



# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

## Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

**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  
**One year trustee:** Lloyd Coates

### Newsletter May 2017

### Future Events

- Buddy Poppy Event November 11, 2017 Saturday 9 AM to 12 Noon
- Award Breakfast December 2, 2017 Saturday. 8 AM
- Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home Christmas donation for Veteran residents. 12-2-17

See vfwpost1581.org website, calendar for all events.

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

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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
- Buddy Poppy Event May 27, 2017 Saturday 9 AM to 12 Noon
- 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

**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 3, 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.

#### 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.

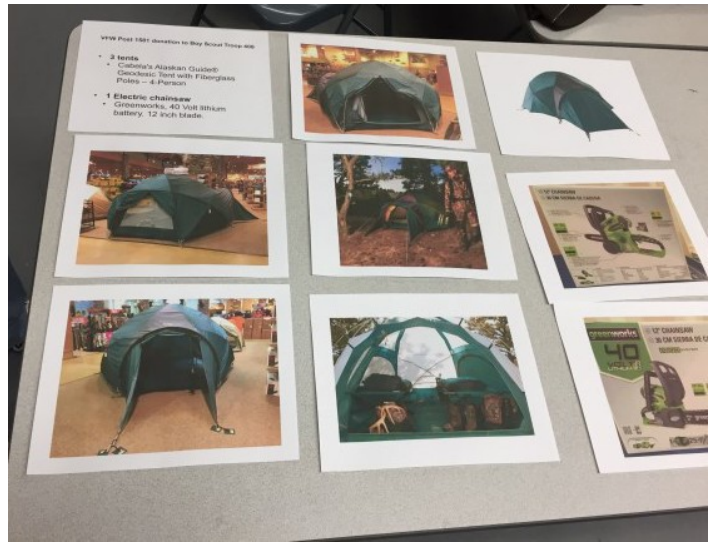
### Past Events

VFW Post 1581 donated \$1,300.00 worth (retail value) of one electric-battery operated chainsaw and three tents for Boy Scout Troop 408 in November 2016.

Troop 408 camped out at Little Sioux Scout Ranch (Iowa) 4-1-17 to 4-2-17 weekend. The boys had an opportunity to use a couple of very nice tents!



### Past Events



Douglas County Veterans Service outreach to Veterans at Omaha Heritage Point for Retirement homes Retirement Home, Heritage Point, at 16811 Burdette St, Omaha, NE 68116 on 4-6-17, 3:15 PM. Pictured below, right, Benson Elmore—Douglas County Veterans Service officer and presenter. Also attending was Marty Riemenschneider –Sr. Vice Commander VFW Post 1581.





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VFW Post 1581 Commander C. Lee Leighter presented Creighton University SROTC framed awards and medals for their academic achievements. See below and to the right.





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VFW Post 1581 awarded Boys Town Cadets a framed award and \$50.00 each for Academic Excellence as 2017 National Honor Society Inductees.

The following cadets awarded:

Cadet Melissa Cruz, Senior  
Cadet Cheyenne Eckhardt, Junior  
Cadet Daemon Hug, Senior  
Cadet Will Vanderheiden, Junior

VFW Post 1581, C. Lee Leighter—Commander and Dr. Steven Youngberg—Adjutant / Quartermaster (assisting), pictured below and right presenting to cadets. There were four winners, but we only got three pictures.



### Past Events



5-6-17 VFW Post 1581 presented the VFW Scout of the year framed award and \$50.00 to Jared Baumert—Eagle Scout. Picture below, VFW Post 1581 Commander, C. Lee Leighter (left) presenting the award.





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## 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 militar-yagent. (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 over-all 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.**

**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: [vfwpost1581@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost1581@gmail.com)

Web site: <http://vfwpost1581.org/ne/>

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