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VFW POST 8561



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VFW POST 8561 UPDATE FEB 2014 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

Commander: Glenn Talley
Next Meeting: 11 FEB 14 1900

Greetings!,

I'll start with saying a big Thank You to the VFW Post 8561 Men's Auxiliary for their Generous Donation. That helped us a lot!

I know you get tired of me harping on supporting the Post. Unfortunately, that will continue to be an ongoing thing. Our membership is aging rapidly and many of them are no longer able to organize and run the many fund raisers that it takes to maintain a post.

That leaves it up to the rest of us.

We must support the activities that are scheduled, the canteen, and participate in the business meeting so that we stay current on what it takes to survive.

This Post has always set the standard in District 21 as far as supporting our Community Service programs, Student programs, and other activities that support veterans. That is what the VFW is all about. Don't let those abilities disappear!

Our stereotype to a lot of young people is one of old folks setting around a bar smoking and telling war stories! Maybe that was true at one time but not so much anymore. Help keep the legacy of what the VFW has always been about in-place and thriving.

If you are a combat veteran, you belong with us. We are Congressionally Chartered. That means we get to set in on their meetings and do everything we can to save our earned benefits. Remember, when politicians don't need us, they are not our friends.

Glenn

Come and join us! Bring Your Friends!

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!



Ladies Auxiliary President: Pam Shelby

Next Meeting: 04 FEB 2014 7PM

Sisters,

I hope everyone has caught up with the start of a new year and is ready to visit their post family. We miss you! We have less than 5 months left in the 2013-2014 year and there is still a lot left to get done. We still need new members to make our 100% so bring in those friends and family members. There are many things planned for February and March and I know you and they will enjoy all of them. As I stated last month we need someone to take over or help out with 2-3 Thursday meals, and I have done the last 3. With the help of Ron and BJ I have managed to cook 2 different nights of Tacos and 1 of spaghetti and Shrimp Alfredo. Thank you to those of you who supported those nights.

Speaking of support, be sure and thank any Men's Auxiliary member when you see them, for their generous donation to the post

On 25 January we attended a luncheon with our Dept. President and it was very entertaining and great to see Sisters from our district that you don't get to see very often. On 26 January we attended the District 21 meeting at Post 9299 in Alvarado and were very well taken care of! Thank You Post 9299 for a great time as always. Some of our members will be attending the Mid-Year Convention in Austin the end of this week and I know they will bring back a lot of information (as well as stories). I am not attending this year as there are too many things I need to take care of, so I will be here if you have any questions or comments.

Our next meeting is 4 February and I hope all will attend. Please consider taking an Officers position and/or a chairmans position in the 2014-2015 year. We need everyone to step up and help out! Can YOU do something to help?

I have been trying to keep the information that is on our Post website, posted to our Post Facebook page. Please check both and join us for the post events. As always,

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
11 FEB 14
1900**

**VFW
POST 8561
LADIES
AUXILIARY
MEETING
04 FEB 14
7PM**

**VFW
POST 8561
MENS
AUXILIARY
MEETING
25 FEB 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 (BJ@VFWPOST8561.ORG) 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	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: \$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



SUPERBOWL

48
SUNDAY

02 FEB 2014

1700

HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY
PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH FOR THE GAME



2014 STARS PARTY!
SATURDAY
08 FEBRUARY 2014
1-3PM
VFW POST 8561

PATIENTS DAY OUT

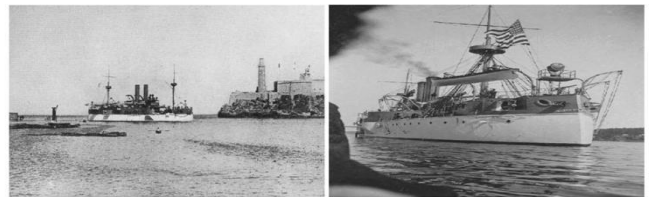


TUESDAY

11 FEB 14

9:30AM-2:00PM

VFW POST 8561
ARLINGTON, TX



U.S.S. MAINE
1895-1898
SUNK ON 15 FEB 1898-2140
HAVANA HARBOR - CUBA
LOSS OF 266 SAILORS AND MARINES
CATALYST TO THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR
REMEMBRANCE ON 11 FEB 2014

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



HAPPY HOUR!
ALL DAY

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PRESIDENTS DAY

MONDAY
17 FEB 14
HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY

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VALENTINES DINNER PRIME RIB

Or Chicken Cordon Bleu

**Shrimp Cocktail
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almandine
Salad, Bread, and Dessert**

**COCKTAILS AT 1800
DINNER AT 1900**

Complimentary Champagne

**MUSIC BY "BEYOND REPAIR BAND"
2000 - ????**



15 FEB 14

CONTACT: Email RSVP@vfwpost8561.org

(Mention VALENTINES and the DATE in the Subject Line)

OR call the post at 817 633 8332

**Reservations by Ticket Purchase Only
\$25.00 | Person OR \$40.00 | Couple**

DOOR PRIZE!

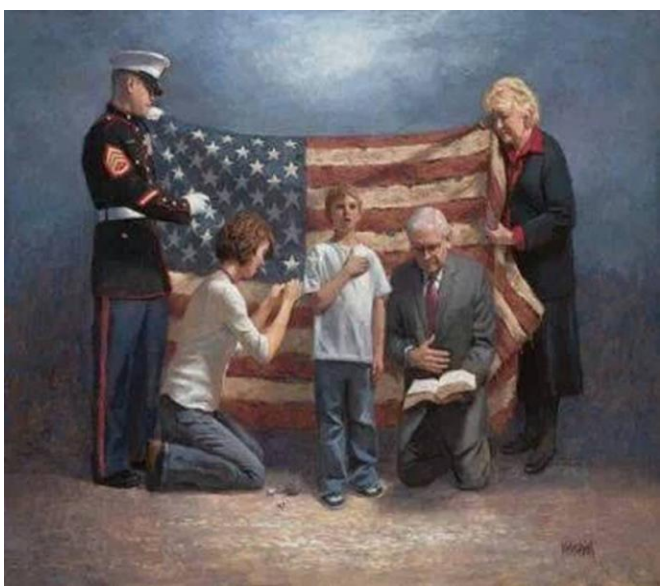
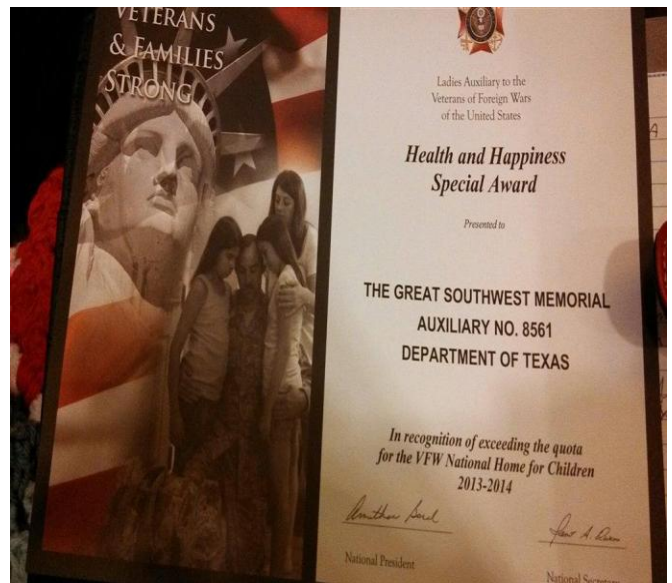
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PARIS PEACE ACCORD
REMEMBRANCE



**The problems
that we face today
are in great
part due
to the simple fact ...**


**Real Americans
who **WORK**
for a living
are outnumbered
by those **Who**
VOTE for a living.**



**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.

MAR 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 -LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	5 -ASH WEDNESDAY -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	6 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM -HAMBURGER NIGHT	7	8
9 -DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME +1HR -BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00	10	11 -VFW VETS MTG - 1900 -KOSOVO REMEMBRANCE -VFW NOMINATIONS !	12 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	13 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM -HAMBURGER NIGHT	14	15 -COMMANDERS APPRECIATION DINNER - 1800 COUNTRY ...
16	17 -ST PADDY'S DAY HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY	18	19 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	20 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	21	22
23 -CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS MAY 2014 EVENTS -JR GIRLS MEETING 6PM -SAMALIA REMEMBRANCE	24	25 -MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM -MAUX NOMINATIONS !	26 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	27 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	28	
30 -BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 -CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS MAY 2014 EVENTS	31					



DESERT STORM

02 AUG 1990 - 28 FEB 1991



RECOGNITION SUNDAY
23 FEB 2014

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Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY FEB 23 2014/ NOON All Members Invited

**TO DISCUSS
APR 2014
EVENTS !**



VFW POST 8561 FUNDRAISER



FOR SALE IN THE CANTEN



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CLOSEST
VFW POST**



TO THE ARLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT !
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POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 29 JAN 2014

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
JANET HIGHTOWER AND RICK NORMAN	29-Jan-14	1	1ST
TONY ALEJOS AND BRIAN HIGHTOWER	29-Jan-14	1	2ND
JANET HIGHTOWER AND RICK NORMAN	22-Jan-14	1	1ST
TONY ALEJOS AND BRIAN HIGHTOWER	22-Jan-14	1	2ND
JANET HIGHTOWER AND GARY DAVIS	15-Jan-14	1	1ST
BRIAN HIGHTOWER AND RICK NORMAN	15-Jan-14	1	2ND
RICK NORMAN AND KIKE VASQUEZ	8-Jan-14	1	1ST
PAM SHELBY AND BRIAN HIGHTOWER	8-Jan-14	1	2ND



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SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 30 JAN 2014

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
DAVE BRIDGENS	30-Jan-14	1	1ST
KIM VACCA	30-Jan-14	1	2ND
SUSAN MANN	23-Jan-14	1	1ST
JIM SIMPSON	23-Jan-14	1	2ND
C.J. FARRIS AND NANCY HINKLE	16-Jan-14	1	1ST
ED FARRIS AND RON TOWNSEND	16-Jan-14	1	2ND
LYNN TOWNSEND AND JIM SIMPSON	9-Jan-14	1	1ST
PAM SHELBY AND RON TOWNSEND	9-Jan-14	1	2ND
JIM SIMPSON AND RON TOWNSEND	2-Jan-14	1	1ST
C.J. FARRIS AND CLARK RATTAN	2-Jan-14	1	2ND
JIM SIMPSON	26-Dec-13	1	1ST
SUSAN MCCARROLL	26-Dec-13	1	2ND

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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

February 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 •JIM SIMPSON BOOK SIGNING 0900-NOON •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	

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



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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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