



# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

## Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

2018-2019

**Commander:** Chris Leighter  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** Lloyd Coates  
**Jr. Vice Commander:** Dan Hennings  
**Quartermaster:** Dr. Steven Youngberg  
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Newsletter May 2018

Future Events

- **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, 51st and Center locations, 7 AM to 12 noon. Veterans Breakfast.
- **Award Breakfast** December 1, 2018 Saturday 8:30 AM

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

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
- **Buddy Poppy Event** - May 26, 2018 Saturday 8 AM to 12 noon—HyVee—156th and Maple, 132nd and Dodge, 190th and Pacific, 51st and Center locations .
- **119th VFW National Convention** Kansas City, Mo., has been selected as host city for the 119th VFW National Convention, July 21-25, 2018.
- **POW-WOW**, September 15, 2018 , 1 PM
- **POW/MIA Run** September 21, 2018 -VFW be there 6:30 AM, Cadets there at 6:45 AM. Memorial Park in Omaha, 63rd and Dodge.

### Next regular meeting:

The next regular meeting will be Saturday June 2 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 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-116 Veterans
- Mohm's Place/New Vison-50 Veterans
- Douglas County Veterans Court-60 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](#)

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

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#### Buddy Poppy Event

Join us on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at HyVee stores located at 156th and Maple, 132nd and Dodge and 180th and Pacific, from 8 AM to 12 noon. Contact Arturo Calderon for more details 402-301-8527.

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**VFW Post 1581 had their voting for the 3018-2018 officers:**

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### VFW District 10 Awards Event, Sunday 4-8-18 at VFW Post 2503.

Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher.



### Creighton University SROTC Spring Awards Ceremony:

Saturday April 28, 2018, 10:00 AM. VFW Post 1581 Commander C.L. Leighter presented a framed award and medal to the following cadets:

MS I Cadet George Mata

MS II Cadet Jack Salmon

MS III Cadet Regina Marie Calo

MS IV Cadet Tyler Selinger



Cadet Mata, George



Cadet Salmon, Jack



Cadet Selinger, Tyler



Cadet Calo, Regina







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### Boys Town JROTC Pass and Review

Was held Friday May 4, 2018, from 2 PM to 3 PM. Cadet ward winners received a framed certificate, medal and \$50.00 from VFW Post 158 Commander C.L. Leighter.

Award winners below:

Brianna Lierman

John Applegarth

Tesharr Roque

Gabriel Wear



Attending were: C.L. Leighter (Commander) back-left, Dr. Steven Youngberg (Adjutant / Quartermaster) taking the picture, Ann Thieman (Chaplain back-third from right ), Dan Hennings (Jr. Vice Commander) back-fourth from right , Marty Riemenschneider (Trustee) back, second to right.

**Maxwell Adams Eagle scout project.** It was completed last Saturday, 4-28-18 at Scatter Joy Acres (SJA). SJA is a non-profit that rescues animals and uses them for animal assisted therapy, including Veterans. The project removed, repaired, and/or replaced over 100 yards of fencing in the paddock areas for the calves, goats, alpacas, sheep, camels, and steer. This not only improved their fencing but made it better for the animals and assisted SJA in ensuring that the fencing met USDA requirements.





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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](#)

**VFW National Discussion Group:** [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: [vfwpost1581@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost1581@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.**