



NOEL C. DONEGAN

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

9 October 2023 7:00pm at The National Guard Armory, 1700 N. Jeffers St. North Platte

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 our Quartermaster

We had members present at the Nebraska State fair on 27 August to help man the Department VFW booth. At our last meeting, we voted to invest our funds stemming from the sale of our old building. The funds (in the amount discussed at our meeting) have been invested into a Certificate of Deposit.

Nebraska Department of Veterans affairs is gathering information veterans support organizations especially veteran suicide prevention groups. They intend to create and maintain statewide list/database. If you know of one please inform Dave Beran.

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

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) finalizing



Membership

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.

From the Adjutant

Some members are yet to provide the Quartermaster a legible copy of their DD For 214. 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 our inspections.

Changing our Meeting Location

This month we will be meeting at the residence of our member Mike Ginapp at **7605 East Autogate Road, Stapleton, NE**. Feel free to bring some meat if you want to grill something.

Sacred Oath presents
**Operation November Mike
Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk**

**SEPTEMBER 16TH 2023
10 AM - 1 PM**

LINCOLN COUNTY RACEWAY
5015 W RODEO ROAD

WALK WILL BE IN PIT AREA ☆ CHECK IN AT PIT GATE
THERE WILL BE SOME FUNDRAISING DURING THE EVENT
FREE WILL DONATIONS ALSO ACCEPTED
NO COST TO WALK

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE DURING EVENT

ALSO COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD & TOILETRIES FOR LOCAL VETS IN NEED & SALVATION ARMY PANTRY

SHIRT ORDERS BEING TAKEN BY GROOVY GRANNY'S 308-520-7158 Y-XL \$20 2X-5X \$25

BACK: NOT ALL WOUNDS ARE VISIBLE **22 ADAY** REVEREND SUICIDE
FRONT: 22 A DAY

Resources available on site will include

PLUS MORE...

Southwest NEBRASKA LOSS TEAMS Surviving Suicide
community Action PARTNERSHIP of Mid-Nebaska Helping People. Changing Lives.
S.S.V.F.
Inner Reflections Counseling Center
AT EASE
TEAM HALO
VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration Joel C. Donegan VFW Post 1504 North Platte Nebraska

Operation November Mike Suicide Prevention Awareness walk is 16 September 10:00am-1:00pm at the Lincoln County Raceway 5015 West Rodeo Road (Check in is at the Pit Gate) The walk will begin in the Pit area. More information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/semperfimama33>

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✦ VFW Post 1504 Calendar:



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Chaplain's Message

Lord, we pray for the safety and health of all soldiers. We ask that you would protect them from harm and keep them out of harms way. We pray for their safety in battle and in their everyday lives. Let them return home, safely without any harm to them physically or mentally. Let us not forget the sacrifices, courage and hardships. In Jesus' name, Amen

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.

POTLUCK

Sacred Oath will have their monthly "Patriot Potluck" at the Salvation Army on Saturday 9 September 2023 from 5:30 to 8pm at 1020 N Adams Ave. in North Platte. ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES/SUPPORTERS ARE INVITED Main dish and drinks are provided. Sides and desserts are potluck style. There is NO COST for these events but free will donations are accepted and appreciated.

Trivia

Only 31 of the 45 men who've served as President of the United States have served in the military, one U.S. President, Theodore Roosevelt, even received the Medal of Honor and one - James Buchanan - never became an officer.

Less than 28% of Americans between the ages of 17-23 are qualified for military service, that's only about 1-in-4.

The nickname "Leatherneck" originates from the stiff leather stock that early Marines wore around their necks, probably to protect their jugular vein against saber blows.

In the Navy, There Are No Windows, Walls or Bathrooms

The US Navy won History's largest maritime battle. The [Battle of Leyte Gulf](#)—the largest naval clash ever.

