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Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



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GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL

VFW POST 8561



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A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

"HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!"

COMMANDER: GLENNBOB TALLEY

NEXT MEETING: 21 FEB 19 1900



February in Texas, 80 degrees one day followed by temps in the 20's the next day. If you don't like the weather in Texas, just wait a few minutes.

The post is doing well in all programs, although we will not be eligible for honors programs. We need 6 more members new or reinstated to make membership goal.

For you younger members, you need to start to start thing what you can do to help perpetuate this post. Some of us are getting to be pretty long in the tooth; we are not going to be able to continue filling the positions require by our bylaws. Next month we begin nominations to fill these chairs. They all have to be filled. Of course, if you just don't care, then 8561 will lose its charter and we will be history. 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!!!





VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

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VFW at a Glance

The VFW is a nonprofit veterans service organization composed of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. The VFW and its Auxiliaries are dedicated to veterans service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs.

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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VFW
POST 8561
MEETING
21 FEB 19
1900

VFW
POST 8561
AUXILIARY
MEETING
14 FEB 19
7:00PM



VFW POST 8561
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2018-2019



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PARIS PEACE ACCORD

SIGNED 27 JAN 1973
OFFICIALLY ENDING
THE U.S. INVOLVEMENT
IN VIETNAM



OBSERVANCE HELD 17 JAN 2019 / 1900
Held At Moose Lodge 1932
3210 Pleasant Valley Ln. Ste "A"
Arlington, TX 76015-2906
VFW 682-276-3380
<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

MONEY COLLECTED / SPENT

MILAGE

REPORT ALL THIS INFORMATION AND PHOTOS TO:

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SUPERBOWL

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SUNDAY

03 FEB 2019

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U.S.S. MAINE



1895-1898

SUNK ON 15 FEB 1898 - 2140

HAVANA HARBOR - CUBA

LOSS OF 266 SAILORS AND MARINES

CATALYST TO THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

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MOOSE 817-261-9997
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REMEMBRANCE ON 20 FEB 2019



DESERT STORM

02 AUG 1990 - 28 FEB 1991



RECOGNITION

THURSDAY

21 FEB 2019



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POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 30 JAN 2019

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
JAMES GRAGG AND VERNON WARD	30-Jan-19	1	1ST
VANESSA MARSHALL AND GARY DAVIS	30-Jan-19	1	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND FRANKIE REISINGER	30-Jan-19	2	1ST
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND JAMES GRAGG	30-Jan-19	2	2ND
FRANKIE REISINGER AND BILLY ROBINSON	23-Jan-19	1	1ST
EDDIE HUTCHESON AND VERNON WARD	23-Jan-19	1	2ND
VANESSA MARSHALL AND FRANKIE REISINGER	23-Jan-19	2	1ST
EDDIE HUTCHESON AND VERNON WARD	23-Jan-19	2	2ND
GINA ROBELLO AND CHRIS MAYES	16-Jan-19	1	1ST
BILLY ROBINSON AND VERNON WARD	16-Jan-19	1	2ND
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND VERNON WARD	16-Jan-19	2	1ST
VANESSA MARSHALL AND BILLY ROBINSON	16-Jan-19	2	2ND
FRANKIE REISINGER AND VERNON WARD	9-Jan-19	1	1ST
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND TIM DICKERSON	9-Jan-19	1	2ND
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND FRANKIE REISINGER	9-Jan-19	2	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND VERNON WARD	9-Jan-19	2	2ND
TIM DICKERSON AND VERNON WARD	2-Jan-19	1	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND CHRIS MAYES	2-Jan-19	1	2ND
MARK KAERICHER AND CHRIS MAYES	2-Jan-19	2	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND TIM DICKERSON	2-Jan-19	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

VFW

AUX

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!

MAR 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 WORTH	6 'S BALL POOL TOURNEY-1900	7	8	9
10	11	12 FLOOR MEETING - 1900 JOINT/1000000 MEETING	13 'S BALL POOL TOURNEY-1900	14	15	16
17	18	19 WORTH	20 'S BALL POOL TOURNEY-1900	21 NEW VETS MTR - 1900 NEW EAST BEEY AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING - 2:30 PM	22	23
24	25	26 FLOOR MEETING - 1900	27 'S BALL POOL TOURNEY-1900	28	29	30
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**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

February 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 • SUPERBOWL 53 1700	4	5 • WOTM	6 • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	7	8	9
10	11	12 • LOOM MEETING - 1900 • JOINT MOOSE MEETING	13 • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	14	15	16
17	18	19 • WOTM	20 • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 • USS MAINE	21 • VFW VETS MTG - 1900 • VFW POST 8561 AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING - 7:30PM • DESERT STORM RECOGNITION	22	23
24	25	26 • LOOM MEETING - 1900	27 • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	28		

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

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