

NEWSLETTER

# December

## 2024



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

When I was a kid, Christmas was a very special time. There were two times a year I could ask for what I wanted and I would get it. Christmas was one of those times. We also had a tradition of putting out stockings for Santa to fill. Every year, I would wake up and my little sister and I would go check out our stockings. There was always really cool stuff in mine, and I would get so wrapped up in my stocking stuff, I would forget about the presents. I had someone tell me one time to "not sweat the small stuff." What is the small stuff? "Everything is the small stuff!" Never forget why we exist. We are here to support veterans. That is why we are here! Everything else is icing on the cake. Christmas for me at this time in my life, is about giving. Seeing people I love light up with joy when they open their presents is really special. We should try to have that in mind this time of year. I often get asked, "what can the VFW do for me?" My answer usually is telling them that the VFW is a "Service Organization." We still serve! We give! What we support goes way beyond our post!

Dorothy and I and our family wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Harley Boyles  
Post Commander



## **FROM THE AUXILIARY:**

Dear Auxiliary Members

Happy Holiday Season! Merry Christmas is upon us!

In keeping with the holidays, our VFW Christmas Party will be held on December 14, starting at 6:00 pm. This will be a potluck dinner with a gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a \$10 gift (no white elephants) to share.

District 3 is having a fundraiser on December 7 at Post 1481 to raise money for cash prizes for Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen winners. The district winners have been invited to present their essays at the dinner. They are so awesome! Come mingle at 5:00, then a pasta dinner will be served around 6:00. Cost is \$12.50.

We are having fun now! O Town Comedy night is being held at the Post on Friday night, December 6. Only \$5.00 to see comedians that have appeared at Wise Guys. It'll be great! Come get your laughs in!

The Post birthday party and Candlelight Ceremony will be on December 28 at 6:00. The Post will be 98 years old! . The Candlelight Ceremony is a remembrance of our loved ones. I'm sure there aren't any of us that haven't lost someone. Come light a candle, shed a tear, and remember them. It doesn't have to be a veteran, just someone you want to honor.

Breakfast on December 15 from 10-1, combined meetings will be on December 11, and the planning meeting is moved up to December 18.

The Auxiliary Outreach project is the Weber County Animal Shelter. Cherie, Tami and I have been volunteering over there this last month. We wash food and water dishes, and launder

bedding and towels. No cleaning cages. The Shelter is in dire need of volunteers, so if you want to give two hours a week to a good cause, Cherie has volunteer applications available.

Post will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

May the spirit of love, the spirit of Christmas bless all of you this month.

Karin Ferguson

Auxiliary President



**Our annual Soup Extravaganza for the Homeless Veterans Fellowship was a great success. We did learn their onsite**

food pantry is running low. They need things that can be microwaved. Nothing that needs refrigeration as they don't have much refrigerator storage. They do love fresh fruit. PS no tomato soup for a while. Apparently no one cares for it.



Thank you to all that contributed to our Soup Extravaganza. I personally tasted each and everyone and can honestly say "DELICIOSOS!"

Veterans Day Activities: Placing flags at Leavitt's Cemetery, Layton City Parade, Judging VOD & Patriot Pen entries, Poppies in 4 locations, helping at the Ogden Vets Home program, and Burgers and dogs at the Post. A busy weekend for all.



Placing flags for our veterans at Leavitt's Cemetery. Thank you Scouts for our new flag insertion tool! You've made the job so much nicer. LOVE THEM!



Layton City 18th Annual Veterans Day Parade.



2024 Veterans Honors Ceremony. Striking of the Bell & Reading of the Names of 24 Layton men who died serving their country. This year we were asked to listen and heal! Spread the word

to support, and attend more activities that celebrate our veterans. **MORE** parade attendance is a **MUST!**



VOD & Patriot Pen voting.



Mount Ogden Jr. High School.



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A big *Thank You* to all that could help with the Poppy Drive.

forever! Thank you to all that helped make this a special day.



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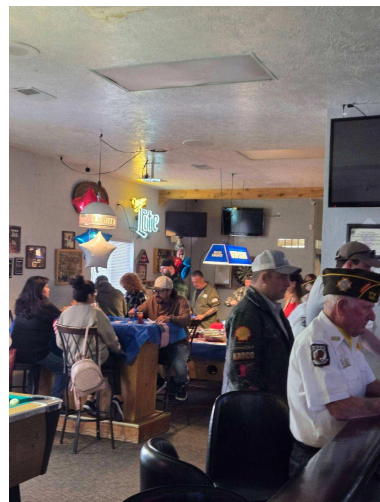


**YOUR SACRIFICES ARE RECOGNIZED!**



**Chef Kooter**

Thank you Kooter Knudson for the amazing BBQ for our veterans! The turn out was awesome! The food was delicious! The friendships made are





## FROM THE QUARTERMASTER:

No input this month.

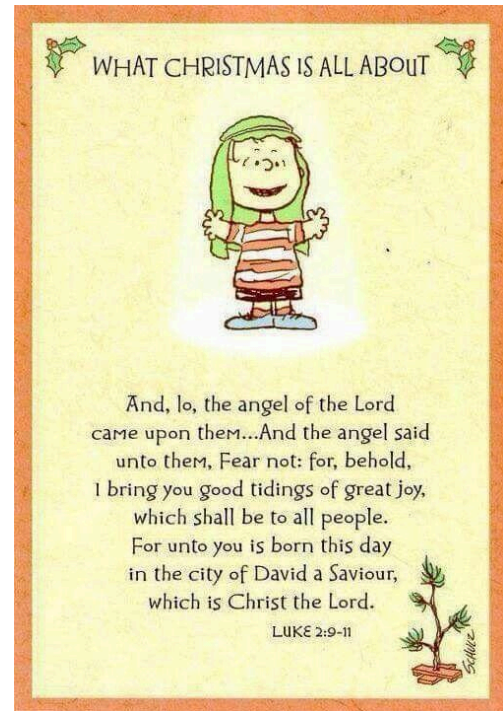
## FROM THE HONOR GUARD:



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.

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN:



## FROM THE CANTEEN:



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## CALENDAR:

- Dec. 3--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- Dec. 3--Pool League 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 4--FRA meeting 5:00 pm.
- Dec. 5-- Poker Night. (*tournament big room*) 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 6-- O-Town Comedy 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 7-- District 3 VOD & Pat Pen Fundraiser 6:30 pm.
- Dec. 9-- Free pool and .50 chicken wing night.
- Dec. 10--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- Dec. 10-- Pool League 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 11--Combined meeting 6:00 pm. Post and Auxiliary meeting 6:30 pm.
- Dec. 12--Poker Night (*big room*). 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 13--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Dec.14 -- Post 1481 Christmas Party 6:00 pm. (*ALL welcome. Bring potluck to share and a \$10 gift optional*).
- Dec.15-- Post/ABATE breakfast 10-1:00 pm.
- Dec. 16--Free pool and .50 chicken wing night.
- Dec. 17--Scout Troop 1481 Christmas Party 6:30 pm.
- Dec. 17--Pool League 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 18--Planning meeting 6:00 pm.
- Dec. 18--Order of the Arrow Christmas Party 6:00 pm.
- Dec. 19--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 20--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 21--CVMA Christmas Party 3-9:00 pm.
- Dec. 23--Free pool and .50 chicken wing night.
- Dec.24--CHRISTMAS EVE.(*Post will be open*).
- Dec. 25--CHRISTMAS DAY. (CLOSED).

- Dec. 26--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 27--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 28 --Post 1481 98th Birthday. (*ALL welcome. There will be a candlelight ceremony and cake*).
- Dec. 30 --Free pool and .50 chicken wing night.
- Dec. 31-- NEW YEAR'S EVE.(*Post will be closed New Years Day*).

- Every Tuesday--Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm. (*unless posted otherwise*).
- Every 3rd. Sunday-- Post breakfast from 10:00 am. -1:00 pm (*Come in and enjoy a great breakfast with great company. Menu below*.)

### POST 1481 BREAKFAST BUFFET

- \*Bacon and sausage links
- \*Scrambled eggs
- \*Fancy scrambled eggs with ham pieces, red and green peppers, onions, and potatoes.
- \*Hash brown potatoes/O-Brian potatoes
- \*Pancakes
- \*Waffles
- \*Gritts
- \*Sausage Gravy and biscuits
- \*White or wheat toast and English muffins.



\*\*\* Save the Dates \*\*\*

AUXILIARY VETERAN SERVICE  
THEY GAVE FOR YOU; WILL YOU GIVE BACK?

INVITE OTHER  
AUXILIARIES AND VFW  
MEMBERS TO  
PARTICIPATE

# AUXILIARY SERVICE FOR MY HEROES

DEPARTMENT OF UTAH CHALLENGES EACH  
AUXILIARY TO A VETERAN SERVICE PROJECT

**Auxiliary Schedule**  
Department Chief of Staff will coordinate with Auxiliary President

July - 8307  
August - Department Homecoming  
September - 4918  
October - 1695  
November - 3586  
December - 8376  
January - 6395  
February - 10900 (Friday of convention)  
March - 1481  
April - 409 (National president visit)  
May - 12087 (Day of service)  
June - Department (Friday of Convention)

IDEAS (NOT LIMITED):  
YARD CARE  
READ WITH A VETERAN  
FISHER HOUSE OR VETERAN HOME  
GAME NIGHT WITH VETERAN  
MOVIE IN THE PARK  
CRAFTING/WOODWORK WITH VETERAN  
FLAG CEREMONY  
FREEDOM FESTIVAL

\*Award Potential - Veteran & Family Support

# HONORING MY HEROES

2024-2025  
MID-WINTER  
PRESENTATION

Department is accepting submissions for stories of our past and current qualifying VFW members.

It is requested each Auxiliary request stories from any member interested. Submissions will be reviewed by Department staff and 1 (one) story per Auxiliary will be presented at Mid-Winter.

All stories will be highlighted on social media and displayed at Mid-Winter Convention

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
DECEMBER 15, 2024

**MID-WINTER  
CONFERENCE  
2025**

**FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025**

Registration:  
\$75 BEFORE February 10, 2025  
\$80 AFTER February 11, 2025

Check (pay to Department of Utah Auxiliary)  
5470 S 150 W, Ogden UT 84405

**Fairfield**  
BY MARRIOTT  
1863 N Highway 191,  
Moab, UT 84532

**DISCOUNT CODE:  
VAMG**

**RESERVATION:  
435-259-5350**

Service Project sponsored by Post 10900 Auxiliary.  
Friday, Feb 21  
Noon-3:00pm  
Details Coming Soon!!

**ADVERTISE:**  
Email Ads to: hallr568@gmail.com  
Deadline: February 7, 2025  
Full Page: \$100|1/2 Page: \$50|1/4 Page: \$25  
Ads are black & white



*"May your family be blessed with love, laughter, and all things wonderful"*