



# Veterans of Foreign Wars

## Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

2018-2019

Newsletter February 2019

### Future Events

**Commander:** Chris Leighter  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Dan Hennings  
**Jr. Vice Commander:** Medicine Flower Blue Star  
**Quartermaster:** Dr. Steven Youngberg  
**Adjutant:** Dr. Steven Youngberg  
**Chaplain:** Ann Thieman  
**Service officer:** John Liebsack  
**Surgeon:** Patricia Whitebear  
**Judge Advocate:** Jeff Taylor  
**Three-year trustee:** John Liebsack  
**Two-year trustee:** James Miller  
**One-year trustee:** Marty Riemenschneider

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)

### Future Events

- **Texas Roadhouse** (Giving Back to Veterans program, partnering with VFW Post 1581—ongoing)
- **HyVee 156<sup>th</sup> and Maple:** Buddy Poppy date: **Saturday, April 13, 2019. Time 8 AM to 12 noon.** (Note: Monday, April 15, 2018 Patriots Day).
- **Creighton University SROTC Spring Awards Ceremony:** Saturday April 27, 2019, 10:00 AM. at the Harper Center
- **Boys Town Pass and Review** Friday May 3, 2019, 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM) at Palrang Field House on campus, 122 Heroes Blvd, Boys Town, NE 68010

- **Creighton University SROTC** Commissioning: May 17, 2019, 10-11 am at the Lied Center
- **Buddy Poppy event** - May 25, 2019 Saturday 8 AM to 12 noon, HyVee stores, 156th and Maple, 132nd and Dodge, 90th and Center.
- **Buddy Poppy event** June 29, 2019, Bakers Supermarket, 505 N 155th Plaza, Omaha, NE. June 29, 2019, 8 AM to 12 noon.
- **Intertribal POW-WOW**, 9-21-19, 11 AM, event starts a 1 PM, Fort Omaha Campus, 5300 North 30th Street, Omaha, NE 68111.
- **Progressive Insurance Keys to Progress**, 11820 Harrison Street, La Vista, NE 68128. 11-7-19, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, free cars to needy Veterans.
- **CarStar—Car Giveaway**—date-time TBD
- **Award Event:** VFW Post 1581 will present award to students and the community. 12-14-19, 9 AM, HUSKER ROOM 9 AM, Hampton Inn, 11201 Davenport Street, Omaha, NE 68154 (Old Mill – South of Dodge),
- See [vfw1581.org](http://vfw1581.org) website, calendar for all events [CLICK HERE](#).

**Next regular meeting: March 9, 2019, 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) see the schedule on page 6.**



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

We ran the program from November to December 2018 at Texas Roadhouse, 156th and Dodge location.. We received \$4,175.00 in customer donations for Veterans.

We are planning to provide catering veterans

- Eastern Ne. Vets home-113 Veterans **Completed**
- Mohm's Place/New Vison-40 Veterans **Completed**
- Douglas County Veterans Court-65 Veterans **Completed**
- Student Veterans f America—25 Veterans **Completed**

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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](#)

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

### Past Events

#### VFW Post 1581 Officer Elections 2019-2020

- March 2019 monthly meeting nominations
  - April 2019 monthly meeting voting
  - May 2019 monthly meeting officers installation
  - June 2019 monthly meeting officers take their positions
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### VFW Post 1581 and Scout Troop 408 – Eagle Scout Project – Adam O'Donnell

VFW Post 1581 completed working with an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 408 for an Eagle Scout project. There is one project with two parts. The project part (A) is placing a 25' flag pole, American and POW/MIA flag, landscaping, lighting, at New Visions / MOHM's Place, which is a Homeless Veteran's shelter.

They currently do not have a flag capability. The project part (B) Provide cleaning kits in a bucket for all 60 Veteran Residents in the Homeless facility. The Boy Scout Eagle candidate has researched this need identification with the Veterans in the homeless shelter.

This Boy Scout Troop 408, helps our VFW post 1581, with our Buddy Poppy events. We have been working with Troop 408 for several years and have a very good relationship with them and troop leaders. The Eagle Scout's project candidate is an exceptional individual in the 8th grade and his mother is a single parent.

Adam O'Donnell below



VFW Post 1581 presenting a check for \$1,000.00 to Adam O'Donnell to be put into Scout Troop 408 project fund that is managed by Troop 408 leadership.



The finished project. VFW Post 1581, left to right in the picture below, Marty Riemenschneider post 1581 trustee, Dr. Steven Youngberg-post Adj. QM and Steve Roberts – New Visions director. Behind them, is the 25' flagpole, flags, patio, pole - flag lighting and landscaping. There were also cleaning kits (buckets filled with cleaning supplies that were provided for each of the 60 homeless Veteran's in the facility).





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The picture below shows the patio, patio, pole - flag lighting and landscaping.



Pictured below, middle, is C.L. Leighter-VFW Post 1581 Commander, speaking about our program and other VFW Post 1581 programs.



### Veterans Court Catering Event

VFW Post 1581 provided food for the Veterans Court Veterans that are going through the court program. VFW Post 1581 and Texas Roadhouse partner to provide these events for Veterans. We had 50-60 Veterans Court Veterans attend this event.

Picture right, left to right, Nick Lurz-Problem Solving court coordinator, Dr. Steven Youngberg-VFW Post 1581 Adjutant / Quartermaster, C.L. Leighter - VFW Post 1581 Commander, Dan Hennings - VFW Post 1581 Sr. Vice Commander, Veterans Court Judge-Douglas County District Court Judge James Gleason -far right.



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Pictured below is the Veterans Court, Veterans in attendance. There were 50-60 Veterans attending.

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Picture below, left to right, Veterans Court Judge—  
Douglas County District Court Judge James  
Gleason, Dan Hennings-VFW Post 1581 Sr. Vice Com-  
mander.

## VFW Nebraska Mid-Winter Conference 2019

February 7-9, 2019

The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel

333 S. 13th

Lincoln, NE 68508

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The Lt. Governor spoke at the governors mansion lunch. picture below.



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Picture below, the award presentation and winner selection.



Picture below, Issac Bonner is our post 1581, VFW District 10 and 3rd place Voice of Democracy winner at the VF Department of Nebraska. There were 10 finalists.



Pictured below, are the student award winners and the governors mansion lunch





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VFW Post 1581 Members that have been attending our monthly meeting the first Saturday of every month said they had conflicts the first Saturday of each month. We are now working to convert some monthly meetings to the second Saturday of every month. We will have an initial schedule of the first Saturday and second Saturday meetings that depend on the meeting room schedule. The place and time of the meetings remain the same, 7 AM to 9 AM, free breakfast included, **Hampton Inn, 11201 Dav-enport Street, Omaha, NE 68154 (Old Mill – South of Dodge)**, small meeting room.

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

### Following meetings for the 2018 calendar year

- ~~Jan 6, 2018~~
- ~~Feb 3, 2018~~
- ~~Mar 3, 2018~~
- ~~Apr 7, 2018~~
- ~~May 5, 2018~~
- ~~Jun 2, 2018~~
- July 7, 2018 **First Saturday Completed**
- Aug 4, 2018 **First Saturday Completed**
- September 8, 2018 **Second Saturday Completed**
- October 13, 2018 **Second Saturday Completed**
- November 10, 2018 **Second Saturday Canceled**
- December 8, 2018 **Second Saturday Completed**

### Following meetings for the 2019 calendar year

- January 5, 2019 **First Saturday Completed**
- February 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 **Second Saturday Completed**
- March 9, 2019 **Second Saturday**
- April 13, 2019 **Second Saturday**
- May 11, 2019 **Second Saturday**
- June 8, 2019 **Second Saturday**
- July 13, 2019 **Second Saturday**
- August 10, 2019 **Second Saturday**
- September 14, 2019 **Second Saturday**
- October 12, 2019 **Second Saturday**
- November 9, 2019 **Second Saturday**
- December 14, 2019 **Second Saturday**

We will continue to provide a meeting reminder the day before the meeting.



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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.

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

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.**