

October 2025 Newsletter



POST 1481

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VFW Post & Auxiliary 1481-
Fred J Grant, CPL

FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK:

I would like to start out this message by reminding our new members about the meeting nights scheduled for this month. The Auxiliary and Post combined meeting will begin at 6:00 pm on October 8th, followed by the regular Auxiliary and Post meetings at 6:30 pm. More participation at our meetings lead to more feedback. This allows our officers to be much more efficient and thus, better to handle the needs of our members. We look forward to seeing everyone who is able to attend that evening.

I would like to personally thank the people who volunteer for not only the Post breakfast, but for all the activities put on by the Post and the Auxiliary. These hard working people put in countless man-hours so that we can enjoy our dinners and shows and entertainment. Thank you again. You all are what makes this Post work.

Our activities include a pool tournament on the 4th of October in the Canteen. More details can be found on both our Website or Facebook. A flag retirement is scheduled for the 11th at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to come as we lay the flags that we have accumulated to rest.

The Bunco Bash is scheduled for October 23rd at 6:00 pm which is put on by the Auxiliary. There will be prizes for the winners and food for everyone to enjoy. On October 25th we have the trunk-o-treat at 5:00 pm followed by the family movie night at 6:00 pm.

Autumn is some peoples favorite time of the year. The leaves are changing and the day's are cooler. As we approach the holidays, please be mindful of our little ones, especially around the Halloween season. Have a beautiful and safe October. -- Larry Fox, Post Commander

***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 (more than in the newsletter!)

FROM THE AUXILIARY:

Dear Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

Last month was tough! Sometimes we just need to turn off the news, take a break, and find things around us that bring us joy. Find what makes you smile. Share that smile!

Last month, Utah Auxiliary President Natalie Palmer-Sheppard had her homecoming at Post 8307. She's fun to be around. It was a great turnout, and we all had a great time. Thank you, Post 8307!

C of A and the School of Instruction also took place on the same night. I learned a lot, and went home feeling excited! President Natalie has big goals and believes that TOGETHER we can make them happen. We can't do it alone. We need YOU!

National District 17 Council Member Renee West handed out this poem, and I thought I'd share it.

What's the Value of a Member? ---Author unknown.
Ten little members standing in a line
One disliked the President, and then there were nine.
Nine ambitious members offered to work late
One forgot her promise, and then there were eight.
Eight creative members had ideas as good as heaven
One lost enthusiasm, and then there were seven.
Seven loyal members got into a fix
They quarreled over programs, and then there were six.
One dropped out, and then there were five.
Five happy members, not one a bore,
Till they fought over Bingo
And then there were four.
Four cheerful members
Who never disagree,
Till one complained of meetings
And then there were three.
Three eager members, what did they do?
One got discouraged, and then there were two.
Two tired members, our rhyme is nearly done
One joined a bridge club, and then there was one.
One faithful member, feeling very blue
Met with a neighbor, and then there were two.
Two earnest members each enrolled one more,
Doubling their number, and then there were four.
Four determined members just couldn't wait
Till each won another, and then there were eight.
Eight excited members signed up sixteen more
In another six verses, there will be a thousand and twenty-four!

The T-Roy Show came to town and blessed our Post with a visit. Troy and his dad were such an inspiration! Troy's smile lit up the room and was truly contagious! The music was amazing, the dinner was outstanding, and Post and Auxiliary members worked together and made it all look so smooth. Teamwork makes the dream work! A huge thank you to all who helped.

Continuing From The Auxiliary

Oct. 23rd, 5:00 pm. BUNCO BASH! All seats are filled, but even if Aux members are not playing, they are asked to help by providing a finger food that night or by donating money to help purchase food. This is the only fundraiser the Auxiliary does biannually, and it is how we pay our quarterly mortgage payment to the Post side, plus other expenses that come up. The money we get from the Poppy Drive goes into the Relief Fund and has specific things it can be used for.

Oct. 25th, 5:00 pm. We are having a Trunk or Treat and Movie Night. We will be having games, popcorn, and a whole lot of fun! Bring the kiddos and cars and put a whole lot of junk in those trunks. Hope to see you at the Post!

--Tami McCollum, Auxiliary President.

September was suicide prevention month. Please check on people and make time to listen to them. Please remember as the holiday season approaches that these times can be very difficult for Veterans and others with PTSD. Make sure you are checking on your members and their families and helping them get to resources at the VA or locally. The Crisis line is 988. You can call for yourself or a family member or friend. There are many resources available for Veterans and others including the SafeUT app and SafeUT National Guard App. Additionally, the VA has lots of resources on their website: www.mentalhealth.va.gov Please know that talking about suicide CAN prevent suicide. Please don't be shy and if you think a person is struggling, reach out and talk to them. Just knowing someone cares can many times give people strength to go on and get the help they need.




In September the front of the Post received an update.

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VFW AUXILIARY

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NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS



CONTINUING EDUCATION

This scholarship is open to any VFW Auxiliary member (who has belonged for at least a year), his/her spouse, son or daughter with a financial need.

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST AND 3-D PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST


These contests are open to students, including home-schooled students, in grades 9-12. The National first-place winner of the Young American Patriotic Art Contest will receive a \$15,000 scholarship. The National first-place winner of the 3-Dimensional Patriotic Art Contest will receive a \$2,500.

PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST

This contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades 6-8. The national first-place winner will receive \$5,000.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AUDIO ESSAY CONTEST

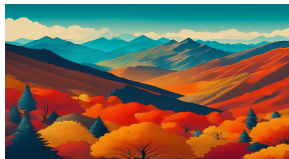
This contest is open to all students, including home-schooled students, in grades 9-12. The national first-place winner will receive a \$35,000 scholarship.



SCAN THE CODE TO LEARN MORE OR VISIT VFWAUXILIARY.ORG

FROM THE CHAPLAIN:

The month of October has a certain glow that seasonally shines from year to year. A time to daydream and reminisce about abundant harvests that we hold most dear. A gathering of children tumbling in bundles of leaves, then later, carving funny faces in a pumpkin or two. When red-cheeked apples are blushing to be cider. Oh, so much fun and frolic and ado. Dry leaves crinkle and shuffle at our feet while strolling amid this kaleidoscope of loveliness, crimson and gold, such tints to admire. And treasures to add to the harvest list, an old barn owl hoots a melancholy melody, in the cool, rounded moon October nights. While scarecrow stands bravely, making its stand, giving crows such fear and fright. In October, we cherish a Fall-like mood, as we drink in flaming colors on display. Wouldn't it be wonderful if artist Autumn lingers painting another orange and red harvest filled day?
--Dora Lawson, Post Chaplain



FROM THE CANTEEN:

POST 1481 BREAKFAST BUFFET

- *Bacon and sausage links
- *Scrambled eggs
- *Fancy scrambled eggs with ham pieces, red & green bell peppers, onions, and potatoes
- *Hash brown potatoes/O-Brian potatoes
- *Pancakes
- *Waffles
- *Gritts
- *Sausage Gravy and biscuits
- *White or wheat toast and English muffins.
- *The Breakfast buffet cost is \$12
- *Special orders can be made in the Canteen for \$15

FROM THE HONOR GUARD:

The POW/MIA table is a solemn, symbolic display that honors Prisoners of War and Missing in Action service members who are unable to be with us. Each element of the table, such as the white tablecloth, single rose, inverted glass, and empty chair, holds a specific meaning, symbolizing their purity of motive, bitter fate, and the hope for their return and accounting. This ceremonial table is a reminder to never forget their sacrifices and the ongoing need for answers about their fate.

Here's a breakdown of the table's symbolic elements:

- Round Table: Signifies the everlasting concern for the missing.
- White Tablecloth: Symbolizes the purity of their motives in serving their country.
- Single Red Rose: Represents their lives and loved ones who keep faith in their return.
- Red Ribbon on the Rose: Symbolizes the unyielding determination to account for the missing.
- Slice of Lemon: Represents their bitter fate of being captured and missing in a foreign land.
- Pinch of Salt: Symbolizes the tears of the families and loved ones who long for answers.
- Lighted Candle: Reflects the hope for their return, either alive or dead.
- Bible: Represents the strength and sustenance gained through faith.
- Inverted Glass: Symbolizes their inability to share the evening's toast.
- Empty Chair: The seat that remains unclaimed at the table, representing the absent comrade.
- Black Napkin: Represents the void left in the hearts of families.
- American Flag: Reminds us that some may never return, having paid the supreme sacrifice for our freedom.

On September 19th a POW/MIA remembrance ceremony was held at our Post. As you enter the Post and pass by the table it's a reminder to all of us of the POW/MIA members. Also on the 27th was a honor walk that a few of our members attended.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 1481:

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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 for the Ronald McDonald House. Cans and tabs can be dropped off at the Post, before Tuesday Troop meeting night or contact Nona Brown. Thank You!



In September at camp we did a service project, sung songs, did skits, had good food and enjoyed playing games together. Some of us had a adventurous drive getting to camp. At the troop meetings we worked on merit badges and rank advancement. For more service some of us filled bird feeders at the George Whalen Veteran's Center. A few of us went to a OA Fall Fellowship. There are a bunch of us that are in both the Scout Troop and the Honor Society of Order of the Arrow. Also, Scouting America is celebrating 115 years of scouting which is awesome. I am very proud of our Scouters and what they do!
----Nona Brown - Scoutmaster

Calendar

- Oct. 1- FRA meeting (private meeting) 5:30 pm
- Oct. 2- Poker Night 7:00 pm
- Oct. 3- Corn Hole 7:00 pm
- Oct. 4- Pool Tournament 2:00 pm
- Oct. 6- Coast Guard Meeting 6:30 pm
- Oct. 7- Scout Troop UCM 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm Scout Troop 1481 meeting
- Oct. 8- Combined meeting 6:00 pm, Post and Auxiliary meetings 6:30 pm
- Oct. 9- Poker Night 7:00 pm
- Oct. 9- Pool League 7:00 pm
- Oct. 10- Corn Hole 7:00 pm
- Oct. 11- Flag Retirement 9:00 am
- Oct. 14- Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm
- Oct. 15- Private Bunco Game 6:00 pm
- Oct. 15- Private Scouts Order of the Arrow meeting 6:00 pm
- Oct. 16- Poker Night 7:00 pm
- Oct. 17- Corn Hole 7:00 pm
- Oct. 19- Post/ABATE breakfast 10am-1pm
- Oct. 19- ABATE Christmas Toy Drive ends
- Oct. 21- Scout Troop 1481 at Corn Maze
- Oct. 22- Post Planning meeting 6:00 pm
- Oct. 23- Bunco Bash 6:00 pm
- Oct. 23- Poker Night 7:00 pm
- Oct. 24- Corn Hole 7:00 pm
- Oct. 25- Trunk-O-Treat 5:00 pm, Family Movie Night 6:00 pm
- Oct. 28- Scout Troop 1481 meeting 6:30 pm
- Oct. 30- Poker Night 7:00 pm
- Oct. 31- Corn Hole 7:00 pm

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 10:00am - 1:00 pm (Come in and enjoy a great breakfast with great company. Menu is on the next page.)



Happy Birthday to everyone with birthdays this month!

Clarification: Corn Hole is open to everyone they just have to sign up through scoreholio. Or at least make a player profile, and they can check them in at the tournament. There is a 26-28 player limit due to only having room for 3 sets of boards.

All you do is go to the app and put in your name and email and then verify, and it sets you up with the players app. There is also information that Ryan put in the Canteen.

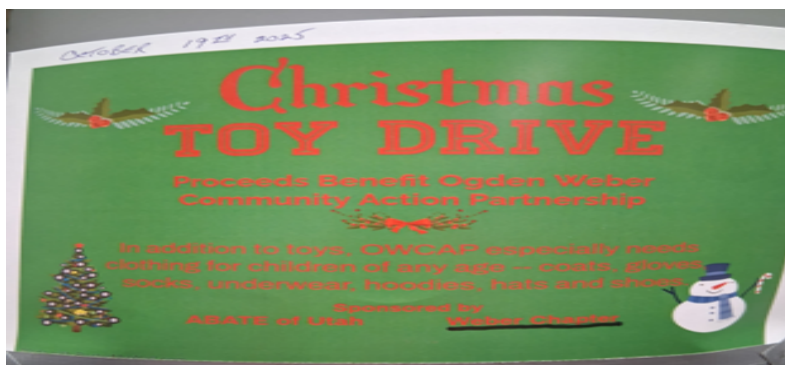
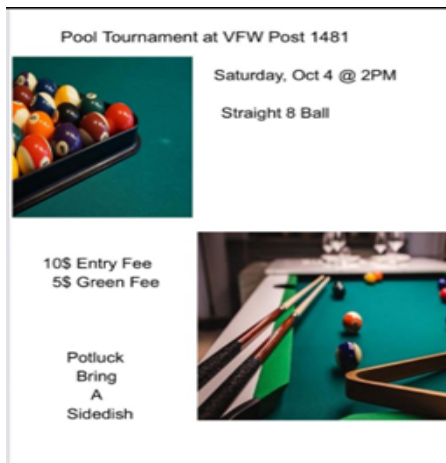
Post Surgeon Message:

Comrades,

Everywhere I've traveled this summer across this great country, I've witnessed, or read about extreme weather occurrences. From rapidly spreading wildfires fueled by extreme high temperatures and high winds to devastating floods caused by torrential downpours. Communities all across this nation are being affected like never before. Too often people are forced to evacuate with little or no time to prepare, resulting in loss of property and unfortunately, sometimes life. The good news is Utah offers excellent online guidance for getting ready before disaster strikes. I strongly encourage everyone to visit, "beready.utah.gov" and review the "12 Areas of Preparedness". This site could literally be a "Life-saver"!!! Focus on the section titled; "Important Documents and Money". While many material possessions can be replaced, losing vital personal records can be devastating. Taking time now to safeguard these can make your transition back to normalcy much quicker.

As always, Stay Prepared... Stay Safe... and Look Out for Each Other! ---V/R Matt McGuire

*** Save the Dates ***



Get toys into bins at the post before October 19th!

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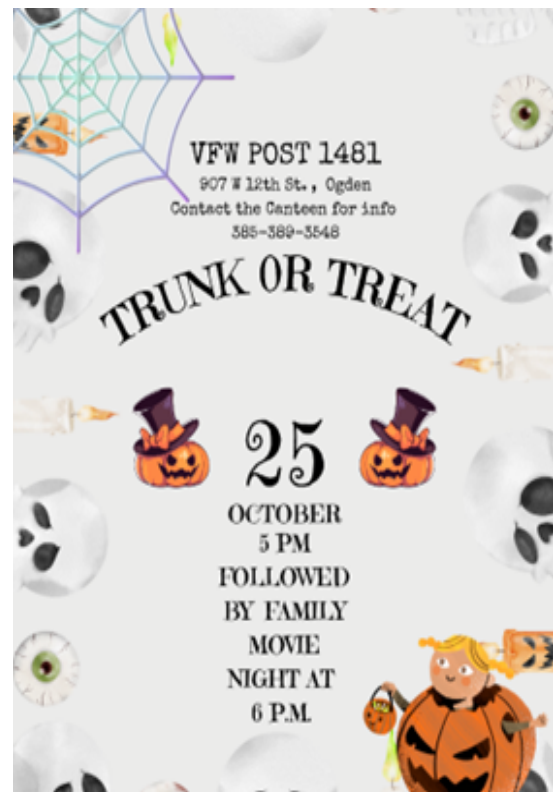
VFW AUXILIARY 1481 FALL BUNCO BASH



OCTOBER 23
6-9 P.M.

907 W. 12th St. Ogden
Soft Drinks & Adult
Beverages available in the
Canteen

\$10 Entry Fee
Contact Cherie to sign up.
cheriefreeman@yahoo.com
303-827-9161



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Contact the Canteen for info
385-389-3548

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25
OCTOBER
5 PM
FOLLOWED
BY FAMILY
MOVIE
NIGHT AT
6 P.M.

JOIN US FOR

Family Movie *Night*



Popcorn & drinks

Free Entry



10.25.2025
6:00 p.m.

VFW Post 1481
907 W 12th St, Ogden

Showing Disney's Hocus Pocus 1993 Family Comedy rated PG



**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.
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