



# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

## Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter May 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. 147<sup>th</sup> 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 June 4, 2016, 7 AM breakfast, The Egg and I3605 N. 147<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 and 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

**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](http://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](http://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 delivered Creighton University SROTC framed certificate and medals to NSI CDT Cecelia Kimes and MSII CDT Mikaela Harvey. The awards ceremony is Saturday April 23 at 11 AM at Creighton University. Pictured below left to right, Marty Riemenschneider—VFW Post 1581 Sr. Vice Commander, Creighton University SROTC Exec. Officer—Major Wolf, Dr. Steven Youngberg—VFW Post 1581 Quartermaster/Adjutant, Capt. Fritz—Creighton University SROTC command officer.





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VFW Post 1581 made presentations at the Boys Town JROTC pass and review event on May 6, 2016. VFW Post 1581 presented a framed certificate a medal and \$50.00 to each of four award winners.

The VFW Post 1581, 2015-2016 JROTC Award winners were

Cadet Peter Bernhardson, National Honor Society (Junior/C-2)

Cadet Kennedy Flott, National Honor Society (Junior/C-4)

Cadet Andrew Harris, National Honor Society (Junior/C-2)

Cadet Skylar Underwood, National Honor Society (Junior/C-4)

Picture right, C.L. Leighter-VFW Post 1581 Commander, presenting and Marty Riemenschneider –VFW Post 1581- Sr. Vice Commander assisting in the presentations to the Boys Town Cadets.







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Boys Town JROTC presentations from page 3.



Picture below, Marty Riemenschneider –VFW Post 1581-Sr. Vice Commander congratulating Boys Town JROTC Commander Lt. Col. Lee (retired).



Picture below, C.L. Leighter-VFW Post 1581 Commander presenting an appreciation award to Boys Town JROTC Commander Lt. Col. Lee (retired).



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/>

**VFW Bill Montoya Post 1581**

C. L. Leighter

Commander