

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



MAY 08

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E-MAIL INFO@VFWPOST8561.ORG VFW POST 8561 NEWSLETTER MAY 2008 V3

Commander Glenn Talley

Next Meeting: 12 MAY 2008 1930

I hope everyone has had the chance to see our back room. We have had nothing but praise for the change that has happened. Oscar Navarrete and his crew did a great job! There is not enough words to express our appreciation to Ron Cornett, Ed Adams and all of the others who spent time and money to make this renewal happen.

The garage sale on 12/13 April was a great success. What was really great about this event was the large number of members who came together to make this happen! This was a Post event and the Post responded. I can't begin to name all of the people who helped make this event happen and I know if I tried I would miss someone. YOU all know who you are and your participation was greatly appreciated.

We have many events scheduled for the month of May. We will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on the 2nd of May with great food and drink specials. We will have steaks on Friday the 16th. Saturday 17 May is Armed Forces Day. We ask all who are interested to gather at the Post to go to DFW Airport to Welcome the Troops home. (See The Website for Details) That night we will have the monthly birthday celebration with BBQ provided by Bob Smith and music by Stan Miller. Our Sunday Breakfasts will be on the 11th and 25th. **The big event of the month** will be the Annual BBQ Cook-off on the weekend of the 23rd and 24th. Installation of Post officers will be on Sunday the 25th at 1400.

**Come out and enjoy "Your" Post!
We now have our two o'clock license!**

Last, but not least, I want to thank Glenn Bryson, Mike Patton, Bobby Raines and all of the Scouts that participated in the Flag Retirement Ceremony on the 25th of April. Great Job!

Come to the Post and Bring a Friend!

Glenn

Women's Auxiliary President: Norma Levy

Next Meeting 12 MAY 2008 7:00P

Dear Sisters,

*Let me start with a **Thank you**, to all that attended our election meeting, with me finishing out Mary Cowan's term I must be doing something right that you all elected me President for the next year. Most of you that know me, know that there are new changes also coming in the future. But, the most important thing is that we have united and that as a group working together that we can do anything that is thrown our way. **Ladies lets keep it going!***

With the generosity of a lot of people our hall looks fabulous and we are going to have many great times in there. It shows what working together can get done.

A reminder that Saturday May 17th is Armed Forces Day. What better way to show our support to the veterans than greeting the troops returning home at DFW. We will carpool from our post, to Terminal "B", Gate 39, 1 hour before flight arrival time. Please check the Website on the 16th for arrival time and details. For those who have not had the chance during the week because of work this is a prefect day to join us. Bring a Friend and Your Camera along to this rewarding event.

The Ladies will be installed on May 31 at 3PM with light snacks provided, and everyone is invited.

Respectfully

Norma

Men's Auxiliary Chaplain Glenn Bryson

Next Meeting 08 MAY 2008 7:00PM

Members of the Men's AUX, we had a great month with the fish fry and the Flag Retirement Ceremony. I would like to thank all who helped and attended these events. Also our elections were to be held part last month, but they have been placed on hold till the month of May. The reason it was postponed was because only two members were at the April meeting. We have rescheduled it for May, and I cannot stress to you how important it is that you attend the meetings, vote in new officers, or take a seat yourself. We need to fill all seats in the office; otherwise we are at risk at loosing our charter.

We need you to help and take part in our planned events. Remember, we are supposed to be a team to help the VFW grow. We can not grow as a unit if we don't have the help and support from all our members.

So, let's have a good month, remember to come to the meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month, give your two cents, and be part of the growing team.

Glenn

MAY EVENTS



BE:ER:30



HAPPY HOUR!

**Come Out And
Join Your Friends!**

FRIDAY
02, 09, 30 MAY 08
1600-2300



PARADE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 11 May 2008 / NOON

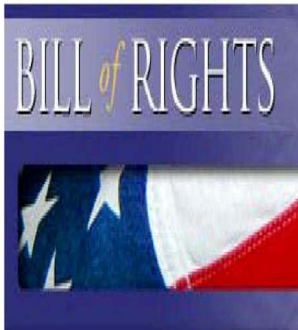
All Members Invited

TO DISCUSS

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PARADE!

THEME FOR 2008



MEN'S

AUXILIARY

MEETING

08 MAY 08

7PM

FYI: "YOUR" HALL

HAS HAD A

FACE LIFT

COME CHECK

IT OUT!

MAY EVENTS



'ALL YOU CAN EAT'

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

"It's Time For Breakfast !"

**WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY
MEETING**

12 MAY 08

7PM



**TURKEY
SHOOT**
11 & 25 MAY 08
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VFW

POST 8561

MEETING

13 MAY 08

1930

PATIENTS DAY OUT



13 MAY 08

10-2PM

VFW POST 8561

ARLINGTON, TX

STEAK NIGHT



FRIDAY

16 MAY 08 / 6-8PM \$10

MAY EVENTS



MEET THE TROOPS AT DFW AIRPORT!
SATURDAY
17 MAY 08
COME WITH US!
Meet at the Post 1 HR Prior
Call DFW Airport for Terminal and Gate
972 574 0392



UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS NIGHT AND MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



<http://www.dallassubvets.org>
SATURDAY
17 MAY 2008
6PM-?????
STAN MILLER

Texas VFW District 21

**MEETING
SUNDAY**

18 MAY 08 / 1000

V F W Post 5617

7501 Wyatt Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76108

Phone: 817-246-0891



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

MONDAY May 26th, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

D-FW NATIONAL CEMETERY

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75211

21 Round Cannon Salute - Texas Military Forces
301st Fighter Wing, 457th Fighter Squadron - Fly Over
"Placing of the Wreath" Ceremony

Keynote Speaker

Governor Rick Perry

Also Featuring

LtGen Joseph Weber, USMC

Music provided by
Mountain View College Community Band
Reflections Home School Choir

See over 200 Memorial Flags along the Expanded Avenue of Flags
Meet Military Dignitaries

We suggest you arrive early as Opening Ceremonies and Program begins promptly at 3 p.m.

Free parking - Bring your family and friends

Limited seating, you are welcome to bring lawn chairs. Bottled Water provided

From I-20 take Mountain Creek Parkway exit 458, and go north past Kiest Blvd. to entrance.

From I-30 take Loop 12 South to Spur 408. Exit Kiest Blvd & go west to Mountain Creek Pkwy-turn north to entrance.

MAY EVENTS

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And Men's
Auxiliary



SUNDAY 2008-2009
25 MAY 08 POST OFFICER
1 4 0 0 INSTALLATION

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SUNDAY
25 MAY 08
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T R A D I T I O N

PLACE U.S. FLAGS
ON VETERANS GRAVE MARKERS
ARLINGTON MEMORIAL CEMETERY



26 MAY 2008 / NOON

V F W
P O S T
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Ladies

Auxiliary



SATURDAY 2008-2009
31 MAY 08 OFFICER
3 P M INSTALLATION



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LODGE
2114
ARL. TX

MEMORIAL
DAY
CEREMONY

601 West Pioneer Parkway,

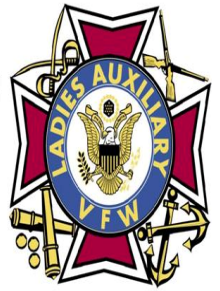
(817) 277-2114 Arlington, TX 76010

MAY EVENTS



HAPPY HOUR
MONDAY - FRIDAY
BTL-CAN BEER - \$1.50
DRAFT BEER - \$1.00
1000-1300

**THE LADIES AUXILIARY
IS COLLECTING DONATIONS OF
BEDDING AND CLOTHING
FOR THE HOMELESS . . .**



**PRESBYTERIAN
NIGHT
SHELTER**



NOW THROUGH MAY 31, 2008

Ladies Happy Hour



ALL DAY

EVERY THURSDAY



THURSDAYS
**COVERED
DISH
WELCOME**
SHUFFLEBOARD
5:30 PM



VFW POST 8561

TURKEY SHOOT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 02/MAY/2008 / 0900

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
NO TURKEY SHOOT TODAY	27-Apr-08	X	X
NO TURKEY SHOOT TODAY	13-Apr-08	X	X
JOHN DAVILA	30-Mar-08	1	1ST
RICK MUSGRAVE	30-Mar-08	1	2ND
GLENN TALLEY	30-Mar-08	2	1ST
JOHN DAVILA	30-Mar-08	2	2ND
NO TURKEY SHOOT TODAY	9-Mar-08	X	X



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SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 02/MAY/2008 / 0900

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
BILL STANLEY AND JIM SPEER	1-May-08	1	1ST
IVA CROCKER AND BRIGITTE SPEER	1-May-08	1	2ND
TOMMY FARRELL AND JIM SPEER	24-Apr-08	1	1ST
BRIGITTE SPEER AND GEORGE NELSON	24-Apr-08	1	2ND
FRANK ROSS AND BRIGITTE SPEER	17-Apr-08	1	1ST
JOHNNY ALVARADO AND JIM SPEER	17-Apr-08	1	2ND
JIM SPEER AND FLO HANBY	10-Apr-08	1	1ST
ED ADAMS AND GEORGE NELSON	10-Apr-08	1	2ND
FLO HANBY AND JIMMY ADAMS	3-Apr-08	1	1ST
GEORGE NELSON AND BOB SMITH	3-Apr-08	1	2ND

RITA SIMPSON – LADIES AUXILIARY TREASURER
 The Clothing/Bedding Drive is through the End of May.
Please Support Our Homeless Vets...
 Rita.

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)



23-24

MAY

2008

**VFW POST 8561
12 TH ANNUAL
BBQ COOKOFF**

KRUISE KONTROL BAND



**WE WANT
YOU
TO JOIN US !**



ASK ME HOW TO
JOIN THE VFW
OR AUXILIARY



INFO@VFWPOST8561.ORG



The Best Way to Support Our Troops

26 APR 08

**VFW POST 8561
DELIVERED 800
GOLF CLUBS
TO THE TROOPS**



**SEE THE WEBSITE
FOR THE SLIDE SHOW**

ZANE PREDMORE – Post SRV.

I would like to welcome the three new members that joined the ranks as a VFW Post 8561 member.

We as VFW Members need to be talking to people about our wonderful organization. In talking to the average person in America, some people have never heard of the VFW; much less know what we do. Every day I'm talking to someone about the VFW and spreading the word. If I see someone wearing a veteran's ball cap, I'll say to them, "Great Looking Ball Cap". It breaks the ice and drums up a conversation. Nine times out of ten, they are more than happy to tell me about their military experience. Some had a very good military experience and some did not.

I ask them if they know about the Veteran of Foreign Wars Organization. Most veterans have. I hand them my business card and invite them to visit Our POST. New members are all around you, if you are looking for them.

Quick story, I was getting gas yesterday at Tom Thumb, the guy next to me was complaining about the gas prices. Noticed he was wearing a Retired Navy Ball Cap and he noticed I was wearing one. I drummed up a conversation with him. He was a twenty year sailor that was an Aviation Parachute Rigger. Asked where he lived and what was he doing after he retired. He lives in De Soto, Texas and is employed for Base Security Department at Joint Reserve Base Ft. Worth, Texas. I asked him if he was a VFW member. He was not. Asked him if he was a veteran of a foreign war and he said he was. Asked him if he would be interested in joining our veterans post, and he said he would. He then gave me his name, address and phone number. So just by talking to person at gas station we will have a new member.

Like I said, new members are all around us. Just talk to people.
District 21 Stats as of April 24th 2008 Post 8561 is at 91%.
Zane

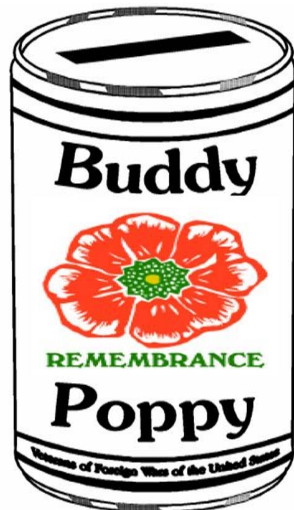
PLEASE

HELP SUPPORT

OUR BUDDY POPPY DANCE

MEMORIAL DAY

26 MAY 08



**PLEASE SEE
ED ADAMS FOR**

SHIFTS AND LOCATIONS

*Post Round Table Events Meeting
Saturday 31 May 2008 / 3:59pm
All Members Invited*

**TO DISCUSS
JUL 08
EVENTS!**



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS ARE PUBLISHED BY:
Zane Predmore and B.J. Lasik**

Note: Monthly Newsletters and Event Calendar are available at the Post for Pickup at your convenience. It can also be mailed to your Home upon request.

Requests can be Emailed to: NEWS@vfwpost8561.org.



VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

May 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	2 •HAPPY HOUR 1600-2300 - SNACKS •CINCO DE MAYO 1800	3 •CALENDAR MEETING 4:00PM TO DISCUSS JUN EVENTS •NASCAR - 6PM CDT - Crown Royal Presents "Your Name" •PP
4	5 •New Moon	6	7 •FLEET RESERVE - 1900	8 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •MENS AUX MTG 7PM	9 •HAPPY HOUR 1600-2300 - SNACKS	10 •NASCAR - 6PM CDT - Dodge Challenger 500
11 •First Quarter •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •TURKEY SHOOT 1000 •PARADE MEETING - NOON - COME JOIN US!	12 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	13 •PATIENTS DAY OUT 10-2PM •VFW VETS MTG - 1930	14	15 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	16 •STEAK NIGHT 6-8PM \$10 •STAN MILLER 7PM ????	17 •ARMED FORCES DAY •MEET THE TROOPS 0900 •BIRTHDAY BABIES PARTY •NASCAR - 6PM CDT - Sprint All-Star Race •STAN MILLER 7PM ????
18 •DISTRICT 21 MEETING 1000 WHITE SETTLEMENT •Shelby Going Away Party - 1600	19 •Full Moon	20 •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	21	22 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000	23 •BBQ COOKOFF •KRUZ KRONTOL BAND	24 •BBQ COOKOFF •BREAKFAT TAQUITOS \$2 •ALR MEETING 10-11:30AM •HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS - \$2
25 •FLAGS AT ARL MEM CEMETERY - 0800 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •TURKEY SHOOT 1000 •OFFICER INSTALLATION 2PM •NASCAR - 4PM CDT - Coca-Cola 600	26 •MEMORIAL DAY •BUDDY POPPY DRIVE •ELKS CEREMONY AT NOON •DFW NATIONAL CEMETERY CEREMONY - 3PM	27 •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900 •Third Quarter •PICK UP FLAGS ARL CEMETARY	28	29 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	30 •HAPPY HOUR 1600-2300 - SNACKS	31 •POPPY POKER RUN - 2494 - 0900 •LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICER INSTALLATION 3PM •CALENDAR MEETING 4:00PM TO DISCUSS JUL EVENTS •PARADE MEETING - 5PM - COME JOIN US!

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

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Arlington, TX 76010

3221 Howell Street

Post 8561

Great Southwest Memorial

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

VFW 8561

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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	10:00 - Close	10:00 - Close	10:00 -Close	10:00 -Close	10:00 -Close	10:00 - Close

We open at 9:00am on MAY 11TH AND 25TH 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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