

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

Benson VFW Post 2503

September - October 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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AUXILIARY OFFICERS 11-12

President: Connie Dohse-Ross
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Commanders Corner

Fall is just around the corner, can you believe that? The month of October will be a busy one for the Post and Auxiliary.

Volunteers are needed to help out with up-coming events. I will be asking for your help. Together we can get the jobs done. It can be all too easy to brag about our accomplishments, and to make sure everyone knows we have done something good. Doing this is not always the right way. What if no one seems to notice the good things we do? We must focus on what we do and let our actions and words of others speak for us, We are Post 2503.

In your service.

Commander Tim Ross

OCTOBERFEST

October 29th

Serving 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Cost \$8.00

VETERANS DAY SPAGHETTI DINNER

**November 11th Serving 4:30 to 8:00 P.M.
or gone, Cost : \$8.00**

AUXILIARY BAKE SALE

Noon to 6:00 pm

Your ideas on how to reduce the cost of operating the Post home and/or how to bring in more revenue are needed. A brainstorming session will be held at 7:00 pm October 16th. Please attend and bring your ideas. Everything will be considered. There are no dumb ideas, We did this about six years ago and your ideas helped improve the Post financial standing then, and I'm sure you can do it again. If you cannot attend, please contact me with your ideas at 402-496-0688 or <rekdahl@tconl.com>, Bob Ekdahl, Trustee

Buddy Poppies: It's that time again, the VFW Buddy Poppy Program. The Poppies are assembled by disabled, needy and aging veterans in VA homes and hospitals. Proceeds are used to help veterans nation-wide. Donations will be accepted for the Poppy Cards displayed in the South Room. Envelopes will be inserted in the October newsletter
Chairman Tim Ross

Auxiliary News

Auxiliary Sisters,

I need to apologize for my words and actions following the September meeting. I should have remembered that I am the Auxiliary President and I need to conduct myself as such.

October 1st and October 2nd are the Garage Sale. Please bring you items to the Post on Friday, September 30th after 10:00 am. If you want to help with the Garage Sale, you can volunteer as little or as much as you want. On Friday September 30th, we can use help to sort, arrange and price items. On October 1st and 2nd we can use help throughout the day for various things. Please tell everyone you know about the Garage Sale, as this is a fund raiser for the Auxiliary and Post.

October 8th is the Craft Fair. I still have a few spots left if you or someone you know does crafts and would like to rent a table. Call me at 402-391-2292. There will also be a Bake Sale that day and we would love for you to bring your baked goodies. You can bring them on Friday, October 7th or early morning the 8th. The Cooties will be selling lunch, and not only is the food good, but priced right.

October 21st is the Auxiliary Membership Pot Luck Dinner. We will provide the meat and you bring the side dishes. Remember to pay your cancer dues (Life Members).

Saturday, October 22nd is the Kid's Halloween Party from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Cookies are needed and you can bring them on Friday night to the Pot Luck or on Saturday morning.

October 29th will be Octoberfest. Look for more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am here to serve you, and I pledge to do the right things for the Auxiliary.

We are 93 ladies short of having 100% membership. Please let us know if you know someone who is eligible to join, Please be sure to read the application carefully, as there are certain criteria in regards to membership. In your service.

Connie Dohse Ross, Auxiliary President



Kid's Halloween Party

Saturday, October 22th from 2 - 4:00 pm

Ladies, I need cookies Please, Bring the Grand Kids and Kids. There will be games and prizes.

Fun for all ages.

Co-Chairmen Connie Dohse-Ross

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

Post Membership Dinner

Friday, September 16th, 5:30 pm Cocktails, 6:30 pm Dinner

All Post Picnic

Sunday, September 25th, Noon to 5:00 pm

'High Class Garage Sale'

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

Craft Show/Bake Sale

Saturday, October 8th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Questions/ Application? Call Connie at 402-391-2292

Auxiliary Membership Dinner

October 21st, Cocktails 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm
Call Ruth with your reservation

OCTOBERFEST

October 29th, 5:00 to 7:30 pm

Veterans Day Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale

Proceeds to help benefit Veterans of Foreign Wars: Operation Uplink. Operation Uplink distributes free phone cards to our overseas Veterans and proceeds also to benefit the VFW Department of Nebraska's Fund Raiser. The Veterans Day Bake Sale is a Post/Auxiliary tradition.

I am sure you occasionally you see an American flag that needs to be replaced, but you are not sure how to approach the owner. Part of that problem has been solved for you. Now available at the Post are cards that say: "I saw that the sun and elements have caused your American flag to become faded, tattered and torn. Please replace it, and then call your name @ your telephone number. I will pick it up and dispose of it. Thank you for your patriotism. Member, VFW Post 2503."

Present one of these cards to the flag owner. When they call you, pick up the flag and bring it to the Post. The Honor Guard will dispose of it Also don't forget, there are plenty of the flag star cards available at the Post. Carry some with you and hand them out as you go about your daily routine. I hand out an average of five a day. They are always welcome.
Bob Ekdahl, Trustee

There is a need for 3 more **SHUFFLE BOARD TEAMS**.
Call Alan Scurlock.



Come out to the Post for the Husker games and "TAILGATE" in front of the big screen TV with your VFW family!

All articles should be in the NewsLetter Box, IN WRITING, at the Post no later than **October 8th**. 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

Our site has seen over 34,000 visitors since becoming operational in January 2010. We have nearly 300 people receiving the newsletter by e-mail. Your assistance in reducing Post operating costs is of much importance to the Post. We are also able to provide much more information to you via e-mail. Please be an advocate and encourage other Post and Auxiliary members to sign up for the newsletter by e-mail.

Ron Dupell <Webmaster@VFW Post 2503.org>

FROM THE KITCHEN

The following guests were winners of a free meal on Hamburger Night: Bill Heller a two time winner, Debbie Rissinger, Bob Fenton. 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. The Post is looking for volunteers to help out on the nights food is served. There are plenty of different things you can do, from writing tickets to serving food. Everyone is welcome. We have fun.

You may call me at 402-572-0651 or the Post at 402-571-8397 or leave a note at the bar. Keep in mind that on October 29th we are having an Octoberfest. Great German food, band, and a lot of fun.

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

A special thank you to Ron Karm for cleaning the fans in the kitchen and re-organizing the Auxiliary Closet.

Thanks also to everyone who helped reduce the electricity bill at the Post by replacing the lights throughout the Post. This especially includes the *Boss Men Ron Brown and Steve Kmoch, Ron Karm, Duke Humphrey, and Bill Thielen.*

From the Desk of the Quartermaster

We are making good progress in transitioning our accounting controls to 'Quick Books' software. Several Auxiliary members have graciously volunteered to help us get that done.

We are in need of someone with office management experience to assist us in re-organizing the files in the Post office. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer some time to revamp our files system.
Quartermaster Ron Dupell

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
POST PICNIC ²⁵ Post Opens 12 noon - 6 pm NR Ext	26 Post Closed	27 <u>Advertise in your- Post newsletter.</u> <u>Call the Post for rates 402-571-8397</u>	28 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 - 7:30 pm Taco Salad, Tacos or McRib Sandwich Soup - Ham & Bean Crew - <i>K Thielen</i>	29 PLAY KENO & Pickles NR	30 NR	1 AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE NR/SR
AUXILIARY GARAGE SALE ² Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm Buckets of Beer SPECIAL 5 domestics \$13 NR	3 Post Closed	4 House Committee Meeting 7:30 pm Vietnam Vets 7:00 pm AMVETS 7:30 pm	5 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:30pm BeefTips over Noodles or Chicken Strip Basket/French Fries Soup - Cream of Potato Crew - <i>C Thornton</i>	6 Post & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 pm	7 CRAFT SHOW NR/SR	8 CRAFT SHOW TAILGATE Party 7 P.M.  NR/SR



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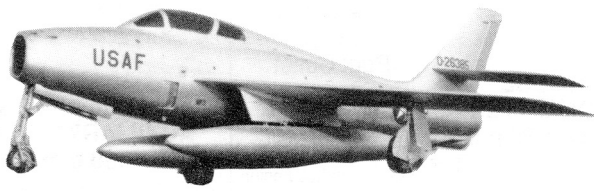
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October 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
VFW RIDERS SWAP MEET ⁹ Noon to 4:00 pm Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm NR/SR	10 Post Closed	11 Keystone Citizen Patrol 7:30 pm	12 Hamburger Night 5:30-7:30PM Chicken Fried Steak w/Mashed Potatoes/Gravy/Corn or Sloppy Joe Soup - Vegetable Beef Crew - <i>P Peterson</i>	13 Honor Guard Meeting 7:30 pm Amer Legion 7:00 pm 172 nd Trans	14 PLAY KENO & Pickles NR	15 <u>Advertise in your- Post newsletter.</u> <u>Call the Post for rates 402-571-8397</u> NR/SR
16 PLAY KENO Post Open 12 noon - 6 pm	17 Post Closed	18 Coast Guard 7:30 pm SR	19 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30 - 7:30 pm Reubens or Shrimp Basket Soup - Chili Crew - <i>B Thielen</i>	20 Cooties 7:30 pm VFW Riders 7:00pm	21 AUXILIARY DINNER Cocktails 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm NR	22 TAILGATE Party 2:30 P.M.  SR
23 Post Open 12 noon - 6pm Buckets of Beer SPECIAL 5 Domestics \$13.00	24 Post Closed	25 AMVETS 7:30 pm	26 HAMBURGER NIGHT 5:30-7:30 pm Hot Pork Sandwich/ Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy/Green Beans or Pork Tenderloin Soup - Ham & Bean Crew - <i>C Thornton</i>	27 VVA Chapter 146 7:30 pm	28 Chicken/Fish/ Shrimp Basket Night 5:30 - 7:00 pm NR/SR	OCTOBER 29 FEST 5:00 TO 7:30 pm \$8.00 TAILGATE Party  NR/SR



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

From your Honor Guard Captain Chuck Wolf

MILITARY RITES : August 2011

Military Members

Deceased	Cemetery	Members
06/01/11 Gilardi, Charles S.....	Calvary.....	7
08/02/11 Clariette, Hosea.....	Forest Lawn.....	9
08/02/11 Guyton, James M.....	Mt Hope.....	9
08/03/11 Osborne, Delbert L.....	Roeder.....	9
08/03/11 Carrick, Edward G.....	Evergreen.....	9
08/05/11 Hernandez, Anthony M.....	Hillcrest.....	11
08/06/11 Platter, P Scott.....	Resurrection.....	10
08/08/11 Howard, Floyd L.....	Hillcrest.....	8
08/11/11 Chandler, Rex.....	Forest Lawn.....	8
08/12/11 Holmes, James.....	Forest Lawn.....	11
08/15/11 Lampman, Kenneth W.....	Calvary.....	13
08/16/11 Soener, Robert L.....	Calvary.....	12
08/17/11 Nigro, Louis J.....	Bellevue.....	7
08/19/11 Frazier, S.....	Mt Hope.....	9
08/19/11 Fowler, Joseph B.....	Bellevue Memorial Chapel.....	1
08/20/11 Padmore, William G.....	Bohemian National.....	9
08/20/11 Johnson, Donald C.....	Hillcrest.....	9
08/23/11 Jenson, Harold R.....	Calvary.....	10
08/24/11 Sedlacek, Robert.....	Resurrection.....	9
08/26/11 Sheehy, Raymon.....	Holy Sepulchre.....	10
08/27/11 Hilderbrandt, Otis.....	Forest Lawn.....	11
08/29/11 Crinklaw, Gary.....	Hillcrest.....	9
*08/30/11 Ray, Glen.....	Forest Lawn.....	15
Funerals 23.....	Members 215.....	Hours 645

*Post Members

August 2011



Phillip K Hoepfer
Floyed L Howard
C Norvald Nielsen

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

LINE 1 _ _ _ _ _

LINE 2 _ _ _ _ _

LINE 3 _ _ _ _ _

CHECKS ONLY - NO CASH Return this form to the post