



# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

## Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

### Newsletter June 2017

**Commander:** Chris Leighter  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Lloyd Coates  
**Jr. Vice Commander:** John Hilgert  
**Quartermaster/Adjutant:** Dr. Steven Youngberg  
**Chaplain:** Ann Thiemann  
**Service officer:** Bob Burns  
**Surgeon:** Dr. Greg O'Leary  
**Judge Advocate:** Dan Dawson  
**Three year trustee:** John Liebsack  
**Two year trustee:** Bob Burns  
**One year trustee:** Marty Riemenschneider

### Future Events

- Award Breakfast December 2, 2017 Saturday. 8 AM
- Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home Christmas donation for Veteran residents. 12-2-17

See [vfw1581.org](http://vfw1581.org) website, calendar for all events.

Visit our Post 1581 web site. Go to the following link:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

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### Future Events

- Texas Roadhouse (Giving Back to Veterans program, partnering with VFW Post 1581—ongoing
- Douglas County Veterans Service outreach to Veterans at Omaha Heritage Point for Retirement homes—ongoing
- POW/MIA run September 15, 2017, UNO-Creighton SROTC
- POW-WOW - Native American intertribal event 9-23-17
- Progressive's Keys to Progress—Veteran car give away. 11-10-17
- Buddy Poppy Event November 11, 2017 Saturday 9 AM to 12 Noon

**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 July 1, 2017, 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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### Current Events

#### Texas Roadhouse (Giving Back to Veterans program, partnering with VFW Post 1581 –ongoing project

We ran the program from November to December 2016 at Texas Roadhouse, 156th and Dodge location.. We received \$2,907.00 in customer donations for Veterans.

### Past Events

HyVee 156th and Maple below. Picture below-Boy Scout Troop 408 helping



#### Douglas County Veterans Service outreach to Veterans at Omaha Heritage Point for Retirement homes—ongoing project

The event would consist of a presentation of Veteran benefits by Douglas County Veterans Service officer representative to Retirement home Veterans. Veteran Widows. Presentation would include new Veterans cemetery on Omaha, Veteran and widow benefits, etc.

VFW Post 1581 Buddy Poppy Event 5-27-17 at HyVee store 156th and Maple and 132nd and Dodge from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Pictures below second row red shirt- Marty Riemenschneider—VFW Post 1581 Sr. Vice Commander. To the right of Marty –black VFW hat– James Miller Member of VFW Post 1581. Boy Scout Troop 408 helped us-picture below.

HyVee 132nd and Dodge below. Picture below-Boy Scout Troop 408 helping

HyVee 156th and Maple below







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HyVee 132nd and Dodge below

Picture below—left Dan Dawson VFW Post 1581—Judge Advocate and Iowa State Senator. To the right are boy Scout Troop 408 helping.

HyVee 132nd and Dodge below

Picture below— Left to right-Bob Burns-VFW Post 1581 – Service Officer and Trustee. Right– C. Lee Leighter-VFW Post 1581-Commander





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**VFW Post 1581 Member Only Area (this area is being developed for the new post 1581 website)**

Go to our post 1581 website ([www.vfw1581.org](http://www.vfw1581.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 maga-

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://vfw1581.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.**

**Control your VFW Membership at VFW National HQ [CLICK HERE](#)**

**VFW National Online store [CLICK HERE](#)**

**VFW Post 1581 Newsletters: [CLICK HERE](#)**

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

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** 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** for assistance for further steps in the process.

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

Email: [vfwpost@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost@gmail.com)

Web site: [vfw1581.org](http://vfw1581.org)

**VFW Bill Montoya Post 1581**

C. L. Leighter

Commander

**VFW Post 1581 Annual Members: Check your membership status on your card. Your membership may have expired. You can renew online—see the [vfw1581.org](http://vfw1581.org) website. See "current members" to set-up your VFW member account. OR call **Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.****