



# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

## Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

### Newsletter January 2018

**Commander:** Chris Leighter  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Lloyd Coates  
**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:** John Liebsack  
**Two year trustee:** Bob Burns  
**One year trustee:** Marty Riemenschneider

### Future Events

- Buddy Poppy Event - May 26, 2018 Saturday 7AM to 12 noon—HyVee—156th and Maple and 132nd and Dodge locations, 7 AM to 12 noon.
- Progressive Insurance Keys to Progress, 11-8-18 Thursday.
- Buddy Poppy Event - November 10, 2018 Saturday 7AM to 12 noon—HyVee—156th and Maple and 132nd and Dodge locations, 7 AM to 12 noon.
- Award Breakfast December 1, 2018 Saturday. 8:30 AM

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

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](#)

### 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
- Creighton University SROTC Spring Awards Ceremony: April 22, 2018.
- Boys Town pass and review. May 4, 2018, 1415 - 1515 hrs. (2:15 PM to 3:15 PM) at Palrang Field House on campus

**Notice:** VFW Post 1581 monthly meeting Location has changed.

**Place:** Hampton Inn, 11201 Davenport Street, Omaha, NE 68154 (Old Mill – South of Dodge)

### Next regular meeting:

The next regular meeting will be Saturday February 3 2018, 7 AM to 9 AM, free breakfast included, **Hampton Inn, 11201 Davenport Street, Omaha, NE 68154 (Old Mill – South of Dodge)**, small meeting room.

Map [CLICK HERE](#)

*Future meetings:* First Saturday of every month. 7 AM (place and time, same as above)



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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 2017 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.

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 [CLICK HERE](#)

Check the calendar on the VFW Post 1581 website for any recent changes to information / events.

### Past Events

**VFW Post 1581** Award Breakfast December 2, 2017 Saturday. 8:30 AM. Hampton Inn, 11201 Davenport Street, Omaha, NE 68154 (Old Mill – South of Dodge), We presented a 2017-2018, Voice Of Democracy award (framed certificate and \$50.00) Patriots Pen award (framed certificate and \$50.00) and Law Enforcement of the Year award (framed certificate and \$50.00) .

Voice Of Democracy award winner, Austyn Becker, reading his entry and is a Senior at Elkhorn South High School student, picture below.



Voice Of Democracy award (framed certificate and \$50.00) to Austyn Becker, Senior, Elkhorn South High School picture below left, VFW Post 1581 Commander, C.L. Leighter-right.





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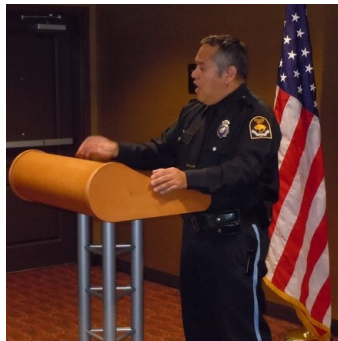
### VFW Post 1581 Award Event

Patriots Pen award winner Ryan Wolfe, St. Wenceslaus Catholic School, is reading her entry, picture below.



Award Breakfast December 2, 2017 recognized invited guests, Col. Kevin Lee-Boys town, Texas Roadhouse-Aimiee Moats, Patriots Pen Teacher- Michelle Phillips, St. Wenceslaus Catholic School, HyVee stores at 156th and Maple and 132nd and Dodge, Picture below.

Antonio L. Espejo, VFW Post 1581, 2017-2018 Law Enforcement of the Year, speaking to the audience, picture below.



Patriots Pen award winner Ryan Wolfe receive a framed certificate and \$50.00, picture left, VFW Post 1581 Commander, C.L. Leighter-right.

VFW Post 1581 Commander, C.L. Leighter-right presenting a framed certificate and \$50.00, below right.





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University of Nebraska, Student Veterans Organization helped VFW Post 1581 distribute Buddy Poppies at the 51st and Center HyVee location 11-11-17 and 11-12-17. Attending were Daniel Ortiz, Michell Blodgett and Kathleen H Clyde .


**Buddy Poppy Fundraiser**  
Veterans Day Weekend

In collaboration with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the Student Veteran Organization (SVO) will give out Buddy Poppies to those who donate to the VFW.

**Stop by the SVO donation table:**  
Friday, November 10 | MBSC  
Saturday, November 11 | Hy-Vee (51st & Center)  
Sunday, November 12 | Hy-Vee (51st & Center)

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VFW Post 1581 donated \$250.00 to Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home Christmas party 12-2-17. This donation will go towards the residents personal accounts for incidentals. Pictures below left to right, Vets. Home management, Dr. Steven Youngberg-VFW Post 1581 Adjutant / Quartermaster, Mike Medina VFW Past Sate Commander and Hospital Chairman, Marty Riemenschneider VFW Post 1581 trustee.

Howard Perry, a Marine veteran and UNO student, was chosen by the Nebraska VFW to receive a Recycled Rides™ from CARSTAR Auto Body.



More information [CLICK HERE](#)

VFW Post 1581 has chosen the Beck Family as our Xmas family 2017. Jessica and Tyler Beck are members of VFW Post 1581.

A veteran from Omaha will received an early Christmas gift when Santa awarded him keys to a 2008 Honda Accord at a ceremony on Dec. 6. 2017.

VFW Post 1581 attended a Veteran car giveaway 12-6-17 at CarStar,





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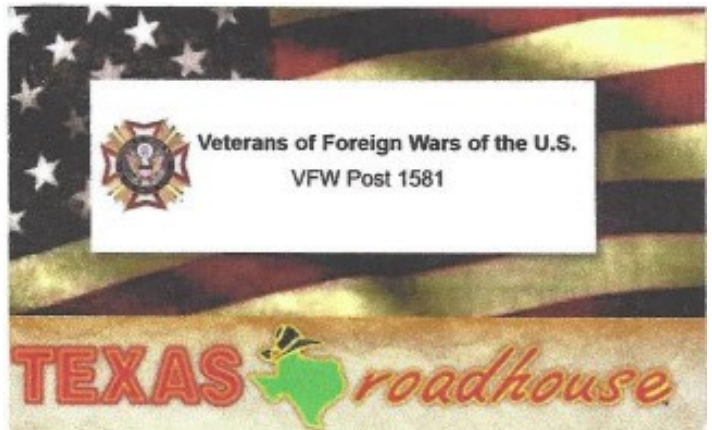
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VFW Post 1581 donated \$140.00 to Boy Scout Troop on 1-8-18 for their help during our November 11, 2017 Buddy Poppy Event.

The new Texas Roadhouse gift cards for our "Texas Roadhouse (Giving Back to Veterans program, partnering with VFW Post 1581" is pictured below.

Pictured below, left to right, Marty Riemenschneider—VFW Post 1581 Trustee, (2-3 from left) Boy Scout Troop 408 leadership, fourth from left, Lloyd Coates -VFW Post 1581 Senior Vice Commander, Dr. Steven Youngberg-VFW Post 1581 Quartermaster/Adjutant, Chad Robacker -VFW Post 1581 member.



Attend our monthly meetings to help decide Veterans or Veteran Groups that would be good candidates for this program to provide Texas Roadhouse gift cards or a catering event.



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### VFW Post 1581 Members Only Area

Go to our post 1581 website ([www1581.org](http://www1581.org)), scroll down the home page to the bottom black area, click on "members only", enter your VFW member number in login, enter you last name in the password. (meeting minutes , member information, contacts, etc.)

### 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](#)

**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](#)**

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](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.**

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.*** 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](http://www.vfwne.com)) There are many resources for you to

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Commander