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## Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

January 2011

**Next regular meeting:** The next regular meeting will be **March 2, 2011 - 7 PM**, (the February 2, 2011 regular meeting is cancelled) at Phoenix Food and spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120<sup>th</sup> and Blondo), private meeting room.

**Future meetings:** **First Wednesday of every month. 7 PM**, at Phoenix Food and Spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120<sup>th</sup> and Blondo) private room. Mark your calendars, "plan to attend".

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### 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 have judged these entries November 2-12, 2010. Voice of Democracy Post 1581 winner is Elizabeth A. Johnson from Millard North High School, Omaha NE. The VFW district 10 winner is from Post 8334 Millard, NE and will compete in the State VFW competition.
- Patriots Pen theme for 2010/2011 year **"Does Patriotism Still Matter"**. We have 5 winners from Post 1581 and they are, Ella A. Wentz, Theresa G. Bracht, Brenna M Morris, Johnna M. Lowe and Claire E. Pelan, all from Saint Wenceslaus School, Omaha NE. The district 10 winner is Theresa G Bracht and will possibly compete in the State VFW competition.
- Boy Scout of the year and VFW Post 1581/Boys Scout Troop 408 partnerships: call John Hilgert at 402-326-9125. Deadline for Boy Scout of the year nominations March 1, 2011.

- Membership: Your current annual VFW post 1581 membership ends December 31, 2010 (this does not apply to life members). Please send in 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 monthly 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Call the State VFW (402-464-0674) to book a room at a reduced "block" room rate. Contact Commander Lloyd Coates for further information 402- 498-0837

### **Past Events**

- None to report

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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](mailto:vfwpost1581@cox.net). See our VFW Post 1581 web site <http://members.cox.net/vfwpost1581>

**Bill Montoya Post 1581**

*Lloyd Coates* Commander