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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



FEB 16



**GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL
VFW POST 8561**



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VFW POST 8561 NEWSLETTER FEB 2016 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Greetings!,

Happy Valentine's Day and Month To All!

On Jan 23rd (Saturday) the VFW and Auxiliaries had a Chili Cook Off Fundraiser. Fun was had by all! Great eats and plenty of it . . nobody walked away hungry.

The SuperBowl Party is at the Moose Lodge 1932 on Sunday 7 Feb!

Thursday Feb 18th at 7PM is the Aux Meeting, which will be followed by a VFW Presentation on the U.S.S. Maine.

Immediately following our Feb 25 Meeting, we will be having a Desert Storm Remembrance.

Please wear something with VFW on it for the photo of this and any event as the photo is submitted to the Department of Texas. Thanks! This and other events justify or Tax Exempt Status (See Below)

Please check the website and Post Calendar for events in 2016!
Please support as many events as you can.

Join Us On Wednesday Evenings For The Post Pool Tournament!

Don't forget VFW Post 8561 is serving Breakfast on the second and Fourth Sunday of each month!

Also . . If you do anything for your Community . . donate magazines, help a vet with raking leaves . etc . . please let us know! Your VFW Post can get credit for that! We have Tax Exempt status, not only as a non-profit organization, but also for Community Service activities!

For those who do not already know, We are now Meeting at Arlington Moose Lodge 1932. It is our new foster home. Please come out and check it out.
It's a very nice facility.

Arlington Moose Lodge 1932
3210 Pleasant Valley Ln. Ste "A"
Arlington, TX 76015-2906
(682) 276-3380 VFW
(817) 261-9997 MOOSE
<http://www.vfwpost8561.org>

Please mark your Calendar and come join us!

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

Come and join us! Bring Your Friends!

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!

B.J.





"ALL YOU CAN EAT"
BREAKFAST \$6.00
EVERY 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY
SERVING 9-11:30 AM



VFW POST 8561 MEETS AT:
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"It's Time For Breakfast !"



SUPER BOWL



SUNDAY
07 FEB 2016
1 7 0 0



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WELCOME TO
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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 8561

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VFW
POST 8561
MENS
AUXILIARY
MEETING
11 FEB 16
7PM

VFW
POST 8561
LADIES
AUXILIARY
MEETING
18 FEB 16
7PM

VFW
POST 8561
MEETING
25 FEB 16
1900



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FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT VFW POST 8561 & ITS AUXILIARIES CHILI COOK-OFF AND DINNER

SATURDAY JANUARY 23, 2016

SIGN UP TO ENTER
YOUR FAMOUS CHILI
BY JANUARY 20, 2016
\$20.00 PER ENTRY
1ST, 2ND AND 3RD
PLACE WINNERS

AFTER JUDGING ALL
REMAINING CHILI WITH
FIXIN'S AND DESSERT
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
\$6.00 A BOWL

TURN IN TIME 3:00

JUDGING 4:00

DINNER 5:00*

*OR WHEN JUDGING COMPLETE

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN-UP

CALL 682-276-3380

LEAVE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER

OR

SEE ANY VFW OR AUXILIARY MEMBER

LOCATION: ARLINGTON MOOSE LODGE 1932

3210 PLEASANT VALLEY LANE

ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76015



U.S.S. MAINE



1895-1898 SUNK ON 15 FEB 1898 - 2140

MINNAPARCOUR-GUBA

LOSS OF 266 SAILORS AND MARINES
CATALYST TO THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

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REMEMBRANCE ON 18 FEB 2016



DESERT STORM

02 AUG 1990 - 28 FEB 1991



RECOGNITION

THURSDAY

25 FEB 2016



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AM I ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE VFW OR AUXILIARY?

<http://www.vfwpost8561.org/JOINVFW.HTML>





VFW POST 8561

POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 27 JAN 2016

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
GARY HILLARD AND EDDIE HUTCHESON	27-Jan-16	1	1ST
FRANKIE REISINGER AND BILLY ROBINSON	27-Jan-16	1	2ND
BILLY ROBINSON AND DION SALAZAR	27-Jan-16	2	1ST
MELINDA GOFORTH AND PAUL BROWN	27-Jan-16	2	2ND
MATT HUEY AND BILLY ROBINSON	20-Jan-16	1	1ST
GARY HILLARD AND EDDIE HUTCHESON	20-Jan-16	1	2ND
MIKE DUTTON AND GARY HILLARD	20-Jan-16	2	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND BILLY ROBINSON	20-Jan-16	2	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND WILL PHAM	13-Jan-16	1	1ST
RILEY GILBERT AND FRANKIE REISINGER	13-Jan-16	1	2ND
GARY HILLARD AND EDDIE HUTCHESON	13-Jan-16	2	1ST
MIKE DUTTON AND STEPHANIE HILLARD	13-Jan-16	2	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND JOHN MICHAEL HUEY	6-Jan-16	1	1ST
MELINDA GOFORTH AND PAUL BROWN	6-Jan-16	1	2ND
JOHN MICHAEL HUEY AND FRANKIE REISINGER	6-Jan-16	2	1ST
PAUL BROWN AND BILLY ROBINSON	6-Jan-16	2	2ND



THANK YOU!

TO ARLINGTON
MOOSE LODGE 1932
FOR LETTING US
HAVE A ROOF OVER
OUR HEAD.

To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad
Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

All Americans Say:

THANK YOU!

Friends Don't let Friends Drive Drunk..



MEMBERSHIP

V F W

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

LAUX LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FEES

AGE ATTAINED 31 DECEMBER OF THE YEAR APPLYING

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

ANNUAL DUES: \$27

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS SAVE MONEY!

MAUX ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$27

MAR 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 •WOTM	2 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	3 •SOT MTG	4	5
6	7	8 •LOOM MEETING - 1900 •JOINT MOOSE MEETING	9 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	10 •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	11	12
13 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$8.00	14	15 •WOTM	16 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	17 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM •KOSOVO REMEMBRANCE	18	19
20	21	22 •LOOM MEETING - 1900	23 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	24 •VFW VETS MTG - 1900 •VFW NOMINATIONS! •SOMALIA REMEMBRANCE	25	26
27 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$8.00	28	29	30 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	31		





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VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

February 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 •WOTM	3 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	4 •SOT MTG	5	6
7 •SUPERBOWL 50 1730	8	9 •LOOM MEETING - 1900 •JOINT MOOSE MEETING	10 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	11 •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	12	13
14 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$6.00	15	16 •WOTM	17 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	18 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM •USS MAINE	19	20
21	22	23 •LOOM MEETING - 1900	24 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	25 •VFW VETS MTG - 1900 •DESERT STORM RECOGNITION	26	27
28 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$6.00	29					

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

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