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GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL VFW POST 8561



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VFW POST 8561 UPDATE APR 2014 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

Commander: Glenn Talley Next Meeting: 08 APR 14 1900

Greetings!,

April; time to finish nominations and hold the elections for the Post officers of the 2014-2015 VFW year.

These positions are important, they are required by the By Laws to be filled to hold the Post charter, and they are required to manage the Post business and programs. I hope you will join us in these procedures.

You have heard me speak (write), if you have been listening, many times about the ageing of our membership. You younger members have to step up, participate in post activities, and help guide the post through the coming years.

There are about 10 members/former members who will do/say anything that it takes to get this post closed. They don't care about the many services we render to the veterans and children of our communities. They just want to brag that they ran us out of business. Don't let that happen. The great majority of these people have been/are losers, want-to-be's, and drunks and, of course, great writers of fiction. Remember that.

This Post can die a natural death because of age. It be shut down by lack of support by the membership, or, it can be perpetuated by the younger members, taking charge bringing the Post forward. Your choice: we can go forward, we can sell the property (with the Department Commander's approval), and merge with another Post in District 21, or we can turn in our Post Charter. If we do that, the Department will take over, sell the property and all goods, pay off any outstanding debts and put what is left in the Department funds. 8561 will be history or go forward: again, your choice!!!!!!

Glenn

Come and join us! Bring Your Friends!

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!



Ladies Auxiliary President: Pam Shelby
Next Meeting: 01 APR 2014 7PM

Sisters,

Well it is finally Spring and hopefully will have some enjoyable weather. With the nicer weather comes the opportunity to get out of the house. Why not stop by the post and catch up?

We had our election meeting on 1 April and I want to Thank You for electing me to be Your President again. Thank You to those who took an office or a chairmanship as well. There are still some open positions, if you need more information, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

End of year reports are due 10 April. Everyone can do reports. Even if you are not a chairman, I know you have done something in support of our Veteran's and that needs to be reported.

Let me know if I can help you with the report.

As always watch the website (vfwpost8561.org) and facebook (VFW POST 8561, Arlington Texas and/or Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8561) for any upcoming and ongoing events or activities.

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
08 APR 14
1900**

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LADIES
AUXILIARY
MEETING
01 APR 14
7PM**

**VFW
POST 8561
MENS
AUXILIARY
MEETING
22 APR 14
7PM**

Sr. Vice Commander - B.J. LASIK

The Riding Lawn Mower is in good health once again!

Requesting Volunteers to mow the post lawn!

My hope is to have enough volunteers to have a sign-up sheet so we don't burden the same person every week.

Either let me in know in person, or email me at BJ@vfwpost8561.org
Thanks!

B.J.

FROM THE CANTEEN

Canteen Manager: Pam Shelby

Hello Everyone

I have been asked to start a section to keep you up to date on "Canteen Happenings". So WELCOME to the first edition.

Let me first say a VERY BIG THANK YOU to those of you who have assisted us in some of our tough times. Though we are not over the hump yet we can see over it. I know that many of you will continue to support YOUR post as it is here for You and all Veterans! I would like to put out a challenge to everyone to bring in a new member, we all know someone who is eligible for The VFW, one of the two Auxiliaries or the Jr. Girls.

Second as has been rumored, we are not closing in June. With everyone's support we will be here for a long time and I have seen the support of those who want it to be here even longer. Second challenge is to stop the negative rumors with positive support.

Last, we have some events planned and would like to see all of the support at all of the events. Check out the website (vfwpost8561.org) and facebook (VFW POST 8561, Arlington Texas and/or Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 8561) for upcoming and ongoing events. Come out and have fun, if there is an event you can assist with, please do. We need YOU!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to give me a call, or better yet stop by and visit.

In Continued Support of Our Veterans.

PAM

FROM THE WEBMASTER . . .

***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 . .***

B.J.



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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



BE:ER:30



APRIL CANTEEN SPECIAL!

EVERY MON-SAT
IN APRIL 2014

NOON - 1600

\$2.00 WINE & WELL

\$1.50 DOMESTIC DRAFT



SUNDAY
06 APR 2014 1700



BRING A GAME AND COME OUT AND JOIN THE FUN!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

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MAUX FUNDRAISER

"Guess How Many Pull Tabs Are In The Jar"



NOT ACTUAL JAR

The closest will win half the proceeds
with other half going to Children's Cancer Society

2nd and 3rd closest will win a

\$25.00 Gift Card to Cotton Patch Restaurant

\$1.00 Per Ticket or 6 for \$5.00

TICKETS AND JAR AVAILABLE IN THE CANTEEN

Drawing to be held Memorial Day

ATTENTION ELECTIONS VFW POST AND AUX OFFICERS 2012-2013

AT YOUR MONTHLY
MEETING IN
APRIL

SATURDAY 26 APR 14 MEXICAN DINNER

1900-2300 \$10

FUNDRAISER FOR THE JR. GIRLS OF VFW POST 8561



BEEF, CHICKEN, AND CHEESE ENCHILADAS,
RICE, BEANS, CHIPS, GUACAMOLE, QUESO,
SALSA, AND DESSERT.

KARAOKE DJ AT 2000!



Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY APR 27 2014/ NOON All Members Invited

**TO DISCUSS
JUN 2014
EVENTS!**



MAY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	2	3 -KENTUCKY DERBY
4 -LOYALTY DAY 1400	5 -CINCO DE MAYO - ALL DAY	6 -LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	7 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	8 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	9 	
11 -BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00	12	13 -PATIENTS DAY OUT 9:30AM - 2PM -VFW VETS MTG - 1900 -VICTORY IN EUROPE 8 MAY	14 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	15 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	16	17 -ARMED FORCES DAY HH ALL DAY -DFW NATIONAL CEMETERY FLAG RAISING - 0900 -PREAKNESS
18 -DISTRICT 21 MEETING POST 2399 MINERAL WELLS - 1000 -DISTRICT ELECTIONS	19	20	21 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	22 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	23	24
25 -FLAGS AT ARL MEM CEMETERY - 0730 -BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 -CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS JULY 2014 EVENTS	26 -MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY - NOON	27 -MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	28 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	29 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	30	31 -PP

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.



WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US!

ASK ME HOW TO JOIN THE VFW OR AUXILIARY

INFO@VFWPOST8561.ORG



VFW POST 8561 FUNDRAISER

FOR SALE IN THE CANTEN



WE ARE THE CLOSEST VFW POST

TO THE ARLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT!
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POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 26 MAR 2014

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
JAMES MARTINEZ	26-Mar-14	1	1ST
MARK MARTINEZ	26-Mar-14	1	2ND
JAMES MARTINEZ	26-Mar-14	1	1ST
GARY DAVIS	26-Mar-14	1	2ND
JANET HIGHTOWER AND RICK NORMAN	19-Mar-14	2	1ST
PAM SHELBY AND BRIAN HIGHTOWER	19-Mar-14	2	2ND
JANET HIGHTOWER	19-Mar-14	1	1ST
GARY DAVIS	19-Mar-14	1	2ND
PAUL PENA AND GUEST	19-Mar-14	2	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND JAMES MARTINEZ	19-Mar-14	2	2ND
PAM SHELBY AND RICK NORMAN	12-Mar-14	1	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND BJ LASIK	12-Mar-14	1	2ND
JAMES MARTINEZ	5-Mar-14	1	1ST
HERMAN GONZALES	5-Mar-14	1	2ND
HERMAN GONZALES AND JAMES MARTINEZ	5-Mar-14	2	1ST
TOM ADAIR AND GARY DAVIS	5-Mar-14	2	2ND



THURSDAYS

COME JOIN US!

SHUFFLEBOARD
5:30 PM

FIND US ON: facebook

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!



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

April 2014 ▼



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LADIES AUX MTG 7PM • ELECTION NIGHT 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM 	4	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP
6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAME NIGHT 1700 	7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VFW VETS MTG - 1900 • ELECTION NIGHT 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM 	11	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 • LAUX AUDIT - NOON 	14	15	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM 	18	19
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PP 	21	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM • ELECTION NIGHT 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM 	25	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FUNDRAISER DINNER - MEXICAN NIGHT - JR GIRLS - 190
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 • CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS JUN 2014 EVENTS • JR GIRLS MEETING 6PM 	28	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900 			

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

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B.J. 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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