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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

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Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be April 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 are very active in the community, such as, donating a trailer to the Boy Scout Troop 408, Buddy Poppy events, Veterans Day events, Patriotic events with schools, donations to veteran's causes and many other activities. We would like to challenge you to contribute maybe an hour of your time to assist us in one of these events. It will be rewarding for you to represent VFW Post 1581 within our community. If you can help us, contact commander Lloyd Coates 402-498-0837. Remember, it's your VFW Post 1581.

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, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Boys Town events, 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, Women's Veterans Fair, Veterans day 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.** If you are not sure if you have renewed your membership, contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198 for your current membership status. If you have renewed your membership, thanks for supporting our Post 1581 and supporting veterans.
- **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 annual membership. Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.

- ***The nominated officers of VFW Post 1581 for the new 2012/2013 FY:***
 - **Commander:** Chris Leighter
 - **Sr. Vice Commander:** Tom Bizzarri
 - **Jr. Vice Commander:** John Hilgert
 - **Quartermaster/Adjutant:** Dr. Steven Youngberg
 - **Chaplain:** Ann Thieman
 - **Surgeon:** Dr. Greg O'Leary
 - **Judge Advocate:** Dan Dawson
 - **Three year trustee:** Lloyd Coates
 - **Two year trustee:** John Liebsack
 - **One year trustee:** Bob Burns
 - **Service officer:** Bob Burns
- At the VFW Post 1581 April 2012 monthly meeting, we will vote for officers in the new 2012/2013 FY. At the May 2012 monthly meeting, we will install the elected officers. July 1, 2012 is the start of our new FY 2012/2013.
- VFW Post 1581 had planned to attend and sponsor refreshments for the "She Serves" Women's Veterans Fair, was scheduled for March 24, 2012 at the Strategic Air and Space Museum. **This event date is cancelled; stay tuned for a new date possibly June 10, 2012.**
- We are working on the 2012 / 2013, ***Voice and Democracy and Patriots Pen*** programs with students. The themes for this next year are: Voice of Democracy "Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?" and Patriot's Pen "What I Would Tell America's Founding Fathers". All entries need to be into VFW Post 1581 by November 1, 2012. If you would like to help with these programs and working with students, contact Ann Thieman 402-639-5075.
- **Loyalty Day in United States:** Loyalty Day is on May 1 each year. It is a special day for people to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States and to recognize the heritage of American freedom. The United States of America was founded by patriots who risked their lives to bring freedom to the nation. The nation's founders are remembered on Loyalty Day, which is a day when people celebrate their freedom while remembering their responsibilities to continue the legacy of liberty. Loyalty Day was first observed in 1921 as "Americanization Day" to counterbalance Labor Day on May Day (May 1), celebrated in other parts of the world. On May 1, 1930, about 10,000 Veterans of Foreign War members staged a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. Through a resolution adopted in 1949, May 1 evolved into Loyalty Day. Observances began on April 28, 1950, and climaxed on May 1 when more than five million people across the nation held rallies. In New York City, more than 100,000 people rallied for America.

On July 18, 1958, the Congress designated May 1 of each year as Loyalty Day to foster loyalty and love of the country. According to the Legal Information Institute, the President is requested to issue a proclamation, calling on United States government officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on

Loyalty Day, and inviting the people of the United States to observe Loyalty Day with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other suitable places. Remember to fly your flag at home.

Past Events

Picture below left: Boys Town appreciation award presented to Lt. Col. Kevin Lee (Ret.), Boys Town JROTC leader. Attending left to right, Dr. Steven Youngberg-Adjutant/Quartermaster Post 1581, Lt. Col. Kevin Lee (Ret.), Tom Bizzarri-Chaplain Post 1581 and Father Steven E. Boes-Boys Town.

Picture below right: Appreciation award presented to Hy-Vee store 132nd and Dodge. Attending left to right, Dr. Steven Youngberg-Adjutant/Quartermaster Post 1581, Store manager, Tom Bizzarri-Chaplain Post 1581.



Picture below: Appreciation award presented to Hy-Vee store 156th and Maple. Attending left to right, Tom Bizzarri-Chaplain Post 1581, Store manager, Dr. Steven Youngberg-Adjutant/Quartermaster Post 1581.



Hy-Vee has supported us with our Buddy Poppy and Veteran's day events at their stores.

Picture below: The Boys Scout Troop 408 and the Boy Scout Troop 408 trailer that VFW Post 1581 donated in April of 2012. The lettering was put on the side of the trailer representing The Boy Scout Troop 408 and the donation of the trailer by VFW Post 1581. The Boy Scout Troop 408 members really enjoy this trailer for camping events. This picture was taken at a 2-18-12 Boy Scout camp out.



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.

We are working on a new web site for Post 1581 – stay tuned for further information

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.

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Lloyd Coates Commander