



# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

## Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

### Newsletter March 2016

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#### Next regular meeting:

The next regular meeting will be April 6, 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

**Visit our Post 1581 web site.** Go to the following link: <http://vfwpost1581.org/>

You can click on the links if you are viewing this newsletter in a pdf document.

**Post 1581 Newsletters: Download the newsletters from the <http://vfwpost1581.org/ne/> website.** Did you know that you can view, download and print the VFW Post 1581 current and archived newsletters. Scroll down the homepage to a box "VFW Post 1581 Newsletter" and click on it.

**On-Line Store for VFW Nebraska:** We have an On-Line Store for VFW Nebraska and VFW National. Access the On-Line Store by scrolling down the [www.vfwpost1581.org](http://www.vfwpost1581.org) home page to the boxes "VFW Nebraska on line store OR VFW National on-line store."

**"VFW Nebraska Forum / Discussion Group":** You can access it by the [VFW1581.org](http://VFW1581.org) website home page, scroll down until you see the "VFW Nebraska OR VFW National Forum / Discussion."



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<https://theshu.wufoo.com/forms/vfw-post-1581-newsletter-sign-up-distribution/>

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

#### Veteran's legislative action committee:

**VFW Nebraska Network News:** All of our events and Post 1581 veteran's information are on the VFW Post 1581 web site. ([vfwpost1581.org](http://vfwpost1581.org)). To easily find an event, use the calendar and place cursor on event or click on the event for further information. Use the website navigation to look around. Use "VFW Nebraska Network News" on the home page, scroll down..

Our post is looking for members that would like to be active in our **Veteran's legislative action committee**. You would be active with Veteran's bills in the Nebraska legislature. Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.



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### Future Events

We are evaluating which events to continue for our VFW Post 1581. We have a difficult time recruiting VFW Post member to help during these events listed below. Select link below to take a survey of projects / Events you would be interested in to chair or help with.

<https://theshu.wufoo.com/forms/xi2du0l1107amy/>

### 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.**

- Membership
- Voice of Democracy
- Patriots Pen
- Teacher of the year
- Boys Town (JROTC)

- Veterans Legislative action
- Creighton University SROTC
- Buddy Poppy events
- Boy Scouts (Troop 408)
- and other projects

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.**

VFW Post 1581 members—update your phone number, email and address. Go to [vfwpost1581.org](http://vfwpost1581.org) website, home page scroll down to **"Help us bring our records up to date (telephone number, email, address) for VFW Post 1581 members"**.

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.

See the [vfwpost1581.org](http://vfwpost1581.org) website calendar

### 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](#)

### JROTC/SROTC:

We are working with Boys Town in regards to their JROTC program. We are also working with Creighton University in regards to their SROTC program. Contact Post 1581 **Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.**

### 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](http://vfwpost1581.org) website. See "current members" to set-up your VFW member account. OR call **Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.****

### Ordering VFW items

- VFW NE on-line store at this link: [Click Here](#)
- The general VFW online catalog, use this link: [Click Here](#)
- You can call the VFW Store at 1-800-821-2606 (you can order a catalog)



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

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2016-2017 VFW Post 1581 Officer elections will take place at the April 6, 2016 VFW Post 1581 monthly meeting.

We were hoping to have the Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year VFW Post 1581 award winner pictures in this months newsletter, but didn't make it. We will try for the April 2016 newsletter issue.

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.

We need your ideas and participation, please plan to attend upcoming monthly meetings.

If you are able to participate in VFW post 1581 events or projects contact Chris Leighter, Commander 712-308-3184 or email [vfw-post1581@cox.net](mailto:vfw-post1581@cox.net).

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

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**VFW Bill Montoya Post 1581**

C. L. Leighter

Commander