#### **NEWSLETTER**

# **June 2024**



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# FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

Every time I come to the post lately I see something new someone has done to make our home better. Carma's Corner and Garden reminds Dorothy and I so much of her. She would be so embarrassed over us making such a fuss. But we love it! Thank you all for all you have done. Placing flags and giving buddy poppies honoring our veterans makes

Memorial Day so much more special. It used to be about camping and having fun but now it's about veterans.

This week we're sponsoring our department's Conference along with post 8307. Many of us have stepped up to assist and we really appreciate it. Should be lots of fun

Harley Boyles

Post Commander



2024-25 Post Officers.

Mike Baker, Dennis Parisek, LouisMartinez, Jason Anderson, Jerry Bedel, Harley Boyles, Chuck Love, and Larry Fox.

#### \*\*\*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

What a great May we had! There were so many duties to fill, I wasn't sure if we could manage to staff everywhere. But, as usual, you didn't let the Post down.

Lots of people to thank. We had a big role in the Convention this session. Cherie volunteered to head up the swag bag roundup. She went to about 20 businesses and veterans locations, recruiters, hospice offices, the VA. Nearly everywhere she got an outpouring of small gifts to put in the swag bags. Then she took everything over to the Vets Home and arranged a service project for the vets there to fill all the bags (100!). What a wonderful way to let them be a part of our organization. We appreciate Cherie, Lisa, Dave and Cindy for helping bring this off.

That's not the only Convention project we have. Friday we are inviting, along with Post 8307, the entire Convention attendees from the State to come to our Post for a steak dinner. Helping in the kitchen will be Miles and Kathy. Thank you for your service to the VFW, and to our Post, especially. If you want to come to the

dinner, please RSVP as soon as possible. We can only provide steaks to those who RSVP.

Our Buddy Poppy drive was successful. I don't have all the figures yet, but I know people were really generous. We were able to fill all the time slots for three locations; thanks to all who participated.

Then we had the flags to put out and take down at Leavitt's, and participated in the Taps Across America. I am proud to be associated with such good-hearted people that make the effort to honor our veterans.

Coming up is a flag retirement on June 15 for Flag Day at 9:00 am,

Don't forget to come support the Canteen and play Bingo on June 22 from 4:00 to 7:00. It's a potluck, so bring something to share.

Karin Ferguson

**Auxiliary President** 



2024-25 Auxiliary Officers.

Judy Parisek, Kathy Chester, Lisa Bedel, Judy Smith, Miles Chester, Karin Ferguson, Tami McCollum, and Cherie Freeman. (We are missing a few and will need to get an updated picture. Congrats to all!)



National Day of Service May 4,2024.VFW members had a great time being BINGO buddies at George E. Wahlen Veterans Home.



Distributing Buddy Poppies is always such a special time. Seeing the kids and adults eyes light up when taking a poppy is priceless! The stories told are always my favorite and it's always such a learning experience.











Just a few of our VFW Post 1481 family.



Apparently I was too busy to take pictures. Luckily I got these guys to stop and grace me with their handsome selves and fabulous smiles.



Miles Chester would like everyone to know that these flag placement tools can be made for anyone that is interested. AT NO COST TO YOU! It makes the task of placing flags much easier! Just let anyone know at the Post.

# 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.



Most of the members of our Honor Guard have performed over 100 funeral services for military men and women that have passed. On May 10th, these men received their Honor Guard
Centurion Award. What an honor for
them and for us to know them and call
them family. They are there rain or
shine, hot or cold, sick and tired. There
are NOT enough men and women that
are willing/able to do this and so this
handsome bunch here are ALWAYS busy!
We are all EXTREMELY proud of them!
We are truly happy that they were
recognized for their beautiful acts of
service and LOVE. (if interested please call
the post for info).



Dora Lawson received her Honor Guard Centurion Award as well. Congratulations Dora and ALL!



Larry Fox

TAPS Across America 2024



It was a beautiful Day to remember and honor all who served and sacrificed their lives for our freedom and for our country.

# FROM THE CHAPLAIN:

Your Flag and my Flag
By Wilbur D. Nesbit

Your flag and my flag,

And how it flies to-day
In your land and my land
And half a world away!
Rose-red and blood-red
The stripes forever gleam;
Snow-white and soul-white
The good forefathers' dream;
Sky-blue and true-blue with stars to gleam aright-

The glorified guidon of the day; a shelter through the night.

Your flag and my flag!

And, oh, how much it holds-

Your land and my land-

Secure within its folds!

Your heart and my heart

Beat quicker at the sight;

Sun-kissed and wind tossed-

Red and blue and white.

The one flag-the great flag-the flag for you and me-

Glorified all else beside-the red and white and blue!

Your flag and my flag!

To every star and stripe

The drums beat as hearts beat

And fifers shrilly pipe!

Your flag and my flag-

A blessing in the sky;

Your hope and my hope

It never hid a lie!

Home land and far land and half the world around-

Old Glory hears our glad salute and ripples to the sound.

Dora Lawson
Post Chaplain



# FROM THE CANTEEN:



The Canteen serves a variety of food. Here are just a few things that are served. Hamburgers, chicken strips, sandwiches, salads, as well as lighter items like fries, cheese sticks, chips, and peanuts. There is usually popcorn available, a movie or sports playing, and lets not forget the music! Monday Night FREE Pool AND .50 chicken wings? YOU NEED TO GET DOWN TO THE POST ASAP! When you get a chance, come by and say hi to our amazing Bartenders and enjoy a night out with friends.

# **BOY SCOUT TROOP 1481:**

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Look at these awesome Pinewood Derby cars that our scouts made! I'm not sure which car won the race, but ALL of these cars look like WINNERS!



"I make cars to go, not to stop" -Ettore Bugatti



Post Clean Up Day. Our Scouts are always willing to help and are so appreciated!



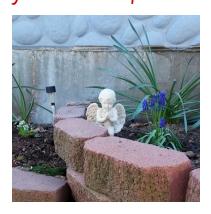




Thank You to everyone who came out and helped on Post Clean Up Day! The Post looks amazing!



THANK YOU Sue for our BEAUTIFUL garden in memory of Carma Mangel.





Come hang out with old friends, make new friends, and enjoy our new BEAUTIFUL garden in memory of Carma.

### **CALENDAR:**

- Jun. 1-- Poker Run stops at 12:00 pm.
- Jun. 4--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:00 pm.
- **Jun. 5--**FRA meeting 5:30 pm.
- Jun. 6-- D-DAY
- **Jun. 6--** Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Jun. 7--VFW State Convention Dinner at Post 1481 6:00 pm.
- Jun. 7,8,9 --2024 VFW and Auxiliary Dept.
   Convention @ Comfort Suites Ogden
   Conference Center.
- Jun. 10--Canteen Special. Monday Night FREE Pool and .50 wings.
- **Jun. 11--**Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- **Jun. 12--**Combined meeting 6:00 pm. Separate meeting 6:30 pm.
- **Jun. 13**--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- **Jun. 14--FLAG DAY.** Honor Guard reading at Post 6:00 pm.
- Jun. 14--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Jun. 15-- Flag retirement at Post 9:00 am.
- Jun. 16--FATHERS DAY.
- Jun. 16--Post/ABATE breakfast. 10-1:00pm.
- **Jun. 18--** Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- Jun. 19--Order of The Arrow meeting 6:00 pm.
- Jun. 20--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Jun. 21--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Jun. 22--BINGO NIGHT 4-7:00 pm. (It's a potluck so please bring something yummy to share).
- Jun. 24-29-- Scout Troop 1481 Camp. Southern Utah.
- Jun. 26-- Planning meeting 6:00 pm.
- Jun. 27-- Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Jun. 28-- Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- <u>Every Tuesday</u>--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
- \*Gritts
- \*Sausage Gravy and biscuits
- \*White or wheat toast and English muffins.



Everyone likes a good buffet! Come and enjoy a GREAT buffet!



If you're not a breakfast person (Say it's not so), come in and have a cup of coffee. Let's catch up and share a few laughs!



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

