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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



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GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL

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VFW POST 8561

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VFW POST 8561 UPDATE MAY 2013 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

Commander: Glenn Talley

Next Meeting: 14 MAY 2013 1900

For those of you that attended the last Post Business Meeting (Elections), thank you. It would be wonderful if we had 55 members or better at every meeting. More participation by our members would mean more ideas of how to keep this Post viable in the future. Don't leave the responsibility of YOUR Post's survival to just a few people and don't be one of those people who present ideas and then do not participate in making them work. Our worst enemies are barroom politicians who only get "smarter" in direct relation to the amount of alcohol they consume.

For the VFW year of 2012-2013 as of 3/28/2013 your Post has participated in 90 Community Service projects, 31 Youth projects, and 52 Americanism projects involving 1752 hours and \$24,239.00 in donations. No more than 15-20 members/Auxiliary members made this happen. Think how much larger these numbers could be with more participation. By larger numbers, I mean helping/assisting more veterans and youths in our communities. In case you need to be reminded, that is why the VFW was created in the first place. May is a busy month with many activities scheduled. Check the calendar and participate/attend as many as you can. Support your Post. Without your support, the Post goes away, and without your support, those numbers in the above paragraph go away. Who is the winner then?

Glenn

Come and join us! Bring Your Friends!

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!



Ladies Auxiliary President: Pam Shelby

Next Meeting: 07 MAY 2013 7PM

Sisters,

First I want to thank all who accepted an office and/or chair. I have heard so many good ideas and suggestions and am excited to see how we fulfill all of them. We have had a great 2012-2013 year, and know that our wonderful Auxiliary will have a great 2013-2014!

If you have not attended our monthly roundtable meetings, please consider doing so. We have some fantastic suggestions for the upcoming months and know that with every ones assistance and participation it will be successful.

There have been some issues and discussions around the canteen that seems to be creating some animosity among members of the post and auxiliary. I want to ask everyone to consider that we are all here for our Veterans and let's all work together and support each other. Imagine where we could be if all of the energy used to fight & argue was used for something good.....

Remember Your Support - Supports Our Veterans!
Stand Behind Those Who Stood Up Front For Us!



PAM

**VFW
POST 8561
MEETING
14 MAY 13
1900**

**VFW
POST 8561
LADIES
AUXILIARY
MEETING
07 MAY 13
7PM**

**VFW
POST 8561
MENS
AUXILIARY
MEETING
09 MAY 13
7PM**

Senior Vice Commander: B.J. Lasik

Comrades and Friends of the Post. . Greetings.

If you have read prior newsletters, then you know that it is rare for me to add comments as the Sr. Vice Commander. Conditions at the post have deteriorated to a level beneath childish.

To qualify for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, one has had to have served in the military. Serving in the Military, one is taught something called "Military Bearing". There are some members at the post who either have never mastered that, or have been out of active duty, apparently too long.

Membership in our organization requires taking an oath. Below is an excerpt of that oath.

AND I will always be loyal thereto

That I will never Wrong or Defraud this Organization

Nor a Member There OF

Nor Permit any Wrong to be done. To Either,

If in my Power to Prevent It.

Above is a small refresher for those who may have forgotten.

You can't make demands or statements of or to an organization if you have not given anything to that organization. Doing so, becomes an opinion.

OPINIONS are like. .well you know . .and everyone has one.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion. But opinions carry weight.

If you don't appear for anything; if you don't support anything; if you don't spend any (*non-drinking*) time, providing a service, and or volunteering your services as an officer of the post, or if you have not been to your post in years. . Your opinion is weighed accordingly.

Don't get me wrong, we love our members who visit for a beverage with their friends and return safely to their homes. They don't attend meetings or functions, or rarely support anything. But sometimes those same members, somewhere between the 3rd and 4th libation, right before they solve world hunger, they address post issues with resolutions that are just plain selfish. This is not a Vietnam organization. We are not here for just one facet of Veterans . .we are here for ALL VETERANS. Cutting hours or services, impacts a group of veterans. Sacrificing one group over another is simply wrong.

The VFW is not a bar. We are a Veterans Organization.

What have you done for YOUR Post lately?



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MEMBERSHIP

VFW

LAUX

VFW LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

ATTAINED AT AGE AT 31 DEC OF THE YEAR APPLYING
FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

YEARS	FEE	\$/MONTH
THROUGH 30	\$425	\$38.64
31-40	\$410	\$37.27
41-50	\$375	\$34.09
51-60	\$335	\$30.45
61-70	\$290	\$26.36
71-80	\$225	\$20.45
80+	\$170	\$15.45

ANNUAL DUES IS \$25

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

ATTAINED AT AGE AT 31 DEC OF THE YEAR APPLYING
FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

YEARS	FEE	\$/MONTH
THROUGH 20	\$220	\$19.86
21-25	\$210	\$18.96
26-30	\$200	\$18.06
31-35	\$190	\$17.15
36-40	\$185	\$16.70
41-45	\$175	\$15.80
46-50	\$170	\$15.35
51-55	\$160	\$14.44
56-60	\$150	\$13.54
61-65	\$140	\$12.64
66-70	\$130	\$11.74
71-75	\$115	\$10.38
76-80	\$95	\$8.58
81-85	\$75	\$6.77
86-90	\$60	\$5.42
91+	\$50	\$4.51

Effective 1 January 2012, LAUX annual dues increases to \$25

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS SAVE MONEY!

MAUX

\$27YR



**KENTUCKY
DERBY**
K
139
CHURCHILL DOWNS
MAY 4, 2013

KENTUCKY DERBY
SATURDAY 04 MAY 2013
POST TIME AT YOUR POST!

**CINCO
DE
MAYO**
SUNDAY
05 MAY 13

HOUSE MARGARITAS \$2.00
CORONA and DOS EQUIS \$2.50
ALL DAY

LOYALTY DAY!



05 MAY 2013 1400
AWARDS AND CEREMONY

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

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PATIENTS DAY OUT



TUESDAY
14 MAY 13
9:00AM-2:00PM

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VE-DAY
VICTORY IN EUROPE
08 MAY 1945



REMEMBERED ON

TUESDAY

14 MAY 13



"MARTINI"
NIGHT
FRIDAY
17 MAY 13
1900 - ????

FEATURED
CUCUMBER
MARTINI!

COME OUT AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

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ARMED FORCES DAY

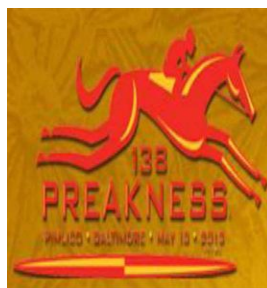


Armed Forces Day



SATURDAY
18 MAY 2013
HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY!

FLAG RAISING
20130518 - 0900
VFW NAT. CEMETERY



SATURDAY 18 MAY 2013
PREAKNESS
POST TIME AT YOUR POST!

Texas VFW District 21

MEETING
SUNDAY

19 MAY 13 | 1000

VFW Post 9299

6732 East Highway 67

Alvarado, Texas 76009

(817) 783-8787

VFW



Memorial Day

POST

SUNDAY

8561

26 MAY 13

0730

TRADITION

PLACE U.S. FLAGS

ON VETERANS GRAVE MARKERS

ARLINGTON CEMETERY

801 North Mary Street, Arlington, TX

VFW

POST

8561

And Auxiliaries

SUNDAY 2013-2014

26 MAY 13 POST OFFICER

1400 INSTALLATION



REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

VFW 8561 Ladies Auxiliary

\$100 A DAY RAFFLE

30 Chances To Win!!

(odds based on number of tickets sold)

\$20 Per Ticket - 400 Tickets Sold

DAILY DRAWINGS

During The Month of May 2013

Winner need not be present to win!

Winning Ticket Returned To The Pot

One Ticket Could Win More Than One Time!!

Proceeds to Benefit VFW and LAUX

(50% To Each Entity)



Service with Honor Service with Honor Service with Honor Service with Honor

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

27 MAY 2013 / NOON

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REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED

ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

To FUTURES LOST... AND FUTURES WON

MEMORIAL DAY

Service with Honor Service with Honor Service with Honor Service with Honor

MAY EVENTS

8 - BALL



**POOL TOURNAMENT
EVERY WEDNESDAY - 1900**

RED SHIRT FRIDAY!



WEAR A RED SHIRT TO THE POST ON A FRIDAY
AND GET ONE BEVERAGE AT
HAPPY HOUR PRICE!



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THURSDAYS
\$5 BURGER NIGHT **SHUFFLEBOARD**
1900 - SOLD OUT **5:30 PM**

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SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 25 APR 2013

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
TOMMY FARRELL AND MIKE HINKLE	25-Apr-13	1	1ST
SUSAN MANN AND KIM VACCA	25-Apr-13	1	2ND
CHARLIE HINKLE AND CLARK RATTAN	18-Apr-13	1	1ST
MARYELLEN GIBBS AND NANCY HINKLE	18-Apr-13	1	2ND
VICKI WERLA AND CLARK RATTAN	11-Apr-13	1	1ST
SLICK HUGHES AND PAN BENTLEY	11-Apr-13	1	2ND
NANCY HINKLE AND VICKI WERLA	4-Apr-13	1	1ST
BEA LINDSAY AND ED FARRIS	4-Apr-13	1	2ND

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TROOP CARE PACKAGES

ITEMS REQUESTED BY OUR TROOPS

SUNBLOCK	CHAPSTICK
LOCAL NEWSPAPERS	INSECT REPELLENT
TAMPONS	SOCKS (WHITE COTTON)
FLIP-FLOPS (SIZE 9-11)	FLY SWATTERS
DRIED FRUIT	BANDANAS
LOTION (DRY SKIN)	SWEAT RAGS/TOWELS
LARGE BATH TOWELS (BUT NOT BEACH)	FLAVORED DRINK MIX (FOR WATER)
MUSCLE SHIRTS	POP TARTS
BABY WIPES	ASSORTED HARD CANDIES
CHEESE OR PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS	TOOTHPASTE (SMALL SIZES)
SHAMPOO (SMALL SIZES)	TOOTHBRUSHES
PLAYING CARDS	SUNFLOWER SEEDS
BOOT INSOLES	TWIN SIZE SHEETS
TOILET PAPER	EYEGLASS REPAIR KITS
BEEF JERKY	MISC. OTC MEDICINES
CHEWING GUM (BLISTER PACK)	CARDS/LETTERS TO THE TROOPS
DENTAL FLOSS	PRE-BRUSH PLAX
TUNA	LAUNDRY SOAP



"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

BREAKFAST \$5.00
EVERY 2ND AND LAST SUNDAY
SERVING 9-11:30 AM

"It's Time For Breakfast !"

**IF YOU ARE GOUCHY, IRRITABLE,
OR JUST PLAIN MEAN ...**



THERE WILL BE A \$10 CHARGE FOR PUTTING UP WITH YOU!

JUN 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 *AM/LG AND AL RIDERS MEETING 1000
2 *DIST 21 AWARDS POST 4686 *URST 1300	3	4 *LADIES AUX MTG TPM	5 *8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	6 *SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM *HAMBURGER NIGHT	7	8 *PP
9 *BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 *FLAG DAY - GROUP PLEDGE *FLAG RETIREMENT - NOON *US ARMY BIRTHDAY (CELEBRATED) - 1300 *D-DAY 6 JUN 1944 FR INVASION REMEMBRANCE	10	11 *VFW VETS MTG - 1900	12 *8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900 *MASON'S 1900 *TEXAS STATE CONVENTION	13 *SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM *HAMBURGER NIGHT *WENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT TPM *TEXAS STATE CONVENTION	14 *TEXAS STATE CONVENTION	15 *TEXAS STATE CONVENTION
16 *FATHERS DAY *TEXAS STATE CONVENTION	17	18 *AM/LGN. MEETING - 1900	19 *8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	20 *SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM *HAMBURGER NIGHT	21	22 *PP
23 *VFW LAUX BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00	24	25 *AM/LGN. AUX MTG - 1900	26 *8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900 *MASON'S 1900	27 *SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM *HAMBURGER NIGHT	28	29 *PP
30 *BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 *CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS AUG 2013 EVENTS						

HELP WANTED "BARTENDER"



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THURSDAY BURGER NIGHT EXPANDED MENU

ORDER EARLY OR CALL THE POST TO RESERVE YOURS!



GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH
REALLY BIG!
REGULAR HAMBURGER | CHEESEBURGER
WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S
1800 - SOLD OUT



"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

BREAKFAST \$5.00
EVERY 2ND AND LAST SUNDAY
SERVING 9-11:30 AM

"It's Time For Breakfast!"

Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY APR 28 2013 / NOON All Members Invited

**TO DISCUSS
JUN 2013
EVENTS!**



**WE ARE THE
CLOSEST
VFW**



AND
**AMERICAN
LEGION**

VFW POST 8561

POSTS TO THE ARLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT!

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VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

May 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	2 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	3	4 •AM LG AND AL RIDERS MEETING 1000 •KENTUCKY DERBY •PP
5 •CINCO DE MAYO - ALL DAY •LOYALTY DAY 1400	6	7 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	8 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 •MASONS 1900	9 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	10	11 •PP
12 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00	13	14 •PATIENTS DAY OUT 9:30AM - 2PM •VFW VETS MTG - 1900 •VICTORY IN EUROPE 8 MAY	15 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	16 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	17 •CUCUMBER MARTINI NIGHT - 1900	18 •ARMED FORCES DAY HH ALL DAY •DFW NATIONAL CEMETERY FLAG RAISING - 0900 •PREAKNESS
19 •DISTRICT 21 MEETING 1000 POST 9299 ALVARADO •DISTRICT ELECTIONS •CRAWFISH BOIL	20	21 •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	22 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 •MASONS 1900	23 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	24	25 •PP
26 •FLAGS AT ARL MEM CEMETERY - 0730 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS JUL 2013 EVENTS •INSTALLATION	27 •MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY - NOON	28 •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1930	29 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	30 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	31	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12:00 - Close	10:00 - Close	10:00 - Close	10:00 -Close	10:00 -Close	10:00 -Close	10:00 - Close

We Open At 9:00AM on The 2ND AND Last Sunday for our Post Breakfast and Buffet



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Please See Our Continuously Updated Calendar Located On Our Website for Post Events.

“SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED” !

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