



## Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

April 2010

*Next regular meeting:* The next regular meeting will be May 5, 2010 - 7 PM, at <u>Phoenix food and spirits-</u> 12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120<sup>th</sup> and Blondo), private meeting room.

*Future meetings:* First Wednesday of every month. 7 PM, at <u>Phoenix food and spirits-12015 Blondo,</u> <u>Omaha NE</u> (120<sup>th</sup> and Blondo). Mark your calendars, "plan to attend". June 2, 2010 – July 7, 2010 – etc. -7 PM, at <u>Phoenix food and spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE</u> (120<sup>th</sup> and Blondo), private room.

The election of VFW post 1581 officers for the 2010/2011 year occurred at the regular meeting April 7, 2010. The list of elected officers is displayed at the top left of this page.

## **Future Events**

The National Army field band is scheduled to perform April 20, 2010 (Tuesday night) at Boys Town music hall. VFW Post 1581 and Boys Town are partnering in this event. The event will be free to the public. The VFW national commander will attend. There will be a reception for the VFW National Commander at the Millard VFW post after the event. The event will be from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Plan to be there between 6:15 to 6:30 for seating. Contact Jeff Miller at 402-707-3433 for tickets.

Voice of Democracy (VOD) fist place winner from VFW district 10 Sierra Hansen, Westside High School, grade 9, will receive her award April 25, 2010, 1 PM at post 2503. Please plan to attend to represent our post. For further information contact Subby Caniglia 496-4288.

Voice of Democracy (VOD) theme for 2010/2011 year "Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future". If you would like to work with High School youth contact the committee chairman Lloyd Coates 402- 498-0837

Patriots Pen theme for 2010/2011 year 2010/2011 year "Does Patriotism Still Matter". If you would like to work with High School youth contact the committee chairman Lloyd Coates 402- 498-0837

We will be hosting a poppy day May 29, 2010 (Saturday before Memorial Day). We need volunteers for 1 or 2 hour shifts. The locations will be <u>HyVee 132<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge</u> and <u>Bakers 156<sup>th</sup> and Dodge</u>. The hours will be 9-5. Two people are needed at each store for one hour shifts. A VFW post 1581 partner, Boy Scout troop 408, will also assist with the poppy day at these locations. This is your opportunity to support the VFW and your post. If you can volunteer call Lloyd Coates at 402-498-0837.

The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual VFW state convention will be held in Grand Island, NE at the Howard Johnson Riverside Inn, June 4-6, 2010. Cut-off date is April 15, 2010. For further information contact Subby Caniglia 496-4288.

The VFW 111<sup>th</sup> National Convention will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, August 21-26, 2010. All members wishing to attend

- Call 317-684-2573 (Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm (EST).
- FAX: 317-684-2492.
- Mail: VFW housing Bureau C/O ICVA, 30 S. Meridian St. Suite 410, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
- Internet: <u>www.vfw.org</u> access online registration form. Book reservation before July 19, 2010.
- For further information contact Subby Caniglia 496-4288.

Our current members have signed up several new VFW members to our post. If you have a potential VFW candidate, please contact our commander – Subby Caniglia at 496-4288 for further steps in the process.

We are in the <u>planning</u> stage for more events as poppy days, Vet's home visits, parades, Memorial Day event, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Boy Scout of the year, Law enforcement officer of the year, etc. for 2010/2011 FY. If you can help with these upcoming projects/committees contact the person associated with each.

- Voice of Democracy (VOD): call Lloyd Coates at 402-498-0837
- Patriots Pen: call Lloyd Coates at 402-498-0837
- Boy Scouts: call John Hilgert at 402-326-9125
- Law Enforcement officer of the year: call Jeff Miller 402-991-0971

## Ordering VFW items

If you need a VFW hat use the link below: <u>http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=25525</u>

The general VFW online catalog, use the link below: <u>http://www.vfwstore.org/</u>

We need your ideas and participation, please plan to attend upcoming monthly meetings.

If you are able to participate in VFW post 1581 events or projects contact Subby Caniglia 496-4288 or email <u>vfwpost1581@cox.net</u>.

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Commander

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