

NEWSLETTER

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POST 1481

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

As I write this I am at the 124th National Convention of the VFW in Phoenix AZ. My first impression is that our focus is too small. There is a bigger picture that we are part of. We are about veterans and their families. Too many times we get sidetracked by petty personalities and agendas that have nothing to do with serving veterans. We are way more than just a social club. We have veterans that are homeless, that are sick mentally and physically, some are lonely, some are hungry and many don't want to live anymore. We can do more, we can be more. With our priorities right, we will do more. I would like each member of our post, auxiliary and canteen to pick one area to work on and just focus on making an impact on that area.

Programs

1. Miles of Hope
2. American Hero Project
3. Honor Guard
4. Teacher Awards
5. Patriots Pen
6. Voice of Democracy
7. Scout of the year/ Scouts
8. Policemen and Firefighter award
9. Homeless
10. Feed the hungry
11. Children's Home
12. Visitation - elderly, hospital, nursing home
13. Website maintenance and development
14. Student Veterans
15. Hospitality
16. Post Officer
17. House Planning

- 18. Recruiting
- 19. Other

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.

FROM THE AUXILIARY:

Dear Auxiliary Members

Hi everyone

Here it is August of a sweltering summer and it's raining!! Such a relief at least for a couple of days.

Also, being August, our calendar is not very full. This Saturday, August 6, the post is hosting a yard sale for anyone who wants to bring stuff to sell. This is a take back event: take back anything that's not

sold. The post will not be responsible for disposing of anything. In conjunction with the yard sale, the Auxiliary is offering a bake sale. If you have anything to contribute, have it in the post by 9:00 am. Our booth will be inside. If you don't bring anything, please show up and buy!!!

The Abate/Post breakfast is August 20th from 10 to 1:00.

Looking forward to September, our Department Homecoming will be on September 9th in Spanish Fork from 5-8:00 pm. Prior to that, from 2-5:00 will be the C of A.

The Post 9/11 ceremony will be held at 6:00 pm, and the POW/MIA ceremony will also be at 6:00pm. on September 15.

At the Vet's Home there will be a car show on September 16 from 2-6:00. There may be an opportunity to volunteer, handing out pre-packaged popcorn and other goodies. It is not finalized yet, but if you think you'd like to help, please contact Cherie at 303-827-9161.

September 18 will be our CAFÉ all day event. We will be going to the Golden Spike to see a re-enactment of the train's meeting. Our Miles and Kathy will be part of the hosting, and they say other events have been planned there. If you have a State Park pass, you can carpool with 4 people and get into the park for free. Otherwise the admission is only \$10. We don't have to register in advance because

that includes transportation from Salt Lake City which we don't need. The hours are from 9-5:00. It'll be a lot of fun!

Enjoy the rest of the summer. Kids will be in school soon, which kinda slams the door on the season. Hope your summer has been grand.

Karin Ferguson

Auxiliary President



*****C of A, School of Instruction and Homecoming**

On Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the Spanish Fork VFW, 380 N Main, Spanish Fork. The Council of Administration will start at 1 PM immediately followed by the School of Instruction ending by 5 PM. Homecoming for State Commander Heath and President Pam will follow at 5 PM.

Be prepared for an informative time at the C of A and School of Instruction!

You will then be able to have a festive time at the Homecoming!

***** 11th Annual C.A.F.E. - Golden Spike National**



(For those of us that are local we can just drive up that day and pay the entrance fee or use our park passes. No need to register.)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary |
Celebrating America's Freedom Event

Monday, September 18, 2023

Golden Spike National Historic Park |
Promontory, Utah

Join 2023-2024 National President Carla Martinez at the Golden Spike National Historical Park where one of the greatest technological achievements of the 19th century, the completion of the first transcontinental railroad across the United States took place.

Transportation & Admission Fee – \$30.00
per person

Fee includes round-trip transportation from the Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City hotel and admission to the park. Registrations must be received by August 18, 2023. Those received after that date will not be accepted. No refunds. Please note that you may attend this event on your own, but round-trip transportation and

admission will not be provided unless you have registered.

11th Annual C.A.F.E. - Golden Spike National

Start Date : September 18, 2023

End Date : September 18, 2023

Time : All Day

Cost : \$30.00

Marriott Slaterville July 4th Parade. Just look at this AMAZING bunch! Our Post 1481 members and Scouts are THE BEST!

GOD BLESS AMERICA!



We love our Scout Troop 1481



Thank you Kevin Hoagland for putting smiles on faces to all those who received a Grand Old Flag.



Some of our very own 1481 favorites were represented at the National Convention held in Phoenix Az. Harley and Dorothy Boyles and Dennis and Judy Parizek. They do so much and we love and appreciate them tremendously! Thank you.



Our Auxiliary Dorothy Boyles, Judy Parizek, and Lisa Bedel at the National Convention in Phoenix Az.

These ladies are doing great things and look great doing them! Looks like a great time.



Welcome new 2023-2024 Western Conference Officers Chairman Gil Hernandez and Vice Chair Dennis Parizek. CONGRATS!

Judy Parizek, Page for incoming Auxiliary National President, Carla Martinez. CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Utah's own, Carla Martinez on becoming the Auxiliary National President for 2023-24.



Congratulations to Wendy Griffin for the Circle Of Excellence Award!



FROM THE QUARTERMASTER:

No input this month.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN:

*Nature helps the soul heal
when sorrows come to call,
from seaside strolls in Summer
to the turning leaves in Fall.
An hour in the garden can ease a broken
heart,
when we stop to smell the roses, how
quickly cares depart.
Every season brings new blessings,
and blessings make us whole;
for Spring brings resurrection
to every weary soul.
From fireflies in clover,
to freshly fallen snow,
creation keeps us humble.
Wherever we may go,
when we wish upon a star
or watch the raindrops fall,
nature helps the soul to heal
when sorrow comes to call.
Dedicated to all who have lost a special
one.*

Dora Lawson
Post Chaplain



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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:veterancrisisline.net scroll to find the "Start chat" button.

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

CALENDAR:

- **Aug.1--**Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:00 pm.
- **Aug. 2--**FRA meeting 5:30 pm.
- **Aug. 5--** YARD SALE and Auxiliary Bake Sale. 9-2:00 pm.
- **Aug. 8--** Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- **Aug. 9--** Combined meeting 6:00 pm. Separate meeting 6:30 pm.
- **Aug. 11--**Corn Hole 6:00 pm.
- **Aug.15--** Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- **Aug. 18--**Corn Hole 6:00 pm.
- **Aug. 20--**Post/ABATE breakfast 10:00 am-1:00 pm.
- **Aug.22--** Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.(*Dept. Scout of the Year Presentation!*)
- **Aug. 23--**Planning meeting 6:00
- **Aug. 25--**Corn Hole 6:00 pm.
- **Aug. 29--**Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.

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

**George E. Wahlen
Ogden Veterans Home
HOT ROD &
CHOPPER SHOW**

SEPTEMBER 16.
2:00 - 6:00 P.M.

LOCATED AT:
1102 N. 1200 W. OGDEN

**COME FOR THE CARS & BIKES,
STAY FOR THE FUN!**

PLEASE HAVE YOUR
VEHICLE HERE BY
1:00 P.M.

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE
CALL #801-334-4332

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