

NEWSLETTER

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POST 1481

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

First of all I would like to congratulate all of our new officers, especially our new Commander Larry Fox. I am very proud to have been your Commander for the last 3 years. I will consider it to have been one of the major highlights of my life. I know our Post will continue to prosper under our new leadership and I wish them great success.

Harley Boyles, Commander.



Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for Post and Auxiliary 1481 for the 2025-26 year. Especially Father and Daughter. Commander elect Larry Fox and Auxiliary President elect Tami McCollum.

*****We have our own website. [VFW 1481.org](http://VFW1481.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!)*



The Easter Bunny gave the Post a visit! Who says he's just for kids? Everyone looks pretty darn happy to have him around. Thank You Angus MacIver for putting smiles on these faces and for cooking the delicious ham for the Post Easter brunch.



Misty Hamby.

Don't worry, be hoppy!



Larry Fox. There's truly no bunny like you!



Don't worry rabbit was not on the menu. He was just hopp-ing in to say hi to our amazing cooks, Judy Smith, Chuck Love, and Kathy Chester. He must have scared Miles Chester away.



Lisa and Jerry Bedel looking bright eyed and bushy tailed!



Egg-cited for Easter brunch!

FROM THE AUXILIARY:

Dear Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters

We are coming to the end of this year in the Auxiliary. Tami McCollum will be installed as our new President by the Department on June 8. I wanted to express my thanks to all of you for your support these past years. I have loved being your President. With many helping hands we have managed to accomplish great things for our veteran community.

Miles and Kathy Chester are involved in the Reenactment at the Golden Spike on May 10. I've been to one and it's an amazing experience to see the two huge locomotives standing nose to nose. It starts at 9 am. I would highly recommend going to

see it. Miles said there is no food available, so pack a picnic!

May 17 is our Post clean up. It will follow directly after a flag retirement at 9:00. Bring gloves and your elbow grease! Bingo will be held in the Canteen at 5:00.

Memorial Day commemorations begin with flag placement at Leavitts on May 23 at 9 am. On May 24 we start the Buddy Poppy Drive. See sign up sheets at the Post to see where you are needed. Also on May 24 will be the Post and Auxiliary Installation at 5:00. This is a potluck, so bring something to eat. And come to support your new officers.

Buddy Poppies on May 26, then on May 27 the flag recovery at Leavitt's starts at 9 am.

Remember our meeting night is May 14 at 6 pm, and the Planning Meeting is May 28 at 6 pm.

Karin Ferguson, President



Too cute!

Cherie Freeman volunteering at the Easter egg hunt at the George E. Wahlen Ogden Veterans Home. The bunny is a Post member. [#AuxiliariesinAction](#)



Dinner at the Spaghetti Factory with Brenda Bryant, VFW Auxiliary National President. We had such a great time!

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.



I never knew.. DID YOU?

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

Here is something Every American should know.

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps...' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia . The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment..

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light,

he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son.
The boy had been studying music in the South
when the war broke out. Without telling his father,
the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father
asked permission of his superiors to give his son a
full military burial, despite his enemy status. His
request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of
Army band members play a funeral dirge for his
son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was
a Confederate.

But, out of respect for the father, they did say they
could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to
play a series of musical notes he had found on a
piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's
uniform.

This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used
at military funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done.

Gone the sun.

From the lakes

From the hills.

From the sky.

All is well.

Safely rest.

God is nigh.

Fading light.

Dims the sight.

And a star.

Gems the sky.

Gleaming bright.

From afar.

Drawing nigh.

Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.

For our days.

Neath the sun

Neath the stars.

Neath the sky

As we go.

This we know.

God is nigh

I too have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps' but
I have never seen all the words to the song until
now. I didn't even know there was more than one
verse. I also never knew the story behind the song
and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd
pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song
than I did before.

Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving
Their Country.

Also Remember Those Who Have Served And
Returned; and for those presently serving in the
Armed Forces.



1481's Honor Guard helped Commemorate the 250th anniversary of the "Shot Heard Round the World" at the Utah State Capitol.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN:

No input this month.

FROM THE CANTEEN:



New bar stools all assembled here at the Post. Come on down and give them a test drive! Don't forget Mondays are our free pool and .50 chicken wings night!



COME PLAY! Bring a friend!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1481:

JULIE: 801-710-0838

OR

NONA: 801-917-0102

EMAIL: troop1481vfw@gmail.com



8 different recognitions for our group that attended Lodge Leadership plus our whole Order of the Arrow Chapter earned the quality chapter. Now that's **SPECTACULAR!**



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.

CALENDAR:

- May. 1-- Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- May. 2-- Comedy Night 7:00 pm.
- May. 2--VFW Day of Service. (We will be doing an assortment of things at the Homeless Veterans Fellowship building).
- May. 5-- CINCO de MAYO.
- May. 5--Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
- May. 6-- Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:00 pm.
- May. 7--FRA meeting 5:30 pm.
- May. 8-- Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- May. 9--Corn hole 7:00 pm.
- May. 10-- Scout Troop 1481 Jerky sale at IFA 10-6:00 pm.
- May. 11-- MOTHERS DAY.
- May. 12--Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
- May. 13-- Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- May. 14--Combined meeting 6:00 pm. Post and Auxiliary meeting 6:30 pm.
- May. 15-- Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- May. 16-- Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- May 17--ARMED FORCES DAY.
- May 17--Flag retirement with the Scouts 9:00 am. Post Clean Up 9:30 am.
- May.17 --BINGO 5:00 pm.
- May. 18--Post/ABATE breakfast 10-1:00 pm.
- May. 19--Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
- May. 20-- Scout Troop 1481 6:30 pm.
- May. 21--Order of The Arrow meeting 6:00 pm.
- May. 22--Poker Night 7:00 pm.
- May. 23--Corn Hole 7:00 pm.
- May. 23--Flags out at 9:00 am. at Leavitt's Mortuary on 36th St. Ogden. Scouts will also be attending. (ALL are welcome to help and appreciated).
- May 24,26--Buddy Poppy Drive at North Ogden Lee's Market, Ogden IFA, and Plain City Kents 10-2:00 pm. (**PLEASE SIGN UP!** We are in need of 12 people who can do 2 hour shifts. Sign ups for time slots at Post).
- May. 24--Scout Troop 1481 Jerky sale at IFA 10-6:00 pm.
- May. 24--Installation of 2025 Post and Auxiliary officers 5:00 pm. (There will be a potluck afterwards. Please bring a dish/dessert).
- May. 26--MEMORIAL DAY.
- May 26--Free pool and .50 chicken wings night.
- May 27--Flag retrieval 9:00 am. at Leavitt's Mortuary on 36th St. Ogden.
- May. 27-- Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm.
- May. 28--Planning meeting 6:00 pm.
- May. 29--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
- *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

VFW POST 8307 AUXILIARY
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PAINT NIGHT



10 MAY 2025

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS
AND PREPAYMENT IS REQUIRED

PAINTING STARTS AT 4PM

\$30 PER PERSON

A LIGHT DINNER WILL
FOLLOW AT 6 PM FOR A \$5
DONATION

YOU CAN SIGN UP AT THE VFW
OR TEXT AND VENMO RAINA
801.726.5754

1489 N MAIN ST - LAYTON

**ARMED FORCES DAY
CONCERT
GALLIVAN CENTER**

HONORING ALL MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY PAST AND PRESENT

239 S MAIN ST, SALT LAKE CITY

A photograph of a large group of performers, including a band and a choir, on a stage decorated with an American flag. The text "The Choral Arts Society of Utah" is visible on the left and "The John W. Galloway Utah Center" on the right.

FEATURING COMPANY B

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025 @ 4:30PM

FREE ENTRY

Music Performed By:
The Choral Arts Society of Utah
UTNG 23rd Army Band

Visit Our Family Support Booths

Learn More!

VMA **BVL** **ZAP & IS YOU?** **LARRY H. & GAIL MILLER**
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS **BOWLERS TO VETERANS LINK** **SALT LAKE COUNTY SENIORS** **FAMILY FOUNDATION**
JOSEPH & KATHLEEN SORENBOM LEGACY FOUNDATION



**WEBER COUNTY VETERANS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS**

MEMORIAL DAY DEDICATION

**HONORING GEORGE E. WAHLEN
MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT
U.S. NAVY & U.S. ARMY VETERAN**

DATE: MAY 26, 2025

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DEDICATION OF A
COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE AND BENCH IN HONOR OF
GEORGE E. WAHLEN, A TRUE AMERICAN HERO WHOSE
COURAGE AND SELFLESSNESS CONTINUE TO INSPIRE.

TIME: 11:00 A.M. PLACE: 1102 N 1200 W. OGDEN

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**DEPARTMENT OF UTAH
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
SUMMER CONVENTION**

June 6-8, 2025

Hosted by VFW Post 12087



CONVENTION LOCATION:

EMBASSY SUITS by Hilton
10333 S. Jordan Gateway
South Jordan UT 84095
801-617-4040

HOTEL INFO:

HOLIDAY INN
10499 S Jordan Gateway,
South Jordan, UT 84095
801-553-1151

Hotel Rates: \$139 Plus Tax per night
Hotel Reservation Code: VFW (link coming soon)
Cut off date for room rate: May 23, 2025



*Those who have long enjoyed
such privileges as we enjoy forget
in time that men died to win
them.*

-Franklin D. Roosevelt