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VFW POST 8561



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A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

"HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!"

COMMANDER: GLENNBOB TALLEY

NEXT MEETING: 20 FEB 20 1900



Greetings Comrades,

We are half way through the VFW year. Our Membership Goal is 266, and we are at 246 or 92.48%.

We are looking good on the rest of the programs.

National numbers is what gives us strength when our VFW reps. sit in on congressional committees that deal with Veteran/Active Duty programs. I am also very much aware of the difficulty of getting younger veterans concerned about the longevity of their benefits. I doubt there is a Vietnam or older veteran out there who would have any difficulty enumerating what we were promised when we enlisted verses what we have received. Remember, the only people that receive life time benefits across the board are Congress members and former Presidents. Very few of those folks have drawn hostile fire pay!!!!!!

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!!!





VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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VFW at a Glance

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MOVED . . .
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CHANGED EMAIL
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ONE
MISSING
IS YOU!

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POST 8561
MEETING
20 FEB 20
1900

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POST 8561
AUXILIARY
MEETING
13 FEB 20
7:00PM



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2019-2020



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SUPERBOWL

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SUNDAY

02 FEB 2020

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U.S.S. MAINE



1895-1898

SUNK ON 15 FEB 1898 - 2140

MINNA HARBOR - CUBA

LOSS OF 266 SAILORS AND MARINES

CATALYST TO THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

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REMEMBRANCE ON 19 FEB 2020



DESERT STORM

02 AUG 1990 - 28 FEB 1991



RECOGNITION

THURSDAY

20 FEB 2020

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PARIS PEACE ACCORD VPR



FISHER HOUSE BLANKET, HAT, AND GLOVE DONATION



POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 29 JAN 2020

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
CHRIS MAYES AND VERNON WARD	29-Jan-20	1	1ST
BILLY GOFORTH AND MARK KAERICHER	29-Jan-20	1	2ND
MELINDA GOFORTH AND GARY DAVIS	29-Jan-20	2	1ST
TIM DICKERSON AND VERNON WARD	29-Jan-20	2	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND CHRIS MAYES	22-Jan-20	1	1ST
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND MARK KAERICHER	22-Jan-20	1	2ND
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND RANDALL POLLARD	22-Jan-20	2	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND VERNON WARD	22-Jan-20	2	2ND
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND GARY DAVIS	15-Jan-20	1	1ST
MELINDA GOFORTH AND VERNON WARD	15-Jan-20	1	2ND
MELINDA GOFORTH AND GARY DAVIS	15-Jan-20	2	1ST
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND VERNON WARD	15-Jan-20	2	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND RANDALL POLLARD	8-Jan-20	1	1ST
KEVIN MILLER AND VERNON WARD	8-Jan-20	1	2ND
KRISTIN WOOD AND VERNON WARD	8-Jan-20	2	1ST
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND GARY DAVIS	8-Jan-20	2	2ND
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND VERNON WARD	1-Jan-20	1	1ST
MARK KEARICHER AND KEVIN MILLER	1-Jan-20	1	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND KEVIN MILLER	1-Jan-20	2	1ST
BEVERLY ROBINSON AND VERNON WARD	1-Jan-20	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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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!

MAR 2020

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



AM I ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE VFW OR AUXILIARY?

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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 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 • SUPERBOWL 53 1700	3	4 • WOTM	5 • 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	6	7	8
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