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Newsletter

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Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be June 1, 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.

- A **Buddy Poppy** event is planned for May 28, 2011. We will be 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. If you can assist please call commander Lloyd Coates 402- 498-0837. There will be members calling to ask for volunteers.
- We will be at 156th and Maple Hy-Vee and the 132nd and Dodge Hy-Vee June 4, 2011 for the **Buddy Poppy** event 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM. If you can assist please call Dr. Steven Youngberg 402-715-4469. There will be members calling to ask for volunteers.
- VFW Post 1581 has voted to provide up to \$3,000.00 towards the purchase of a trailer for camping activities for Boy Scout Troop 408. Boy Scout Troop 408 is a partner with VFW Post 1581.
- Membership: Your current annual VFW post 1581 membership ended 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. 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 be actively pursuing new Post 1581 ladies auxiliary members soon. The post 1581 ladies auxiliary will be calling Post 1581 members soon to explain the benefits and activities of joining our ladies auxiliary. If you have a spouse or friend that would be interested, please call Mary Fields 402-397-7906 or John Liebsack 402-210-5198.
- Post 1581 ladies auxiliary is serving donuts at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home every 1st and 3rd 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 Mary Fields 402-397-7906.

Past Events

- At the VFW District 10 meeting April 17, 2011, all District 10 Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriot Pen (PP) winners received an award check presented by Larry Gerlt-District 10 Commander and Sharon Cooper-chairman of the VOD and PP events.

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>

Bill Montoya Post 1581

Lloyd Coates Commander