



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

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Chaplain: Ann Thieman

Service officer: Bob Burns

Surgeon: Dr. Greg O'Leary

Judge Advocate: Dan Dawson

Three year trustee: Lloyd Coates

Two year trustee: John Liebsack

One year trustee: Bob Burns

Newsletter December 2016

Notice: VFW Post 1581 monthly meeting date, time, and place has changed. The Egg and I3605 N. 147th Street, Omaha, NE 68116, Suite 106, Large private meeting room, 7 AM breakfast meeting. *Future meetings:* First Saturday of every month, 7 AM, (place and time, same as above) You can bring family, children, Veteran guests.

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

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

YouTube: [CLICK HERE](#)

Next regular meeting:

The next regular meeting will be Saturday January 7, 2016, 7 AM breakfast, The Egg and I3605 N. 147th Street, Omaha, NE 68116, Suite 106, large private meeting room

Future meetings: First Saturday of every month. 7 AM (place and time, same as above)

Future Events

- Texas Roadhouse (Giving Back to Veterans program, partnering with VFW Post 1581—ongoing
- Teacher of the year-February 15, 2017
- Law Enforcement of the year -January 2, 2017
- EMT of the year -January 2, 2017
- Firefighter of the year -January 2, 2017
- Boys Town Pass and Review Friday May 5, 2017

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

VFW Nebraska Online store [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

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VFW Post 1581 Member Only Area

Go to our post 1581 website (www.vfwpost1581.org), navigation, VFW Post 1581 Member Only Area, password militaryagent. (meeting minutes and contacts)

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](#)

See vfwpost1581.org website, calendar for all events.



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Past Events

VFW Post 1581 in Omaha, NE partners with Progressive Insurance to provide needy Veteran's as recipient of cars, items they needed and cash. They also received a \$500 Visa gift card, gas card, 6 months of insurance, and other cash.

11-10-16 Progressive Insurance hosted their fourth annual Keys to Progress® event in partnership with the National Auto Body Council graciously supports the Keys to Progress event as part of its Recycled Rides program, Enterprise provides insurance written by Progressive for each donated vehicle for the first six months and also offers free car rentals to transport families to the Progressive Service Centers for the event as needed, VRC Investigations, a veteran-owned and operated organization, helps support the recipient selection process each year, The Original 1-800-Charity Cars, powered by AudaExplore, a Solera Company, donates resources to facilitate titling and registration of vehicles for recipients, Two national salvage partners, Co-part and Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc., donate some of the vehicles program so that more than 130 of our nation's veterans and their families can drive away with a refurbished car.



Past Events

John Liebsack-ADJ /QM for the VFW state organization, was a Veteran speaker as well as donating an American flag and flag stand. Picture below.



Picture below, are the winners of a car—car behind them





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The couple that won the car also won other items pictures below.



Leroy Gilmore, Member of VFW Post 1581 needed help in his home. VFW Post 1581 provided the help he needed.

Re-hang towel racks in bathroom
Drain outdoor fountain for winter
Rake leaves as needed
Help stow summer furniture
Screw leaf onto antique table
Possibly clean up bathroom fan
Fix on-wall coat rack in back entry
Fix any holes in fence that small dogs might fit thru

VFW Post 1581 members are pictured below with the winners of the car and items. Left to right- John Liebsack- ADJ /QM for the VFW state organization and VFW Post 1581 trustee, Marty Riemenschneider-VFW Post 1581 Sr. Vice Commander, car winners, Ann Thieman-VFW Post 1581 chaplain.





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VFW Post 1581 had a Buddy Poppy event Saturday, November 12, 2016 at HyVee stores located at 156th and Maple and 132nd and Dodge in Omaha, NE. Several VFW Post 1581 members and Boy Scout Troop 408 helped with this event from 9 AM to 12 noon.



Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home Christmas Party -

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2015, 1:30 PM, 12505 S 40th St Bellevue NE 68123. VFW Post 1581 presented a \$250.00 check to Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home. The donation will be divided up between all residents for their electronic house accounts. Below, left to right, Ann Thieman-VFW Post 1581 Chaplain, Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home employee accepting the check.



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VFW Post 1581 Award Breakfast.



THE 2016-2017 THEME IS: **MY RESPONSIBILITY TO AMERICA** (VOICE OF DEMOCRACY)

- **Winner: Samuel Klein** - Grade 12 - Burke High School





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- 2016-2017 Theme is: **THE AMERICA I BELIEVE**
IN (PATRIOTS PEN)
- Winner: Riya A. Ketelsen** - St. Wenceslaus School



VFW Post 1581 presents an award to Sports Clips for our partnership. Second from left to right, below, is John Liebsack, VFW Post 1581 trustee and VFW State QM/ADJ. picture below

Texas Roadhouse (Giving Back to Veterans) program (certificate of appreciation)

Aimiee Moats – Marketing Texas Roadhouse 156th and Dodge, Omaha, NE





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Future Events

VFW Post 1581 had a table setup at HyVee 156th and Maple and 132nd and Dodge for the HyVee 11-11-16 free Veteran's breakfast 7 AM to 11 AM.



Membership:

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 **John Liebsack 402-210-5198** for assistance for further steps in the process.

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** for assistance for further steps in the process.

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 website. See "current members" to set-up your VFW member account. OR call **Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.**

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

Email: vfwpost1581@gmail.com

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

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C. L. Leighter

Commander