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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Bill Montoya Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

April 2012

Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be May 2, 2012 - 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 2011/2012 FY. **If you can assist with upcoming projects or committees** contact commander Lloyd Coates 402-498-0837.

- Committees:
 - Membership, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Boys Town, Awards Banquet, Buddy Poppy events, Boy Scouts, Partnership with military unit, Law Enforcement of the year, Emergency Medical Technician of the year, Firefighter of the year, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Women's Veterans Fair, Veterans Legislative action and other projects.
- **It's time to renew your annual membership for the 2011-2012 year. Please renew your VFW membership as soon as possible.** If you are not sure if you have renewed your membership, contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198 for your membership status. If you have renewed your membership, thanks for supporting our Post 1581 and supporting veterans.
- **Membership:** 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 over 12 months.** We have a program of legacy life membership (Gold, Silver or Bronze) which is a step above a life member. 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.
- At the VFW Post 1581 May 2012 monthly meeting, we will install the elected officers. July 1, 2012 is the start of our new FY 2012/2013.

- We are working on the 2012 / 2013, ***Voice and Democracy and Patriots Pen*** programs with students. The themes for this next year are: Voice of Democracy – Is Our Constitution Still Relevant? And Patriot's Pen - What I Would Tell America's Founding Fathers. All entries need to be into VFW Post 1581 by November 1, 2012. If you would like to help with these programs and working with students, contact Ann Thieman 402-639-5075.
- April 29, 2012 is the VFW District 10 Meeting at VFW Post 2503, 1:00 P.M start, 8904 Military Road, Omaha, NE.
- June 7-10, 2012 VFW State Convention at the Marriott Regency Hotel, 10220 Regency Cir Omaha, Ne 68114 (402) 399-9000 Room are \$89.00 + taxes (includes buffet breakfast for two) Reserve with State Headquarters (402) 464-0674.
- Our post 1581 is looking for members that would like to be active in our Veteran's legislative action committee. You would be supporting or contesting Veteran's bills in the Nebraska legislature. Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.

Past Events

We have completed the election of VFW Post 1581 officers. These officers will take their posts on July 1, 2012 for the new 2012/2013 FY. See the list below.

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If you need to contact VFW Post 1581 by email use vfwpost1581@cox.net.

Our current members have signed up several new VFW members to our post. If you have a potential VFW candidate, please contact – John Liebsack 402-210-5198 for further steps in the process.

We are working on a new web site for Post 1581 – stay tuned for further information

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.

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Lloyd Coates **Commander**