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A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

COMMANDER: GLENBOB TALLEY
NEXT MEETING: 16 JAN 20 1900



Commander's January 2020 Newsletter
Comments:

2020 is here. We are half way through the VFW year. We are at 244 in membership count. We need 266; Looking good on the rest of the programs.

I hope each and every one of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Check the Post web site for scheduled events this month.



If you check it out you will probably find some of your comrades from the Post at the Grease Monkey in Arlington about 1700 each Tuesday night. Come and join us.

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!!!





VFW at a Glance

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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MOVED . . .
IF YOU HAVE
CHANGED EMAIL
ADDRESSES . . .
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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
16 JAN 20
1900

VFW
POST 8561
AUXILIARY
MEETING
09 JAN 20
7:00PM



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2019-2020**



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HAPPY NEW YEAR



TEXAS VFW
MID-WINTER
CONVENTION



23 JAN – 26 JAN 2020

<http://www.texasvfw.org/>

PARIS PEACE ACCORD

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



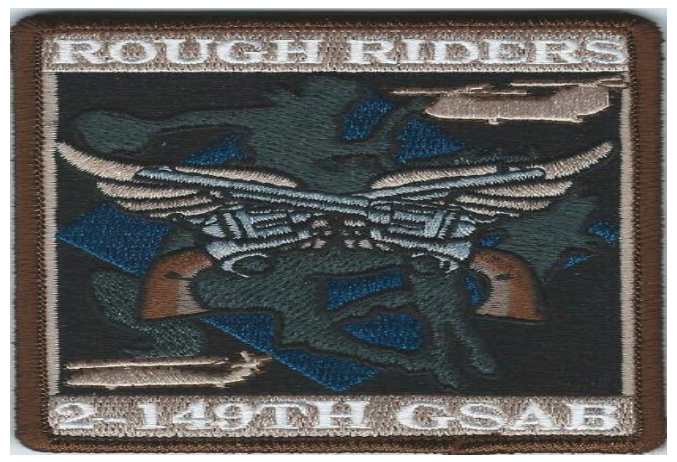
OBSERVANCE HELD 16 JAN 2020 / 1900

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19 DEC 19 1930
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PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING VFW

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2-149 GSAB CHRISTMAS PARTY





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POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 25 DEC 2019

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
MERRY CHRISTMAS	25-Dec-19	<i>Merry Christmas</i>	
MELINDA GOFORTH AND MARK KAERICHER	18-Dec-19	1	1ST
CHRIS MAYES AND DYLAN PEACOCK	18-Dec-19	1	2ND
KEVIN MILLER AND RANDALL POLLARD	18-Dec-19	2	1ST
BILLY GOFORTH AND DYLAN PEACOCK	18-Dec-19	2	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND RANDALL POLLARD	11-Dec-19	1	1ST
FRANKIE REISINGER AND VERNON WARD	11-Dec-19	1	2ND
RANDALL POLLARD AND VERNON WARD	11-Dec-19	2	1ST
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND FRANKIE REISINGER	11-Dec-19	2	2ND
RANDALL POLLARD AND VERNON WARD	4-Dec-19	1	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND BILL COWBOY OTTMERS	4-Dec-19	1	2ND
RANDALL POLLARD AND VERNON WARD	4-Dec-19	2	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND CHRIS MAYES	4-Dec-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!

FEB 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 *SUPERBOWL 53 1700	3	4 *WOTM	5 *8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	6	7	8
9	10	11 *LOOM MEETING - 1900 *JOINT MOOSE MEETING	12 *8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	13 *VFW POST 8561 AUXILIARY MONT	14	15
16	17	18 *WOTM	19 *8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	20 *VFW VETS MTG - 1900 *DESERT STORM RECOGNITION	21	22
23	24	25 *LOOM MEETING - 1900	26 *8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	27	28	29



**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

January 2020 ▾



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	2	3	4
5	6	7 •WOTM	8 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	9 •VFW POST 8561 AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING - 7:30PM	10	11
12 •DISTRICT MEETING ALVARADO 1000	13	14 •LOOM MEETING - 1900 •JOINT MOOSE MEETING	15 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	16 •VFW VETS MTG - 1900 •VIETNAM REMEMBRANCE	17	18
19	20	21 •WOTM	22 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	23 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	24 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	25 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN
26 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	27	28 •LOOM MEETING - 1900	29 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	30	31	

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

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