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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

December 2010

Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be **January 5, 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.

- Voice of Democracy (VOD) theme for 2010/2011 year "**Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future**". We will be judging these entries November 2-12, 2010) Voice of Democracy winner is Elizabeth A. Johnson from Millard North High School, Omaha NE.
- Patriots Pen theme for 2010/2011 year 2010/2011 year "**Does Patriotism Still Matter**". We have 5 winners, Ella A. Wentz, Theresa G. Bracht, Brenna M Morris, Johnna M. Lowe and Claire E. Pelan, all from Saint Wenceslaus School, Omaha NE.
- Boy Scout of the year and VFW Post 1581/Boys Scout Troop 408 partnerships: call John Hilgert at 402-326-9125. Deadline for nominations March 1, 2011.
- Membership: Your current annual VFW post 1581 membership ends December 31, 2010 (this does not apply to life members). Please renew 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 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
- 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 Marian Pirruccello 402-551-0314 or Mary Fields 402-397-7906.

- January 28-29, 2011 VFW Mid-Winter Conference, Holiday Inn, 141 N 9th Street Lincoln NE 68508. Cut-off date January 1, 2011 for hotel registration. Presentation for VOD and Patriots Pen state winners. Contact Commander Lloyd Coates for further information 402-402- 498-0837

Past Events

- The Buddy Poppy event was held November 6, 2010. Thanks to all comrades that helped during this event.



- Veteran's homes across Nebraska received five new transportation vehicles thanks to a donation from the division of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Gov. Dave Heineman thanked the VFW for the \$44,500 donation outside the Governor's Mansion on Friday morning 10-22-10. The total cost of the vehicles totaled \$222,280. The VFW provided 20 percent of the cost with the remaining 80 percent coming from federal funding. The busses will be distributed to the veteran's homes in Norfolk, Scottsbluff, Grand Island and Bellevue. Our post 1581 had representatives at this event.
- A museum exhibit opening was on November 2010 and featured the photos of people killed in Iraq or Afghanistan who have ties to Nebraska and western Iowa. It will take place November 14, 2010 at the Strategic Air and Space Museum with a public event at 1:30 p.m. The exhibit, "Remembering Our Fallen," will stay at the museum for approximately two months and then travel the state in 2011.

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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