



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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### 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

14 Aug 2023 7:00pm at Perkins

### 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>

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## POST 1504

NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA

### Welcome from Commander

I would like to welcome all veterans in North Platte and the surrounding area. We are working towards helping veterans and the community as a whole. Planning some new things in the coming months. Please come join us in helping veterans and their families as well as the community as a whole.

### Chaplain's Message

*"An Old Soldier's Prayer" by Lewis Millett*

"I have fought when others feared to serve.

I have gone where others failed to go.

I've lost friends in war and strife,

Who valued Duty more than love of life....

I've seen challenged men become even bolder,  
I've seen the Duty, Honor, Sacrifice of the Soldier.

Now I understand the meaning of our lives,

The loss of comrades not so very long ago.

So to you who have answered duties siren call,  
May God bless you my son, may God bless you all."

Amen

### 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)



### **Membership**

We want to thank everyone who was able to participate in the NebraskaLand Days Parade and Memorial Day Ceremonies (in May). Something as simple as having our presence in the community reminds everyone that we are still around.

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

### **Adopting a unit**

The 1075th Transportation Company is a Nebraska Army National Guard unit is Located in North Platte. The unit has members currently deployed to Africa. The unit supports various state and federal missions. The unit also has two detachments at other locations in Nebraska. Roughly half of the unit has served in support of Operation Nobel Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and/or Operation Enduring Freedom. They may need support for their December holiday party. We may want to do a veteran outreach event if their training schedule allows.

### **From the Adjutant**

Scholarships from Department of Nebraska are available to area students that have completed at least 30 credit hours of college.

- ♦ Applicants must be a family member of a veteran.
- ♦ Applications are available through the VFW.

### **RAFFLE**

Department of Nebraska is selling raffle tickets to benefit department scholarship programs. One lucky winner will become the proud owner of a brand new John Deere 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.

### **Leadership Training**

For post officers on Saturday 8 July 2023 at 0900

**POST OFFICERS**

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

✦ 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)

**White Hats**

Congratulations to Commander Vogt and Quartermaster Beran who were both awarded White hats.

- ✦ Every year Department selects Commanders and Quartermasters that have met certain criteria and gives them a White Hat as an award. It is a Post award as much as an individual award.
- ✦ Along with different colored covers, there are different colored braids on those covers. Silver means the wearer holds a National position, Red is for Department officers, Green for District Officers, and Gold is for the general membership

**Changing our Meeting location**

We thank the management and staff at Perkins Bakery and Restaurant for allowing us to conduct our monthly meetings.

It has been challenging trying to conduct post business in an active restaurant with the background noise and distractions of the public customers. We have looked into the public library but their hours will not be able to accommodate us. 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.

**Upcoming Events**

4th of July Independence Day

**PTSD Awareness Walk**

The “O Say, Can You See” walk is to raise awareness of PTSD. Registration fee covers the cost of a T-shirt commemorating the event organized by North Platte PowWow.

Proceeds will benefit Mission22, a national non-profit organization designed to eliminate wait times for veterans their families in need of resources for trauma recovery

Saturday, July 8th at 8:00 am, at Buffalo Bills Ranch, 2921 Scouts Rest Ranch Rd, North Platte, NE. The route will be 2.2 miles on a paved surface.

Registration is not valid until payment of \$22 (plus additional amount for 2X or 3X shirts) has been received.

