



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

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Three year trustee: *Bob Burns*

Two year trustee: *Lloyd Coates*

One year trustee: *John Liebsack*

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Next regular meeting:

The next regular meeting will be December 4, 2013 - 7 PM, at Phoenix Food and Spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120th and Blondo), private meeting room.

Future meetings: First Wednesday of every month. 7 PM

Visit our Post 1581 web site. Go to the following link: <http://vfwpost1581.org/>

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Post 1581 Newsletters: Did you know that you can view, download and print the VFW Post 1581 current and archived newsletters. Go to navigation "news and media" select the drop down menu item.

VFW Nebraska Network News: All of our events and Post 1581 veteran's information are on the new Post 1581 web site. To easily find an event, use the calendar and place cursor on event or click on the event for further information. Use the website navigation to look around. Use "VFW Nebraska Network News" on the home page, right side, and scroll down.

You can change your personal VFW membership information on-line: The home page, scroll down to this link, "Change your personal VFW membership information".

On-Line Store for VFW Nebraska: We have an On-Line Store for VFW Nebraska and VFW National. Access the On-Line Store by going to our post 1581 website (www.vfwpost1518.org) place your cursor over the navigation, right side and select from the drop down window, On-Line Store for VFW Nebraska and VFW National.

"VFW Nebraska Forum / Discussion Group": You can access it by the VFW1581.org website home page, scroll down until you see the "VFW Nebraska Forum / Discussion Group" and select that icon to the right.



VFW Post 1581 Membership Only Area: Go to our post 1581 website (www.vfwpost1581.org) and select "VFW Post 1581 Membership Only Area". Use the password "militaryhelp". Keep the password confidential (for VFW Post 1581 Members Only).



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Future Events

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BILL MONTOYA POST 1581 2014 AWARDS BANQUET

We have plans for future events for 2013/2014 FY. **If you can assist with upcoming projects or committees** contact Commander, Chris Leighter 712-308-3184.

Committees:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership • Voice of Democracy • Patriots Pen • Teacher of the year • Boys Town • Buddy Poppy events • Awards Banquet • Boy Scouts • Partnership with a military unit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Enforcement of the year • Emergency Medical Technician of the year • Firefighter of the year • Women's Veterans Fair • Veterans Legislative action • Boys Town JROTC • Creighton University SROTC • and other projects |
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VFW Bill Montoya Post 1581 would like to extend an invitation to you and guest to our annual awards banquet. This is a chance for us to recognize our program(s) award winners, businesses that support us and communicate the volunteer work we perform within the community during the year.

Register: (*register before January 8, 2014*) Register going to the website below. 80 people maximum.

Go to www.vfwpost1581.org, navigation, VFW Post 1581 Awards Banquet January 15, 2014

Event: VFW Bill Montoya Post 1581 Awards Banquet

Date: January 15, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Place: Anthony's Steakhouse, 7220 F Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68127 (private banquet room)

Agenda:

- Cocktails (6:00 PM to 6:30 PM) (cash bar)
- Seated at tables and introductions: (6:30 PM to 6:45 PM)
- Dinner: (6:45 PM to 7:15 PM)
- Speaker (7:15 to 7:30)
- Awards (7:30 to 8:30) Awards Presented and Essays Read
- Wrap Up (8:30 PM to 8:45 PM)

Attire: Business Casual

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Any questions call Dr. Steven Youngberg 402-715-4469, email (syoungberg@cox.net)



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Membership:

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://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.

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 further steps in the process.

Annual Membership Dues Increase:

You need to renew your annual membership before December 31, 2013, the cost is \$30.00 for the year. After January 1, 2014 the annual membership cost will be \$40.00 per year. You may want to consider life membership to save money over the lifetime term of your membership with the VFW.

Membership:

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.

Legacy Life Membership:

We have a program called "Legacy Life" membership (Gold, Silver or Bronze) which is a step above a life member. 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.

Veteran's legislative action committee:

Our post is looking for members that would like to be active in our **Veteran's legislative action committee**. You would be active with Veteran's bills in the Nebraska legislature. Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.

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](#)



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Voice of Democracy:

2013/2014 theme will be "Why I'm Optimistic About our Nation's Future". VOD Post 1581 Winner Kara M. Stickler, Millard North High School

Patriots Pen:

- 2013/2014 theme will be "What Patriotism Means to Me". 1581 winners
 - Isabel C. Lukins
 - Olivia M. Holloway
 - Seth A. Johnson
 - Jack A. Barrett
 - Adria Grace Straka

Teacher of the Year:

Post 1581 winner - Sue Adamson, Fireridge School, 19660 Farnam street, Elkhorn, NE 68022

JROTC/SROTC:

We are working with Boys Town in regards to their JROTC program. We are also working with Creighton University in regards to their SROTC program. Contact Post 1581 Quartermaster, Dr. Steven Youngberg if you are interested in helping or attending events 402-715-4469

Past Events

VFW Post 1581 presented a check for \$200.00 to Boy Scout Troop 408 for their help and support during Buddy Poppy events.



Left to right, Dr. Steven Youngberg-Adjutant/ Quartermaster VFW Post 1581, John Liebsack-Trustee VFW Post 1581 and Department of Nebraska Adjutant/ Quartermaster, Tom Bizzarri-Sr. Vice Commander-VFW Post 1581, Mike Terrell-Scout Master-Boy Scout Troop 408, Scout leaders Troop 408.



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Buddy Poppy Event November 9, 2013

VFW Post 1581 and Boy Scout Troop 408 distributed Buddy Poppys at HyVee 156th and Maple and at HyVee 132nd and Dodge. Below picture, VFW Post 1581 chaplain Ann Thieman left and Dave Darrow VFW Post 1581 member distribute Buddy Poppy's at 156 and Maple.



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At HyVee 132nd and Dodge, Picture below, Christopher Leighter VFW Post 1581 Commander, right side VFW Post 1581 member Scott Kvammen.



Picture below, left to right, John Hilgert VFW Post 1581 Jr. Vice Commander, John Liebsack VFW Post 1581 Trustee and VFW Department of Nebraska Quartermaster/Adjutant, John Hilgert's son from Boy Scout Troop 408.



Picture below, Christopher Leighter VFW Post 1581 Commander and Boy Scout Troop 408 take a donation for a little Veteran's fan.





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Veteran's Day activities at HyVee

Creighton University SROTC, UNO SROTC POW/MIA Run

There was a Creighton University SROTC and UNO SROTC, POW/MIA run from the Creighton University SROTC campus building to Memorial Park 11-11-13. At the end of the run at Memorial Park VFW Post 1581 Commander, Christopher Leighter provided a POW/MIA address.

Picture below, Cadet participation from Memorial Park, VFW Post 1581 Commander, Christopher Leighter in the red box.



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VFW Post 1581 participated in Veteran's Day activities at HyVee 156th and Maple and 132nd and Dodge from 7 AM to 11 AM. HyVee provided free breakfast for all Veteran's. VFW Post 1581 has tables set up at both locations.

Picture below, 132nd and Dodge HyVee location setting up the table. Below left is Dr. Steven Youngberg-Adjutant/ Quartermaster VFW Post 1581, Below right is VFW Post 1581 member Arlan Stratman.



Picture below left, VFW Post 1581 Commander Christopher Leighter, below right is VFW Post 1581 member Arlan Stratman. (132nd and Dodge HyVee location)





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Veteran's Day activities at HyVee

HyVee 156th and Maple location below, below left is VFW Post 1581 Lloyd Coates, trustee/past Commander, center is Ann Thieman-Chaplain, right is a Veteran at the VFW Post 1581 table.



Picture below, Veteran's talking to VFW Post 1581 members at our table.



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Email: vfwpost1581@cox.net

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

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

Ordering VFW items

- VFW NE on-line store at this link: [Click Here](#)
- If you need a VFW military style hat, use this link: [Click Here](#)
- The general VFW online catalog, use this link: [Click Here](#)
- You can call the VFW Store at 1-800-821-2606 (you can order a catalog)
- VFW National online Store: [Click Here](#)

We need your ideas and participation, please plan to attend upcoming monthly meetings.

If you are able to participate in VFW post 1581 events or projects contact Chris Leighter, Commander 712-308-3184 or email vfwpost1581@cox.net.

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Christopher Lee Leighter
Commander