

NEWSLETTER

# December 2023



## **POST 1481**

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## **FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:**

If something is worth doing, it's worth doing well. And it doesn't come cheap. As I write this I am sitting around our canteen and looking at my friends and thinking about Carma. She was so much a part of this post and to me and Dorothy. She was "Mom!" All of us loved her and she is going to be missed so much! Everything she did for this post was done well and with love. Her gardens will always remind us of her, and her love for veterans.

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.



**Fred J. Grant**

**Scout Troop 1481 and Post members placing flags and retrieving the flags at Leavitt's Mortuary & Aultorest Memorial Park. This is always such an honor to do and anyone can volunteer. We'd LOVE to see more faces.**



**"This nation will remain the land of the free only as long as it is home of the brave." — Elmer Davis**



## **FROM THE AUXILIARY:**

Dear Auxiliary Members

It's hard to write today. I'm sad because Carma has passed away, very unexpectedly. She was one of the first friends I made when Doug and I started coming to Post 1481. She will always be in the spirit of this building. We need to keep our friends close.

REMINDER: All annual members need to pay their dues by December 31.

We had a very successful Soup Supper for our homeless vet friends. They were an interesting bunch of men, mostly easy to talk to. I think everyone had a good time, not much was left over

Thursday, December 7, there will be a Pearl Harbor Remembrance service. That will be at 6:00.

And Merry Christmas!! Ready or not, our Christmas Party is on December 9 at 6:00. This is a potluck, just bring something to share. Also we have a \$10-15 gift exchange. If you bring a present, you get to take a

present, but participation is purely voluntary. Get ready to get in the Christmas Spirit.

Our monthly breakfast will be on December 17, 10 am to 1 pm.

The Post will be closed on Christmas Day.

Finally, the Post Birthday is coming up on December 28 at 6 pm. This is a short but moving service where we light candles for our fallen loved ones then share cake. Come join us.

Karin Ferguson

Auxiliary President



It is with heartfelt sadness that we put out the following notice:

Carma Mangel, VFW Auxiliary Past Department President 2005-2006, passed away on the afternoon of Saturday, December 2, 2023 at her home surrounded by many of her loved ones; family meant everything to Carma. Carma was a VFW Auxiliary Lifetime Member of VFW Post 1481 in Ogden, Utah. She served in many capacities at all levels; Auxiliary, District and Department.

A celebration of life will be held for Carma sometime in January. We'll post details when we get them from her family.



**Carma had a huge heart. She always had a smile and a hug for all. She will be missed!**



**\*\*\* Just a reminder all members that are annual need to renew their membership by December 31. \*\*\***

**Judy Parizek at the Western Conference in Salt Lake City Ut. Looks like this cow girl had one heck of a good time! Thank you Judy for all that you do.**



**Dennis and Judy Parizek**

**Veterans day Poppy Drive at IFA and Lee's Market Place was a success! It's always a good time being with others that are compassionate about helping our Veterans. Watching the adults and children get excited about wearing a Poppy and donating is my favorite. The stories told and the memories shared are touching. Always makes me appreciate this country, this life, and the beautiful people in it. Post 1481 is a very special bunch.**



**Cherie Freeman and Tamara McCollum**



**Carma Mengel and Jerry Bedel**



**Cherie Freeman and Paul LaRocque.**

**Thanks to all that helped in making the Homeless Veteran Fellowship Dinner a wonderful night. These wonderful ornaments were made by resident vets at the George E. Whalen Home and were added to the gift bags for the HVF. A great time was had and all of the food was delicious! It's always nice to see the veterans leave with smiles.**



**FROM THE  
QUARTERMASTER:**

*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year*

**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.

**Layton City Veterans Day Parade. Nov 11th was a VERY busy day for the Honor Guard! They are AWESOME! THANK YOU! We are so thankful for our veterans and especially appreciative of our very own VFW family.**





**Mountain Green Elementary school students thanked our vets with ALL of these cards and pictures! Well done kiddo's. It was very special and heartwarming to see all of them.**



**Chuck Love paid the students a visit and thanked them for all of their kind words and amazing art work.**

## **FROM THE CHAPLAIN:**

*Sitting by the fire, with my manger scene in sight, my thoughts go back to Bethlehem. To that holy and sacred night. You graciously accepted it. The manger and the hay, a place to rest your weary heads from the journey of that day. By God's design, his perfect plan had started to unfold... You gave birth to the Savior, a gift worth more than gold. At Christmas time, as we unwrap our gifts from those we love, we unwrap the gift of Jesus, your gift from God above.*

*Dora Lawson*

*Post Chaplain*



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**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

**CALENDAR:**

- Dec. 2-- FRA Christmas Party 6:00 pm.
- Dec. 4--Monday Night Football. (*food sign ups at post*).
- Dec. 5--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:00 pm.
- Dec. 7-- **PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY.** (*We will have a ceremony at 6:00 pm.*)
- Dec. 7-- Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 8-- Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 9-- Post Christmas Party 6:00 pm. (*Potluck and gift exchange*).
- Dec. 12--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- Dec. 13--Combined meeting 6:00 pm. Separate meeting 6:30 pm.
- Dec. 14--Poker Night. 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 14--Pool League 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 15-- Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 17-- Post breakfast 10-1:00 pm.
- Dec. 19--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- Dec. 20-- Scout Troop 1481 Christmas Party 6:30 pm.
- Dec. 21--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 22-- Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 25-- **CHRISTMAS DAY.** (*Post will be closed*).
- Dec. 27--Planning meeting 6:00 pm.
- Dec. 28--**Post 1481 Birthday.** (*Candlelight vigil 6:00 pm. In the small room. There will be cake.*)
- Dec. 28--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 29--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
  
- **Every Tuesday**--Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm. (*unless posted otherwise*).

What: District 3 Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen Scholarships Awards Luncheon  
Where: CPL Fred J. Grant VFW Post 1481  
907 W. 12th St.  
Ogden, UT  
When: Saturday, January 6, 2024  
Time: 1400 – 1600



District 3 is Proud to Award  
Voice of Democracy  
and  
Patriot's Pen Scholarships Awards

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**[Call: 1-800-273-8255 option 1](#)**

**[Text: 838255](#)**

**[Visit:veterancrisisline.net scroll to find the](#)**

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