

**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:** John Hilgert  
**Two year trustee:** Jeff Miller  
**One year trustee:** John Liebsack



## Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

October 2010

**Next regular meeting:** The next regular meeting will be **November 3, 2010 - 7 PM**, at Phoenix Food and spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120<sup>th</sup> and Blondo), private meeting room.

**Future meetings:** First Wednesday of every month. 7 PM, at Phoenix Food and Spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120<sup>th</sup> and Blondo). Mark your calendars, "plan to attend". December 1, 2010 – etc. - 7 PM, at Phoenix Food and Spirits-12015 Blondo, Omaha NE (120<sup>th</sup> and Blondo), private room.

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### Future Events

We are in the planning stage for more future events such as buddy poppy days, Vet's home visits, parades, Memorial Day event, Veterans day event, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Boy Scout of the year, Law enforcement officer, EMT and Firefighter of the year, etc. for 2010/2011 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.

- Law Enforcement officer, EMT, Firefighter of the year: call Jeff Miller 402-991-0971
- Voice of Democracy (VOD) theme for 2010/2011 year "**Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future**". If you would like to work with High School youth in grades 9-12 contact the committee chairman Lloyd Coates 402- 498-0837
- Patriots Pen theme for 2010/2011 year 2010/2011 year "**Does Patriotism Still Matter**". If you would like to work with students in grades 6- 8 contact the committee chairman Lloyd Coates 402- 498-0837
- Boy Scout of the year and VFW Post 1581/Boys Scout Troop 408 partnership: call John Hilgert at 402-326-9125
- Membership: Your current annual VFW post 1581 membership ends December 31, 2010 (this does not apply to life members). Please renew your membership for the current fiscal year 2010/2011 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 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

- Next District 10 meeting will be October 24, 2010 at Post 8334, 5083 S 136th St, Omaha, NE (Millard), 1 PM. Please plan to attend.
- We will have a Buddy Poppy event **11-6-10** (the Saturday before the 11-11-10 Veterans holiday). The hours will be approximately 9 AM to 1 PM. We are planning for four HyVee stores that day. We **need Post 1581 members to help** distribute Buddy Poppies and collect donations for this event. This is a **major fund raiser** for Post 1581 to support VFW disabled veterans and activities during the year. This is a rewarding experience for Post 1581 veterans. Please support your VFW post 1581. We will provide a free VFW baseball hat (while they last) for volunteers. **Contact Lloyd Coates 402- 498-0837** to sign up to help. We will be making calls to members to help.
- Post 1581 ladies auxiliary is serving donuts at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Marian Pirruccello 402-551-0314 or Mary Fields 402-397-7906.

#### **Past Events**

- Chris Leighter has been elected Jr. Vice Commander at the October 6, 2010 post 1581 monthly meeting.
- September 24-25, 2010 VFW Fall Council, Omaha Marriott Hotel, 10220 Regency Cir, Omaha, NE 68114.

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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/>

**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 402- 498-0837 or email [vfwpost1581@cox.net](mailto:vfwpost1581@cox.net). See our Post 1581 web site <http://members.cox.net/vfwpost1581>

**Bill Montoya Post 1581**

**Commander**

*Lloyd Coates*