

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

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Chaplain: Ann Thieman
Service officer: Bob Burns
Surgeon: Dr. Greg O'Leary
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Three year trustee: John Liebsack
Two year trustee: Bob Burns

One year trustee: Marty Riemenschneider

Visit our new VFW Post 1581 web site. Go to the following

link: CLICK HERE (vfw1581.org)

Facebook Page: CLICK HERE

YouTube: CLICK HERE

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. 11-9-17
- Veterans Day breakfast Friday 11-10-17. (Veterans day observed) HyVee locations156th and Maple (confirmed) 132nd and Dodge (HyVee). 7 AM to 11 AM.

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- 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 <u>vfw1581.org</u> website, calendar for all events.

Notice: vFW Post 1581 monthly meeting date, time, and place has changed. The Egg and I3605 N. 147th 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. The company name will change to First Watch from The Egg and I approximately Sept. or Oct. 2017.

Next regular meeting:

The next regular meeting will be Saturday September 2, 2017, 7 AM breakfast, The Egg and I3605 N. 147th 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

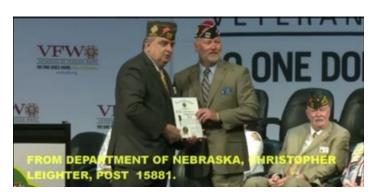
The event would consist of a presentation of Veteran benefits by Douglas County Veterans Service officer representative to Retirement home Veterans. Veteran Widows. Presentation would include new Veterans cemetery on Omaha, Veteran and widow benefits, etc.

VFW post 1581 Commander, C. Lee Leighter (picture below left) and Dr. Steven Youngberg, Quartermaster/ Adjutant, right, were awarded a white hat during the 7-9-17 VFW District 10 Meeting for year 2017-2018.



Past Events

VFW Post 1581 Commander, C. Lee Leighter received the All American, VFW National Award at the 118th VFW National Convention in New Orleans, La. Held July 22-26, 2017. Picture below with the VFW National Commander in Chief, left, VFW Post 1581 Commander, C. Lee Leighter, right.





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

Go to our post 1581 website (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-

Control your VFW Membership at VFW National HQ <u>CLICK</u> <u>HERE</u>

VFW National Online store CLICK HERE
VFW Post 1581 Newsletters: CLICK HERE

VFW National Discussion Group: CLICK HERE

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.

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 website. See "current members" to setup your VFW member account. OR call Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.

Approximately one half of our post members are <u>life members</u>. Why not consider turning your <u>annual membership into a life membership</u> so that you do not need to renew your membership every year. As a life member, your membership continues on. <u>Life membership has a one-time pay or a monthly payment plan over 12 months</u>. 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 curser 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.

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.

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

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