

Commander: Lloyd Coates
Sr. Vice Commander: Bob Burns
Jr. Vice Commander: Chris Leighter
Quartermaster/Adjutant: Dr. Steven Youngberg
Chaplain: Tom Bizzarri
Service officer: Bob Burns
Surgeon: Dr. Greg O'Leary
Judge Advocate: Dean Mathisen
Three year trustee: Ann Thieman
Two year trustee: John Hilgert
One year trustee: John Liebsack



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

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Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be September 7, 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 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.
- 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 membership. Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.

Past Events

- District 10 meeting was July 31, 2011 at Post 247, 3310 Leavenworth Street, Omaha NE 68105, started at 1:30 PM.
- Boys Town Memorial Event July 30, 2011: This event is a rededication of the Boys Town Veterans Memorial with new look and design. The Boys Town Veterans Memorial was first dedicated July 27,

1991. Details on the wall are made of cast bronze and include a decorative scroll band and insignia of the six branches of the Armed Forces. The theme of the wall is "Honoring Alumni Who Died in Combat or While Serving in Uniform". Boys Town stated that "This effort has been funded through generous donations from Boys Town Alumni, friends, relatives, interested parties and VFW posts in Nebraska and Colorado. The Boys Town National Alumni Association is proud to be associated with the VFW and commend them for the work they do for our courageous Veterans".

VFW department of Nebraska donated \$1,000.00, VFW department of Colorado donated \$500.00 and VFW Post 1581 donated \$100.00. There are other donations from Boys Town Alumni, friends, relatives and interested parties.

Below picture: The donation of VFW Post 1581 to (left) John Mollison, Boys Town class of 1964, Col. USAF (Ret.) Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters and a new member of VFW Post 1581. Presented by VFW Post 1581 Commander Lloyd Coates (center) and Adjutant/Quartermaster Dr. Steven Youngberg (far right)



Below is the event:

Below left picture: is John E. Hamilton, VFW, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, dedication speaker.

Below right picture: The VFW Senior Vice Commander, VFW, Department of Colorado and Alumni of Boys Town, Bruce R. Dolan, introduced the Honored Dedication Speaker (below left picture) John E. Hamilton, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, VFW.



Below left picture are VFW Post 1581 members with John E. Hamilton, VFW, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. VFW Post 1581 members were left to right: Tom Bizzarri (chaplain), 2nd from left: Dr. Steven Youngberg (Adjutant/Quartermaster), 3rd from left: John E. Hamilton, 4th from left: Lloyd Coates (Commander), 5th from left: Ann Thieman (trustee). VFW Post 2503 member is on the far right side.

Below right picture: Father Steven E. Boes, Boys Town, national executive director, provided the opening prayer and remarks.



To donate to Boys Town memorial, mail to BTNAA-veterans memorial, 14057 Flanagan Blvd., Boys Town, NE 68010. For information call: 1-800-345-0458

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.

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>

Bill Montoya Post 1581

Lloyd Coates **Commander**