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JAN 14



**GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL
VFW POST 8561**



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VFW POST 8561 UPDATE JAN 2014 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Commander: Glenn Talley
Next Meeting: 14 JAN 14 1900

Greetings!,

January 2014, the start of a new calendar year and the middle of the 2013-2014 VFW year. Traditionally, and this is a bad tradition by the way, after Christmas, everyone goes home and we don't see most of you until Valentine's Day. Now I am fully aware that 75 % (ok 74.9) of the Life Membership are 61 or older and most of you have pretty much lost your 'getty up and go". That in no way alleviates the fact that TXU Energy, AT&T, water, Dumpster, State and Federal taxes, etc, still want their funds. It is the Membership's responsibility to find ways to provide those funds. At this point in the VFW year there are way too many VFWs failing in the State of Texas. Don't let 8561 be one of them.

Check the events calendar. There are many things planned for the month including many NFL playoff games. Come and join us.

Glenn

Come and join us! Bring Your Friends!

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!



Ladies Auxiliary President: Pam Shelby

Next Meeting: 07 JAN 2014 7PM

Sisters,

Welcome 2014! We are now on the downhill slide, and slide it will. There is still so much going on and so much more to get accomplished. Please try and attend our meeting on Tuesday 7 January. I would love to see more ladies auxiliary members here to participate in the pool and shuffleboard tournaments. Believe me you do not have to be a pro at either one to play...they let me play. We are looking for someone to help with the burgers on the third and forth, and the occasional fifth Thursday, as Jim Simpson is retiring. Thank You Jim for cooking for us. The 25th of January is the Dept. Presidents Luncheon, if you are interested in attending, please let Rita know a.s.a.p. so that she can turn in the numbers. The 26th of January is the District meeting at 9299 in Alvarado. Mid-Winter Convention is again in Austin 30 January to 2 February. Need more information; let us know and we will get it to you. February is already shaping up to be full and we would love to see you here. Check out the website for the continuous additions.

Hope to see you at YOUR post, we need YOU!!

I know I say this at the end of each newsletter, but think about it...

PAM

*Remember Your Support - Supports Our Veterans!
Stand Behind Those Who Stood Up Front For Us!
Thank you for all you do for our Veterans!*



**VFW
POST 8561
MEETING
14 JAN 14
1900**

**VFW
POST 8561
LADIES
AUXILIARY
MEETING
07 JAN 14
7PM**

**VFW
POST 8561
MENS
AUXILIARY
MEETING
28 JAN 14
7PM**

Sr. Vice Commander / Webmaster - B.J. LASIK

TWO THINGS . . .

- 1. IF YOUR NOT GETTING THE READFILE EMAILS FOR UPDATES TO EVENTS AT **YOUR POST, AND YOU WANT THEM . . SEND ME AN EMAIL SO THAT I HAVE YOUR ADDRESS . . AND I'LL GET YOU ON THE EMAIL LIST . . .****
- 2. TRASH BAGS BY THE DELIVERY DOOR OF THE POST. DUE TO SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS, BARTENDERS PLACE FULL TRASHBAGS JUST OUTSIDE THIS DOOR. IF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE THE BAGS THERE IN THE DAYLIGHT, PLEASE HELP US OUT BY TAKING THEM TO THE DUMPSTER. I'M ONE OF THE 3 OR 4 PEOPLE THAT DO THIS AND IT WILL NOT HURT IF OTHERS TAKE A TURN AS WELL. I'M 57 YEARS OLD AND HAVE A BAD BACK, AND THERE ARE OTHERS YOUNGER THAT NEED TO HELP US OUT.**

PLEASE HELP US KEEP *YOUR* POST LOOKING GOOD!

B.J.



Men's Auxiliary Mission



To aid and assist the Post with its mission, as well as to establish a network with the community in the direct support of veterans and their families. Promoting patriotism and helping veterans in need are just two of the many ways that the Auxiliary serves America's communities

VFW men's auxiliary is open to husbands, Widowers, Fathers and Sons of Eligible VFW Post Members (active duty members of the military serving in a war zone, or deceased Veteran who served in the US Military; Served Over Seas; Received Combat Action Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Etc.; Received Honorable Discharge. and 16 Years of age or over. Men eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States shall not be eligible for membership in the Men's Auxiliary.

The men's auxiliary is not just a social club. We actively support our troops and their families. Your help is truly needed. VFW Men's Auxiliary also provides political support to our troops. Winning a long hard fought victory by helping to pass a GI Bill for the 21st Century, providing expanded educational benefits to America's active duty service members, and members of the Guard and Reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan

JUNIOR GIRLS

**THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO
VFW POST 8561
ARLINGTON TEXAS,
HAS FORMED A
JUNIOR GIRLS UNIT**



Junior Girls are ages 5 through 16, and are Daughters, foster daughters, stepdaughters. Granddaughters, Sisters, foster sisters, Stepsisters, half sisters, ...of someone who is eligible for the VFW.

**MEETINGS WILL BE HELD
ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY AT 6PM**

Please contact Jan Seaton 817 645 2436, Pam Shelby 817 633 8332, or Alexis Huelsman 214 729 9737 for more information.
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MEMBERSHIP

VFW

LAUX

VFW LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FEES

AGE ATTAINED 31 DECEMBER OF THE YEAR APPLYING

YEARS	FEES	\$/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: \$35

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

JRGIRLS

\$15YR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



WEDNESDAY

01 JAN 14

HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY

POST OPEN AT NOON

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 **PLAYOFFS**

AFC-NFC

WILDCARD

04-05 JAN 2014

BCS
CHAMPIONSHIP
GAME

MONDAY

06 JAN 2014 | 1900



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 **PLAYOFFS**

AFC-NFC

DIVISION

11-12 JAN 2014

PARIS PEACE ACCORD

SIGNED 27 JAN 1973

OFFICIALLY ENDING

U.S. INVOLVEMNT IN

VIETNAM



OBSERVANCE MEILD

ON 14 JAN 2014 / 1930

 **PLAYOFFS**

AFC-NFC

CONFERENCE

CHAMPIONSHIP

19 JAN 2014

MARTIN LUTHER KING



MONDAY
20 JANUARY 14
HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY

Texas VFW District 21

MEETING SUNDAY

26 JAN 14 | 1000
VFW Post 9299
6732 East Highway 67
Alvarado, Texas 76009
(817) 783-8787

Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY JAN 26 2014 / 1700 All Members Invited

TO DISCUSS
MAR 2014
EVENTS!



20131210

PEARL HARBOR
REMEMBRANCE



20131221
VFW POST 8561
EMPLOYEE
CHRISTMAS
PARTY



B.J. LASIK BAR (PRE) TENDING

20131221
VFW POST 8561
EMPLOYEE
CHRISTMAS
PARTY



SANTA COX...

20131221
VFW POST 8561



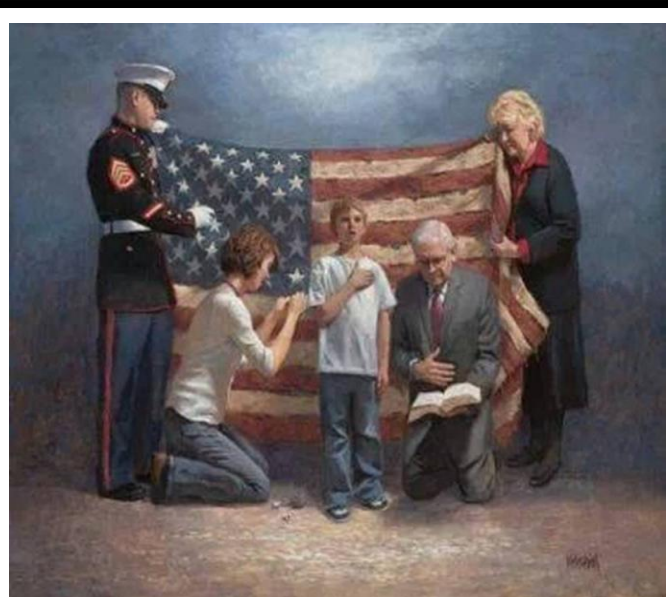
EMPLOYEE
CHRISTMAS PARTY

20131222
VFW POST 8561
CHRISTMAS
DINNER



20131222
VFW POST 8561
CHRISTMAS
DINNER

20131229
R. LEE ERMEY
OLD SCHOOL PIZZA
AND SUDS



**WE SHOULD STOP CALLING THEM ALL
'ENTITLEMENTS'**

Get it straight: Welfare, Food Stamps, WIC...
ad nauseum are *not entitlements*. They are
taxpayer-funded *handouts*, and shouldn't be
called *entitlements* at all. Social Security and
Veterans Benefits are '*Entitlements*'
because the people receiving them are
entitled to them. They were *earned* and
paid for by the recipients.

FEB 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN
2 •SUPERBOWL 48 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	3	4 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	5 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	6 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	7	8 •STARS PARTY 13-1500
9 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •MEMBER PARTY	10	11 •PATIENTS DAY OUT 9:30AM - 2PM •VFW VETS MTG - 1900 •USS MAINE	12 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	13 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	14 •VALENTINES HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY	15 •VALENTINES DINNER
16	17 •PRESIDENTS DAY HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY	18	19 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	20 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	21	22
23 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS APR 2014 EVENTS •JR GIRLS MEETING 6PM •DESERT STORM RECOGNITION	24	25 •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	26 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	27 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	28	

TEXAS VFW MID-WINTER CONVENTION



30 JAN – 02 FEB 2014

<http://www.texasvfw.org/>



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POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 01 JAN 2014


NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
TONY ALEJOS AND RICK NORMAN	1-Jan-14	1	1ST
PAM SHELBY AND GARY DAVIS	1-Jan-14	1	2ND
MERRY CHRISTMAS	25-Dec-13	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
BRIAN HIGHTOWER	18-Dec-13	1	1ST
RICK NORMAN	18-Dec-13	1	2ND
PHILLIP FROHMAN AND BJ LASIK	11-Dec-13	1	1ST
TONY ALEJOS AND CURTIS ROGERS	11-Dec-13	1	2ND
JANET HIGHTOWER AND JOHN LAROSE	4-Dec-13	1	1ST
BRIAN HIGHTOWER AND BJ LASIK	4-Dec-13	1	2ND
TONY ALEJOS AND GARY DAVIS	27-Nov-13	1	1ST
ANTONIO GOMEZ AND CURTIS ROGERS	27-Nov-13	1	2ND



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SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 26 DEC 2013

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
JIM SIMPSON	26-Dec-13	1	1ST
SUSAN MCCARROLL	26-Dec-13	1	2ND
JIM SIMPSON	19-Dec-13	1	1ST
SUSAN MCCARROLL	19-Dec-13	1	2ND
SUSAN MCCARROLL	12-Dec-13	1	1ST
C.J. FARRIS	12-Dec-13	1	2ND
CANCELLED DUE TO ICE			
	5-Dec-13	1	1ST
	5-Dec-13	1	2ND
Happy Thanksgiving			
	28-Nov-13		
	28-Nov-13		

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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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THURSDAY BURGER NIGHT

EXPANDED MENU

ORDER EARLY OR CALL THE POST TO RESERVE YOURS!

  **\$5**

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!"

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



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



VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

January 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 •NEW YEARS DAY - HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY •NEW YEARS DAY SPECIALS •OPEN AT NOON •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	2 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	3	4 •AFC-NFC WILDCARDS
5 •AFC-NFC WILDCARDS	6 •BCS CHAMPIONSHIP 1920	7 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	8 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	9 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	10	11 •NFL DIVISION ROUND
12 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •LAUX AUDIT - NOON •NFL DIVISION ROUND	13	14 •VFW VETS MTG - 1900 •VIETNAM REMEMBRANCE	15 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	16 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	17	18
19 •NFL DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP	20 •MLK	21	22 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	23 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	24	25 •LAUX TX PRES LUNCH 1100 \$10
26 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •DISTRICT 21 MEETING 1000 POST 9299 ALVARADO •CALENDAR MEETING 1700 TO DISCUSS MAR 2014 EVENTS •JR GIRLS MEETING 6PM	27	28 •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	29 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	30 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	31 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	

For questions regarding this calendar, contact: [Webmaster: BJ Lasik](#)

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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



A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST !



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“SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED” !

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