



Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Nebraska

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

2018-2019

Commander: Chris Leighter
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Quartermaster: Dr. Steven Youngberg
Adjutant: Dr. Steven Youngberg
Chaplain: Ann Thieman
Service officer: Bob Burns
Surgeon: Dr. Greg O'Leary
Judge Advocate: Dan Dawson

Three year trustee: John Liebsack
Two year trustee: James Miller
One year trustee: Marty Riemenschneider

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Future Events

- **CarStar—Car Giveaway**—date-time TBD
- **Buddy Poppy Event** - November 10, 2018 Saturday 7AM to 10 AM—HyVee—156th and Maple, 132nd and Dodge, 90th and Center locations.
- **Veteran's Breakfast**- November 12, 2018 Monday 7AM to 11AM—HyVee—156th and Maple, 32nd and Dodge, 90th and Center locations, 7 AM to 12 noon.
- **Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home XMAS party**, 12505 40th St, Bellevue, NE 68123, 1:30 PM start
- **Award Breakfast** December 8, 2018 Saturday 9:00 AM

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)
- **VFW District 10 meeting**, Post 2543, Plattsmouth at 2 pm., 510 1st Ave, Plattsmouth, NE 68048, Sunday, 10-14-18
- **Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home Catering Event**, 12505 South 40th Street, Bellevue, NE 68123, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Partnership with VFW Post 1581 and Texas Roadhouse
- **Progressive Insurance Keys to Progress**, 11-8-18 Thursday. 11820 Harrison St, La Vista, NE 68128

The November 10, 2018 VFW Post 1581 monthly meeting is canceled, We will have a Buddy Poppy event that day from 7 AM to 10 AM at HyVee stores, 156th and Maple, 132nd and Dodge and 90th and Center.

Next regular meeting: December 8, 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. Awards event will start at 9:00 AM.

Map [CLICK HERE](#)

Future meetings: First OR Second Saturday of every month. 7 AM (place and time, same as above) see the schedule on page 9.



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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-113 Veterans
- Mohm's Place/New Vison-40 Veterans **Completed**
- Douglas County Veterans Court-60 Veterans
- Student Veterans f America—25 Veterans **Completed**

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](#)

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

Past Events

2018 Intertribal POW-WOW

Fort Omaha Campus
5300 N. 30th Street
Omaha, NE 68111

VFW Post 1581 had a table there. We invited VA (benefits), VA hospital, Omaha National Cemetery. VFW Post 1581 participated in opening event at 1 PM.

Pictured below, left to right, Dr. Steven Youngberg –VFW Post 1581 ADJ. / QM, Marty Riemenschneider-Trustee, Medicine Flower Blue Star-VFW Post 1581 member, Arturo Calderon-VFW Post 1581 member and Buddy Poppy Chairman, John Liebsack-VFW Post 1581 trustee-Dept. of Nebraska ADJ. / QM, Medicine Flower Blue Star's daughter, C.L. Leighter-VFW Post 1581 Commander.





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Picture below, left to right, front row, Medicine Flower Blue Star's daughter, Dr. Steven Youngberg-VFW Post 1581 ADJ. / QM, C.L. Leichter VFW Post 1581 Commander, Medicine Flower Blue Star-VFW Post 1581 member, back row, left to right, Kathleen H Clyde VFW Post 1581 Member- Student Veterans of America, Kyle Keener-VFW Post 1581 Member- President-Student Veterans of America, Michell Blodgett VFW Post 1581 Member- Student Veterans of America.

Picture below, front row, left to right, CL. Leichter VFW Post 1581 Commander, Dr. Rudi Mitchell VFW Post 1581 member, Patricia Whitebear VFW Post 1581 member, Medicine Flower Blue Star.



VFW Post 1581 participated in the opening ceremonies, pictures below.

When VFW Post 1581 was established, it was called the west Omaha Post. It was later changed to the Bill Montoya Post.





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Opening Ceremony over, headed back to the VFW Post 1581 booth.





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The Student Veterans of America (SVA) planned a BBQ event.



VFW Post 1581 members present: Dr. Steven Youngberg—VFW Post 1581 Adjutant-Quartermaster, C. L. Leighter -VFW Post 1581 Commander, Marty Riemenschneider-VFW Post 1581 trustee, John Liebsack-VFW Post 1581 Trustee-Adj/QM VFW department, Daniel Ortiz-VFW Post 1581 member, Kathleen Clyde-VFW Post 1581 member, Kyle Keener-VFW Post 1581 member and President of the SVA, Medicine-Flower Blue Star-VFW Post 1581 member.

We signed up two new VFW Post 1581 members from the SVA.

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 Davenport 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**

Following meetings for the 2019 calendar year

- January 5, 2019 **First Saturday**
- February 9th 2019 **Second Saturday**
- 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**
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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



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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](tel: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](tel: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](tel: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.