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Newsletter

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Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be July 6, 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.

- **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. Contact Don Williams 402-933-6976. 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 Don Williams 402-933-6976
- We will conduct our Buddy Poppy event at 132nd and Dodge Hy-Vee July 2, 2011 from 8:30 to 2 PM. If you can help with this event call Commander Lloyd Coates 402- 498-0837.

Past Events

- We conducted our **Buddy Poppy** event May 28, 2011 at the following Hy-Vee stores from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM: Hy-Vee 90th and Center, Hy-Vee 51st and Center, Bakers – 156th and Dodge. Boy Scout Troop 408 helped us at this event.

Pictured below left: VFW Post Commander Lloyd Coates (on right-flag shirt) presents a \$3,000.00 check to Boy Scout Troop 408 Scoutmaster Mike Terrell (4th from left) for a Trailer for Troop 408. John Hilgert (Assistant Scoutmaster, Post 1581 member and trustee, Nebraska Director of Veterans Affairs) is third from left. Dr. Steven Youngberg (VFW Post 1581 Adjutant/Quartermaster) is 5th from left in red jacket. Boy Scout Troop 408 helped VFW Post 1581 during the Buddy Poppy Event at Bakers 156th and Dodge May 28, 2011.

Pictured below right: Bob Burns, right side of picture (Sr. Vice-Commander VFW Post 1581) and post 1581 members helping at the May 28, 2011 Hy-Vee 90th and Center Buddy Poppy event.



Below left and right: VFW Post 1581 members helping during the Buddy Poppy event May 28, 2011 at Hy-Vee 52nd and Center. Below left picture, center, is Chris Leighter (Jr. Vice-Commander Post 1581).



- We conducted our **Buddy Poppy** event at 156th and Maple Hy-Vee June 4, 2011 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Below left picture: We had a VFW tent set up for new membership sign-up. Pictured to the right of the tent is Tom Bizzarri (chaplain), John Liebsack (VFW state Quartermaster and Post 1581 trustee) and Ann Thieman (Post 1581 trustee).

Below right picture: We had Boy Scout Troop 408 and Cub Scouts help us during this Buddy Poppy event.



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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Lloyd Coates Commander