

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

Next month we will again select leaders for our post for the 2024-2025 year. I have been considering the type of leaders that would be awesome for us. And so I came up with a list of characteristics that might help us select candidates. Candidates should be applauded for even thinking about holding a position of responsibility.

1. Commitment- If you take a position, do it! Show up to every meeting and event. If you can't, let someone know why you can't make it. See things through to completion. It is only for a year. You can do that on your head!
2. Don't come up with problems that need to be solved unless you have a plan to fix it. "They" is "You" so deal with it. Leaders should lead by example.
3. Make a difference! Come up with ideas and plans that are going to make our lives, Post and community better.
4. Have fun! Being a sour puss is so unhealthy. We have stuff going on that is fun to do! Enjoy the activities and each other. I really don't think someone's life is on the line for much of what we do. So lighten up!

I have been honored to be your commander. If I start whining about stuff, I am not serious! I just like to whine. Ask Dorothy!

Harley Boyles

Post Commander

*****We have our own Website. VFW 1481.org.**

Please check it out and make suggestions. Cherie Freeman is our administrator for both website and facebook page. She really is a gem for the Post.

*****On our Website:**

- Check out the military cartoon of the day.
- Link directly to our Facebook page.
- Read our Post newsletter.
- Find Debt. and National VFW news.
- Check out our photo gallery.

FROM THE AUXILIARY:

Dear Auxiliary Members

Hurray! It's finally Spring. Just tell my soggy shoes!

With April comes some of our most important events. First of all, **WE VOTE**. We really need all our members to show up to this meeting, April 10, to select the people that you want to lead our Auxiliary for the next program year. We have just enough active members to fill the vacancies, so we need everyone in attendance. Most of the positions do not require much out-of-meeting time, so it really only involves showing up to our meetings monthly. I hope to see all of you on the 10th.

Also in April comes our semi-annual fundraiser, the Bunco Bash. There are a few seats still available for April 25th, 5-9 pm. One of the things we do to help Cherie put this Bash on is provide light food for munching on while playing, so finger food is easy. If you have never played Bunco before, it's a fun and easy to learn dice game. We change tables after every hand, so it's a great time to meet new people with no

pressure for long conversations. There is a raffle, 6 tickets for \$10, of things that have been donated to give as prizes. Everyone is so willing to give, we raise enough money each year to fund our programs and provide assistance to veterans and their families.

On April 6, the Post is hosting a flag retirement ceremony at 9:00 am, and on April 27 we are playing Bingo from 4-7. And breakfast on the third Sunday, April 21, 10-1. Plenty of fun activities to get involved in!

Looking ahead to May, we are going to help out at the Vet's home on Saturday the 4th, which is the Day of Service. Anyone who wants to help out a vet with Bingo can go to the Home from 10:30-12. Anyone who is not a regular volunteer will be assisting with the games, not bringing wheelchairs down to the event.

Come out and SUPPORT OUR VETS!!

Karin Ferguson

Auxiliary President



Union Train Station.



Louis and Dylan Martinez.



Miles Chester, Dorothy Boyles, Harley Boyles, and Jerry Bedel.



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*****JUST A REMINDER*****

Spring Bunco Bash is coming up soon. If you have already signed up, thank you.

I do have 10 seats still available. If you want to play please contact me.



FROM THE QUARTERMASTER:

No input this month.

FROM THE HONOR GUARD:

The main purpose of the VFW is to honor our veterans, both living and deceased. The Honor Guard of Post 1481 strives to achieve this goal by providing military honors to our fallen warrior brothers and sisters. The firing of the Volley, Playing of Taps, Folding and Presenting of the flag to the next of kin is always emotional for us. Our veterans earned this honor for their service and dedication to Duty, Honor and

Country. We hope this brings some sense of closure for their grieving family.

If any VFW veteran is interested in helping us achieve our goal, please contact Honor Guard Captain Chuck Love, any honor guard member or leave your contact information at the Canteen and you will be contacted.

March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day or “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day”. A celebration was held at the Layton Commons Park, Layton, Ut. at the Vietnam Veterans Wall. There was a great turn out, even the sun showed up!



Post 1481 Color Guard. Many Color Guards from our area were present as well as our Scout Troop 1481. I don't know about you, but I sure am PROUD of these men and all that they do.



Boy Scout Troop 1481.



Utah Military Academy.



Utah Military Academy Choir. These men and women had the voices of angels! They sang each military branch medley as well as “California Dreamin” by the Mama’s and the Papa’s.



Nancy Espinosa VFW National Commander.



Layton City Mayor Joy Petro spoke of how special Layton Commons Park is “This is the right spot to recognize YOU! Our Vietnam Veterans!”



Vietnam Veteran and our favorite Meteorologist Sterling Poulson. “We are stronger because of the new welcome. Welcome Home!”



Utah Representative Blake Moore.



The names of 58,318 service members who gave their lives between 1957 and 1975 are listed on the wall in chronological order starting and ending at the center of the wall.

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FROM THE CHAPLAIN:

Life is like a large bouquet of flowers, lovely and rare, a spectacle of color and strength, with grandeur, patience, and care.

Each day a life can be brightened from another's thoughtful deeds, they can multiply in number and spread like untended weeds.

Every service you may render will continue to daily add up, a kind word, smile or handshake can fill a large empty cup. A single rose or gardenia could release a fragrance real nice, when combined with many flowers will create a perfume of spice. So daily, give precious flowers, as God blesses you from above. For when you share of God's bounty, you're giving out bouquets of love.

Dora Lawson

Post Chaplain



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Weber Rapids District Award Night Mar. 5, 2024. Boy Scout Troop 1481. We couldn't be happier or more proud for this bunch of amazing men and women!



CONGRATULATIONS to Julie Knight and Roger Heslop for both receiving the Hall Of Fame Award. Job well done!

CALENDAR:

- Apr. 2--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:00 pm.
- Apr. 3--FRA meeting 5:30 pm.
- Apr. 4--Pool League 6:30 pm.
- Apr. 4--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 6--Flag Retirement Ceremony. 9:00 am. **CANCELED.**
- Apr. 9-- Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- Apr. 9--Voting at the Post. 1-6:00 pm. **PLEASE VOTE!**
- Apr. 10--Voting at the Post. 1-6:00 pm. Post and Auxiliary Elections. **PLEASE VOTE!**
- Apr. 11-- Poke Night 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 12--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 16--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- Apr. 17-- Scout Troop 1481 Order of the Arrow. 6:00 pm.
- Apr. 18--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 19--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 21--Post breakfast 10-1:00 pm. *(Volunteers are needed and always appreciated).*
- Apr. 23--Scout Troop 1481 Court of Honor 6:30 pm. Leaders and Scouts will be receiving recognition. *(ALL are welcomed!)*
- Apr. 24-- Planning meeting 6:00 pm.
- Apr. 25--**SPRING BUNCO BASH!**
- Apr. 25--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 26-- Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 30--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.

- **Every Tuesday**--Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm. *(unless posted otherwise).*

Every 3rd Sunday, Post 1481 serves breakfast. Last month we just happened to be LUCKY and had it on St. Patrick's Day. We had a great turn out and as always LOVED spending time with friends. Big thank you's to the cooks and helpers. Looks like everyone wore some green, so no pinches were given. **Come join us this month!**



Tami McCollum, Louis and Dylan Martinez, Chuck Love, Miles Chester, Kathy Chester, and Brooklyn Martinez.



Sue sure looks good in green!



Harley and Cherie.



Jerry Bedel is always there to greet us and make sure we're taken care of. Thank you and thank you Lisa Bedel for gracing us with your smile.



Mike Baker and Tammie Larson. Chillin, catching up, and havin a great time!

*****VFW MEMBERS: WE NEED YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS TO JOIN US!*****

Contact any local member for more information. Applications are available at the Post and online.

If you or anyone is in a mental health crisis. PLEASE utilize these ways to reach out:

Call: 1-800-273-8255 option 1

Text: 838255

Visit: veteranercrisisline.net scroll to find the "Start chat" button

Deaf/Hard of hearing line: 1-800-799-4889

Friendship is the comfort of knowing that even when you feel alone, you aren't.