

NEWSLETTER

# July 2025



## **POST 1481**

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

As we approach the anniversary of our foundation as a nation, I feel it is important to recognise the sacrifice of all the warriors who came before us. Our Forefathers at Lexington and Concord stood tall in the face of tyranny and an oppressive nation, and instilled in us a feeling to be free and independent. The reason they fought so hard was to insure their families could live free. Today some of our warrior brothers and sisters won't be able to attend our barbecues and celebrations with their loved ones because they are standing in harm's way to protect our nation. We should all pray for a safe and speedy return.

Our Forefathers' mission was to make us free. It is now our mission to keep us free. I hope each and every one of you has a wonderful and safe holiday.

God bless our current military.

God bless our VFW and Auxiliary who stand shoulder to shoulder with us.

And God bless America.

Larry Fox, Commander.

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

Please check it out! Cherie Freeman and Angus MacIver are our administrators for the Facebook page. Cherie is the admin for the website. You can speak with either of them if you have any questions.

## **\*\*\*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 to our new Post Officers 2025-2026.**



**Congratulations to our newly elected Department of Utah Commander Laurie Charry and staff.**

## **FROM THE AUXILIARY:**

Dear Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

First I'd like to just say THANK YOU! What an honor it is to be President of such an amazing Auxiliary! I feel like we are family and I have so much love and respect for each and every one of you. I truly never saw myself in this position, but here I am, and I will try my best to be everything you hoped a president would be. Please have patience (a lot), I am learning.

This past June was Dept. Summer State Convention and it seriously was a lot to take in. Thankfully I had so many friends willing to help me

understand everything. I highly suggest you all attend the next convention. What a great time it was and I learned a lot! We said good-bye to the VFW Auxiliary Dept. President Amber Silcox. She did such an amazing job supporting our veterans. It was also great meeting our new VFW Auxiliary Dept. President Natalie Palmer-Sheppard and all of her officers. Her theme "No one makes it alone" as well as "Walking with our veterans" is exactly what we need to remember. We need each other. Together we can support our veterans more than ever. Let's give them our ALL! Let's keep them as well as our friends at Post 1481 in our prayers always.

I am proud to be a member of this Post. Thank you for always being so welcoming. I consider you family and if there is anything you may need help with please feel free to email me, text, or call.

I Hope all of you have a beautiful holiday. We are truly lucky to live in such an amazing country. God bless America!

Tami McCollum, President

*Free because of the brave!*



**Congratulations to our new Auxiliary Officers 2025-2026.**





**Congrats to our newly elected VFW Auxiliary Department of Utah President Natalie Palmer-Sheppard and Officers.**



**Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift you higher.**



**Our Post and Auxiliary was well represented at Dept. Summer State Convention 2025.**



**Thank you past VFW Auxiliary Department Of Utah President Amber Silcox for an amazing Year!**



*SO COOL!*

**Our official visit from Dept. President Natalie Palmer-Sheppard.**

**VFW AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF UTAH  
PRESIDENT NATALIE PALMER-SHEPPARD'S  
SPECIAL EVENT DRAWING FUNDRAISER**

**TICKETS: \$1.00 EACH  
- OR -  
SIX (6) FOR \$5.00**  
See the Post Aux President to purchase tickets









**Drawing to be held on September 20, 2025 during Homecoming at Post 8307, Layton, UT**

\*Presidents, if you need more tickets are needed, please contact  
Cindee Sommer at Cell: 801-860-1175 email:  
cindeesommer@gmail.com

"No One Makes It Alone"

Interested in purchasing tickets in support of VFW Auxiliary Department of Utah President Natalie Palmer-Sheppard? Please see your local auxiliary president to purchase. Drawing will be September 20th, 2025.

## 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 to 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.



*You're the emblem of the land I love, the home of the free and the brave.*



**Flag Retirement Ceremony at George E. Wahlen Veterans Home.**





Flag Day 2025. Thank you Post 1481 Honor Guard and Scout Troop 1481 for always doing a beautiful job at the flag retirement ceremonies.



*masterpiece is on view, at every turn, another show. Thank God for his fine handiwork. All are free to those who travel slow. Appreciate the simple things. Gaze in the wonder of it all. Praise the Lord for every blessing. Every gift both great and small.*



**FROM THE CANTEEN:**

**\*\*\*The Canteen will be open 1-6:00 pm. On Independence Day !!!**

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN:**

*I love to travel winding roads where visits change at every bend, all painted by the hand of God.*

*Surprises wait at each road's end, a dappled meadow, wooded glade, mountaintops rise overhead; bucolic scenes where cattle graze, a rippling stream, a flower bed. Nature's*



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Boy Scout Troop 1481 is collecting aluminum cans to raise money for supplies. 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 at the Pleasant View Founders Day parade 2025. This troop Sure does **LOVE** a parade! Thank you Shannon MacIver and friend for helping the scouts pass out 1500 American flags out to the crowd.

## CALENDAR:

- Jul. 1-- Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
  - Jul. 2-- FRA meeting 5:30 pm.
  - Jul. 3--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
  - Jul. 4-- **INDEPENDENCE DAY!**
  - Jul. 7--Coast Guard meeting 6:30 pm.
  - Jul. 8-- Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
  - Jul. 9--Combined meeting 6:00 pm. Post and Auxiliary meeting 6 :30 pm.
  - Jul. 10-- Poker Night 7:00 pm.
  - Jul. 11--Coffee with a vet 9:00 am. @ Treeo Senior Living in South Ogden. *(If you'd like to participate or have any questions please speak with Angus MacIver).*
  - Jul. 11--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
  - Jul. 12--Scout Troop 1481 service project at Mike Baker's Home 10:00 am.
  - Jul. 15--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
  - Jul. 16 --Order of the Arrow meeting 6:00 pm.
  - Jul. 17-- Poker Night 7:00 pm.
  - Jul. 17-19-- Scout Camp Troop 1481.
  - Jul. 18-- Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
  - Jul. 20-- Post/ABATE breakfast 10-1:00 pm.
  - Jul. 22--Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
  - Jul. 23--Planning meeting 6:00 pm.
  - Jul. 24 --Poker Night 7:00 pm.
  - Jul. 25--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
  - Jul. 29-- Scout Troop 1481 6:30 pm.
  - Jul. 31-- Poker Night 7:00 pm.
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- **Every Monday** --Canteen Special! FREE pool and .50 chicken wings.
  - **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 \*\*\*

**SAVE  
THE DATE**

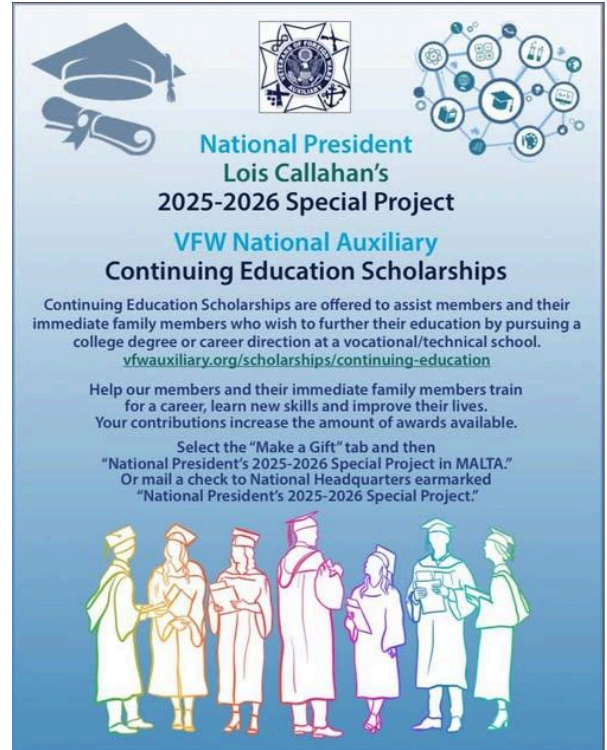
### **Mission Ready: Military, Veteran & Family Wellness Fair**

**Friday, July 18th, 2025  
2:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**Gail Miller Conference Center  
SLCC Sandy Campus  
9750 S. 300 W, Sandy, UT 84070**

**Resources, Food Trucks, Music,  
Activities & More!**

**More details to come!**




**National President  
Lois Callahan's  
2025-2026 Special Project  
VFW National Auxiliary  
Continuing Education Scholarships**

Continuing Education Scholarships are offered to assist members and their immediate family members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or career direction at a vocational/technical school.  
[vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education](http://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/continuing-education)

Help our members and their immediate family members train for a career, learn new skills and improve their lives.  
Your contributions increase the amount of awards available.

Select the "Make a Gift" tab and then  
"National President's 2025-2026 Special Project in MALTA."  
Or mail a check to National Headquarters earmarked  
"National President's 2025-2026 Special Project."



**George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home**

**Ride FREE**



**BECAUSE  
OF THE BRAVE CAR  
SHOW**

**September 13, 2025 - 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
1102 North. 1200 West. Ogden**

For more information about the car show please call #801-334-4314  
or email [Andrea.Dixon@avalonhealthcare.com](mailto:Andrea.Dixon@avalonhealthcare.com)