



# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

## Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

### Newsletter April 2016

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### Next regular meeting:

The next regular meeting will be May 4, 2016, 7 PM, at Phoenix Food and Spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120<sup>th</sup> and Blondo), private meeting room.

*Future meetings:* First Wednesday of every month. 7 PM

### Future Events

**Creighton University SROTC:** Spring Awards Ceremony, April 23, 2016 Saturday, Confirm by March 23, 2016.

**Boys Town JROTC:** Pass and Review, May 6, 2016, 1415 -1515 hrs. (2:15 PM to 3:15 PM) at Palrang Field House on campus, Boys Town, NE.

**Buddy Poppy Event:** May 28, 2016 Saturday - 156<sup>th</sup> and Maple, 132<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge (HyVee). 8 AM to 12 noon

**POW WOW Event:** Saturday - September 24, 2016. 1:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Fort Omaha. American Indian Event.

**Buddy Poppy Event:** November 12, 2016 – Saturday - 156<sup>th</sup> and Maple, 132<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge (HyVee). 8 AM to 12 noon. Veterans Day 11-11-16.

**Veterans Day breakfast:** November 11, 2016, 156<sup>th</sup> and Maple (confirmed) 132<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge (HyVee). 7 AM to 11 AM.

**Progressive's Keys to Progress** Date 11-11-16 Friday, 11AM to 1 PM, 11820 Harrison Street, La Vista, NE 68128

Visit our Post 1581 web site. Go to the following link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Youtube: [CLICK HERE](#)

Control your VFW Membership at VFW National HQ [CLICK HERE](#)

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VFW Post 1581 Newsletters: [CLICK HERE](#)

VFW Nebraska Discussion Group: [CLICK HERE](#)

VFW National Discussion Group: [CLICK HERE](#)

**VFW Post 1581 Monthly meeting minutes** Go to our post 1581 website (www.vfwpost1581.org), From VFWpost1581.org homepage, scroll down to VFW Post 1581 monthly meeting minutes. Use the password "militaryhelp". Keep the password confidential

### Military Sexual Trauma:

Ann Thieman member of VFW Post 1581 has first-hand experience with military sexual trauma and has provided an interview with the VA. You can access this article in the VA Link magazine, April 2012, page 9 and page 13. [Click Here](#)



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### Membership:

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**VFW Post 1581 Annual Members: Check your membership status on your card. Your membership may have expired. You can renew on line—see the [vfw-post1581.org](http://vfw-post1581.org) website. See “current members” to set-up your VFW member account. OR call Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.**

Approximately one half of our post members are life members. Why not consider turning your annual membership into a life membership so that you do not need to renew your membership every year. As a life member, your membership continues on. Life membership has a one-time pay or a monthly payment plan over 12 months. To consider your options of overall cost, paying annual membership versus becoming and life membership go to our Post 1581 web site for this analysis, <http://vfwpost1581.org/>, place your cursor over the navigation “Join VFW”, drop down selections, choose “Life Membership Analysis”, enter your current age and life expectancy age, you can see the saving of “Life Membership” over the long term versus annual membership. There is an Excel file “link” you can also download. Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.

If you or someone you know wishes to continue their VFW membership but are having a difficult time financially, Post 1581 has a program to help financially with the annual membership. Contact William B Chamberlain - 712-254-6413 for assistance.

Our current members have signed up several new VFW members to our post. If you have a potential VFW membership candidate, please Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.

### 2016-2017 VFW Post 1581 Officer Election:

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Mrs. Joan Ertz of St. Wenceslas School has won the VFW Post 1581 Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Joan Ertz has won the VFW district 10 award. You are invited to attend the VFW district 10 award event at VFW Post 8334, 8334, 5083 S 136th St Omaha, NE 68137, at 2 PM. Mrs. Joan Ertz, Teacher of the Year entry, has been forwarded to the VFW Nebraska State organization for competition. If Mrs. Joan Ertz

would win the state Teacher of the Year, her entry would be forwarded to the VFW National organization for competition.



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Washington DC trip for VFW Nebraska. Pictured below, left to right, Richard Morrison VFW Nebraska National Legislative Chairman, Sr. Vice Commander VFW Post 1581 Marty Riemenschneider, Sen. Deb Fischer Nebraska Senator, John Liebsack VFW Post 1581 and VFW Nebraska Adjutant/Quartermaster, Jeff Baker VFW Post 4755-Nebraska state legislative chairman



District 10 award event March 13, 2016. Picture below, left to right, Dr. Steven Youngberg-VFW Post 1581 Adjutant/Quartermaster, Teacher of the Year, VFW Post 1581 entry, Mrs. Joan Ertz, St. Wenceslas School, Ann Thieman-VFW Post 1581 Teacher of the Year chairperson.

District 10 award event March 13, 2016. Nebraska District 10 Picture top right column, left to right, Teacher of the Year, VFW Post 1581 entry, Mrs. Joan Ertz, St. Wenceslas School, District 10 Commander-Ronald Sibal , Nebraska District 10 Auxiliary District 10 President-Bonnie Gerlt .

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The Patriots Pen 2015-2016 winners at St. Wenceslas School were given awards and money 4-5-16 .

Picture below, left to right, front row, Ann Thieman-VFW Post 1581 chaplain, Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy, Teacher of the Year chairman-Patriots Pen winners Cole A Pecha, Clint T. Piozay, Macy Lakeman, Michael Barrett—Dr. Steven Youngberg-Adjutant/Quartermaster VFW Post 1581, Back row, left to right, St. Wenceslas School teacher-Steve Broszko, (center back) Mrs. Joan Ertz-Teacher of the Year, St. Wenceslas School principal, William Huben.



We are looking for ideas that will attract our members to our monthly meetings and participate in post events. We encourage you to come to our meetings and participate in our VFW events. We have a mix of different age groups of Veteran's in our post. We need to identify what items that we need to address and change to accommodate all Veteran age groups.

We have a survey to get your input [CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you for your response

Check out the **VFW Nebraska HQ Website** at ([www.vfwne.com](http://www.vfwne.com)) There are many resources for you to use.

Email: [vfwpost1581@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost1581@gmail.com)

Web site: <http://vfwpost1581.org/ne/>

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C. L. Leighter

Commander