



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter March 2018

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Future Events

- POW-WOW, September 15, 2018 , time TBD
- Progressive Insurance Keys to Progress, 11-8-18 Thursday.
- CarStar—Car Giveaway—date-time TBD
- 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. Veterans Breakfast.
- Award Breakfast December 1, 2018 Saturday. 8:30 AM

See vfw1581.org website, calendar for all events.

Additional information call 402-715-4469

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
- 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.

Next regular meeting:

The next regular meeting will be Saturday April 7 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

Past 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
 - go to resources
 - drop down window, go to program reporting
 - Direct Link [CLICK HERE](#)
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Check the calendar on the VFW Post 1581 website for any recent changes to information / events.



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VFW Post 1581 Members Only Area

Go to our post 1581 website (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 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 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.**

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

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C. Lee Leighter

Commander