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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 December 2023 7:00pm at
National Guard Armory

8 January 2024 7:00pm at
National Guard Armory

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, this month marks the post's 90th birthday. VFW Post 1504 was originally chartered on 9 December 1933. We had a pretty busy November and this month we will busy as well.

From our Quartermaster

Wreaths Across America. This year we will be placing Wreaths on 15 Dec 2023 at 0930 and 16th 0800. We will linking up at Fort McPherson both mornings to get the wreaths placed. If you can make it for even part of the time to help us out, that would be great.

From our Service Officer

Don't fall for "Claim Sharks". There are companies out there that are predatory in nature. The offer to "help veterans submit VA claims for a fee. They seem like legitimate companies but most are CRIMINALS.

There are legitimate claim agents.

Three types of VA accreditation to look for:

- VA-recognized and trained Veterans Service Organizations, **who are free.**
- Attorney in good standing with a state bar.
- Claim Agent who undergoes a character review by VA and passes VA's written exam.
- **Note:** Accredited attorneys and agents may charge fees, limited by law, only after VA has issued an initial claim decision.

POC Thomas Gann (308) 534-4350 ext 4268

◆ Office hrs 9:00am-5:00pm



Voice of Democracy: 2024-2025

- ♦ Theme: **To be announced soon**
- ♦ Deadline for entries:
31 October 2024
- ♦ 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: 2024-2025

- ♦ Theme: **To be announced soon**
- ♦ Deadline for entries:
31 October 2024
- ♦ Contestants are eligible for up to \$15,000.00 scholarship at the national level
- ♦ Requires a written essay of no more than 300 words

For more information, contact any member of our post.

Mutual Support Group:
Boy Scout Troop 291

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



From the Adjutant

Thank you all who were able to attend the Veterans Day parade, the 1075th Transportation Company (-) Christmas party and the tree lighting ceremony at Cody Park. We are continuing to be active in the community. If you have family members that would like to join our post Auxiliary, please have them fill out a VFW Auxiliary Application form and send it to our Quartermaster David Beran at papadave1997@gmail.com <http://vfw1504.org/uploads/Documents/VFWAuxMembership-ApplicationFILLABLE.pdf>

Chaplain's Message

Father, please hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Please surround your arms around our military; each service member. Only you can see what they cannot see, so I ask that you to provide fresh revelation, spiritual intelligence, to those who can take direct action against the enemy. May your angels surround and protect them, not only from enemy attacks but also from training mishaps and friendly fire. Guide their every step and keep them from harm.

~Amen~

Trivia

- Dec. 13 is the birthday of the National Guard.
- The National Guard has Participated in Every Major U.S. Conflict; since 1636.
- National Guard Members Swear to Uphold Two Constitutions; the U.S. Constitution and their individual state's constitution.
- There are Special Forces Units in the National Guard; 2 Special Forces groups and Air Force Pararescue.
- There Are Over 400,000 Members of the National Guard
- There have been over 780,000 mobilizations of National Guard units since September 11, 2001. They provided about half of the troops to Afghanistan and Iraq.
- American Samoa is the only territory of the U.S. to not have a National Guard unit. They have the only Army Reserve Infantry battalion.
- The Washington, D.C., National Guard is the only federal militia in the National Guard. It is controlled by the president.
- Three of the first five U.S. Army divisions to enter World War I were from the National Guard.
- The National Guard is mostly Combat Arms while the Army Reserves is mostly Combat Support and Combat Service Support.

POST OFFICERS

- ✦ **Commander:**
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Richard Furtado
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Thomas Gann
- ✦ **Chaplain:**
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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091939526685>



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Upcoming Events

2 December the 1075th Transportation Company Christmas party at the National Guard Armory from 4:00pm-about 10:00pm.

2 December is also the annual First responder/Veteran tree lighting ceremony at Cody Park from 1800-1900. This year the tree will be lit by Commander Vogt and Adjutant Furtado.

8 December American Legion Hall Post 163 is hosting a Social for veterans. Free will donation. 5-8 p.m.

9 December the Post will be turning 90 years old. We will have a ceremony and celebration at the Lincoln County Historical Museum located at 2403 N Buffalo Bill Ave North Platte, NE TIME: 1200-1400 Cake will follow the ceremony. Guest speaker/special guest: Chris Beaty VFW State Commander.

9 December is also the ARMY vs. NAVY game. Our brothers at the American Legion P.R. Halligan Post 163 2020 E Fourth St North Platte, NE will be showing the game. The 2023 installment of the Army Navy Game will mark the first time in the 124-year history of America's Game that it will be played in New England.

13 December is the National Guard birthday. It is the oldest branch of the U.S. Military, established in 1636 as the continental militia.

15 & 16 December Wreaths Across America at Fort McPherson National Cemetery.

Sacred Oath

Patriot Potluck 9 December Salvation Army (1020 N. Adams) A meal for veterans and their families. 5:30-8 p.m.

Vet-olution dinner on December 31st from 6-9pm
POC Tim Sanders.

Goose and Duck hunt. 14-16 December 2023 in North Platte they plan to link up at Brother's Tavern. POC Chris Reitz (308) 520-3480 for more details.

NP22 Buddy Check

Meets on 22 December at 6:00pm Wild Bills Fun Center in North Platte. POC Keith Howell

At Ease USA/Vets4Vets Program

Meets 7 December and 28 December at 6:00pm Wild Bills Fun Center in North Platte. POC Keith Howell. For more information about AEU and a complete list of services and providers, visit www.ateaseusa.org. Mr. Howell may be reached at 308-636-8216 or keith@ateaseusa.org.

