



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter November 2015

Commander: Chris Leighter
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Jr. Vice Commander: John Hilgert
Quartermaster/Adjutant: Dr. Steven Youngberg
Chaplain: Ann Thieman
Service officer: William Chamberlain
Surgeon: Dr. Greg O'Leary
Judge Advocate: Dan Dawson

Three year trustee: John Liebsack
Two year trustee: Bob Burns
One year trustee: Lloyd Coates

Next regular meeting:

The next regular meeting will be December 2, 2015, 7 PM, at Phoenix Food and Spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120th 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 going to our post 1581 website (www.vfwpost1581.org) place your cursor over the navigation, right side and select from the drop down window, On-Line Store for VFW Nebraska and VFW National.

"VFW Nebraska Forum / Discussion Group": You can access it by the VFW1581.org website home page, scroll down until you see the "VFW Nebraska Forum / Discussion Group" and select that icon to the right.



VFW Post 1581 Newsletters via email (click below)

<http://vfwpost1581.org/ne/newsletter-archives/>

VFW Post 1581 email distribution list sign up. We will send an email distribution of the newsletter via email to you. (click below)

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

VFW Post 1581 Membership Only Area: Go to our post 1581 website (www.vfwpost1581.org) and select "VFW Post 1581 Membership Only Area". Use the password "militaryhelp". Keep the password confidential (for VFW Post 1581 Members Only).

Veteran's legislative action committee:

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.

VFW Nebraska Network News: All of our events and Post 1581 veteran's information are on the new Post 1581 web site. 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, right side, and scroll down.



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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/>

Continuation of events under review by Post 1581

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership • Voice of Democracy • Patriots Pen • Teacher of the year • Boys Town (JROTC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Legislative action • Creighton University SROTC • Buddy Poppy events • Boy Scouts (Troop 408) • and other projects |
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VFW Post 1581 members—update your phone number, email and address. Go to 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 "**.

See the 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](#)

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 William B Chamberlain - 712-254-6413 for assistance.

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 William B Chamberlain - 712-254-6413

Our current members have signed up several new VFW members to our post. If you have a potential VFW membership candidate, please Contact William B Chamberlain - 712-254-6413 for assistance for further steps in the process.

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.

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 Daniel J Dawson 712-256-1199 if you are interested in helping or attending events

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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VFW Post 1581 had a Buddy Poppy event Saturday, November 7, 2015 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 8 AM to 12 noon.

HyVee at 132nd and Dodge location



HyVee at 156th and Maple location



HyVee at 132nd and Dodge location



HyVee at 156th and Maple location



HyVee at 132nd and Dodge location



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VFW Post 1581 has a **Voice of Democracy** winner—
Claire E. Gaeta, Mercy High School, Omaha, NE

VFW Post 1581 has four **Patriots Pen** winners—Cole A Pecha, Clint T. Piozay, Macy Lakeman and Michael Barrett from St. Wenceslas School in Omaha, NE.

We have been using MailChimp – email system for sending VFW post 1581 newsletter's monthly.



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Progressive's Keys to Progress

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. VFW Post 1581 donated \$200.00 to Michael Ternell car winner and VFW Post 1581 member.

This Veterans Day, 11-11-15, Progressive Insurance hosted their third 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, Copart 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.

Progressive's Keys to Progress

Pictured below are the two cars given to Veteran's. Michael Ternell's car is on the right and Ivan Schulz car is on the left



VFW Post 1581 Service Officer - William Chamberlain with Michael Ternell's car 2012 Dodge Charger, picture below.





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Picture below, left, is Ivan Schulz, center is Michael Ternell and right is Michael Ternell father.



Picture below left to right is VFW Post 1581 Senior Vice Commander-Marty Riemenschneider, VFW Post 1581 service officer - William Chamberlain, Adjutant/ Quartermaster -VFW Nebraska HQ -John Liebsack, VFW Post 1581 Adjutant/Quartermaster - Dr. Steven Youngberg, car winner and VFW Post 1581 member—Michael Ternell, Michael Ternell's father, VFW Post 1581 Commander—C.L. Leighter



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VFW Post 1581 Commander—C.L. Leighter presented a check to Michael Ternell for \$200.00 below.



Channel 7 story [CLICK HERE](#)

WOWT Story [CLICK HERE](#)

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.

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

Email: vfwpost1581@gmail.com

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C. L. Leighter

Commander