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## **Commander Glenn Talley**

### **Next Meeting: 12 FEBRUARY 2008 1930**

January is almost gone and February is upon us. We have several events scheduled for February, including a round table meeting on the 2nd at 4:00 pm, a Super Bowl party on the 3rd, Stars Party on the 9th at 1:00 pm, Breakfast on the 10th and 24th, Steak Night on the 15th at 6:00 pm, Post cleanup on the 23rd at 10:00 am and Italian night on the 29th at 6:00 pm.

Several of the above events are in the nature of Post fund raisers. We do this for a reason: to help keep the Post open! I have written several times about the 25% of our members and guests who routinely support the Canteen. What they spend, basically, pay for the replacement of stock and employee costs. Vending pays for the taxes. Everything else that we have to pay to keep the Post open is generated in that back room. If you really don't care if this post lives or dies, then continue to stay away! It will happen.

**We are one month away from nominations for officers for the VFW year 2008-2009. Elections are two months away.** These elective positions must be filled in order to keep the Charter! Start thinking about what you as an individual can do to help to keep this Post open. Your help would be appreciated: visit the canteen attend the fund raisers, accept an elective position, and support someone who you think can run this Post!

This is a wake up call folks: either you support your Post or we'll all be telling 8561 stories at some other activity that gets enough support from its members to stay open!

**Glenn**

**Women's Auxiliary President: Norma Levy**

**Next Meeting 11 FEBRUARY 2008 7:00P**

Dear Sisters,

Just wanted to remind you all about what will be taking place at your Post 8561. On Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> we will be holding in time for Valentines Day the annual STARS Party from 1 to 3PM all that attend has enjoyed this party and I know if you can make it you would enjoy it also.

Many of you sisters have been asking for this event to take place so on Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> you are all asked to come and celebrate with our sisters that will be receiving their Auxiliary year pins.

The sisters that are eligible for pins will be mailed an invitation it is and open luncheon for family and friends. Let's make an effort to make this event one for them remember.

**Norma**

**Men's Auxiliary Chaplain Glenn Bryson**

**Next Meeting 14 FEBRUARY 2008 7:00PM**

Calling on all members to attend and all members to help out on all post activities. We would like to have a great 2008 yr. It is your support and participation that allows us to have a Men's AUX. So lets show our support to not only our troops, but to our Vet's. We need your support, not just on the fun activities, but on the necessary and "not so fun" things that are required to make "Our" Post a better place!

**Glenn**



**T H U R S D A Y S**  
**COVERED**  
**DISH**  
**WELCOME**  
**SHUFFLEBOARD**  
**5:30 PM**

A lot of people have tried a lot of great ideas over the past several months to get the post on track. It's like fighting a war to come up with great ideas. Just maybe, we are coming up with the wrong ideas; maybe we are making the wrong decision and choices. Just maybe, the few committed people that meet each month and that make tough decisions to come up with great events we think our membership would enjoy, are not what they want? Like the Commander has repeatedly said many times, our destiny my have been written. There are committed people that love Post 8561. We can work together and recover, but there are difficult times ahead. Just maybe, someone has the right solution, so Post 8561 has a future. And just maybe, we may never see the other 75% of our members. Let's Hope We Do! Please come out and help us make tough decisions.

**Zane**



**VFW POST 8561**

**TURKEY SHOOT TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

As Of 29/JAN/2008 / 2206

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
JOHN DAVILA	27-Jan-08	1	1ST
GLENN TALLEY	27-Jan-08	1	2ND
GLENN TALLEY	13-Jan-08	1	1ST
MARVIN MILLER	13-Jan-08	1	2ND
GLENN TALLEY	13-Jan-08	2	1ST
JIM SIMPSON	13-Jan-08	2	2ND



**VFW POST 8561**

**SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

As Of 01/FEB/2008 / 1300

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
JIM AND BRIGITTE SPEER	31-Jan-08	1	1ST
FLO HANBY AND MARVIN MILLER	31-Jan-08	1	2ND
MARVIN MILLER AND TOMMY FARRELL	17-Jan-08	1	1ST
JIM SPEER AND GEORGE NELSON	17-Jan-08	1	2ND
JIM SPEER AND FRANK ROSS	10-Jan-08	1	1ST
MARVIN MILLER AND JOHNNY ALVARADO	10-Jan-08	1	2ND
ED ADAMS AND NORMA LEVY	10-Jan-08	1	3RD
FLO HANBY AND BRIGITTE SPEERS	3-Jan-08	1	1ST
EJ PLUMMER AND BOB SMITH	3-Jan-08	1	2ND
JIM SPEER AND TOMMY FARRELL	3-Jan-08	1	3RD

# STEAK NIGHT

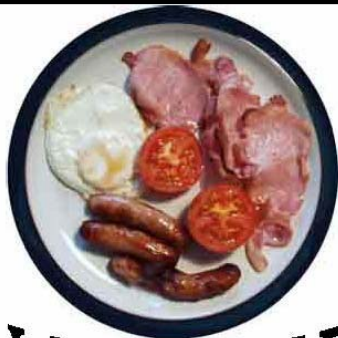


Door Prize at 8:30PM



**15 FEB 08 6-8PM**

**\$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple**



ALL YOU CAN EAT

**BREAKFAST \$4.00**  
EVERY 2ND AND LAST SUNDAY  
**SERVING 9-11:30 AM**

"It's Time For Breakfast !"



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**Y**

**POST 8561**

**FRIDAY**

**22 FEB 08**

**6-8PM \$6**

# FEBRUARY EVENTS

## RAFFLE



DRAWING TO BE HELD AT  
**VFW POST 8561**  
DURING HALF TIME OF SUPERBOWL  
**03 FEB 2008**  
1 TICKET \$2 OR 3 FOR \$5

## 03 FEB 08



## SUPERBOWL



**BURGERS AND DOGS**  
SERVING 3-5PM  
**KICKOFF AT 5:15PM**

★ **2008 STARS PARTY!** ★  
★ ★ ★

## SATURDAY

## 09 FEBRUARY 2008

## 1-3PM

## VFW POST 8561

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SATURDAY

## 09 FEBRUARY 2008

## 6PM-????

FREE FOOD  
STAN MILLER  
PERFORMING

## VFW POST 8561

# FEBRUARY EVENTS

## PATIENTS DAY OUT



**12 FEBRUARY 08**

**10-2PM**

**VFW POST 8561  
ARLINGTON, TX**



## PRESIDENTS DAY

**MONDAY  
18 FEB 08**

**POST OPEN AT 1300**



**Ladies Auxiliary  
Membership Pin  
Presentation**

**Sunday**

**24 February 08**

**2PM**

## PASTA NIGHT



**FRIDAY 29 FEB 08**

**SERVING 6-8PM \$7**

**Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert**



## A Mid-Winter Report

I had heard quite a bit about what Mid-Winter Conference would be like long before I went to one – “it’s just a big, continuous party,” “it’s a way for Department to get more money out of us (raffles, merchandise, etc.),” “the workshops are great,” “the workshops are a waste of time,” “you’ll love it,” “you’ll hate it,” and so on.

As is often the case, the truth (in my opinion) lies somewhere in the middle. Mid-Winter was held in Austin on January 24 – 27. I traveled with Norma Levy; Petra Willms and Anita Biver also made the trip. I can only speak for myself but I am writing this brief (hopefully) article to tell you that the trip was well worth the effort. Not only did I learn some things, but I also made some new and extremely valuable friendships.

Yes...there was a big party. And not just one! There was the “official” Hospitality/Social the first night; of course all the hospitality rooms that were extremely hospitable; the “dance” on Friday night with live country/western music (the band was exceptional and I’m not a big fan of country/western...); and then the VOD Reception prior to the banquet.

But Mid-Winter isn’t just a party. During these social events one meets other VFW and Auxiliary members who are fantastic people (well, duh!) and so very willing to give input when asked. The meetings are informative – I can’t begin to list all the tidbits I picked up. You may say “but she’s a rookie” which of course I am in my office of Treasurer. Yet how many times have you watched a movie only to catch some minute item that you’ve never noticed before? I sincerely believe that any and all of us would benefit from attending Mid-Winter.

Okay, I’ll move on now and tell you of some of these tidbits. Actually, they may be more along the lines of statistics but I’ll let you determine the correct word.

The Operation Enduring Freedom program at the USO has realized **1700** stuffed animals, **3008** children’s books, and **2000** DVD’s. This allows a soldier to record himself/herself reading a story to his/her child while surrounded by the child’s favorite animal/character, and to send the book to the child along with the recording. Soldiers are able to select what they need from all of our donations of toiletries and other items we’ve sent to the USO.

Cancer Aid & Research – I know some of you get tired of hearing that phrase. But please hear this...thanks to your support of our fundraising in the name of C.A.R., in the fiscal year-to-date Texas has sent **\$115,000** to National. Wow, Thanks! And during the course of Mid-Winter, an additional **\$11,842** in donations was received! But perhaps even bigger than that is the national total – **1.4 million year-to-date!!!** Texas is currently **#2** in the Southern Conference and we hope to soon be **#1** and hold that spot. Did you know that the C.A.R. program is what funds the Cancer Grants that Ladies Auxiliary and Junior Girls members are eligible for? And that the Department that is **#1** will receive **20%** of its total donations back, to be distributed to a local cancer research facility? To check the status of Texas at any time, go to the Ladies Auxiliary website ([www.ladiesauxvfw.org](http://www.ladiesauxvfw.org)) and click on Programs and then Cancer Aid & Research (in fact, you can get more information on all Ladies Auxiliary programs on the website).

Auto-Motivation...ever hear of this one? How about Lonesome Dove Ranch? In case you haven’t, this program was the brainstorm of a volunteer at Brooks Army Medical Center. While talking to bed-ridden soldiers, Janis Roznowski realized that a lot of these guys have a passion for the workings of automobiles. LDR is the home of a five bay garage that provides a place for the ambulatory soldiers to practice and hone their mechanical skills, providing an excellent source of rehabilitation.

I could go on and on and on...my notes from the conference exceed the space I’m permitted in this edition of the newsletter. So I’ll end it here, and perhaps I’ll be allowed to submit more information in another edition! One more thing I would like to say is that I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Austin at the Conference and hope to go again.

Loyally,

Rita Dickson





# VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

February 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BURGERS AND DOGS 1500-???</li> <li>•\$5 ALL YOU CAN EAT</li> <li>•SUPERBOWL XLII 5:15PM Dallas Time</li> <li>•NO SHUFFLE BOARD TODAY</li> </ul>	<p><b>4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•MADI GRAS</li> </ul>	<p><b>5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•New Moon</li> <li>•FLEET RESERVE - 1900</li> </ul>	<p><b>6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM</li> </ul>	<p><b>7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•HAPPY HOUR 1600-2300 - SNACKS</li> </ul>	<p><b>8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•HAPPY HOUR 1600-2300 - SNACKS</li> </ul>	<p><b>9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•STARS PARTY 13-1500</li> <li>•FEB BIRTHDAY PARTY 1800</li> <li>•FOOD BAND</li> </ul>
<p><b>10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BREAKFAST 09-11 30 \$4.00</li> <li>•EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM</li> </ul>	<p><b>11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•LADIES AUX MTG 7PM</li> </ul>	<p><b>12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•PATIENTS DAY OUT 10-2PM</li> <li>•VFW VETS MTG - 1930</li> </ul>	<p><b>13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•First Quarter</li> </ul>	<p><b>14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM</li> <li>•MENS AUX MTG 7PM</li> </ul>	<p><b>15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•HAPPY HOUR 1600-2300 - SNACKS</li> <li>•STEAK NIGHT 6-8PM \$10</li> </ul>	<p><b>16</b></p>
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<p><b>24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BREAKFAST 09-11 30 \$4.00</li> <li>•VFW LAUX PIN CEREMONY 1400</li> <li>•EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM</li> </ul>	<p><b>25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000</li> </ul>	<p><b>26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900</li> </ul>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Third Quarter</li> <li>•SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM</li> </ul>	<p><b>29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•HAPPY HOUR 1600-2300 - SNACKS</li> <li>•PASTA NIGHT 6-8PM \$7</li> </ul>	

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

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## **B.J. LASIK - Post Judge Advocate and WebMaster**

On the Post Website, I have included a link to obtain COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY REPORT forms.

How many times have we helped Veterans and others in the Community by taking them to the Store or to a Doctors appointment? We all do it from time to time, but we don't report it as often as we should.

The Post gets credit for this and other kinds of activities. We need to let Department know of our accomplishments.

In the past, this required going to the Post, obtaining and filling out a report form. Now you can obtain the form by printing it directly from the Website. Or if you wish, the information for each area of the form, can be Emailed to any Top Five Officer of the Post. They will make sure the form is processed for You.

WE ARE ALL PROVIDING THE SERVICES . . .

LET'S GET CREDIT FOR IT !

Thanks ! (BJ)



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### 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 -Midnight	10:00 - 01:00

We open at 9:00am on FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup> for our Post breakfast and buffet.



**A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST !**



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

**Every Thursday is Ladies Happy Hour !**

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