

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

Benson VFW Post 2503

June-July 2011

www.VFWPost2503.org.

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



POST 2503 OFFICERS 10-11

Commander: Ron Brown
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AUXILIARY OFFICERS 10-11

President: Connie Liebsack
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Commanders Corner

Members of Post 2503 and Auxiliary,
It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve you as Commander for the past year, and this is my last column. I am please to say that I am leaving the Post in good hands, and I will be around to help out almost as much as I was this past year.

One of our most important events of the year has just occurred. I want to thank all the volunteers that helped out with our Memorial Day events. Thanks to Jerry Hodakowski and Terry White for their support at Mt Hope. They enlisted a wonderful group of able Boy Scouts to augment our group of senior volunteers. The Boy Scouts painted another 75 crosses to replace some of the battered ones. Thanks much.

Another big thank-you goes to Bob Ekdahl who found us a great fund raising opportunity. As you will see elsewhere in the newsletter, there will be bingo at the Blondo Social Hall beginning on the 9th of July. Bingo to benefit the Post will continue every Saturday until further notice. Great job Bob!

All who are able to either give blood or can volunteer to help during the blood drive are reminded that it happens on the 25th of June here at the Post in the South Room, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. We can use some juice pushers, so if you have time, come out.

Thanks very much to all who made my year so pleasant. My officers, the Post volunteers, Auxiliary volunteers and all who did anything no matter how small and unsung, you are appreciated. Yours in Comradeship, *Ron Brown*

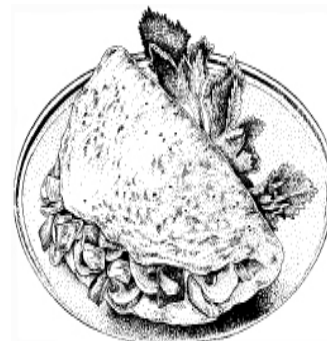
UP COMING ACTIVITIES AT THE POST

SUNDAY OMELET BREAKFAST

July 17th

8:30 to noon

\$5.00



Friday Night Food Nights

Friday - June 24th \$6.00

Friday - July 22nd \$6.00

Serving 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Singer/Songwriter Terry Smith will be visiting from Nashville and performing on the 21st of June in the South Room during the car show. Come out and enjoy the additional ambiance as you enjoy the cars.

Many thanks to all Volunteers who helped place flags and crosses on the Veterans' graves for Memorial Day at Mt Hope.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Every Tuesday

June, 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



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

AUXILIARY NEWS

Dear Sisters,

This is President Connie Liebsack's last meeting. A big thank you to her and her officers and chairpersons for all their hard work. The new president Connie Dohse Ross, officers and chairpersons take over in July. We are still in need of chair and assistant chair people. Would you like to help out? Three questions for you: 1. Do you? 2. Could you? 3. Why don't you? Do you belong to the Auxiliary? Could you belong to the Auxiliary? Why don't you belong to the Auxiliary? You can join the Auxiliary under your husband, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, sibling, or child who served.

If you don't belong I need to know why. I also need to know what we could do/change to get you to become a member or attend meetings. I asked a lady if she belonged, she said yes. I asked her why she doesn't come to meetings. She told me she gave 16 years to the Auxiliary and she has better things to do with her time. I was truly shocked with her answer, so I now ask, how many of you feel this way?

Things planned for this year: craft show with a bake sale, garage sale, Veterans Day bake sale, and much more. Come to a meeting or two, and see the many changes. I pledge to keep meetings one hour or less, except when there is something major to discuss. Thank you for being a part of this wonderful Post and Auxiliary.

Connie Ross, President 402-391-2292

POPPIES

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Post and Auxiliary volunteers who offered Buddy Poppies to our community on May 21st & 28th 2011. The event was a huge success and through your efforts Post 2503 will once again be able to support the Veterans Assistance Programs in our area. Another big "Thank you" goes to Paul Knievel, Post Poppy Chairman, and Royce Dent, Auxiliary Poppy Committee for organizing this event. Those who solicited donations and helped in other ways were:

Post and Auxiliary Members Rod Ulfers, Duke Humphrey, Rex Drucker, Sandy Lee, Brian Vercoe, Tim Ross, Ron Brown, Ron Dupell, Sharon Cooper, Bob Parrish, Mike Rosso, Bob Fenton, Fred Furgeson, Janet Gross, Blanche Ferree, Janice Davis, Ruth Gerst, Linda Humphrey, Mary Brown, Vivian Parrish, Linda McMullen, Luanne Rosso, Tommi Schroer, Barb Ferguson and her granddaughter, Lynn Wolfe.

Great job everyone!!

Correction:

The name Clement Orsi was misspelled in May-June Newsletter list of funerals.

All articles should be in the NewsLetter Box, IN WRITING, at the Post no later than **July 9th**. 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. May 11th - Gertrude Johansen, 18th - Betsy Post, 25th - Don Holmquist. 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

June 25th 2011 Red Cross Blood Drive from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm in the South Room. Call the Post for further information.

ATM-By the time you get this newsletter, there will be an ATM installed in the Post home. Please utilize this ATM when you are at the Post.

ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS

Starting Saturday, July 9th 2011 VFW Post 2503 will sponsor Bingo at the Blondo Social Hall, 8016 Blondo St. \$4,000 in prizes awarded every session. In addition to Bingo, Pickles will be available and there is a snack bar on site. Come out and have a good time while supporting your Post. You could win the big prize of \$1,000. Early Bird Bingo starts at 1:00 pm and session will be played every Saturday thereafter. Bob Ekdahl, Utilization of Fund Officer

A Special Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 383 for painting the new crosses and helping place flags and crosses at Mt Hope Cemetery.
Jerry Hodakowski

Tom White
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June/July 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 Post Opens 12 noon -6 pm	27 Post Closed	28 Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm	29 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 - 7:30 pm French Dip/Chili Dogs Soup - Chili Crew - P Peterson	30	1 <u>Advertise in your- Post newsletter.</u> <u>all the Post for rates</u> <u>402-571-8397</u>	2
3 Post Open 12 noon -6 pm Buckets of Beer SPECIAL 5 domestics \$13	4 Flags go Up at 7:00 am and down at 5:00 pm Post Closed	5 House Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Vietnam Vets 7:00 pm Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm	6 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:30pm BBQ McRib on Hoagie Bun/ Sauerkraut & Ribs w/Mashed Potatoes Soup - Vegetable Beef Crew - Bill Thielen	7 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 pm	8 PLAY KENO & Pickles	9 NR Ext/SR

House Painting

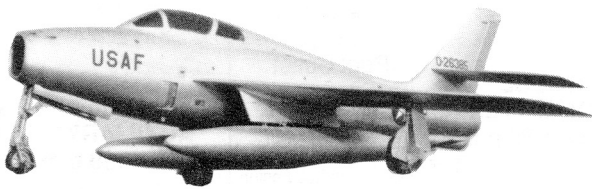
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July 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 Post Open 12 noon -6 pm PLAY KENO	11 Post Closed	12 Car Show 12 6 - 9:00 pm. Keystone Citizen Patrol 7:30 pm NR Ext	13 Hamburger Night 5:30-7:30PM Beef Tips over Noodles/Shrimp Basket Soup - Chili Crew - Mike Rosso	14 Ladies Sewing 1-3:00pm Honor Guard Meeting 7:30pm American Legion 7:00pm 172nd Trans Co	15 PLAY KENO & Pickles	16 NR Ext/SR
17 Post Open 12 noon -6 pm BREAKFAST 8:30 to Noon \$5.00	18 Post Closed	19 Coast Guard 7:30 pm Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm	20 Hamburger Night 5:30 - 7:30 pm BBQ Featherbone Riblets/French Fries or Cole Slawor Chef Salad Soup - Broccoli & Cheese Crew - Kathy Thielen HUMDINGERS	21 Cooties Meeting 7:30 pm VFW Riders 7:00 pm	22 Chicken/Fish/ Shrimp Basket Night 5:30 - 7:00 pm NR Ext	23 NR Ext
24 PLAY PICKLES Post Open 12 noon -6 pm	25 Post Closed	26 AMVETS 7:30 pm Car Show 6 - 9:00 pm	27 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:30 pm Hot Hot Beef Sandwich/ Mashed Potatoes/Gravy or Chicken Strip Basket Soup - Ham & Beab Crew - C Thornton	28 VVA 146 Meeting 7:30 PM	29	30 <u>Advertise in Your Post Newsletter.</u> <u>Call the Post for rates.</u> NR Ext/SR



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- ★ **SUNDAY BREAKFAST**
- ★ **FOOD NIGHTS**

From your Honor Guard Captain Chuck Wolf

MILITARY RITES : April 2011

Military Members

Deceased	Cemetery	Members
05/03/11 Wemhoff, Francis	Westlawn	7
05/04/1 Strait, Richard F	Forest Lawn	9
05/04/11 Bodnar, James J	Forest Lawn	9
05/06/11 Peartree, Sherwood MD	St Robert Bellarmine	11
05/07/11 Lippstreu, Lloyd E	Evergreen	9
05/07/11 Maxwell, R	Calvary	9
05/14/11 Williams, Neil E	Mt Hope	6
05/14/11 Phillips, Charles L	Westlawn	6
05/16/11 Pfeiffer, Clement	St Mary	11
05/18/11 Adams, Roert Lee	Forest Lawn	6
*05/18/11 Pflug, C. R.	Forest Lawn	7
*05/19/11 Gohr, Kenneth L Jr	Calvary	9
05/19/11 Taxman, Marvin	Beth El	9
05/20/11 McMahan, Fr Aloysius	Calvary	8
05/21/11 Bergstrom, Donald L	Graceland	14
05/23/11 Becklwey, James M	Westlawn	8
05/24/11 Stuckwisch, K	Forest Lawn	9
05/25/11 Kenny J. E. Rev	Calvary	7
05/27/11 Reifschneider, Alan	Westlawn	3
05/28/11 Gossin, J. E.	Calvary	9
*05/31/11 Volenec, William A	Calvary	10
Funerals 21	Members 176	Hours 528



April 2011
Kenneth L Gohr
John C Lower
Chrls R Pflug
William H Schiebur
William Volenec

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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