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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

December 2011

Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be January 4, 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, 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.
- **It's time to renew your annual membership for the 2011-2012 year.** The VFW national will be sending renewal statements each month. ***Please renew your VFW membership as soon as possible.***
- **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.
- We have a VFW state calendar project to raise money for the VFW state events. Calendars are \$20.00 and there will be 366 drawings, so you could win money. For further information call Commander Lloyd Coates 402-498-0837. This program will end soon.

Past Events

- Post 1581 was at Hy-Vee 156th and Maple 11-11-11 from 7 AM to 11 AM. Hy-Vee had free breakfast for all veterans and we had a table set up representing VFW Post 1581. We signed up 2 new members to our post.

There was a very good turnout of veterans. The picture below left is VFW Post 1581 table with Buddy Poppy's, VFW membership information and VFW brochures. The picture below right is a sample of the children from different schools that sang patriotic songs for the attendees.



- We had our Buddy Poppy events on November 12, 2011 at the Hy-Vee 156th and Maple, also Hy-Vee 132nd and Dodge. VFW members and The Boy Scouts helped at this event. The picture below left is our new table and VFW table cover. The tent is on loan from the state VFW. Picture below left, John Liebsack state Adjutant/Quartermaster on the left and Boy Scout leader on the right. The picture below right is VFW Post members Ann Thieman (left) and Don Williams (right) help with Buddy Poppy's.



- Below left and right are the Boy Scout Troop 408 that helped us during the Buddy Poppy event on November 12, 2011 at Hy-Vee 156th and Maple.



- Post 1581 has judged the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen program student entries from November 1, 2011 to November 15, 2011. The winners have been submitted for further consideration of winning to District 10, State

and National VFW awards. VFW post 1581 winners were Voice of Democracy: Sierra Hanson. Patriots Pen: Ryan P. O'Connell, Luke J. Miller, Tommy A. Hermanek, Aaron P. Masek, MacKenzie E. Modde, Sara G. Mangiameli and Katrina A. Roth. We had 86 entries for Patriots Pen.

Our VFW post 1581 web site that is hosted by Cox has been discontinued. We have received very little response for a web site from our VFW Post 1581 members.

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.

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.

VFW Bill Montoya Post 1581

Lloyd Coates Commander