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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

January 2012

Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be March 7, 2012 - 7 PM (***the February 1, 2012 regular meeting will be replaced with the awards banquet February 1, 2012 at a different location***), 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, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen 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.**
- **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.
- The next District 10 meeting is January 15, 2012 at VFW post 3421, 3434 McKinley St Omaha NE 68112 (402) 457-5007 and starts at 1 PM.
- The VFW mid-winter conference will be January 27-28, 2012 at Holiday Inn, 141 N. 9th street, Lincoln NE. Call the VFW state headquarters 402-464-0674 for reservations \$79.00 per night + taxes. There will be a legislative

day 1-27-12 at the state capitol at 9:00 AM. The first bus leaves at 8:15 from the hotel to the capitol. We will be talking to state senators regarding veteran's issues and needs.

- We will be having our VFW post 1581 awards banquet February 1, 2012 at Anthony's steak house, 7220 F Street (Just South of I80), Omaha NE starting at 6 PM. An invitation will be sent to post members in the Omaha area soon for your RSVP. This event will honor our VFW Post 1581 Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen school winners, Hy-Vee stores, Boy Scouts, Schools and other support we receive during the year. Any questions contact post commander Lloyd Coates 402-498-0837 or email vfwpost1581@cox.net.

Past Events

- The VFW state calendar project to raise money for the VFW state events project is closed December 30, 2011. The drawing is January 3, 2012 for calendar winners (366)
- Our post did not have any Voice of Democracy or Patriots Pen winners from our VFW district 10 submissions.
- Awards were given to Applebee's restaurants at the following locations for their offer of free meals for veteran's on Veterans Day 2011. Presentations to the Applebee's General Manager's by VFW Post 581 Dr. Steven Youngberg (Adjutant/Quartermaster)

13208 W. Maple Rd. (below left)



6222 N. 72nd Street (below right)



3350 S. 143 Place (below left)



2829 S. 181st Street (below right)



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