Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



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Commander Glenn Talley Next Meeting: 08 JUL 2008 1930

We are getting ready to start a new VFW calendar year (July 2008-June 2009). It seems like we just started the last one. We have an event right off the bat that needs volunteers. We need help getting the float ready for the 4th of July parade in Arlington. Get in touch with Dennis Swindle or Norma Levy.

I want to thank all who had anything to do with the wonderful improvements accomplished this past year in the way the Post looks. I also want to thank all who helped make all of the scheduled events be successful. I said last July that we were starting at zero. Most of you know where we are this year. If we are as successful this year as we were last year we should be considered the best post in the Department of Texas. Last year at the first calendar meeting we had about 8 people attend. We had a calendar meeting 22 June 2008 in which 38 people were in attendance. We have the interest; we can get it done! We just need to keep that Positive Mental Attitude!

Don't miss the Car Show on 13 July.

Glenn

Women's Auxiliary President: Norma Levy Next Meeting 14 JUL 2008 7:00P

Ladies we are now starting the New Year for the Auxiliary with new officers so I would like to remind everyone if you have question about anything please call or email any current officer of the Auxiliary. July 4th after the parade the post is having Hamburgers & Hot Dogs like always. The Ladies Aux will be selling scoops of home make Ice Cream for \$1.00. Come out and enjoy the day with your friends and family from the post.

July will be a money making time for all the organizations participating with the Car Show on July 13th. We will be preparing lunch, having a cake walk, raffles, and 50/50 drawing. I am asking all ladies to bring Bake Goods. We also will need all of your help.

If all of you give me the support that was given last year we will have a wonderful & prosperous year. Let's keep it going.

Our goal is to help and support all Veterans.

Please help the Ladies Auxiliary in welcoming new members Shelby Fraser and Pamela Shelby to our organization! God Bless

Norma

Women's Auxiliary Sr.Vice President: Pam Predmore

Ladies as your Sr. Vice again this year I have taken over the Community Service Reports for the coming year so if you have done something for your community please report them to me at <u>pampredmore@yahoo.com</u>. Those without a computer please write a note, and leave it at the post with the bartender. I also have taken on Patients Day Out which will be Tuesday August 12th. A list will be around the post for anyone that can help & donate what will be needed to serve the men. I will appreciate everyone's help.

Thank you, Pam















JUL EVENTS









VFW POST 8561

SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 19/JUN/2008								
NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE					
BRIGITTE SPEER AND ED ADAMS	19-Jun-08	1	1ST					
NORMA LEVY AND MARVIN MILLER	19-Jun-08	1	2ND					
JIM SPEER AND FRANK ROSS	12-Jun-08	1	1ST					
JIMMY ADAMS AND GEORGE NELSON	12-Jun-08	1	2ND					
BOB SMITH AND FRANK ROSS	5-Jun-08	1	1ST					
ANNA BROWN AND MAUREY MILLER	5-Jun-08	1	2ND					

B.J. LASIK - SR VICE COMMANDER - POST 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)

Men's Auxiliary President Glenn Bryson Next Meeting 10 JUL 2008 7:00PM

Greetings all members we are now into the July and we have a lot of things planned for this month. Please remember to attend the monthly meeting so you know all that is going on. We have it on the 2nd Thursday of every month so please come and voice your concern. Also we have the July 4th Parade and 13 July Car Show so come out and show your support. We need all your help and support for these up coming events.

Regards,

Glenn

"Since 1914 the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has worked to ensure that America's veterans will not be forgotten and those who need assistance will get it." This statement is the first one on the home page of the Ladies Auxiliary website, and the Ladies Auxiliary to Post 8561 took it to heart.

On June 3, 2008 the members of LA 8561, Arlington Texas, delivered a U-Haul truck full of donated clothes and bedding to the Presbyterian Night Shelter in Fort Worth, Texas. The clothing drive was conducted from April 1 through June 3, and was far more fruitful than any of the members of this Auxiliary expected. Donations totaled more than \$10,000 in value, and completely filled the 10-foot truck. Donors were not just Auxiliary and Post members, but were also friends, family, and neighbors of members.

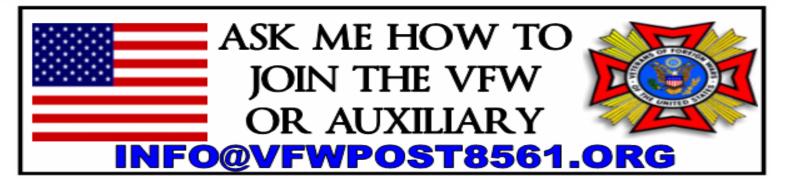
The Presbyterian Night Shelter is a haven for the homeless, and has a large contingency of homeless veterans.

Ladies Auxiliary

District 21 held their annual awards meeting on Sunday, 8 June 2008, at Post 2711 in Azle. The Ladies Auxiliary to Post 8561 received awards for 2nd Place Outstanding Auxiliary President (way to go, Norma!) and 3rd Place Community Service. They also received Certificates of Participation for Outstanding Reporting of Program Participation, Hospital Program, VFW PAC Program, Rest Stop Program, and Youth Activities.

A huge THANK YOU is due to all members who contributed to our success in 2007-2008!

Rita Simpson – Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer



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Note: Monthly Newsletters and Event Calendar are available in Condensed Form, at the Post for Pickup at your convenience. The Full Version (Detailed)can be mailed to your Home upon request. Requests can be Emailed to: NEWS@vfwpost8561.org.

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VFWPOST8561/CALENDAR

July 2008

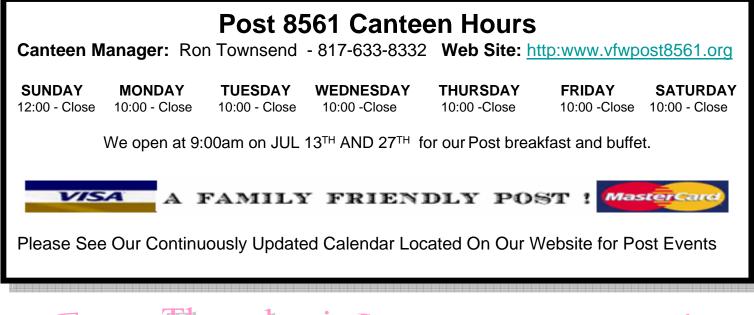
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 •New Moon • <u>FLEET RESERVE - 1900</u>		4 •BURGERS/DOGS AT POST AT NOON •RAFFLE CHRISTMAS IN JULY	5 •NASCAR - Coke Zero 400 - 1730
6	7	8 • <u>VFW VETS MTG - 1930</u>	9 •First Quarter	10 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •MENS AUX MTG 7PM	11 •HAPPY HOUR 1600-2300	12 •NASCAR - LifeLock.com 400 - 1730
13 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •CAR SHOW - NOON-5:30PM	14 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	15 •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	16	•SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	18 •Full Moon •STEAK NIGHT 6-8PM \$10	19
20 •DIST KICKOFF - HALTOM CITY 1300	21	22 •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900	23	• <u>SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM</u> • <u>82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000</u>	25 •Third Quarter •BIRTHDAY BABIES 1800 •STAN MILLER	26 •ALR MEETING 10-11:30AM
27 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS SEP EVENTS •NASCAR - Allstate 400 - NOON	28	29	30	31 • <u>OFFICERS TRAINING -</u> <u>AUSTIN</u> • <u>SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM</u>		

For questions regarding this calendar, contact: Webmaster: BJ Lasik

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Every Thursday is Ladies Happy Hour !

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