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VFW POST 8561 UPDATE AUG 2014 V1

### A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

COMMANDER: B.J. LASIK

NEXT MEETING: 12 AUG 14 1900

Greetings!,

We had a really great July! We had an awesome turnout for the 19<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry Fundraiser! Thanks to ALL who made that happen!

We enjoyed proudly hosting two major events from District 21 at our post to start off the VFW year!

I'm also having a blast going on various Community Service events in the local area, and meeting some great people along the way! This is not a Commander thing . . all are welcome to participate!

The month of August is going to be full speed ahead as well!

Celebration of Life for Ron "Squeeky" Martin on the 2nd! This is going to be a day of remembrance, complete with good food, live entertainment and Ron Martin stories! Come and celebrate his life and support his favorite charities.

Back To School BackPacks - Jr Girls Project on the 9th! Come Join us in support - just in time for school for those in need!

Pork Loin On The Grill — Post Fundraiser on the 23rd! Ron Townsend and Larry Cox are championing efforts to break in our new grill, donated by Rick Bosher! Can't go wrong with good food and good music! Come enjoy a great evening!

Volunteering your time, or just joining your friends for a beverage can mean the difference in a program's success, or paying the electric bill to keep the lights on! It's your post! Please come help us out! And Let's Have Fun At the Same Time!

Review the Website, Newsletters, and Email Readfiles! Stay on top of what's happening at YOUR POST!

Come and join us! Bring Your Friends!







# Ladies Auxiliary President: Pam Shelby Next Meeting: 05 AUG 2014 7PM

# Sisters,

Thank you to those who helped with and attended the District Kick-off.

Please mark your calendars for our meeting on August 5th as well as District Training on August 10th. It is really important that we have a showing of our members at the District meetings.

On August 17th we will be having an Auxiliary 8561 School of Instruction. Please mark your calendar to attend. This is our time to go over all of the programs and how-to's without having to extend our monthly meeting with questions on materiel already covered at the school.

Our Post is slowly moving up and it is up to all of us to push it to the top.

Please check the website and face book pages for updates and try to attend as many events as you can. Let's make our Post the BEST POST!

Thank You Ladies! You are an awesome group!



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 12 AUG 14 1900

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MEETING
05 AUG 14
7PM

VFW POST 8561 MENS AUXILIARY MEETING 26 AUG 14 7PM



# STILL ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CUT THE GRASS



PLEASE HELP US OUT ..



## IFISCOLA THUE COUNTIELEN

WOW!! Thank You! Last month I said we were doing good, but it could be great, and asked you to help us get there and beyond....I have seen it happening! You guys are awesome! The canteen is starting to move ahead and I am hearing a lot of laughter in there again. I am seeing more Support for the Post and the coming together of our members and guests. We have some really good events the next few weeks and hope to see these blossom as well. There are wonderful ideas for the next several months and hope that we can all make them better each time. Keep up the good work; I know this Post can be the BEST POST with everyone working together. Check out the webpage and face book pages for updates. Again Thank You!!

#### PAM

### FROM THE WEBMASTER . . .

IF YOUR NOT GETTING THE <u>READFILE</u> EMAILS FOR UPDATES TO EVENTS AT **YOUR** POST, AND YOU WANT THEM . .

SEND ME AN EMAIL (<mark>BJ@VFWPOST8561.ORG</mark>) SO THAT I HAVE YOUR ADDRESS . AND I'LL GET YOU ON THE EMAIL LIST . .

B.J.

#### Men's Auxiliary President: Stewart Pike Next Meeting: 26 AUG 2014 7PM

Greeting Fellow Brothers,

For those who attended our meeting you know that we had a very productive one.

We have a new event that we are sponsoring. It's called Game Night! You or anybody bring a game to play! The proceedings will be for a charity. Not us... Please come and join us!

For myself, I would like to get a 42 game started... Anybody play 42?

We are also going to schedule people to mow. I really don't care for the Commander to be doing this. He has a lot of other duties that he needs to perform than mow the yard! We will have a sign-up sheet at the Cantina for volunteers. Please help out with this Task. We are looking for fund raisers that will bring revenue, not only the Post, but for us also. So please attend our meeting for your input.

Don't forget the Pool night every Wednesday, Our own Gary has run for over a year now!!! Lots of fun! Check the Calendar for future events. The next few months are full. Lots of fun to be had

God bless the Veterans that we are all about supporting, and helping at **OUR** POST VFW 8561!

Show your support...Come and see us!

#### STEW

#### Ladies Auxiliary Youth Chairman: Alexis Huelsman Next Meeting: 24 AUG 2014 / 6PM

Hello all!

The New Year has started and the Junior Girls are excited to start this year!

I would like to thank District 21 for the award I received at Kickoff. THANK YOU! It really means a lot to me that everyone believes in me and the girls.

The girls will be hosting a school supply drive on August 9th from 1-4. Please donate any school supplies so the girls can give backpacks to some less fortunate children.

August 10th is District training at 2. It will be nice for the girls to learn what their roles actually do.

August 24th is our monthly meeting and pool party.

This fall is going to be jam packed with lots of exciting events for the girls and the post! Let's start this year with a BANG!

**ALEXIS** - Youth Chairman to the Junior Girls



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# MEMBERSHIP VF WLAUX

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

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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 \$27

**JRGIRLS** 



# MEMORIAL / CELEBRATION OF LIFE

# **RON "SQUEEKY" MARTIN**



14 Dec 1949 - 4 July 2014

# CHOPPED BBQ SANDWICHES POTATO SALAD / BEANS WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S

COURTESY OF EDDIE DEANS BBQ

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT: COURTESY OF STAN MILLER

# 02 AUG 14 | 2PM - 10PM \$20

Tickets available at VFW Post 8561

90% of Proceeds going to Rons favorite Charity
Wounded Warriors Benefit of North Texas
(Thank You to the Leatherneck Club of North Texas)

And 10% to Lou Garza
For assisting Rons Family with housing needs
During Rons stay in San Antonio.

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PACK THE POST DAY!

03 AUG 2014

1300 - 1800

SUNDAY

\$2.50 DOMESTIC BEER! WINE! WELL, \$1.75 DRAFT

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DALLAS COWBOYS





DOMESTIC

CANIBOTTILE BEER

WINE AND WELL



**\$2.25**THURSDAY

Come Out And

07 AUG 14

Join Your Friends/

2100

# JR GIRLS PROJECT SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BACKPACKS TO BE GIVEN OUT TO THOSE IN NEED

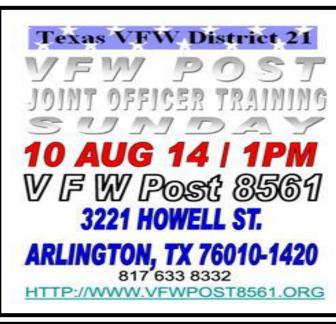
HOTDOGS AND SOFT DRINKS FREE TO CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER. \$1.00 TO THOSE 13 AND OVER.

99 AUG 14 | 1PM - 4PM

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT COURTESY OF GEORGE THAYER

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR POST!

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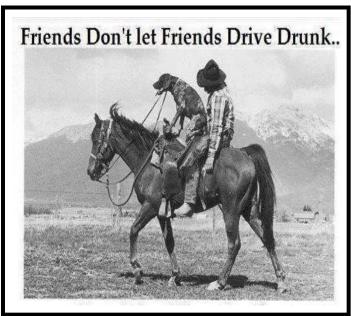
TUESDAY 12 AUG 14 9:30AM-2:00PM

> VIFW POST 8561 ARLINGTON, TX









# POST FUNDRAISER

GRILLED PORK LOIN
BEANS AND POTATO SALAD
BY RON TOWNSEND, LARRY COX, AND CREW

HELP US BREAK IN THE NEW GRILL DONATED BY RICK BOSHER!

PROCEEDS TO GO TO VFW POST 8561

KARAOKE BY: DENNY - "THAT MOBILE D.J."

SATURDAY

23 AUG 14 | 1700-???? \$15

PLEASE EMAIL TO rsvp@vfwpost8561.org TO ENSURE ENOUGH FOOD IS ALLOCATED

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Join Your Friends!

SPECIAL! DOMESTIC CANIBOTTILE BEER

WINE AND WELL









Are You a Veteran in need of yard work assistance?

Planting, Weeding, Mowing, Raking etc.

Please call "Sam" from the **American Airlines** Veterans Military Employees **Resource Group** 

**American Airlines** 919-656-5972

https://www.facebook.com/aavmerg







VFW POST 8561
Sunday 24 AUG 14
1400



Please see any VFW Officer, or the Bartender if you wish to make a Donation. Thank You!

# SEP 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 • <u>LADIES AUX MTG 7PM</u> • <u>LAUX BIRTHDAY</u> CELEBRATED	3 - <u>8 BALL POOL TOURNEY</u> - 1900	4	5 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	6
7 •POW RECOGNITION CEREMONY - 2PM •COWBOYS Vs 49RS - 1525	8	9 • <u>VFW VETS MTG - 1900</u> • <u>VICTORY OVER JAPAN</u>	10 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	11	12 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	13 •PATRIOT: DAY : REMEMBERING 9 11 2001
14  BREAKFAST 08-1130  55.00  COWBOYS Vs TITANS - NOON  USAF BIRTHDAY - NOON  FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY - 1500 FOOD DRIVE FOR MISSION ARLINGTON DURING BIRTHDAY C	15	16	17  *8 BALL POOL TOURNEY- 1900	18	19 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	20
21 •COWBOYS Vs RAMS - NOON •BEAT THE HEAT / PACK THE POST - 1300	22	23 •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	24 •§ BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	25	26 ·RE	U.S.M.C N WATCH
28 -BREAKFAST 09-1130 S5.00 -JR GIRLS MEETING 6PM -COWBOYS Vs SAINTS - 1930	29	30				

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.









#### POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 30 JUL 2014			
NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
JANET HIGHTOWER AND PAUL BROWN	30-Jul-14	1	1ST
BRIAN HIGHTOWER AND MITCH EVERETT	30-Jul-14	1	2ND
MELINDA GOFORTH AND MITCH EVERETT	30-Jul-14	2	1ST
BEVERLY BARRINGTON AND GARY DAVIS	30-Jul-14	2	2ND
BEVERLY BARRINGTON AND JAMES MARTINEZ	23-Jul-14	1	1ST
JANET HIGHTOWER AND BRIAN HIGHTOWER	23-Jul-14	1	2ND
JANET HIGHTOWER AND GARY DAVIS	23-Jul-14	2	1ST
BEVERLY BARRINGTON AND ESTHER SMITH	23-Jul-14	2	2ND
JAMES MARTINEZ AND TRUMAN ROBINSON	16-Jul-14	1	1ST
BEVERLY BARRINGTON AND GARY DAVIS	16-Jul-14	1	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND JAMES MARTINEZ	16-Jul-14	2	1ST
MELINDA GOFORTH AND MIKE DUTTON	16-Jul-14	2	2ND
RICK BOSHER AND TROY PIERCE	9-Jul-14	1	1ST
MIKE DUTTON AND MEL WILMS	9-Jul-14	1	2ND
MELINDA GOFORTH AND PAUL BROWN	9-Jul-14	2	1ST
ROBYN ERVIN AND MIKE DUTTON	9-Jul-14	2	2ND
MELINDA GOFORTH AND JAMES MARTINEZ	2-Jul-14	1	1ST
JANET HIGHTOWER AND BRIAN HIGHTOWER	2-Jul-14	1	2ND
PAUL BROWN AND MIKE DUTTON	2-Jul-14	2	1ST
BILLY GOFORTH AND TRUMAN ROBINSON	2-Jul-14	2	2ND













FOR ONE YEAR
AS HEAD
OF THE
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
POOL
TOURNAMENT!



# RED SHIRT FRIDAY



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









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



THERE WILL BE A
\$10 CHARGE



#### VFWPOST8561/CALENDAR

August 2014



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	*RON SQUEEKY MARTIN MEMORIAL 1400
3 •BEAT THE HEAT / PACK THE POST - 1300	4	5 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	6 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	7 • <u>COWBOYS Vs CHARGERS -</u> 1530	8 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	9 • <u>JR GIRLS PROJECT - BACK</u> TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS 13- 170
*BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 DISTRICT 21 JOINT OFFICER TRAINING - 1400	11	•PATIENTS DAY OUT 9:30AM -2PM •VFW VETS MTG - 1900 •IRAQI FREEDOM REMEMBRANCE	13 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	14	15 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	16 •COWBOYS Vs RAVENS 1800
17 •LAUX 8561 SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION - 1PM	18	19	<b>20</b> •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	21	22 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	23  •PORK LOIN ON THE GRILL - 1700 \$15 •COWBOYS VS. DOLPHINS 1800
24  •VFW BIRTHDAY (CELEBRATED) - 1400  •JR GIRLS MEETING 6PM	25		<b>27</b> •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	28 •COWBOYS Vs BRONCOS - 1900	29 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	30
31  BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00  CALENDAR MEETING 1400 TO DISCUSS SEP 2014  EVENTS						

For questions regarding this calendar, contact: Webmaster: BJ Lasik

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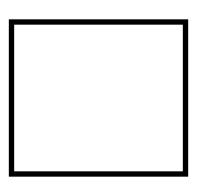
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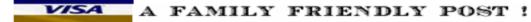
#### **VFW Post 8561 Canteen Hours**

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

12:00 - Close 10:00 - Close

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





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

"SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED"!

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