



Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

2019-2020

Newsletter May 2019

Commander: Chris Leighter

Sr. Vice Commander: Dan Hennings

Jr. Vice Commander: James Kelter

Quartermaster: Dr. Steven Youngberg

Adjutant: Dr. Steven Youngberg

Chaplain: Ann Thieman

Service officer: John Liebsack

Surgeon: Patricia Whitebear

Judge Advocate: Daniel Ortiz

Three-year trustee: Rob Herman

Two-year trustee: James Miller

One-year trustee: Marty Riemenschneider

Future Events

- **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.
- **Buddy Poppy event** November 9, 2019 Saturday 7 AM to 10 AM—156th and Maple, 90th and Center, 180th and Q street
- **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 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](#)

Email: vfw1581@gmail.com

Future Events

- **Texas Roadhouse** (Giving Back to Veterans program, partnering with VFW Post 1581—ongoing
- **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.

Next regular meeting: June 8, 2019, 7 AM to 9 AM, free breakfast included, Hampton Inn, 11201 Davenport Street, Omaha, NE 68154 (Old Mill – South of Dodge), large meeting room (Husker).

Map [CLICK HERE](#) Future meetings: Second Saturday of every month. 7 AM (place and time, same as above) see the schedule on page 3.



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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 are planning to provide catering veterans

- New Visions 40 Veterans
- Student Veterans of America—25 Veterans

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

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

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 to Report [CLICK HERE](#)
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Check the calendar on the VFW Post 1581 website vfw1581.org for any recent changes to information /

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VFW Post 1581 Donates to the Tyler Beck Family

A mother and veteran who went into cardiac arrest due to pregnancy complications passed away February 21, 2019 Jessica Beck's heart stopped beating for 15 minutes. She went into cardiac arrest due to pregnancy-induced myopathy.

Beck's baby was born eight weeks premature by emergency cesarean and is doing well, but the mother went into a coma.

"It is with deep sadness that I announce that Jessica Beck passed away peacefully this morning at 5:30 am. She was an amazing wife, daughter, mother, friend, teacher, and lover of Jesus. Her presence will be missed by all of us. Please continue to prayer for her husband Tyler, and beautiful children Izabel, Izaak, Elzy, Ezekiel, and baby Evelyn. They will need all the prayers they can get as they navigate through this season of loss. Thank you all for your prayers and support."

Tyler and Jessica are Veterans and are members of VFW Post 1581. VFW Post 1581 is assisting with Veterans support through the post and the Veterans systems.

The Beck family below.





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VFW Post 1581 Donates to the Tyler Beck Family (continued)

The new baby below.



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 9th 2019 **Second Saturday Completed**
- March 9, 2019 **Second Saturday Completed**
- April 13, 2019 **Second Saturday Completed**
- May 11, 2019 **Second Saturday Completed**
- 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.

VFW Post 1581 donating to the Tyler Beck Family. Picture below, left to right, John Liebsack-VFW Post 1581 service officer and VFW state Adjutant / Quartermaster, Dr. Steven Youngberg VFW Post 1581 Adjutant / Quartermaster, Tyler Beck-VFW Post 1581 member, C. L. Leighter-VFW Post 1581 Commander. VFW Post 1581 donated \$500.00 cash, a VFW Life Membership (\$410.00) and a VFW Post 1581 military style hat (\$48.05).





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2019 Boys Town Pass and Review

The 2019 Boys Town Pass and Review was held on Friday May 3, 2019, 1415 - 1515 hrs. (2:15 PM to 3:15 PM) at Palrang Field House on campus, 122 Heroes Blvd, Boys Town, NE 68010.

There were four winners presented with framed certificate, medal and ribbon and \$50.00 each.

The winners are listed below:

- ShyAnn Hollings
- Malysa Torres
- Hope Barger
- Johnathan Romero

The VFW post 1581 members attending

- Presenter: VFW Post 1581 Commander – C. L. Leighter (picture below far left)
- Attendees: VFW Post 1581 Adjutant / Quartermaster—Dr. Steven Youngberg (picture below far right)





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VFW Post 1581 and Scout Troop 408 Eagle Scout Project-update

VFW Post 1581 and Scout Troop 408 – Eagle Scout Project – Adam O'Donnell

Scout troop 408 has completed the cleaning kits for the homeless Veterans at New Visions. Pictures below:





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VFW Post 1581 and Scout Troop 408 Eagle Scout Project-update (continued)

Adam O'Donnell below



Full story below of the project

VFW Post 1581 completed working with an Eagle Scout from 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.

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.





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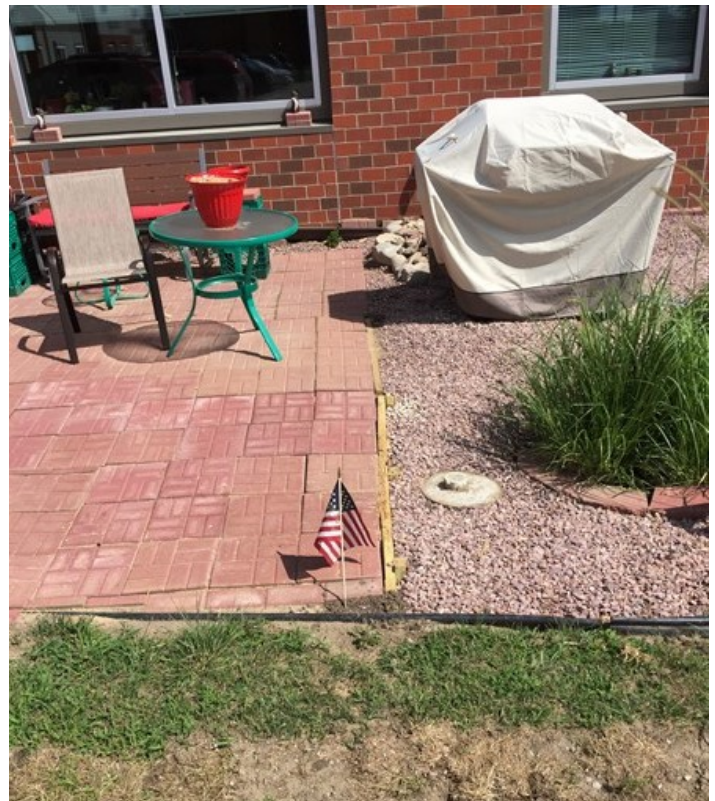
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The finished project. VFW Post 1581, left to right in the picture below, Marty Riemenschneider post 1581 trustee, Dr. Steven Youngberg-post Adj. QM and Steve Roberts – New Visions director. Behind them, is the 25' flagpole, flags, patio, pole - flag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

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





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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



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VFW Post 1581 Members Only Area

Go to our post 1581 website (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 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) There are many resources for you to use.

Email: vfw1581@gmail.com

Web site: vfw1581.org

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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 website. Select navigation-resources, See "Current Members Membership Control" to set-up your VFW member account. OR call John Liebsack 402-210-5198.