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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Post 1581, Omaha, Nebraska

Newsletter

October 2011

Next regular meeting: The next regular meeting will be November 2, 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, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, 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.
 - We are actively pursuing students for our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen programs. These programs end November 1, 2011 for the post judging. If you would like to be involved in these programs call Ann Thieman 402-639-5075 or Commander Lloyd Coates 402-498-0837.
- 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.
- We will have our Buddy Poppy events on November 12, 2011. We will be at the Hy-Vee 156th and Maple, Hy-Vee 52nd and Center between 8AM and 1:30PM. If you can help at either of these stores, call Chris Leighter 712-308-3184.
- 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.

- Fall Council meeting Saturday, October 8-9, 2011, VFW Post 7101 Geneva, NE (109 s 10th street). Meeting starts 10-8-11 at 9 AM ends late PM.
- October 30, 2011 District 10 meeting VFW Post 8334 Millard, 1 PM lunch following.

Past Events

No report.

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. See our VFW Post 1581 web site <http://members.cox.net/vfwpost1581>

Bill Montoya Post 1581

Lloyd Coates Commander