

NEWSLETTER

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POST 1481

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

*"Some ships are wooden ships.
But those ships may sink. The best ships
are friendships. And to those ships, we drink."
- Charlie Brown*

Over the past few months I have been filling in at the canteen as a bartender. Some of our members say I am the best entertainment we have ever had. I have to admit, I have had a lot of fun doing it. The friends we make in this post mean the world to me. I will never forget how welcoming Bob and Friday made me feel when I first started coming into the canteen. I realized then, this post was more than a bar, it felt like home. Our canteen, our meetings and events create friendships and comrades that go beyond the casual. We are family! I do love being around you all, and when you are having a rough time, we are hopefully there for you. Enjoy the times we have together, nothing is forever.

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!*)



Congratulations! Jerry Bedel All American District 3 Commander 2023-24, Harley Boyles, Commander Post 1481, All American Post 2023-24.



December 28, 2024 was VFW Post 1481's 98th birthday! Not only do we get together to celebrate it, but we also hold a candlelight ceremony in remembrance of friends, family & comrades that we have lost. It's always a special time to be together.



THE GATHERING PLACE. *Where friends become family.*

FROM THE AUXILIARY:

Dear Auxiliary Members,

It's an exciting time to be in the Auxiliary! We have a lot of projects going on, and members are really stepping up to support our vision.

Jerry Bedel let us know that the Lantern House needed a lot of warm weather clothes and blankets, so we authorized a fairly large sum to provide what they needed. A huge thank you to Judy Smith and Kathy Chester for ordering what was on their wish list.

Our Department project, suggested by Amber Silcox, our President, is coming up in March. We are asking all the Auxiliaries to make ready-to-eat meal donations for the pantry at the Homeless Veterans Fellowship. They only have a microwave, so dried packaged meals, soups (no tomato) and fresh fruit are on their wish list. Also, we are requesting each Auxiliary to make up a move-in basket for the Vets when they get their own place. Starting with a laundry basket, we are trying to fill it with necessities for them. There is a flyer and a list of items that

they need that will go out to all the Auxiliaries, including ours.

We are still volunteering at the Weber County Animal Shelter. Cherie, Tami and I go for two hours on Wednesdays and wash dishes and do laundry. It's a fun time to just talk together while we work. It really takes three people to get the job done, so any of you who would like to join us in rotation would be great.

The Hostlers Model Railroad Festival is February 28, March 1-2 at the Union Station. We will have a recruiting booth and Buddy Poppies with the Post. There's a sign up sheet in the lobby. Miles says there will be food trucks this time, so no one will have to walk far to eat.

Please come join us!

Karin Ferguson, President



*Cherie, Karin,
and Tami.*

Auxiliary Outreach at the Weber County Animal Shelter. Dishes and laundry always need our help. I love hanging out with these ladies and look forward to Wednesdays! I'm so grateful for ALL of the workers and volunteers, and the love and hard work they put into giving these animals a clean space, medical care, foster care, and furrever homes.



*Get to work ladies!
Grub is done.*



Be the Good.
**Judy Smith, Miles and Kathy Chester
delivering warm clothes to the Lantern
House in Ogden Utah.**



*Thank
you Kathy!*

Next month's Auxiliary service Project!

VFW Auxiliary 1481
Service Project

FILL A BASKET FOR THE HOMELESS VETERANS FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to help us help those that served our country.

WHAT TO DONATE:

For the onsite food pantry
Shelf stable food items,
Microwavable food items
Nothing that needs refrigeration

For Move In Kits when veterans move to permanent housing

Laundry basket
Kitchen Items
Both towel & wash cloth
Twin size bedding & pillow
We can provide a full list of items

Monetary donations
Monetary donations can be made to VFW Auxiliary 1481 and we will purchase needed items.



Ship to the HVF
Order from Amazon, Walmart etc and have it shipped to Homeless Veterans Fellowship
541 23rd Street
Ogden, UT 84401

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BRING OR MAIL YOUR DONATIONS TO OUR POST MARCH 1-31

VFW AUXILIARY 1481
907 W. 12TH ST
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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:

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you
when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.

~Anonymous

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER:

No input this month.

FROM THE HONOR GUARD:



FROM THE CANTEEN:



ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?
SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY AT THE POST!
Bring a dish to share, some friends, and
come hang out!



A big shout out to our AMAZING Canteen staff! Thank you for all of your hard work! Thank you for being there to lift our spirits and putting smiles on our faces everyday! We appreciate and LOVE you!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1481:

JULIE: 801-710-0838

OR

NONA: 801-917-0102

EMAIL: troop1481vfw@gmail.com



Boy Scout Troop 1481 braving the cold wind to fill bird feeders at the Vets Home.



Donate a participating Smiths Grocery stores on **Saturday, February 8**

Items we need:

- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Canned soup
- Canned meats
- Peanut butter
- Paper products
- Toiletries



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THIS SATURDAY!

CALENDAR:

- Feb. 3--Coast Guard meeting 6:30 pm.
- Feb. 3--Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
- Feb. 4 --Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:00 pm.
- Feb. 5--FRA meeting 5:30 pm.
- Feb. 6--Poker night 7:00 pm.

- Feb. 7-- Comedy Night 7:00 pm.
 - Feb. 8-- Scouting For Food Food Drive.
 - Feb. 9--**SUPER BOWL PARTY.** (Potluck 1:00 - Closing).
 - Feb. 10--Pool League 7:00 pm.
 - Feb. 10-- Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
 - Feb. 11--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
 - Feb. 12--Combined meeting 6:00 pm. Post and Auxiliary meeting 6:30 pm.
 - Feb. 13--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
 - Feb. 14--**VALENTINE'S DAY.**
 - Feb. 14--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
 - Feb. 16 --Post/ABATE breakfast 10-1:00 pm.
 - Feb. 16--ABATE Chili Cook Off!(\$5 to enter and \$5 to eat. Judging begins at 11:00 am.)
 - Feb. 17--**PRESIDENTS DAY.**
 - Feb. 17--Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
 - Feb. 18-- Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
 - Feb. 19--Order of the Arrow meeting 6:00 pm.
 - Feb. 20--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
 - Feb. 21--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
 - Feb. 21,22,23--**MIDWINTER CONFERENCE.**
 - Feb. 24--Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
 - Feb. 25--Scout Troop 1481 6:30 pm.
 - Feb. 26--Planning meeting 6:00 pm.
 - Feb. 27--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
 - Feb. 28--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
 - Feb. 28-Mar.2--Hostler Train Show recruiting booth at the Ogden Train Station. Sign up sheet is at the Post. **We need volunteers for all 3 days!(There will be food trucks).**
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- **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 ***

Headliner:
Cheyenne Jackson

Hosted by
Joe Elgin

O-Town Comedy

February 7th
7 PM
907 W 12th St
Ogden, UT

\$5

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Mike Thibodeaux

ABATE
Weber Chapter
CHILI
COOK-OFF



SUNDAY
 February 16, 2025
Judging Begins at 11

\$5 Entry Fee **Categories:**
\$5 to Eat **People's Choice**
VFW Post 1481 **Judge's Choice**
907 W. 12th St., **Hottest**
Ogden, UT **Most Original**

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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

ADVERTISE:
 Email Ads to: haltr568@gmail.com
 Deadline: February 7, 2025
 Full Page: \$100(1/2 Page: \$50(1/4 Page: \$25
 Ads are black & white

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

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

The Hostlers Model Railroad 2025 FESTIVAL



35TH ANNIVERSARY

Admission
 Adults \$8 | Weekend Pass \$12
 Children 12 and under Free
 NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

February 28, March 1 & 2
 at the
OGDEN UNION STATION
 Historic 25th Street &
 Wall Avenue, Ogden, Utah

FRIDAY 3:00pm to 8:00pm
 SATURDAY 9am to 6:00pm
 SUNDAY 9:30am to 2:30pm

For more information, contact...
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 Model Railroad Club
 www.hostlers.info

UTAH'S FAVORITE TRAIN SHOW!

Have a Happy Valentine's Day!