



# Veterans of Foreign Wars

## Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

**2020-2021**

**Commander:** Chris Leighter  
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**Service officer:** John Liebsack  
**Surgeon:** Patricia Whitebear  
**Judge Advocate:** Daniel Ortiz  
**Three-year trustee:** Rob Herman  
**Two-year trustee:** John Liebsack  
**One-year trustee:** Marty Riemenschneider

### Newsletter April 2021

### Future Events

- **Buddy Poppy event:** Dates: May 29, 2021 Saturday 8 AM to 12 noon, HyVee - 156<sup>th</sup> and Maple. [HyVee 132<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge](#)
- **Buddy Poppy event:** June 26, 2021 Saturday 8 AM to 12 noon, - Bakers (156<sup>th</sup> and Dodge)
- **Buddy Poppy event:** November 6, 2021 Saturday 8 AM to 12 AM HyVee - 156<sup>th</sup> and Maple. [HyVee 132<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge](#)

Visit our new VFW Post 1581 web site. Go to the following link: [CLICK HERE \(vfw1581.org\)](http://vfw1581.org)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

YouTube: [CLICK HERE](#)

Email: [vfw1581@gmail.com](mailto:vfw1581@gmail.com)

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

### Future Events

- **Texas Roadhouse** (Giving Back to Veterans program, partnering with VFW Post 1581—ongoing).
- Texas Roadhouse-Veterans Court - TBD

**Next regular meeting: May 1, 2021, 9 AM,** Place: American Legion post 266 Bennington

Address: 15212 S. 2nd street, Bennington, NE 68007 (main street Bennington downtown).

Time: Meeting starts at 9:00 AM.

Map: [CLICK HERE](#)



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Past Events

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VFW post 1581 Presented 4 Boys Town JROTC cadets with a framed certificate, medal and a check for \$50.00 each. We were not able to be at the Boys Town campus because of Covid restrictions.





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### Current Events

### Past Events

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

We ran the program from November to December 2019 at Texas Roadhouse, 156th and Dodge location..

We have provided to catering veterans in the past years

- New Visions 40 Veterans [Completed](#)
- Eastern Nebraska Veterans home 116 Veterans Cancelled
- Student Veterans of America at UNO 40 Veterans Cancelled
- Veterans Court 40 Veterans

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**VFW Auxiliary:** VFW Post 1581 is working on establishing an Auxiliary. We need 25 members to start. Annual dues are \$25.00. For qualifications and more information [CLICK HERE](#) OR John Liebsack 402-210-5198

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**Progressive Insurance Keys to Progress** If you know of a deserving Veteran that needs a car, contact VFW Dept. of NE-John Liebsack 402-210-5198

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When VFW Post 1581 members work on a project or provide help in the community, please fill out an online report.

- Go to VFW NE website [vfwne.com](http://vfwne.com)
- go to resources
- drop down window, go to program reporting
- Direct Link to Report [CLICK HERE](#)

**Below is the new VFW Post 1581 monthly meeting schedule going forward:**

#### 2021 Calendar Year

- January 9, 2021 Booked Place [Completed](#)
- February 13, 2021 Booked Place [Completed](#)
- March 13, 2021 Booked Place
- April 10, 2021 Booked Place
- May 1, 2021 Booked Place
- June 12, 2021 Booked Place
- July 10, 2021 Booked Place
- August 14, 2021 Booked Place
- September 11, 2021 Booked Place
- October 9, 2021 Booked Place
- November 13, 2021

Check the calendar on the VFW Post 1581 website [vfw1581.org](http://vfw1581.org) for any recent changes to information /

Calendar Link [CLICK HERE](#)



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### VFW Post 1581 is trying to create a Auxiliary for our post.

#### VFW Post 1581 Auxiliary

- o Need 15 members to start
- o 16 years and up.
- o There is a \$25.00 fee per year.

#### Start a new Auxiliary

When you start a new Auxiliary, you're not just increasing the VFW Auxiliary's membership. You're expanding our ability to serve veterans, active-duty military and their families while promoting patriotism in your community.

Whether a VFW Post decides on its own that it wants an Auxiliary or whether a member or non-member sees the potential for a new Auxiliary, the steps for creating an Auxiliary are the same:

A VFW Post must vote by 2/3 majority to have an Auxiliary. (An Auxiliary can never exist on its own without a Post and can never be started without that Post's permission).

The Department (state) President appoints the official organizer of that Auxiliary and he/she must be a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

A minimum of 15 eligible applicants must be on the application for the Charter (transfers are not eligible).

### Eligibility Requirements for VFW Auxiliary Membership:

Members must be citizens of the United States or a United States National, and at least 16 years old.

Those eligible are:

- Husband/Wife
- Widower/Widow
- Father/Mother
- Grandfathers/Grandmothers
- Sons/Daughters
- Grandsons/Granddaughters
- Brothers/Sisters

Of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Those eligible for membership in the VFW are those that have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay.

*Step and adopted parents, children, siblings (and half-siblings), grandparents and grandchildren are considered the same as biological parents, children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren and may join the VFW Auxiliary under their VFW-eligible veteran. Proof of service is required for eligibility and must be obtained by the applicant.*

We have 5 people now, 3 others possible.

For people interest in the VFW Post 1581 Auxiliary contact John Liebsack 210-5198 OR [johnl@vfwne.org](mailto:johnl@vfwne.org)



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### VFW Post 1581 Members Only Area

Go to our post 1581 website ([www1581.org](http://www1581.org)), click on the login on the right side of the homepage, click on "members only", enter your VFW member number in login, enter you last name in the password. (meeting minutes , member information, contacts, etc.) Direct Link [CLICK HERE](#)

### Current Members Membership Control

Fortunately, managing your VFW membership doesn't have to slow you down. We put you in control of your membership record by conveniently offering many services right on our website, [www.vfw1581.com](http://www.vfw1581.com) home page.

Simply log in, and you'll have access to your membership account and all that comes with it. [CLICK HERE](#)

### 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](#)

### Become a VFW Post 1581 Life Member

Over 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.*** Membership information [CLICK HERE](#)  
OR [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](#)**

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.

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

VFW Bill Montoya Post 1581

C. Lee 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. Select navigation-resources, See "Current Members Membership Control" to set-up your VFW member account. OR call John Liebsack 402-210-5198. [CLICK HERE](#)**