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## POST 1504

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA

### VFW Core Values

- ◆ Always put the interests of our members first
- ◆ Treat donors as partners in our cause
- ◆ Promote patriotism
- ◆ Honor military service
- ◆ Ensure the care of veterans and their families
- ◆ Serve our communities
- ◆ Promote a positive image of the VFW
- ◆ Respect the diversity of veteran opinion

### VFW Mission

- ◆ To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts
- ◆ To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities
- ◆ To advocate on behalf of all veterans

### Next meeting

11 September 2023 7:00pm at  
North Platte Care Center

### Flags

If you would like to get a US flag that has been flown over the capital, here is a Link provided by Congressman Adrian Smith's office:

<https://flagorder.house.gov/FlagOrder.aspx?ssdd=NE03>

### From the Commander

Dear brothers and sisters. We are at a critical juncture in our Post. Having been recently recognized by the Department as one of the top post in the state. We are now moving forward to be one of the top post in the entire organization. Last year we were able to grow the post from 202 members to 222, a great accomplishment. This year we would like to keep it going. Many of the new members are very active in the post. We are not only helping our brothers and sisters in arms, but we are also helping the community and we are prepared to do even more. So come join us at our next meeting. It will be on August 14th, at 7 pm (1900) at the **North Platte Care Center, 2900 West E Street**. We are looking for new ideas and help whenever you can. We have been able to accomplish many things in our post and the community. So come meet some of the new members. You will be surprised how inclusive we have become. Thank you.

### From our Service Officer

The Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic will provide a range of dental services including exams, cleanings, fillings, full/partial denture, extraction and more to Nebraska veterans and their spouses.

The two-day clinic will be held at the Atlas and Titan Army National Guard Readiness Center in Mead, Nebraska, on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7. Register on the website: <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/dentalclinic>

POC Thomas Gann (308) 534-4350 ext 4268

- ◆ Office hrs 9:00am-5:00pm



### **Voice of Democracy: 2023-2024**

- ♦ Theme: What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?
- ♦ Deadline for entries:  
31 October 2023
- ♦ Contestants are eligible for up to \$35,000.00 scholarship at the national level
- ♦ Open to students in grades 9 through 12
- ♦ Requires a 3 to 5 minute audio essay on a flash drive or other electronic device

**For more information, contact any member of our post.**

### **Patriots Pen: 2023-2024**

- ♦ Theme: How are you inspired by America?
- ♦ Deadline for entries:  
31 October 2023
- ♦ Contestants are eligible for up to \$15,000.00 scholarship at the national level
- ♦ Requires a written essay of no more than 300 words

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**Mutual Support Group:**  
Boy Scout Troop 291

**Adopted Unit:**  
1013 Quartermaster Company (USAR)  
\*1075 Transportation Company (ARNG)  
pending



### **Membership**

We want to thank everyone who was able to participate in the Lincoln County Fair. It was hot but we stuck it out and met some good people. We got some donations and a new member application. We also got a chance to set up our outreach booth and participate in a community event.

We will continue to maintain a mail/email distribution list for the newsletter. If you or a member that you know of are not receiving emails, reminders and updates and would like to, please ensure that we have the correct contact information.

We want to do another veteran outreach this month any suggestions are welcome.

### **Adopting a Unit**

Last month we voted on adopting the 1075th Transportation Company, a Nebraska Army National Guard located here in North Platte. The motion was approved. Remember, that they may need support for their December holiday party. We will have more information in the coming months.

### **From the Adjutant**

Quartermaster Beran still needs a copy of some of our members' DD Form 214. If you have been asked and still need to get it to him, please do so. In the future, all new members including transfers will need to provide the Quartermaster a legible copy of their DD Form 214 upon application or transfer. If you need assistance getting your DD Form 214, please contact our Service officer Tom Gann. SSN on the form may be redacted. This will help us during all department inspections.

We had two members participate in the "O Say, Can You See" walk to raise awareness of PTSD organized by North Platte PowWow on Saturday, July 8th at 8:00 am, at Buffalo Bills Ranch. We also had three post officers attend department training here in North Platte on 8 July 2023.

### **RAFFLE**

Department of Nebraska is still selling raffle tickets to benefit department scholarship programs. One lucky winner will become the proud owner of a brand new John Deer Gator XUV835M Honor Edition Crossover Utility Vehicle. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold for \$100.00 each. Drawing date is 7 October 2023. See Quartermaster Beran for tickets.

## POST OFFICERS

- ✦ **Commander:**  
Hobie A. Vogt
- ✦ **Senior Vice-Commander:**  
Roger Broeker
- ✦ **Junior Vice-Commander:**  
Karl Spady
- ✦ **Quartermaster:**  
David V. Beran
- ✦ **Membership:**  
Richard Furtado
- ✦ **Service Officer:**  
Thomas Gann
- ✦ **Chaplain:**  
Mark Cullinan

- ✦ website: [www.vfw1504.org](http://www.vfw1504.org)



- ✦ VFW Post 1504 Calendar:



- ✦ Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091939526685>



- ✦ Email address:  
[vfwpost1504@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwpost1504@yahoo.com)

## Chaplain's Message

Dear Father, We pray for all faithfully serving to protect and preserve justice. Send your mighty angel to watch over your sons and daughters as they face tremendous pressure and danger.

We pray for wisdom, honor and righteous judgment as they care for each other as a team. Provide a beacon of hope for peace and prosperity during these uncertain times. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## New VFW National Commander

Duane Sarmiento of Gibbstown, New Jersey, was elected 27 July 2023 as the new national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a congressionally chartered veterans service organization comprised of approximately 1 million eligible combat veterans and military service members from all six branches of the armed forces.

## Changing our Meeting Location

This month we will be meeting at North Platte Care Center located at 2900 West E Street in North Platte. It will be in a meeting/dining room and signs will be posted.

We have asked the National Guard Armory in North Platte and are waiting to hear back from them as far as availability and cost (if any). We are still looking for a suitable place that can accommodate us.

## New Eagle Scout

Our Quartermaster Dave Beran had the honor of presenting the VFW Eagle Scout Certificate to North Platte's newest Eagle Scout.

Congratulations to Sean Rehder on what we hope is just the latest of many great accomplishments. Some of us may not know it but Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting. "Be Prepared"

## Upcoming Events

We will have members present at the Nebraska State fair on 27 August to help man the Department VFW booth.

