the memorial walk and flag.**  
*Chairman Bob Fenton*

**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**

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LINE 2 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

LINE 3 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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