

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

Thank you again for entrusting Dorothy and I with being leaders of our Post. You may think it strange that I include Dorothy as a co-leader of this post. I can not think of anyone who does more to keep me in line while supporting me at the same time. Although Larry Fox comes close. I could not do what I do without her or Larry. I am so proud of everyone who has stood up and decided to serve. Larry Fox as Senior Vice Commander, Jason as Junior Vice Commander, Jerry as Quartermaster, Chuck as Adjutant, Dora as Chaplain, Louis as Judge Advocate and our trustees, Dennis, Carlos and Mike. I know the Auxiliary has Karin and Cherie again. Thank you all so much. I don't know what next year will bring us but I hope it's better than anything we have experienced before. Please pay attention to our calendar since we have some events coming up in the next couple of months. Of course the major event is in June when we and Post 8307 host the 2024 Department Convention. If you would like to help please check with Chuck or myself. Everyone is welcome to attend the Convention at the Comfort Inn on 21st Street.

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:

Once again, thank you for supporting our Bunco Bash. We made a substantial amount of money to spend on the happiness and welfare of our Vets locally. Cherie has carried the whole burden of these fundraisers ever since we started doing this. All of us should be grateful to her for the efforts she puts in to enable us to have the money to help. But thanks to all of you for making it just plain fun!!

Memorial Day activities are coming up. Flags will be put out at Leavitt's Mortuary at 9:00 am. On Friday, May 24 and picked up Tuesday, May 28. In conjunction with Memorial Day is our Buddy Poppy Drive. Sign up for Saturday the 25th or Monday the 27th. We are in three locations this year and are in need of more people signing up to take just a two hour shift. PLEASE sign up. The sign up sheet is at the Post.

Convention is next month. If anyone has an item that our Auxiliary could use for the silent auction, please talk to me or to Cherie. As our Post is co-hosting with 8307, any contribution to the auction would be noticed and appreciated.

June 7th is the first evening of the Convention. Even if you don't attend the meetings, Post 1481 will host a steak dinner that night at 6:00. RSVP is required, and the cost is \$20.00/person. It's a good time to make new friends.

Congratulations to all the Post and Auxiliary incoming officers. The installation ceremony will be May 18 at 4:00. There's a potluck afterwards, so bring something to share.

Karin Ferguson

Auxiliary President



Our **SPRING BUNCO BASH** was as always such a fun time! It is always a good time getting together, laughing, eating, and WINNING! OK maybe we didn't all win a prize or money, but we did get to be together and that's winning! Thank you Cherie for all of your hard work. We all really do appreciate everything you do to make this night and Fall Bash a great time. Thank you helpers for the yummy treats, prizes, and everything you did to make this night a SUCCESS! Looking forward to the FALL BUNCO BASH in October.

You can't buy happiness, but you can play BUNCO and that's kind of the same thing.



What number are we on?



Smiles are my favorite!

**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.



Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.



On Friday May 10th at 2pm in the rotunda of the Utah State Capitol the Utah Veterans of Foreign Wars and Utah American Legion are putting on a ceremony "Honoring our Honor Guards". We will be honoring the men and women of honor guards from around Utah for their service to the families of Utah veterans as they say their final goodbyes.

This is the list of the Honor Guards who will be there.

American Legion Vernal American Legion Farmington
American Legion South Salt Lake American Legion Orem
American Legion Spanish Fork American Legion Riverton
American Legion Tremonton Veterans of Foreign Wars Payson
Veterans of Foreign Wars Timpanogos (Northern Utah County)
Veterans of Foreign Wars Salt Lake Valley
Veterans of Foreign Wars Ogden
Veterans of Foreign Wars Spanish Fork

Combined Veterans Honor Guard of Weber & Davis Counties

We will also be unfurling "Big Betsy" the largest free flying American Flag on the South side of the Capitol where past American Fork Royalty and American Idol top 24 finalist Elleigh Marie Francom will sing God Bless America.

The ceremony is open to the public and if any person or company would like to be a sponsor or donate, they can use Venmo or mail a check payable to Timpanogos Post 4918 and mail to:

Timpanogos Post

@VFW4918



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FROM THE CHAPLAIN:

Each burden that I toted, I buried yesterday, out in the flowering field of hope, where God's hand holds full sway... where only sunshine gilds the field and alls in flowering bloom, without a weed emerging there to put our joys to ruin. I reached into my heart-well and gathered sorrows, tears; so many I have bundled up and kept for many years. I walked into the flowering field, the field of joyful hope, and buried all these heartaches there. Now, I will go forward.

*Dora Lawson
Post Chaplain*



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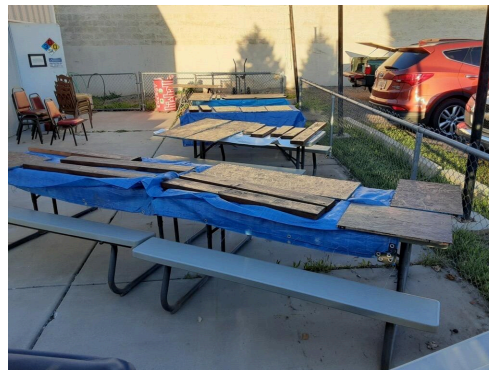
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We'd like EVERYONE to know that each member of Troop 1481 received recognition at the court of honor. The leaders also received recognition and combining the leaders' years in scouting is over 530 years! Now that's dedication and a true love to serve others. Let's all congratulate this exceptional group of men and women for their hard work and tremendous accomplishments in our community and state!

CONGRATULATIONS TROOP 1481!

Order of the Arrow built and repaired planter boxes for the garden club as a service project for George E. Whalen Veterans Home. These turned out BEAUTIFUL!



These were definitely a labor of **LOVE**.





CALENDAR:

- May 1--FRA meeting 5:30 pm.
- May 2--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- May 4--**NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE.**
Helping with Bingo at George Wallen Veteran Home 10:30am.-12:00pm.
- May 5--**CINCO DE MAYO**
- May 7--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:00 pm.
- May 8-- Combined meeting 6:00 pm. Separate meeting 6:30 pm.
- May 9--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- May 10--Honoring our Honor Guards Ceremony at the Utah State Capitol at 2:00 pm. *(This is a public event and all are welcome!)*
- May 10--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- May 11-- Post Spring Cleaning 9:00 am. Order of the Arrow will be in attendance.
- May 12--**MOTHERS DAY.**
- May 14--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- May 15-- Order of the Arrow meeting 6:00 pm.
- May 16--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- May 17--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- May 18--**ARMED FORCES DAY.**
- May 18--Installation of 2024 Post and Auxiliary officers 4:00 pm. *(There will be a potluck afterwards, please bring a dish/dessert.)*
- May 19--Post/ABATE breakfast 10:00 am-1:00 pm. *(Menu is posted.)*
- May 21-- Scout Troop 1481 6:30 pm.
- May 22--Planning meeting 6:00 pm.
- May 23--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- May 24-- Flags out 9:00 am. at Leavitt's Mortuary on 36th St. Ogden. Scout Troop 1481 will also be attending. *(ALL are welcome to assist and would be greatly appreciated!)*
- May 24--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- May 27--**MEMORIAL DAY.**
- May 25,27--Buddy Poppy Drive at THREE locations!North Ogden Lee's Market, Ogden IFA, and Plain City Kent's Market. Scouts will be selling JERKY. ***(PLEASE SIGN UP! We are in need of 12 people that can do 2hr shifts. Sign ups for time slots are at the post.)***
- May 28--Flag retrieval 9:00 am. at Leavitt's Mortuary on 36Th St. Ogden.
- May 30--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- May 30--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- **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
- *Gritts
- *Sausage Gravy and biscuits
- *White or wheat toast and English muffins.



Breakfast is always made and served with **LOVE**. Chuck Love and Judy Smith.

"Laughter is brightest in the place where the food is." - Irish Proverb



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



Miles Chester getting all the fixins ready!



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!

*We Shall Keep the Faith
Moina Michael*

*Oh! you who sleep in Flanders
Fields,
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.*

*We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor
led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the
dead
In Flanders Fields.*

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for
naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye
wrought
In Flanders Fields.*



*****SAVE THE DATE AND DON'T
FORGET TO REGISTER!**



**2024 VFW & AUXILIARY UTAH
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**



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Conference Center
2250 S 1200 W
Ogden, UT 84401 (Exit 343)
June 7– 9, 2024

*****REMINDER: APRIL SHOWERS
BRING MAY FLOWERS. CARMA'S
GARDEN. SEE ATTACHMENT. *****