



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

12 June 2023 7:00pm at Perkins

### Next Department Meeting

2-4 June in Omaha

### 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

To all members, we are an old and honorable organization. We are currently trying to get back to where we were. In doing so, we need the help of all of our members. Even if you are unable to help with our programs, we need your numbers and ideas.

### 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.

Our post will be putting flags out on May 27th at 10:00am. Anyone who wants to help is welcome. North Platte Cemetery on Rodeo Road. POC Dave Beran

### From our Service officer

Vet Center has plans to come to North Platte soon. More information to follow.

- ✦ POC Thomas Gann (308) 534-4350 ext 4268
- ✦ Office hrs 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

### Our post is turning 90

VFW Post 1504 was originally chartered on 9 December 1933

### NP22 Buddy Check

Meets on the 22nd of every month at 6:00p.m. at Wild Bill's Fun Center. Free Pizza and drink for those who attend. It's a veteran suicide prevention group. The facebook group page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1419286195164106/discussion/preview>

The North Platte chapter gives out the general information, updates on VA processes/claims and encourages veterans to come with their families.

There are guest speakers at every meeting who go over things that pertain to veterans, their health and opportunities/resources for them within the community. POC Keith Howell



### **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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### **Chaplain's Message (A Prayer)**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad.

Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
~Amen

### **Updating our social media:**

✦ We have requested a website to be created through VFW [www.vfw1504.org](http://www.vfw1504.org) (PENDING)

✦ We have created a new/updated Facebook page. The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091939526685>

✦ We also have a new email address: [vfwpost1504@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwpost1504@yahoo.com) feel free to contact for any comments, questions, contribution or suggestions.

We will generate and maintain a mailing/email distribution list for the newsletter.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Tuesday 9 May**

- ✦ Pal's Brewery (4520 S. Buffalo Bill) — Trivia night. 6 p.m. Prizes for top three contestants.
- ✦ Canteen District, downtown — Downtown Clean Up day. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### **Wednesday 10 May**

- ✦ North Platte Senior Center (901 E. 10th) — Dance with Top Shelf Country. \$10. 7-9:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday 11 May**

- ✦ Pal's Brewery (4520 S. Buffalo Bill) — Live music by Ray Mullen. 7-9 p.m.
- ✦ Fox Theater (5th & Bailey) — A concert by Beginnings, a band dedicated to playing the music of Chicago. 7:30-9:30 p.m.

#### **Friday 12 May**

- ✦ North Platte Community College (601 W. State Farm Rd) — Nursing and Med Lab Tech Pinning and Commencement Ceremonies. 12:30-2 p.m.

#### **Saturday 13 May**

- ✦ Espresso Shop (408 N. Chestnut) — Cars & Coffee. A gathering of car enthusiasts. 8-11 a.m.
- ✦ Longhorn Bar (830 1st, Sutherland) — Live music by B.J. Jamison. 9 p.m.-Midnight.
- ✦ Fox Theater (5th & Bailey) — Movies at the Fox: Shazam and the Fury of the Gods. \$5. Two showings: 3-5 and 7-9 p.m.
- ✦ Salvation Army (1020 N. Adams) — Sacred Oath Patriot Potluck. A potluck meal for veterans and their families. 5:30-8 p.m.

#### **Wednesday 24 May**

- ✦ Department of Nebraska Birthday

#### **2-4 June**

- ✦ Department of Nebraska Convention Omaha NE

#### **Thursday 15 June**

- ✦ Golden Games (1300 South McDonald) — Games and Activities 9:00a.m.-2:20 p.m.

**POST OFFICERS**

**Commander:**

Hobie A. Vogt

**Senior Vice-Commander:**

Roger Broker

**Junior Vice-Commander:**

Karl Spady

**Quartermaster/Adjutant:**

David V. Beran

**Membership:**

Richard Furtado

**Service Officer:**

Thomas Gann

**New Member(s)**

Matthew Hoff

Terry Thompson

John Steele

Keith Howell

**Mutual Support Group:**

Boy Scout Troop 291

**Adopted Unit:**

1013th Quartermaster Company  
(USAR) adopted in 2005

May is National Military  
Appreciation Month

June is PTSD Awareness  
Month

**Membership**

As we continue to try to  
increase our membership, we  
would like to participate in  
local events with at least two  
volunteers and a recruiting or  
information booth/table.

We will have information  
handouts and membership  
application forms available  
while participating in local  
events.

8 May is VE Day



14 May is Mothers Day

29 May is Memorial day



6 June is D Day



14 June is the US Army Birthday



14 June is also Flag day



18 June is Fathers Day