

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



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Commander Glenn Talley

Next Meeting: 09 OCTOBER 2007 1930

Comrades we can't keep the Post open if we continue to have months like September! Some days we were so crowded it was hard to move around. Other days it was no problem to move around, there was no one there! There are about 100 members that are regulars at the Post. There are about 358 members that we don't see much of. If you are among the 358 we need your support.

There are some really good events scheduled for October. Check the events calendar and come and join us. This includes Sundays. The Cowboys are playing great football. Love them or hate them, they make for great entertainment. Again, Come and join us.

In the next few weeks you will start to notice some changes around the Post. The outside is going to be painted. I think everyone will agree that this has been needed for a good while. The materials and the labor are being donated. Last, but not least, the ceiling in the meeting hall will be replaced! The material and labor for this project are also donated. We are working hard to make the Post a place where everyone will enjoy themselves and be very proud of. Come and join us.

Glenn

Happy Birthday Navy



Women's Auxiliary President: Mary Cowan

Next Meeting 08 October 2007 7:00PM

We are still having Friday night dinner & dancing. Where are you Ladies? We need more participation from Our Ladies Auxiliary Members. Our Auxiliary has over 200 members and only a handful of working members.

This is not right. Please try to make an honest effort in helping our Post and Auxiliary in all projects.

Up coming in October we will host the annual Stars Party on the 27th. It will be their Halloween Party. We will need cupcakes both sugar free and regular, candy and help. The party will start at 1:00pm until 3:00pm.

There will be sign-up sheets at the post to welcome the Troops Home and leaving. Try to make as many as you can.

God Bless all of you,
Mary

Men's Auxiliary President: Rick Miller

Next Meeting 11 October 2007 7:00PM

September's meeting was great. Had enough members present to conduct a good meeting. Members voted to give away a Life Membership, if any member attended six (6) consecutive meetings. The name of the member that was drawn and Tom Grayson. Congratulation Tom and thank you for your attendance and being an active part of the Men's Auxiliary. All memberships due are due. As of last months meeting twelve (12) members have paid their dues. We need fifteen (15) members paid up in order to keep our charter. Annual membership due is \$25.00.

We are low on membership applications, but will be getting more. There are now 23 Men's Auxiliary's in Texas.

Ricky

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



MICHAEL RISEN

DUSTIN ROBERTS



Saturday October 6th
7th Annual Military Appreciation Dinner and Dance
Brian Standridge Orchestra
Surf & Turf or Chicken Cordon Blue
\$25.00 per person

Call the Elks Lounge for tickets: (817) 277-2114

October 5th Men's Auxiliary: Serving: 6:00 to 8:00pm
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Sausages on the Grill \$6.00
Entertainment by: Dean Smith 6:00 to 10:00pm

FRIDAY: LIBERTY CALL - LIBERTY CALL

October 12th Post Canteen: Serving 6:00 to 8:00pm
Buffalo Hot Wings and Snacks \$6.00
Happy Hour 4:00 to 12:00pm make your own Entertainment

FRIDAY: LIBERTY CALL - LIBERTY CALL

**"Go Navy"
It's Not Just a Job,
It's an Adventure!**

OCTOBER 14TH NAVY BIRTHDAY PARTY 1400



ALL DUTY SECTIONS: LIBERTY CALL - LIBERTY CALL

Dallas Cowboys Football

OCTOBER 8TH DALLAS @ BUFFALO
OCTOBER 14TH DALLAS @ NEW ENGLAND
OCTOBER 21ST MINNESOTA @ DALLAS



October 19th Post Veterans Serving 6:00 to 8:00pm
Louisiana Cajun Boil \$10.00
Entertainment by: Billy Keeble Country Show 7:00 to 11:00pm
Chairmen: Ron Townsend
FRIDAY: LIBERTY CALL - LIBERTY CALL

October 26th Post Veterans: Serving 6:00 to 8:00pm
Mexican Food Night \$7.00
Entertainment by: Stan Miller 6:00 to 8:00pm
Chairmen: Post Commander
FRIDAY: LIBERTY CALL - LIBERTY CALL

Stars Halloween Party



OCTOBER 27TH@ 1:00 TO 3:00PM
HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM ALL THE MEMBERS

Post-Breakfast Buffet All You Can Eat \$4.00



OCTOBER 14TH AND 28TH SERVING FROM: 9:00 TO 11:30AM



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME ABOARD

Joe Sorrentino, CPL, 7th Army, 1964-66
Paul V. Esparza, SGT, USAF, 1982-88

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ASK ME HOW TO JOIN THE
Veterans OF FOREIGN WARS



Important Message

TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS November 30th Benefit for:

Mary Cowan Ladies Auxiliary President

Steak Dinner 6:00 - 8:00pm \$15.00

Entertainment: Billy Keeble 7:00 to 12:00pm

\$3.00 Cover charge if not having dinner

Raffle Tickets will be for sale -\$5.00

Avon Basket, Mary Kay Basket and

Home made American Flag Afghan

Please come and help our: Ladies Auxiliary President



Ladies Auxiliary members; Sr. Vic Norma Levy, Jr. Vice Pam Predmore and Vicki Allen relax at Post 8561 after being out all day on September 11th delivering chicken lunches, home made pies, cheese cakes, cookies, crackers and candies. All food was donated by our Ladies Auxiliary Members. They visited Arlington Fire Stations, Engine Company 11 on Ballpark, Engine Company 2 on Sherry, Engine Company 5 on Randol Mill Rd. and Police Sub Station on New York. They finished their day with Engine Company 5 on Great Southwest in Grand Prairie. Thank you ladies. We are all very proud of you. Job well done.



Texas State Fair starting September 28 to October 21

Have you done something with your children or grandchildren this summer?

FINAL SALUTE TO 44 SAILORS AND SHIPMATES October 27, 1966

Photo # NH 97411 Burial at sea service on board USS Oriskany



AK3 Zane Predmore

Oriskany departed San Diego for the Far East 26 May 1966, arriving Yokosuka, Japan 14 June. She steamed for "Dixie Station" off South Vietnam 27 June. Wearisome days and nights of combat shifted to "Yankee Station" in the Gulf of Tonkin 8 July. In the following months there were brief respites for replenishment in Subic Bay, PI. Then back into the action that saw her launch 7,794 combat sorties.

The Carrier was on station the morning on 27 October 1966 when a fire erupted on the starboard side of the ship's forward hanger bay and raced through five decks, claiming the lives of 44 men. Many who lost their lives were veteran combat pilots who had flown raids over Vietnam a few hours earlier. Oriskany had been put in danger when a magnesium parachute flare exploded in the forward flare locker on Hanger Bay 1, beneath the carrier's flight deck. Her crewmen performed fantastic feats in jettisoning heavy bombs which lay within reach of the flames. Other men wheeled planes out of danger, rescued pilots, and helped quell the blaze through three hours of prompt and daring actions. Medical assistance was rushed to the carrier from sister carriers USS Constellation (CVA-64 and USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVA-42. Oriskany arrived back in the states 16 November 1966, and under went repairs in San Francisco Bay Naval Shipyards.

"We just don't set around and drink beer and tell war stories"

We are about our National Home for Children. Established on 1925 we have been taking care of the children and families of our nation's veterans. Located on 629 acres in Eaton Rapides, Michigan, and the National Home stands today as a tribute to the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members who help support the facility and the families who call the National Home their home.

We are about our Youth in America

Patriot's Pen

We are involved in a youth-essay writing contest endorsed by the National Association of Secondary school Principal's contest criteria, is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6 thru 8 the opportunity to rite essays expressing their views on democracy. More than 115, 00 students participate in the contest. Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 saving bone and an all-expense -paid trip to Washington, DC. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

We are about our Nations Children's Education

Voice Democracy Competition

The National Association of Broadcasters started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship in 1946. The Veterans of Foreign Wars became a national sponsor in 1950's and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961. The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school students freshmen thru senior grades the opportunity to write and record a broadcast script on a patriotic theme, competing for more than \$3 million in college scholarships and incentives. Department winners receive an expense paid trip to Washington, DC., during the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Community Service Conference in March to enjoy our nation's capital and compete for scholarships ranging between \$1,000.00 and \$16,000.00, with the first place winner receiving a \$30,000.00 scholarship.

We are about our Disabled Veterans Care

Buddy Poppies

If you asked 10 people only one might know the story. Veteran's Day was originally Armistice Day, marking the end of the Great War. The Armistice was signed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day on the eleventh month 1918. The poppies that the VFW soldiers sell date back to a poem written by Lt. Colonel John McCrae, a surgeon serving in the Canadian Army, titled *In Flanders's Fields*. Dr. McCrae wrote the poem after burying a friend in the spring of 1915, while noting thousands of wild poppies springing to life in the muddy cemetery. He discarded the poem but it was retrieved and soon published in *Punch Magazine*. He died in 1918 of pneumonia, but he lived to see his little poem help raise \$4000, 000.000 in a Canadian Victory Bond drive. In the 1920's Georgia teacher Moina Michaels started the tradition of selling paper poppies to raise money for memorial to honor slain soldiers. In 1923 the VFW began the tradition of selling the paper poppies, which were assembled by disabled vets who were paid for their work to provide a form of financial assistance. The VFW trademarked the name "Buddy" as an artificial flower, which guarantees every Buddy Poppy you buy since 1924 was hand-assembled by a disabled veteran in a VA hospital. The VFW sells paper poppies to raise funds for disabled veterans every November.

Some people live a whole life time and wander if they made a difference

"Post 8561 Members Make a Difference"

POST 8561 CANTEEN HOURS

Canteen Manager: Ron Townsend
(817) 633-8332

Web Site: <http://www.vfwpost8561.org>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12:00 - CLOSE	4:00 - CLOSE	10:00 - CLOSE	10:00 -CLOSE	10:00 -CLOSE	10:00 -12:00	10:00 - 01:00

WE OPEN AT 9:00AM ON THE SECOND AND LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
FOR OUR POST BREAKFAST AND BUFFET.



A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST !



FROM THE WEBMASTER: B.J. Lasik

Monthly Newsletters are living documents, meaning they are subject to real time modification. If you print a Newsletter in the first week of the month, the Online version may not contain the same information by the end of the Month. Via the miracle of technology, we are able to modify our newsletter to weed out misunderstanding, spelling errors, and date changes.

Newsletters are exactly that. NEWS.

To those, not yet in the 80's and complain they do not have access to the website, the straight answer Simple: Every city has a library with a Computer. Get a Card.

B.J.

Note: Monthly News Letters & Event Calendar can be mailed to your home upon request, also they are available at The Post. Any comments welcomed.

Monthly News Letter and Event Calendars Published Monthly
By: Sr. Vice Zane Predmore



VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

October 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 •Third Quarter •FLEET RESERVE - 1900	4 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK)	5 •COOK OUT BRGRS AND DOGS 6-8PM \$6 •ENTERTAINMENT BY DEAN SMITH	6 •7TH ANNUAL MILITARY BALL @ ELKS
7 •DISTRICT 21 MEETING 0900 WEATHERFORD •NASCAR SUNDAY EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM	8 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM (DIST 21) •DALLAS COWBOYS - @BUFFALO - 7:30PM ESPN	9 •VFW VETS MTG - 1930	10	11 •New Moon •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK) •MENS AUX MTG 7PM	12 •HAPPY HOUR 4PM - CLOSE •WINGS 6-8PM \$6	13 •PP-Ballroom
14 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •SHUFFLEBOARD CANCELLED TODAY •NASCAR SUNDAY •NAVY BIRTHDAY - 1400 •DALLAS COWBOYS - NEW ENGLAND - 3:15PM - CBS	15	16 •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	17	18 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK)	19 •First Quarter •CAJUN BOIL 6-8PM \$10 •BILLY KEEBLE 7-11PM	20 •PP-Ballroom
21 •NASCAR SUNDAY EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM •DALLAS COWBOYS - MINNESOTA - NOON - FOX	22	23 •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900	24 •UNITED NATIONS DAY	25 •Full Moon •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK)	26 •MEX FOOD NITE 6-8PM \$7 •STAN MILLER 6-11PM •OCT BIRTHDAY BABIES PARTY - 6PM	27 •ALR MEETING 10-11:30AM •STARS HALLOWEEN PARTY •PP-Ballroom
28 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •TURKEY SHOOT NOON •NASCAR SUNDAY EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM •DALLAS COWBOYS - BYE WEEK	29 •82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000	30 •POOL TOURNAMENT POST 2494 @ 8561 / 7PM	31			

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November 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 •Third Quarter •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK)	2 •FISH FRY 6-8PM \$6 •DEAN SMITH 6-11PM	3 •FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY - 1300 AT ELKS •CALENDAR MEETING 4:00PM
4 •NASCAR SUNDAY EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM •DALLAS COWBOYS - @PHILADELPHIA - 7:15PM NBC	5	6 •ELECTION DAY	7 •FLEET RESERVE - 1900	8 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK) •MENS AUX MTG 7PM	9 •New Moon •STEW NITE 6-8PM \$7 IN CANTEEN •PP-Ballroom	10 •PP-Ballroom
11 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •NASCAR SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD CANCELLED TODAY •MARINES BIRTHDAY - 1400 •DALLAS COWBOYS - @NY GIANTS - 3:15PM FOX	12 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	13 •PATIENTS DAY OUT 9-2PM •VFW VETS MTG - 1930	14	15 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK)	16 •CHKN FRIED STK 6-8PM \$7	17 •First Quarter •PP-Ballroom
18 •POST THANKSGIVING DINNER •DALLAS COWBOYS - WASHINGTON - NOON - FOX •NASCAR SUNDAY EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM	19	20 •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	21	22 •DALLAS COWBOYS - NY JETS - 3:15PM CBS •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK)	23 •HAPPY HOUR 1600-CLOSE - SNACKS	24 •ALR MEETING 10-11:30AM •Full Moon •CHILI COOKOFF 4 PM
25 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •TURKEY SHOOT NOON •NASCAR SUNDAY EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM	26 •82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000	27 •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900 •POOL TOURNAMENT POST 8561 @ POST 2494 / 7PM	28	29 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK) •DALLAS COWBOYS - GREEN BAY - 7:15PM NFL	30 •Mary Cowan Benefit - STEAK DINNER 6-8PM •BILLY KEEBLE 7-MIDNIGHT	

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