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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



DEC 18



**GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL
VFW POST 8561**



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A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

COMMANDER: GLENNOB TALLEY
NEXT MEETING: 20 DEC 18 1900



Greetings!

We are deep into the Holiday Season and I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Can't say it any better than that.

The post is on track in all Programs. We are at 96% in membership. We need 10 more to be at 100 percent.

Lots of Holiday events happening around town this month. Enjoy and be safe.



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!!!





VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

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VFW at a Glance

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IF YOU HAVE
MOVED . . .
IF YOU HAVE
CHANGED EMAIL
ADDRESSES . . .
PLEASE UPDATE
VIA AN EMAIL TO:
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THANK YOU!



THE ONLY
ONE
MISSING
IS YOU!

COME JOIN US!

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WELCOME TO
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VFW
POST 8561
MEETING
20 DEC 18
1900

VFW
POST 8561
AUXILIARY
MEETING
20 DEC 18
7:30PM



VFW POST 8561
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2018-2019



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2018-2019



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**PEARL
HARBOR
REMEMBRANCE
CEREMONY**



**PLEASE WEAR
SOMETHING
V F W**

**20 DEC 18
1930**

**VFW POST
8561**



**Held At Moose Lodge 1932
3210 Pleasant Valley Ln. Ste "A"
Arlington, TX 76015-2906
VFW 214-683-8792
<http://www.vfwpost8561.org>**

COMMUNITY SERVICE

IF YOU WANT TO HELP YOUR POST GAIN RECOGNITION

PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THEN REPORT IT!

Whether you volunteer at the local food bank

or do your neighbors lawn work,

Report the Activity!

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

A. DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITY AND LIST ALL VFW MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED.

B. TAKE TWO PHOTOS WITH SOMETHING VFW IN IT (HAT OR SHIRT) OF MEMBERS PERFORMING ACTIVITY. PREFERABLY INCLUDE A CHILD.

C. RECORD:

HOURS SPENT

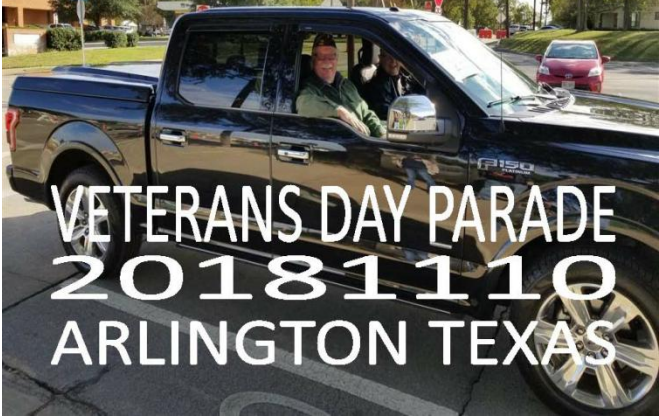
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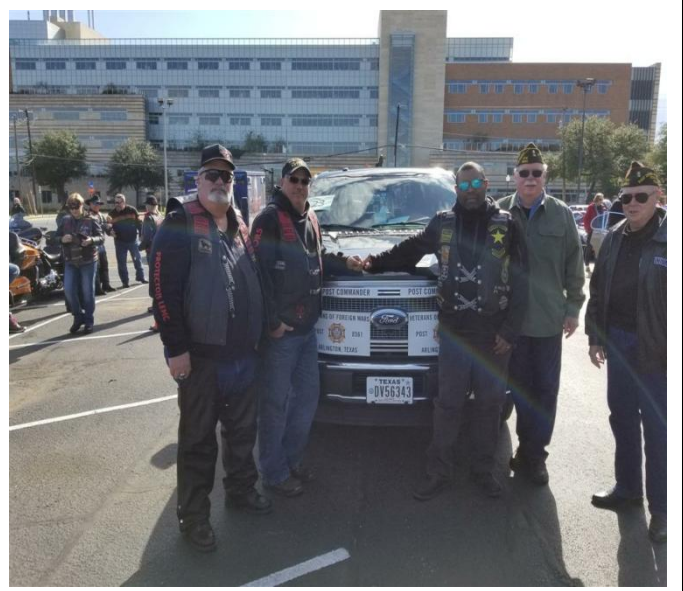
REPORT ALL THIS INFORMATION AND PHOTOS TO:

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PARADE FOR HEROES



VETERANS DAY PARADE
20181110
ARLINGTON TEXAS



U S M C Birthday Celebration

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VFW 8561

Sunday 11 NOV 18

2 PM

Please see Frank Riojas, Ron Townsend, or PamShelby if you wish to make a Donation. Thank You!





VFW POST 8561

POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 28 NOV 2018

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
MELINDA GOFORTH AND BEVERLY ROBINSON	28-Nov-18	1	1ST
TRUMAN ROBINSON AND VERNON WARD	28-Nov-18	1	2ND
EDDIE HUTCHESON	28-Nov-18	2	1ST
VERNON WARD	28-Nov-18	2	2ND

THANKSGIVING

21-Nov-18 NO TOURNAMENT

RON CLAWSON AND FRANKIE REISINGER	14-Nov-18	1	1ST
CLARENCE ENGROFF AND BILLY ROBINSON	14-Nov-18	1	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND VERNON WARD	14-Nov-18	2	1ST
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND EDDIE HUTCHESON	14-Nov-18	2	2ND
BILLY GOFORTH AND EDDIE HUTCHESON	7-Nov-18	1	1ST
MELINDA GOFORTH AND FRANKIE REISINGER	7-Nov-18	1	2ND
MELINDA GOFORTH AND BEVERLY ROBINSON	7-Nov-18	2	1ST
FRANKIE REISINGER AND VERNON WARD	7-Nov-18	2	2ND

CHECK THE
POST WEBSITE
FOR LINKS
TO LOCAL,
DISTRICT, STATE
AND NATIONAL
VFW INFORMATION!



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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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

AUX 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!

JAN 2019

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

December 2018



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

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