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Quartermaster/Adjutant: Dr. Steven Youngberg
Chaplain: Tom Bizzarri
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Surgeon: Dr. Greg O'Leary
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Two year trustee: John Hilgert
One year trustee: John Liebsack



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

April 2011

Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be **May 4, 2011 - 7 PM**, at Phoenix Food and Spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120th and Blondo), private meeting room.

Future meetings: **First Wednesday of every month. 7 PM**, at Phoenix Food and Spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120th and Blondo) private room. Mark your calendars, "plan to attend".

Future Events

We have plans for future events for 2010/2011 FY and next year 2011/2012 FY. If you can help with these upcoming projects/committees contact the person associated with each or call our commander Lloyd Coates 402- 498-0837.

- Make plans to attend our monthly Post 1581 meetings. Your comrades in action at a monthly meeting below.
- A Buddy Poppy event is planned for May 28, 2011. We will be at the following Hy-Vee stores from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM: Hy-Vee – 90th and Center, 144th and Stonybrook Drive, 132nd and Dodge, 156th and Maple, Bakers – 156th and Dodge. If you can assist please call commander Lloyd Coates 402- 498-0837. There will be members calling to ask for volunteers.

Below left Picture: far left-Chris Lighter (Jr. Vice Commander), center- Dr. Steven Youngberg (Adjutant/Quartermaster), right-Lloyd Coates (Commander). Below Right Picture: left-Don Williams (Membership Chairman), Dr. Greg O'Leary (Surgeon)



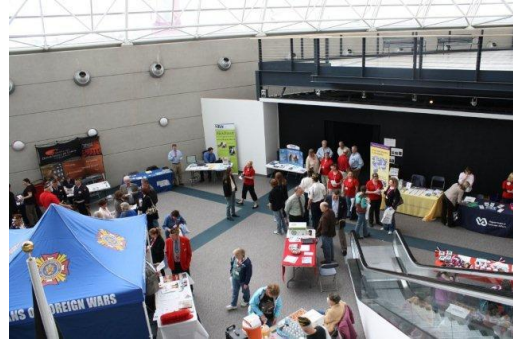
- Membership: Your current annual VFW post 1581 membership ended December 31, 2010 (this does not apply to life members). Please send in your membership for the next fiscal year 2011/2012 today. Approximately one half of our post members are life members. Why not consider turning your annual membership 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. We have a program of legacy life membership (Gold, Silver or Bronze) which is a step above a life member. Contact Don Williams 402-933-6976. 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 membership. Contact Don Williams 402-933-6976
- We will be actively pursuing new Post 1581 ladies auxiliary members soon. The post 1581 ladies auxiliary will be calling Post 1581 members soon to explain the benefits and activities of joining our ladies auxiliary. If you have a spouse or friend that would be interested, please call Mary Fields 402-397-7906 or John Liebsack 402-210-5198.
- Post 1581 ladies auxiliary is serving donuts at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home every 1st and 3rd Sunday between 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM. For further information or if you know of someone that would like to join our Ladies Auxiliary call Mary Fields 402-397-7906.

Past Events

- VFW Post 1581 has voted on the FY 2011/2012 officers for the post. The new post 1581 elected officers are located at the top left of this newsletter.
- VFW Post 1581 attended the Nebraska women veteran's fair at the Strategic Air and Space Museum, 28120 West Park Hwy, Ashland, NE (next to Mahoney State Park). March 19, 2011, from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. There were several speakers at the event including, but not limited to, Sally Ganem-Nebraska first lady, LTC Anita Currington, John Hilgert-Nebraska dept. of veterans affairs, Dr. Betty Mosely-Brown-associate. Director-Center for Women Veterans.

Picture below left: VFW Post 1581 members that attended this event, from left to right, Chris Leighter (Sr. Vice Commander), Lloyd Coates (Commander), Ann Thieman (trustee), Dr. Steven Youngberg (Adjutant/Quartermaster), Tom Bizzarri (Chaplin), John Liebsack (Trustee-State Adjutant/Quartermaster) and Don Williams (Membership Chairman).

Picture below right: The event-VFW tent and table booths set up around the floor for Veterans services from many organizations.



Picture Below Left: The Women Veterans that attended this event.

Picture Below Right: At the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs table/booth. Pictured second from the left is John Hilgert (Director of Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs) and other post 1581 members.



Picture below: Lunch was served by VFW Post-members, and provided by Operation BBQ for our Troops, at the Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars-sponsored Women Veteran's Fair held at the Strategic Air and Space Museum Mar. 19, 2011. The purpose of the event was to build camaraderie among veterans and to ensure that female veterans are aware of benefits available to them. (Photo by Kristina Scott, VFW Post 131.)



Our current members have signed up several new VFW members to our post. If you have a potential VFW candidate, please contact – Don Williams at 402-933-6976 for further steps in the process.

Ordering VFW items

If you need a VFW military style hat use this link: <http://www.vfwstore.org/detail.aspx?ID=25525>

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

You can call the VFW Store at 1-800-821-2606 (you can order a catalog)

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 Lloyd Coates, Commander 402-498-0837 or email vfwpost1581@cox.net. See our VFW Post 1581 web site <http://members.cox.net/vfwpost1581>

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