

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

July 2011

Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be August 3, 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".

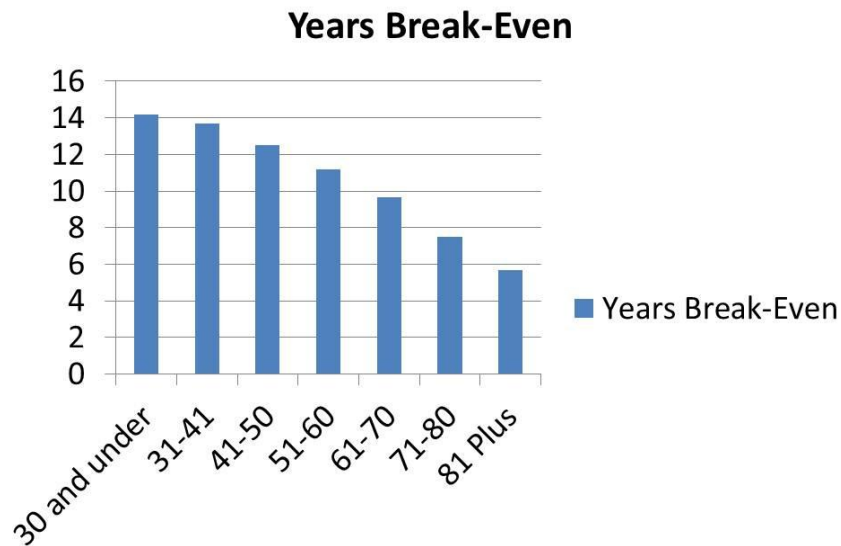
Future Events

We have plans for future events for 2011/2012 FY. If you can help with upcoming projects / committees, contact commander Lloyd Coates 402-498-0837.

- 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. 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.
- Below is the cost of a life membership based upon your current age bracket: You can pay for a life membership as a one-time payment or monthly over a 12 month time frame.

Life Plan	Total Life	Life 12
Age	Fees	Monthly Plan
30 and under	\$425.00	\$40.35
31-41	\$410.00	\$39.02
41-50	\$375.00	\$35.84
51-60	\$335.00	\$32.20
61-70	\$290.00	\$28.11
71-80	\$225.00	\$22.20
81 Plus	\$170.00	\$17.20

Below is example of break-even in years on the left side, based upon current age bracket at the bottom. This is based upon VFW annual membership of \$30.00 per year.



If you purchased a life membership at a certain age bracket (examples below) and your life expectancy was 90 years old you would save money with a life membership versus an annual membership. Examples below:

- Age 30: \$1,375.00 life membership savings
- Age 41: \$1,060.00 life membership savings
- Age 50: \$825.00 life membership savings
- Age 60: \$565.00 life membership savings
- Age 70: \$310.00 life membership savings
- Age 80: \$75.00 life membership savings

Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198 for Life Membership.

- District 10 meeting July 31, 2011 at Post 247, 3310 Leavenworth Street, Omaha NE 68105, starts at 1:30 PM.

Past Events

- VFW State Convention in Columbus, NE June 9-12, 2011. Post 1581 received several awards. They were:
 - Patriot's Pen Award: For Participation in the Patriot's Pen Program, Voice of Democracy Award
 - For Participation in the Voice of Democracy Program, National Recognition Award
 - For Outstanding Buddy Poppy Program Activities
 - Buddy Poppy Award: 1st Place II 2010-2011 Three Year Increase
 - News Letter Award: Recognition of the consistent and outstanding efforts using the Newsletter to communicate with the membership
 - Charles G. Klingman Annual Memorial Award: for outstanding Achievement in all Phases of Department Programs
 - Commander All State white hat
 - Quartermaster All State white hat
 - Past commander Subby Caniglia posthumous award for outstanding post commander.

These awards show everyone that attended the VFW State convention that VFW Post 1581 has been active and has been recognized by the state and national VFW organizations.

Below: front row fourth from the left (front center) is Commander Lloyd Coates Post 1581 with the All State Commander award winners from Nebraska. These are 11 All State Commander winners chosen from all of the VFW Posts in Nebraska. A white hat was given to each winner. The award presenters are in the front row each end.



Below: front row right is the Post 1581 Quartermaster Dr. Steven Youngberg with the All State Quartermaster award winners from Nebraska. These are 9 All State Quartermaster winners chosen from all of the VFW Posts in Nebraska. A white hat was given to each winner.



- Picture below right: National Commander visits VFW Post 8334. Pictured below is VFW Post 1581 member and trustee Ann Thieman (left) and the VFW National Commander on the (right).
- Picture below left: Commander Lloyd Coates presented past commander Subby Caniglia posthumous award for outstanding post commander 2010/2011 to Subby Caniglia's wife.



- We have conducted our Buddy Poppy event at 132nd and Dodge Hy-Vee July 2, 2011 from 8:30 to 2 PM.

Picture below left: The Buddy Poppy event July 2, 2011 had a military display on the table starting left to right, Vietnam, World War II, Civil War. Picture below right: Vietnam era.



Picture below left: Dr. Greg O'Leary, VFW Post 1581 Surgeon, was assisting during this event. Picture below right: John Liebsack, trustee, membership chairman VFW Post 1581 and VFW State Adjutant/Quartermaster assisting during this event. Other Post 1581 members also assisted during this event.



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