

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,

44 and whoever wants to be first must be a slave of all.

Mark 10:42-44

I was thinking about the upcoming elections and I thought of the above verse from the Bible.

Now I am not trying to promote any religion or church, it just came to mind. I am not sure how we match up to that standard, I just think it might be something we want to consider exercising our right to vote and taking responsibility for a position in leadership. I was really encouraged by the amount of members willing to step up and take a leadership position. It was really refreshing and I am looking forward to helping anyone who is stepping up. By the way, I want to thank all of you who wished me a "Happy Birthday." I really appreciated it.

Harley Boyles, Commander.

*****We have our own website. VFW 1481.org.**

Please check it out and make suggestions.

Cherie Freeman is our administrator for both the website and Facebook page.

*****On our Website:**

- Check out the military cartoon of the day.
- Link directly to our Facebook page.
- Read our post Newsletter.

- Find Department and National VFW news.
- Check out our photo gallery. *(so many more than in the monthly newsletter!)*



Recruiting at the Hostler Model Railroad Festival. This is always a fun couple of days. The trains and vendors are fun to see and we get to meet so many people. It's a great time to pass out Buddy Poppies too!



Dennis and Judy Parezik.



Dorothy and Harley Boyles and Lisa and Jerry Bedel.



Cherie Freeman and Tami McCollum.



Angus Maciver and daughter Shannon.



Instead of a Valentines party this year we decided to throw a Mardi Gras Party! It was seriously a great time for all and the food was delicious! Thank you American Heros Project for the shrimp boil. Smiles everywhere and full stomachs are the best. Thank you everyone that helped make this a great night, and thank you to all that came out. Let's do it again soon!



Traditional King Cake.



American Heroes Project friends.



Who do we have here? Chuck you're not foolin anyone!



Dennis and Judy look like they're REALLY having a great time!



Cherie, Karin and Joan.

FROM THE AUXILIARY:

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Please, everyone, remember that voting is at our April meeting. Consider what position you would like to fill. There are just enough of us to fill each position, so everyone has to play.

Nominations and elections are held the same night. If you are interested in an office, have one of us nominate you. If you cannot be at this meeting and are willing to be nominated and elected to an office you need to put that in writing and email it to Karin and Cherie. We can try to get hold of you by phone or virtually that night but we all know that sometimes our phones don't work in the Post so please put it in writing if you will accept a nomination and the position if elected.

If you have questions contact Karin 801-690-0903 or Cherie 303-827-9161

The Scouts are selling their jerky again. There will be some available at the canteen.

One of our Scout's Eagle Scout projects is to assemble more of the packets with flag stars or grommets. We can help by taking a pair of sewing scissors down to the Post and cutting stars and grommets out of flags that are being

retired. It only takes about 15 min to do a flag, and will help that young man a lot.

There will be a flag retiring ceremony followed by Post clean up. (Date to be determined at a meeting on the 9th).

Karin Ferguson, President

National President
Brenda Lost & Found... IN UTAH
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TUESDAY, APRIL 29

- 3:14PM - Airport Arrival.
 - VFW & Auxiliary Members encouraged to gate greeting
- 6:00pm - (Self Pay) Dinner
 - The Old Spaghetti Factory - 5718 S 1900 W, Taylorsville UT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

- 8:30AM - (Self Pay) Breakfast TBD
- 10:00am - 12:00pm -
 - Kennecott Copper Mine Tour (seats limited). First 20 registered
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm - Lunch provided to registered attendees
 - West Jordan Veterans Memorial Park 1985 W 7800 S, West Jordan UT
- 3:30pm (prompt start)-
 - West Jordan Aviation Flightline Tour (7563 S Airport Road) - There will be quite a bit of walking including stairs/ramp incline
- 5:00pm-6:00pm - Dinner at West Jordan Armory (7563 S Airport Road) - Registration required for food count (diaper donation requested)
- 6:30pm-8:00pm - "Outstretched Hands" Aviation Original Deployment Movie

THURSDAY, MAY 1 - DEPARTURE-NO EVENTS

NEW DEPARTMENT OF UTAH
 AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
 SUPPORTING MY HEROES

REGISTER NOW

Get out and have some fun and say hi!



Just a reminder the Spring Bunco Bash is April 24. As of today I have 4 seats left to fill. If you or someone you know wants to play please contact me. Remember it is open to men and women, we have 4 guys signed up this time.

If you've signed up and paid, thank you. If you signed up and still need to pay please have the money to me by April 18.

Cherie



#AuxiliariesinAction.



Helping our Eagle Scout cut out stars to show appreciation to all who served. You can help too, just give Nona a call. Flag retirement date will be posted at a later date.



The finished project is really cool!

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"

-Gandhi



Thank you VFW Auxiliary Dept. President Amber Silcox for the very generous donation of move- in kits.



Thank you Dave and Vickie Daniels for doing your part to help the Homeless Veterans Fellowship. You are so greatly appreciated and these donations made a HUGE difference.



Wow!

A great big thank you to all who helped our auxiliary with our service project. We delivered a pickup load to the Homeless Veterans Fellowship. 9 large baskets and one small one, 8 boxes and a few odds and ends. Plus \$300 in gift cards.



Homeless Veterans Fellowship Director Jon Graff, Miles and Kathy Chester, Tami McCollum, Cherie Freeman, and 1481 Auxiliary President Karin Ferguson.

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.



- Picture by Brice Tucker of the KSL News-

Dennis Parezik at Utah's Medal of Honor Day Ceremony.

This year, Utah's Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars honored Utah's five Medal of Honor holders: Mervyn Bennion (World War II), William Hall (World War II), Jose Valdez (World War II), George Wahlen (World War II) and Brian Thacker (Vietnam).



National Vietnam War Veterans Day.



We are always proud to witness these men do an amazing job. I'm not going to lie, I cry everytime I watch them. The ceremonies are always beautiful and heartfelt and so full of love and honor. You should get out and see for yourselves.

Support our Post Honor Guard. They would love for you to be a part of the services they perform. God bless them, their families, and those that are no longer with us. God bless us all, and **GOD BLESS AMERICA!**



Jay C. Hess Vietnam Veteran (Air Force). POW. There are so many beautiful words he spoke and I wish I could write them all down for you. He wrote a book, so maybe read it and you will know for yourselves. What an amazing man! He wants all soldiers to know that “You are Blessed. When everything seems to be going wrong, look up!”

Governor Cox spoke beautiful words as well about our Vietnam veterans, but I will only include a few.

“You caused us to rethink the way we treated our military. I’m sorry! We will NEVER do that again! We will NEVER forget! Our world is a better place because of you!”

WELCOME HOME!

FROM THE CHAPLAIN:



FROM THE CANTEEN:



BOY SCOUT TROOP 1481:

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OR

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Boy Scout Troop 1481 is collecting aluminum cans to raise money for supplies. Cans can be crushed. Order of the Arrow is collecting the pull tabs off any cans. Cans and tabs can be dropped off at meetings at the Post Tuesday evenings or contact Nona.



Boy Scout Troop 1481 is always busy. The Scouts BSA and the Ogden Rescue Mission appreciated the donations for our 'Scouting for Food Drive' in February.





These scouts can do it all! Tying knots, building bridges, photography, tool boxes, cupboards, and flower boxes! Do they ever stop? No! Keep it up guys! You are awesome!



A simple smile. That's the start of opening your heart and being compassionate to others.



Congrats to Glain Knight for his Unit Leader Award of Merit for dedicated service and responsible leadership and for providing an opportunity for young people to grow.



Nona Brown and Steve Erickson received the Weber Rapids Hall of Fame Awards in recognition of outstanding service to youth. Congrats to you! Scout Troop 1481 has THE BEST leaders and THE BEST scouts!



Scout Troop 1481 at the Utah State Capital for the National Vietnam War Veterans Day. What a great picture!



It's always my favorite to see these men and women along with our Honor Guard. It truly is a blessing to have their support and to be able to support them as well.



Scouts are selling jerky at the IFA in Ogden as well as at the Post. Stop by and

say hi and help support our scouts activities.

CALENDAR:

- Apr. 1--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:00 pm.
- Apr. 2--FRA meeting 5:30pm.
- Apr. 3 --Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 4--Comedy Night 7:00 pm. \$10.00 entry fee.
- Apr. 7--Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
- Apr. 7-- Coast Guard meeting 6:30 pm.
- Apr. 8 and 9--**POST ELECTIONS! 2-6:00 pm. both days.**
- Apr. 8-- Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- Apr. 8--Pool League 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 9--Combined meeting 6:00 pm. Post and Auxiliary meeting 6:30 pm. (*Auxiliary nominations and elections will take place at the meeting*).
- Apr. 10-- Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 11--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 12--Scout Troop 1481 JERKY SALE! They will be at the Ogden IFA 10-4:00 pm. (*There is also jerky at the Post for sale*).
- Apr. 13--**PALM SUNDAY.**
- Apr. 14--Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
- Apr. 14--Pool League 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 15 --Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- Apr. 15--Pool League 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 16--Order of the Arrow meeting 6:00 pm.
- Apr. 17--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 18--**GOOD FRIDAY.**
- Apr. 18--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- Apr. 19--Flag retirement ceremony and Post clean up 9:00 am. **POSTPONED! New date TBD at the combined meeting .**
- Apr. 20--**EASTER.**
- Apr. 20--Post/ABATE breakfast 10-1:00 pm. (*There will be ham, cheese potatoes, and rolls and no bacon, or sausage grits this morning*).
- Apr. 21--Free pool night and .50 chicken wings night.
- Apr. 22--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- Apr. 22--Pool League 7:00 pm.

- **Apr. 23--**Planning meeting 6:00 pm.
- **Apr. 24--SPRING BUNCO BASH.** 6-9:00 pm.
(Please bring a finger food item or drop one off by 6 pm.)
- **Apr. 24--**Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- **Apr. 25--**Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- **Apr. 26--** Scout Troop 1481 JERKY SALE! They will be at the Ogden IFA 10-4:00 pm. (There is also jerky at the Post for sale).
- **Apr. 29--**Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
- **Apr. 29--**Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:00 pm.
- **Apr. 29-May 1--**VFW Auxiliary National President Brenda Bryant visit to Utah.

- **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 ***



May 10th Celebration

Golden Spike National Historical Park

Located at the visitors center.

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM

Golden Spike National Historical Park will commemorate the 156th anniversary of the completion of the first transcontinental railroad on Saturday, May 10th, 2025



MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2025

FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025

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

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 Moab, UT 84532

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RESERVATION:
435-259-5350

ADVERTISE:
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 Deadline: February 7, 2025
 Full Page: \$100 | 1/2 Page: \$50 | 1/4 Page: \$25
 Ads are black & white

Service Project
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 Noon-3:00pm
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\$119
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*A true friend is
 someone who thinks
 you're a good egg, even if
 you're cracked. You are
 all good eggs! Happy
 Easter.*

