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Commander Glenn Talley Next Meeting: 12 AUG 2008 1930

I want to thank everyone involved with getting the float ready for the 4th of July parade in Arlington. It looked great and, as always, the spectators gave us a warm reception. I also want to thank everyone who helped with the food preparation that afternoon. The food was great and I think everyone there enjoyed themselves.

We have several events offering Good Food and Entertainment, scheduled for the month of August. I hope everyone will bring someone and attend these events. We really came on strong from Easter on in attendance of the events offered. Equally important, we came on very strong in the amount of people helping to plan these events and make them happen. The increased camaraderie around the Post is very evident. It is especially pleasing to see comrades who haven't visited us in a while coming back.

We need some help getting the Patriot's Pen Competition and Voice of Democracy Competition into the Arlington and Grand Prairie School Systems. Both of these programs allow students to show their ability to write and speak on subjects involving Americanism and Patriotism. The competition goes all the way to National with some very large scholarships awarded. We need the kids to be aware of what America and the VFW stand for.

We also have programs that recognize outstanding Teachers, Firemen, and Police Officers. If you are interested in helping the VFW help the communities around us, then contact Me, Norma Levy, Or Glenn Bryson or any of the officers in the post.

For years 8561 has stood with the leaders in District 21, in program accomplishment and recognition. I just received two awards from National recognizing the Post's efforts in "Outstanding Post Community Service Activities" and "outstanding Post Citizenship Education (Americanism) Programs Activities". Well done to everyone who contributed documentation for these programs. If you do anything for a Veteran, school children, or the community, make a note and give it to any Post Officer so we can have the information entered into the Department tracking system.

We came along way last year. I know there were some people who voiced their doubts that it could be done. We are going to do better this year. Come along and join us on the journey!

Glenn

Women's Auxiliary President: Norma Levy Next Meeting MONDAY 11 AUG 2008 7:00P

A great big **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped with the Car Show! It was a great success, and next year we can make it bigger and better. August is a slow down and take a breath month, but get ready for the coming months. Please bring your Campbell Labels in baggies and leave them at the post. Let's not forget that there is a box at the post for all items for the USO. We will be collecting items also to send to the troops overseas, more information in coming newsletters. Our Goal is to support families and veterans no matter what war or what branch they served in. There are many functions at the post this month so remember to support your post.

God bless,

Norma

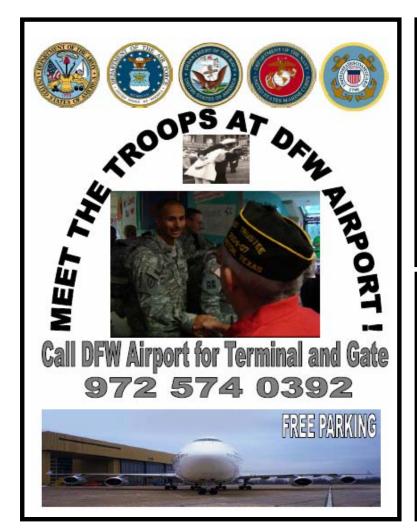
Men's Auxiliary President Glenn Bryson
Next Meeting Thursday 14 AUG 2008 7:00PM
Greetings one and all I like to say we had a great month for July with the Car Show. I would like to thank all the Men's AUX. that came out to help with the activities and the clean up! You were a big help!
Remember we are now coming into a new month with more actives planned. So climb onboard and attend the meeting so your input and vote can be heard. Your Attendance is important so that way we get new and fresh ideas. So Remember our meeting falls on the 2nd Thursday of every month. If you cannot make the meeting, please contact one of the officers and present your idea to them. We are a team and have to work as a team to make things happen. Have a great month and hope to see you at the parties.

Glenn

AUG EVENTS







VFW
POST 8561
MEETING
12 AUG 08
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FYI: "YOUR" HALL
HAS HAD A
FACE LIFT
COME CHECK
IT OUT!

AUG EVENTS



MEN'S AUXILIARY MEETING 14 AUG 08 7PM

WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY
MEETING
11 AUG 08
7PM







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PATIENTS DAY OUT



TUESDAY

12 AUG 08

10-2PM

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SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

| As Of 24/JUL/2008 | | | | | | | | |
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| NAME | DATE | MATCH | PLACE | | | | | |
| TOMMY FARRELL AND LESLIE NICHOLSON | 24-Jul-08 | 1 | 1ST | | | | | |
| MARVIN MILLER AND FRANK ROSS | 24-Jul-08 | 1 | 2ND | | | | | |
| MARVIN MILLER AND FRANK ROSS | 17-Jul-08 | 1 | 1ST | | | | | |
| JIM SPEER AND FLO HANBY | 17-Jul-08 | 1 | 2ND | | | | | |
| MARVIN MILLER AND FRANK ROSS | 10-Jul-08 | 1 | 1ST | | | | | |
| NORMA LEVY AND GEORGE NELSON | 10-Jul-08 | 1 | 2ND | | | | | |
| JIM SPEER AND FLO HANBY | 3-Jul-08 | 1 | 1ST | | | | | |
| JIMMY ADAMS AND TOMMY FARRELL | 3-Jul-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)

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





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Note: Monthly Newsletters and Event Calendar are available at the Post for Pickup at your convenience. They can also be mailed to your Home upon request. Requests can be Emailed to: NEWS@vfwpost8561.org.



VFWPOST8561/CALENDAR

August 2008





| August 2008 | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | |
| | | | | | 1 •New Moon •FISHFRY 6-8PM - \$6 | 2 • <u>PP</u> | | |
| 3 •NASCAR - NOON | 4 | 5 | 6 •FLEET RESERVE - 1900 | 7 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM | 8 •First Quarter •ALL YOU EAT PIZZA NIGHT \$5 | 9 •BIRTHDAY BABIES 1800 | | |
| 10 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •NASCAR - NOON | 11 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM | 12 •PATIENTS DAY OUT 10-2PM •VFW VETS MTG - 1930 | 13 | 14 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •MENS AUX MTG 7PM | 15 •HAPPY HOUR 1600-2300 | 16 •Full Moon •LUAU PIG ROAST NIGHT \$8 | | |
| 17 •NASCAR - NOON | 18 | 19 •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900 | 20 | 21 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM | 22 •STEAK NIGHT 6-8PM \$10 •ALA JUKEBOX DANCE - 6PM | 23 •Third Quarter •ALR MEETING 10-11:30AM •PP •NASCAR - 1800 | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900 | 27 | 28 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000 | 29 •HAPPY HOUR 1600-2300 | 30 •New Moon | | |
| 31 BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS SEP EVENTS | | | | | | | | |

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

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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 1

We open at 9:00am on AUG 10TH AND 31TH for our Post breakfast and buffet.





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

Every Thursday is Ladies Happy Hour!

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