



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter June 2016

Commander: Chris Leighter

Sr. Vice Commander: Marty Riemenschneider

Jr. Vice Commander: John Hilgert

Quartermaster/Adjutant: Dr. Steven Youngberg

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

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.

Next regular meeting:

The next regular meeting will be Saturday July 2, 2016, 7 AM breakfast, The Egg and I3605 N. 147th Street, Omaha, NE 68116, Suite 106, large private meeting room

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

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

YouTube: [CLICK HERE](#)

Future Events

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 - 156th and Maple, 132nd and Dodge (HyVee). 8 AM to 12 noon. Veterans Day 11-11-16.

Veterans Day breakfast: November 11, 2016, 156th and Maple and 132nd 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

See vfwpost1581.org website, calendar for all events.

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](#)

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

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](#)



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Membership:

VFW Post 1581 Annual Members: Check your membership status on your card. Your membership may have expired. You can renew on line—see the vfwpost1581.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

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](tel: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](tel:402-210-5198) for assistance for further steps in the process.

VFW Post 1581 presented the Voice of Democracy award to Clair Gaeta, from Mercy High School in Omaha, NE. Picture below, left to right, Clair Gaeta and Dr. Steven Youngberg-VFW Post 1581 Adjutant/Quartermaster presenting a framed certificate and \$50.00.





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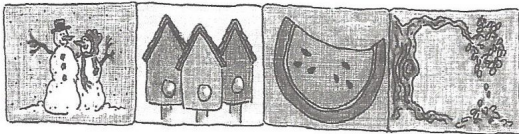
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VFW Post 1581 received this note from Joan Ertz-2015-2016 Teacher of the Year.

A Note from Joan Ertz...



*In the Members of VFW Post 1581,
Thank you so much
for the honor of being
Teacher of the Year. I am
very grateful for this special
recognition. I think it is very
important for students to
recognize what generous men
& women have done through*

*time to ensure that we
have the freedoms we all
enjoy today. I hope we
continue to enjoy these
freedoms in the future.*

*Patriotic organizations that
encourage teachers & students
to think about these things
are critically important.*

*So thank you again for the
honor you gave me & for all you
do to encourage patriotism
among our youth*

*Sincerely,
Joan Ertz*

VFW Post 1581 Buddy Poppy Event took place Saturday 5-28-16. Several VFW Post 1581 members and Boy Scout Troop helped with this event. Picture below, left to right John Hilgert, VFW Post 1581 Jr. Vice Commander, Director-Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Ann Thieman, VFW Post 1581 Chaplain.



Picture below, William Chamberlain, VFW Post 1581 Service Officer.





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Picture left, left to right, VFW Post 1581 member, Dr. Rudi Mitchell and Boy Scout.





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Picture below, right to left, Lloyd Coates, VFW Post 1581 trustee and Boy Scout 408.



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