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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

November 2011

Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be December 7, 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 assist with upcoming projects or committees contact commander Lloyd Coates 402-498-0837.

- Committees:
 - Membership, Boys Town, 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.
- Post 1581 will be at Hy-Vee 156th and Maple 11-11-11 from 7 AM to 11 AM. Hy-Vee will have free breakfast for all veterans and we will have a table set up representing VFW Post 1581.
- We will have our Buddy Poppy events in November 12, 2011. We will be at the Hy-Vee 156th and Maple, also Hy-Vee 132nd and Dodge. If you would like to help, call Chris Leighter 712-308-3184.
- Post 1581 is judging the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen program student entries from November 1, 2011 to November 15, 2011. Post 1581 Winners will be announced later. The winners will be submitted for further consideration of winning District 10, State and National VFW.
- **It's time to renew your annual membership for the 2011-2012 year.** The VFW national will be sending renewal statements each month. ***Please renew your VFW membership as soon as possible.***
- 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 membership. Contact John Liebsack 402-210-5198.

- We have a VFW state calendar project to raise money for the VFW state events. Calendars are \$20.00 and there will be 366 drawings, so you could win money. For further information call Commander Lloyd Coates 402-498-0837.

Past Events

- Fall Council meeting was held Saturday, October 8-9, 2011, VFW Post 7101 Geneva, NE (109 s 10th street)
- October 30, 2011 District 10 meeting was held at VFW Post 8334 Millard

We will be eliminating our post 1581 web site that is hosted by Cox. Cox is discontinuing this service. If you would find a Post 1581 web site beneficial, email the post at (vfwpost1581@cox.net) to voice your comments (yes, no, comment). We will use this input to decide if we will host another web site for our members.

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.

Bill Montoya Post 1581

Lloyd Coates **Commander**