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VFW POST 8561**



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A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

COMMANDER: B.J. LASIK **NEXT MEETING: 13 JAN 15 1900**

Greetings!,

We had fun in December with the Employee Christmas Party and the big football game watching parties! Thanks to ALL who made those events happen! Check the recent page on the website for photos. *Yes . . . We have photos. But You can't get in the photos, just like you can't keep your post open, if you don't show up.*

The month of January has a lot going on too!

We are back to two Breakfasts this month, on the second and last Sunday. Come out and watch and cheer your Dallas Cowboy Games and see how far they can go in the playoffs! Come watch the games with your friends! And enjoy drink specials when the Boys score a touchdown or field goal.

We have Pool Tournaments every Wednesday evening! Come out to play or just watch. It a great time!

We have a Vietnam War Remembrance on the 13th, and our post is hosting a LAUX Dept President Luncheon on the 17th. Check the post calendar for the big football games, College and Pro, coming up. Come Join Us!

My job is to oversee that the bills get paid. It is the membership's job to provide the funds for those bills.

Based on membership; discounting the older members, and those that live outside the DFW area, that leaves roughly 200 people. Yet week in and week out it's the same 10-15 people that show up, depending on the week. That is not quite 8%. This tells me that 92% of members do not wish to have a post. Aka, they vote with their feet. Those folks are well on their way to making that happen. I so appreciate the few loyal and dedicated individuals that do support, but if more members do not start coming out and supporting the post, it will be gone forever.

IF YOUR POST GOES AWAY

**AND YOU
DID NOT SUPPORT IT,
YOU HAVE ONLY TO
LOOK IN THE MIRROR
TO FIND BLAME . . .**

Volunteering your time, or just joining your friends for a beverage can mean the difference in a program's success, or paying the electric bill to keep the lights on! It's your post! Please come help us out! And Let's Have Fun At the Same Time!

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

Come and join us! Bring Your Friends!

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!

B.J.



Ladies Auxiliary President: Pam Shelby

Next Meeting: 06 JAN 2015 7PM

Sisters,

I hope that everyone had a Very Merry Christmas and are now enjoying a Happy New Year. This brings us to the half way mark of the 2014-2015 year. That means we have a lot to accomplish to end the year with all of the requirements met!

Thank you to those of you who have paid your dues. We have moved up by about 20%. We still need those of you who have not paid your 2015 dues to please bring or mail them in to the post. If you are a life member, please remember to pay your \$8.00 insurance, this is not included in life membership.

Be sure to check out the website/calendar for updates to January. We need every ones support to keep your Post Home alive, it cannot survive without every ones help! Stop by and visit.

PAM

*Remember Your Support - Supports Our Veterans!
Stand Behind Those Who Stood Up Front For Us!
Thank you for all you do for our Veterans!*



FROM THE CANTIEEN

Hello Everyone

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year's festivities.

The Post has hit its annual slump and we need you to help us pull it back up, it's a heavy load for just a few people. We have an awesome TV raffle going on right now, and the Mens Auxiliary has a fantastic Dinner and Dance planned for Valentine's Day. We still need you to stop in and support Your Post Home! Come out; bring in a prospective new member. Join us for Breakfast and the Cowboy Games. Come out on Wednesday, even if you don't play pool, you might catch up with an old friend or make a new one.

People can be divided into three groups: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wonder what happened.

Which one are you?

PAM



**VFW
POST 8561
LADIES
AUXILIARY
MEETING
06 JAN 15
7PM**

**VFW
POST 8561
MEETING
13 JAN 15
1900**

**VFW
POST 8561
JR GIRLS
MEETING
18 JAN 15
7PM**

**VFW
POST 8561
MENS
AUXILIARY
MEETING
27 JAN 15
7PM**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



THURSDAY

01 JAN 15

**HAPPY ALL DAY
XOUR OPEN AT NOON!**

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THURSDAY

01 JAN 15

NOON - 1400

\$2 SPECIALS

MIMOSA'S AND BLOODY MARY'S



ARMED FORCES BOWL

FRIDAY 02 JAN 2015 - 1100

**GARY SINIESE
AND THE
LT. DAN BAND**



FREE POST-GAME CONCERT

GET YOUR FREE TICKETS AT [ARMEDFORCESBOWL.COM](http://www.armedforcesbowl.com)

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PLAYOFFS

AFC-NFC

WILDCARD

03-04 JAN 2015



PLAYOFFS

AFC-NFC

DIVISION

10-11 JAN 2015



BE:ER:30



CANTEEN SPECIAL!

EVERY MON-SAT

IN January 2015

NOON - 1600

\$2.00 WINE & WELL

\$1.50 DOMESTIC DRAFT

COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME MONDAY 12 JAN 2015 / 1920

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF

PLAYOFF
SEMIFINAL
ROSE BOWL 01.01.15



NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP
NORTH TEXAS 2015

PLAYOFF
SEMIFINAL
SUGAR BOWL 01.01.15



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PARIS PEACE ACCORD

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



OBSERVANCE HELD 13 JAN 2015 / 1930

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Texas VFW District 21

LAUX PRESIDENT
LUNCHEON

SATURDAY

17 JAN 15 / 1100

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Texas VFW District 21

DISTRICT MEETING
SUNDAY

18 JAN 15 / 1000

V F W Post 4746

224 Zion Hill Rd.

Weatherford, TX 76088-8519

817-594-7356

MARTIN LUTHER KING



MONDAY

19 JANUARY 15

HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY

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NFL PRO-BOWL GAME

SUNDAY 25 JAN 2015 - 1800

GATHER YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN YOUR FAMILY
AT YOUR POST TO WATCH THE GAME!

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Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY JAN 25 2015 / 1400 All Members Invited

**TO DISCUSS
MAR 2015
EVENTS !**



TEXAS VFW MID-WINTER CONVENTION



29 JAN - 01 FEB 2015

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

VALENTINES DINNER PRIME RIB

Or Chicken Cordon Bleu

Shrimp Cocktail
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almandine
Salad, Bread, and Dessert

**COCKTAILS AT 1800
DINNER AT 1900**

Complimentary Champagne

**MUSIC BY "TRIPLE TREAT (JAZZ)"
2000 - 7777**



14 FEB 15

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
CHECK WEBSITE FOR
FINAL DETAILS**

50" TV RAFFLE



HITACHI 50" TV
\$5.00 PER TICKET OR 3 FOR \$10
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
DRAWING TO BE HELD AFTER 300 TICKETS ARE SOLD
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MEMBERSHIP

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LAUX

VFW 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

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

ATTAINED AT AGE AT 31 DEC OF THE YEAR APPLYING
FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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

Effective 1 January 2012, LAUX annual dues increases to \$25

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS SAVE MONEY!

MAUX

\$27YR

JRGIRLS

\$15YR



TOYS FOR TOTS

VFW POST 8561 — 14 DEC 14



Friends Don't let Friends Drive Drunk..



TOYS FOR TOTS

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TOYS FOR TOTS

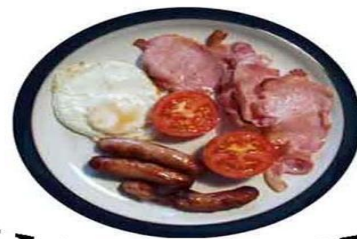


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TO FIND BLAME ...



"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

BREAKFAST \$5.00
EVERY 2ND AND LAST SUNDAY
SERVING 9-11:30 AM

"It's Time For Breakfast !"

FEB 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 -SUPERBOWL 49 1730 -MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	2 -GROUNDHOG DAY	3 -LADIES AUX MTG 7PM -USS MAINE	4 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	5	6 -RED SHIRT FRIDAY	7 -DISTRICT 21 FUND RAISER 1700
8 -BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00	9	10 -PATIENTS DAY OUT 9:30AM- 2PM -VFW VETS MTG - 1900 -DESERT STORM RECOGNITION	11 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	12	13 -RED SHIRT FRIDAY	14 -STARS PARTY 13-1500 -VALENTINES DINNER - MORE INFORMATION TO BE ANNOUNC
15 -JR GIRLS MEETING 4PM	16 -PRESIDENTS DAY HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY	17	18 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	19	20 -RED SHIRT FRIDAY	21
22 -BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 -DAYTONA 500 PARTY 1100 -CALENDAR MEETING 1400 TO DISCUSS APR 2015 EVENTS	23	24 -MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	25 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	26	27 -RED SHIRT FRIDAY	28

TRASH BAGS BY THE DELIVERY DOOR OF THE POST. DUE TO SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS, BARTENDERS PLACE FULL TRASHBAGS JUST OUTSIDE THIS DOOR. IF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE THE BAGS THERE IN THE DAYLIGHT, PLEASE HELP US OUT BY TAKING THEM TO THE DUMPSTER. I'M ONE OF THE 3 OR 4 PEOPLE THAT DO THIS AND IT WILL NOT HURT IF OTHERS TAKE A TURN AS WELL. I'M 57 YEARS OLD AND HAVE A BAD BACK, AND THERE ARE OTHERS YOUNGER THAT NEED TO HELP US OUT.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP **YOUR** POST LOOKING GOOD!

B.J.





**WE WANT
YOU
TO JOIN US !**

ASK ME HOW TO
JOIN THE VFW
OR AUXILIARY

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FOR SALE IN THE CANTEEN



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VFW POST**

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POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 31 DEC 2014

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
B.J. LASIK AND JOSE MARTINEZ	31-Dec-14	1	1ST
PAM SHELBY AND GARY DAVIS	31-Dec-14	1	2ND
TONY ALEJOS AND RUDY QUINTERO	24-Dec-14	1	1ST
B.J. LASIK AND TIM MOSS	24-Dec-14	1	2ND
TIM MOSS AND RUDY QUINTERO	24-Dec-14	2	1ST
JAMES MARTINEZ AND BILLY ROBINSON	24-Dec-14	2	2ND
JAMES MARTINEZ AND BILLY ROBINSON	24-Dec-14	3	1ST
GARY DAVIS AND RIC SELVERA	24-Dec-14	3	2ND
MIKE DUTTON AND RUDY QUINTERO	17-Dec-14	1	1ST
PAUL BROWN AND MELVIN WILMS	17-Dec-14	1	2ND
JAROD JOYCE AND JAMES MARTINEZ	17-Dec-14	2	1ST
PAUL BROWN AND DANNY RUYLE	17-Dec-14	2	2ND
MIKE DUTTON AND DAVID MARTIN	10-Dec-17	1	1ST
JAMES MARTINEZ AND TRUMAN ROBINSON	10-Dec-17	1	2ND
BEVERLY BAIRINGTON AND GARY DAVIS	10-Dec-17	2	1ST
MIKE DUTTON AND JAMES MARTINEZ	10-Dec-17	2	2ND
PAUL BROWN AND JAMES MARTINEZ	3-Dec-14	1	1ST
BEVERLY BAIRINGTON AND GUNNAR BIERING	3-Dec-14	1	2ND
GARY DAVIS AND RIC SELVERA	3-Dec-14	2	1ST
MIKE DUTTON AND JAMES MARTINEZ	3-Dec-14	2	2ND
MELINDA GOFORTH AND BILLY ROBINSON	3-Dec-14	3	1ST
MIKE DUTTON AND JAMES MARTINEZ	3-Dec-14	3	2ND

PLEASE

SUPPORT

YOUR

POST!

USE IT

OR

LOSE IT!

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ON: facebook

To All Veterans



Whether At Home Or Abroad
Active Duty ~ Reserves ~ Retired

All Americans Say:

THANK YOU!



American Airlines

Are You a Veteran
in need of yard work
assistance?

Planting, Weeding,
Mowing, Raking etc.

Please call "Sam"
from the
American Airlines
Veterans Military Employees
Resource Group

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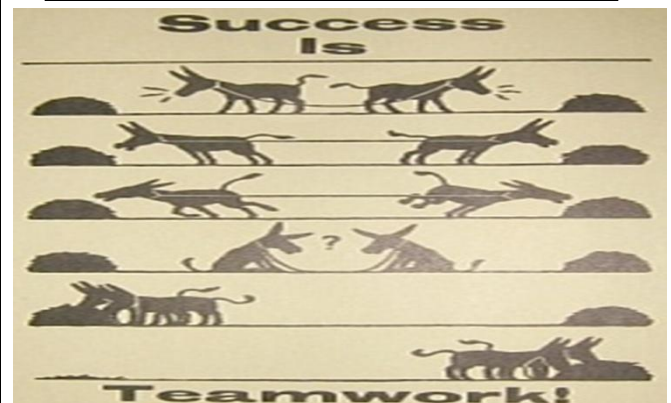
RED SHIRT FRIDAY!



WEAR A RED SHIRT TO THE POST ON A FRIDAY
AND GET ONE BEVERAGE AT
HAPPY HOUR PRICE!



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VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

January 2015 ▼



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 •NEW YEARS DAY - <u>HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY</u> •NEW YEARS DAY <u>SPECIALS</u> •OPEN AT NOON	2 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY •ARMED FORCES BOWL - 1100	3 •AFC-NFC WILDCARDS •PP
4 •AFC-NFC WILDCARDS	5	6 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	7 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	8	9 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	10 •NFL DIVISION ROUND
11 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •NFL DIVISION ROUND	12 •COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 1920	13 •VFW VETS MTG - 1900 •VIETNAM REMEMBRANCE	14 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	15	16 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	17 •LAUX DEPT PRES LUNCH 1100 \$10
18 •DISTRICT 21 MEETING - POST 4746 WEATHERFORD - 1000 •JR GIRLS MEETING 4PM	19 •MLK	20	21 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	22	23 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY	24
25 •PRO BOWL •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •CALENDAR MEETING 1400 TO DISCUSS MAR 2015 EVENTS	26	27 •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	28 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY -1900	29 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	30 •RED SHIRT FRIDAY •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	31 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN

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

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SUNDAY

12:00 - Close

MONDAY

10:00 - Close

TUESDAY

10:00 - Close

WEDNESDAY

10:00 -Close

THURSDAY

10:00 -Close

FRIDAY

10:00 -Close

SATURDAY

10:00 - Close

We Open At 9:00AM on The 2ND AND Last Sunday for our Post Breakfast and Buffet



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Please See Our Continuously Updated Calendar Located On Our Website for Post Events.

“SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED” !

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