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VFW POST 8561



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VFW POST 8561 NEWSLETTER APR 2018 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST



COMMANDER: GLENNOB TALLEY

NEXT MEETING: 19 APR 18 1900

I believe I have made some kind comment about membership every time I have written the newsletter comments since the first time in 2007.

This month will be no different. VFW Post 8561's membership is 281 as of this moment. The majority of these members are over 75 years old. We have lost 12 of them this VFW year, so far. Arlington, TX has one of the largest veteran populations in the state of Texas. So..... Why can't we rejuvenate our membership with new younger members? They are out there and they need the same kind of assistance that we needed. I have to think that there is no desire in most of our members to do any thing !!!

Does that mean our membership no longer cares if the Post continues to exist or not? As of now we are accomplishing the requirements as required in the National and State Bylaws to keep our Charter. On Thursday night, 19 April, we will, again, try to accomplish, arguably, the most important one: the election of Post Officers for the 2018-2019 VFW year.

We must fill each required chair in order to retain our post charter. In 2015 the membership decided it would not/could not support a post home. Folks we are real close to deciding if we are going to continue the support of the retention of the post charter. Think about it!!!!!!!

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

Glenn

Come and join us! Bring Your Friends!

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!



ATTENTION

ELECTIONS

VFW POST

OFFICERS

2018-2019

THURSDAY

19 APR 18

1900

**Held At Moose Lodge 1932
3210 Pleasant Valley Ln.
Arlington, TX 76015-2906**



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VFW at a Glance

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ONE
MISSING
IS YOU!

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JOIN

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19 APR 18
1900

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AUXILIARY
MEETING
19 APR 18
7:30PM



**VFW POST 8561
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2017-2018**



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2017-2018**



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POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 28 MAR 2018

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
VANESSA MARSHALL AND JEFF SANDMAN	28-Mar-18	1	1ST
HOLGER BAUHAUS AND VERNON WARD	28-Mar-18	1	2ND
FRANKIE REISINGER AND JEFF SANDMAN	28-Mar-18	2	1ST
TIM DICKERSON AND ERIC MARTINEZ	28-Mar-18	2	2ND
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND BILL COWBOY OTTMERS	21-Mar-18	1	1ST
HOLGER BAUHAUS AND TIM DICKERSON	21-Mar-18	1	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND JEFF SANDMAN	21-Mar-18	2	1ST
BILL COWBOY OTTMERS AND TIM DICKERSON	21-Mar-18	2	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND FRANKIE REISINGER	14-Mar-18	1	1ST
MARK EARL AND VERNON WARD	14-Mar-18	1	2ND
EDDIE HUTCHESON AND CHRIS MAYES	14-Mar-18	2	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND HOLGER BAUHAUS	14-Mar-18	2	2ND
FRANKIE REISINGER AND VERNON WARD	7-Mar-18	1	1ST
BILL COWBOY OTTMERS AND CHRIS MAYES	7-Mar-18	1	2ND
EDDIE HUTCHESON AND FRANKIE REISINGER	7-Mar-18	2	1ST
MELINDA GOFORTH AND JAMES MARTINEZ	7-Mar-18	2	2ND



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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

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VFV 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

AUX LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FEES

AGE ATTAINED 31 DECEMBER OF THE YEAR APPLYING

YEARS	FEES	\$/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!

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 -WOTM	2 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	3	4	5
6	7	8 -LOOM MEETING - 1900 -JOINT MOOSE MEETING	9 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	10	11	12
13	14	15 -WOTM	16 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	17 -VFW VETS MTG - 1900 -VFW POST 8561 AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING - 7:30PM	18	19
20	21	22 -LOOM MEETING - 1900	23 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	24	25	26
27	28 -ELKS CEREMONY AT NOON	29	30 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	31		



**AM I ELIGIBLE
TO JOIN
THE VFW OR AUXILIARY?**

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



**WE WANT
YOU
TO JOIN US!**



ASK ME HOW TO
JOIN THE VFW
OR AUXILIARY



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



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

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!

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Origins

In 1899, the American Veterans of Foreign Service (Columbus, Ohio) and the National Society of the Army of the Philippines (Denver, Colo.) were organized to secure rights and benefits for veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippines War (1899-1902). These two organizations merged in 1914, creating the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. VFW was chartered by Congress in 1936.

Membership Eligibility

Those serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in a foreign war or overseas operation recognized by a campaign medal, in Korea after June 30, 1949, and recipients of hostile-fire or imminent danger pay. Veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf, Somalia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and other smaller expeditionary campaigns, as well as occupation duty, qualify.

Partner Organization

A national volunteer service organization, the Auxiliary of the VFW was founded in 1914 and is the backbone of many local VFW volunteer efforts.

Membership Size

Nearly 1.7 million VFW and Auxiliary members in all 50 states, and many foreign countries.

Organizational Structure

Thousands convene each year at VFW's national convention to elect officers, adopt resolutions and discuss business affairs. Leading the organization are the elected commander-in-chief, senior vice commander-in-chief and junior vice commander-in-chief. The National Council of Administration serves as the VFW's board of directors.

Nearly 6,400 Posts worldwide comprise 52 Departments in the 50 states, the Asia/Pacific Areas and Europe. Posts form the basic local chapter.

Priority Issues

- **Budget:** Secure full funding for programs and services for veterans, service members and their families by ending sequestration.
- **Health Care:** Ensure veterans have timely access to high quality, comprehensive and veteran-centric health care, and secure sufficient funding for the VA Health Care System.
- **Women Veterans:** Expand women's health care services to all VA medical centers to ensure the growing number of women veterans have access to gender-specific services.
- **Suicide Prevention & Homelessness:** Work with VA, DOD and Congress to reduce the rate of suicide and homelessness among veterans.
- **VA Benefits & Compensation:** Ensure veterans and their dependents have timely access to earned benefits.
- **Seamless Transition:** Improve education, employment and transition programs so veterans have an opportunity to obtain meaningful employment after leaving military service.
- **Military Quality of Life:** Fight to maintain a quality and comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all volunteer force.
- **Education & Employment:** Fight to sustain G.I. Bill benefits and insist on strengthening USERRA. Continue to improve licensing and credentialing for military skills.
- **Defense & Homeland Security:** Fully support the troops and their mission in the war on terrorism, and to secure U.S. borders against all enemies, both foreign and domestic, who are intent on doing us harm.
- **POW/MIA:** Achieve the fullest possible accounting of America's 83,000 MIAs from World War II forward.



VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

April 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 • WOTM	4 • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	5	6	7
8	9	10 • LOOM MEETING - 1900 • JOINT MOOSE MEETING	11 • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	12	13	14
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22	23	24 • LOOM MEETING - 1900	25 • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	26	27 • TIMBERVIEW H.S. JRROTC AWARDS BANQUET - 1800	28
29 • LOYALTY DAY 1400	30					

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

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