



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter October 2015

Commander: Chris Leighter

Sr. Vice Commander: Marty Riemenschneider

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 November 4, 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.

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/>

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 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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Boy Scout Troop 408 \$175.00 donation from VFW Post 1581 for helping with our May 2015 Buddy Poppy event. Left to right, Bot Scout youth leaders, VFW Post 1581 Sr. Vice Commander: Marty Riemenschneider , VFW Post 1581 Service officer: William Chamberlain, VFW Post 1581 Quartermaster/Adjutant: Dr. Steven Youngberg , VFW Post 1581 Jr. Vice Commander: John Hilgert (not pictured).



Creighton/UNO ROTC POW/MIA run

Students from Creighton's Army ROTC and UNO's Air Force ROTC came together Friday morning, September 18, 2015, to honor and remember those who never came home from overseas.

Friday is National Prisoner of War and Missing In Action Recognition Day. It's a time for Americans to reflect on the sacrifices thousands of Americans have made.

They also heard from the second female African American Major General in the Army, Marcia Anderson. Marcia is a Creighton alum. She spoke about why she joined the Army and what students can do to keep community top of mind.

ROTC students ran a 5K from Creighton's ROTC building to Memorial Park. The 150 students marched in silence and in formation, as a symbol that they will not leave anyone behind.

"We have people who have died out of our detachment given their lives and I'm sure the Army has the same thing," said Jenna DeWilde, the Wing Commander for UNO's AFROTC. "So we really need to remember them through this run."

UNO's detachment commander, Lt. Col. Chris Chocolaad, said the students do the run every year, without being prompted. It's something Chocolaad said is encouraging.

"I've had friends I went to school with that have both been captured and killed," he said. "It's nice to know the tradition continues and it's really nice to know that it's not something you have to really encourage the students to do. They understand it they get it pretty quick."

After the run students heard from the VFW Post 1581 Commander, Christopher Leighter about his experiences and how students need to take initiative as members of the military to bring people home.

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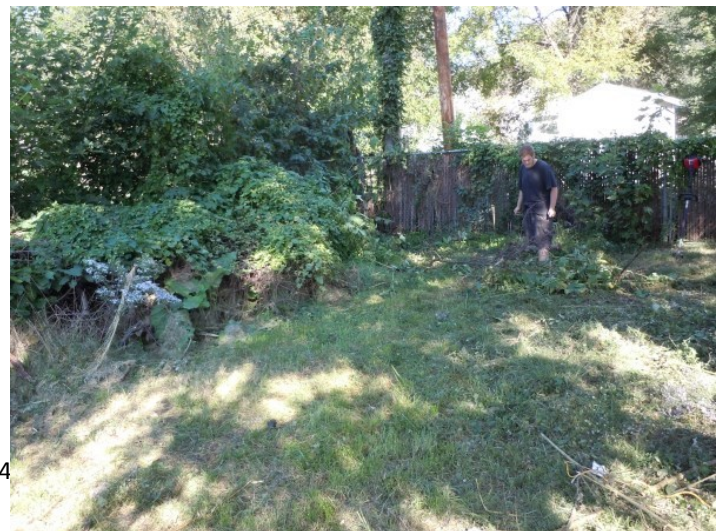
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VFW Post 1581 members helped clean up the VFW Post 1581 Chaplain's yard,

Ann Thieman is recovering from a medical operation. In the picture below, VFW Post 1581 Service officer, William Chamberlain (yellow shirt), Kenneth Day—new VFW Post 1581 member (black shirt), John Liebsack's grandson (red shirt—back), also helping and not pictured, were Dr. Steven Youngberg (VFW Post 1581 adjutant/quartermaster, John Liebsack (VFW Post 1581 trustee and VFW Nebraska adjutant/quartermaster), Sr. Vice Commander: Marty Riemenschneider, Dennis Sweeny—AMVETS, Executive Dir. Finance Officer, AMVETS Department of NE.





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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