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GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL

VFW POST 8561

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VFW POST 8561 UPDATE FEB 2011 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

Commander: Glenn Talley

Next Meeting: 08 FEB 2011 1900

For those of you that missed the Sunday Brunch that was offered by the Ladies Auxiliary on 23 January.....well.....you shouldn't have. The choices of food were many, and the quality was outstanding. The only complaint I heard all day was "I ate too much". This was one of the best efforts I have seen in a while in putting this together, working together, and numbers of participants. WELL DONE!!

I just spent the last weekend of January attending the VFW Midwinter Conference in Austin. Again, the primary subject discussed was membership followed closely by program participation/completion. Membership remains the most important, because, if we don't sustain/ad to membership, then 100 years of very hard work by past members will go down the drain. We are losing members and posts daily. If we don't maintain the membership numbers then we lose the ability to maintain pressure on Congress to keep the programs we have worked so hard for, for so long. At this moment there is a proposal to cut millions of dollars from the Veterans Affairs Programs.

At this time 8561 has 86 members who have not renewed their dues for 2011. We need those people back. \$25.00 a year is cheap insurance to maintain the lobbying ability of the VFW in dealing with Congress. If you have paid any attention to how Congress operates in the past few years, then you know it is rare that they represent individuals. They historically tend to represent the groups with the best lobbyists. For those of you who have not renewed, we need you back.

Overall, this has been the best January the Post has had in some time. Great Events with lots of participation! Let's keep up the momentum in February. We have some great events scheduled for the month with the Prime Rib dinner/dance on the 12th heading the list. Get your ticket early for this one so we'll know how much Prime Rib to buy. Don't forget Super Bowl Sunday on the 6th. The game starts about 1720. Bring your favorite covered dish and join us. Food and Happy Hour start at 1600.

When was the last time you visited **YOUR** Post. Bring family; friends and come and join us.

Glenn

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!



Ladies Auxiliary President: Amy Giddens
Next Meeting: 01 FEB 2011 7PM

Sisters,

If you have not had a chance to go to Mid Winter Convention in Austin, you do not know what you are missing. The conference is very instructional and the Meet and Greet with members of other VFW Posts from around the great state of TEXAS is Priceless.

I would like to thank all the auxiliary sisters who made the trip. Your support is greatly APPRECIATED by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars on the Auxiliary level, all the way up to National.

Our State President, Lynn Richards is challenging all Auxiliaries to bring as many sisters to National Convention in San Antonio this August. We have a BIG state and she would like this year's number of delegates to outnumber last year. She also mentioned the convention chairman would like volunteers to work booths. Please let me know if you are going to attend the National Convention and if you would like to volunteer an hour or two.

February will be a busy month. We have planned Greek Night for 2-4-11, Patient's Day Out on 2-8-11, STARS Party on 2-12-11, and President's Day 2-21-11. Don't forget the raffle for the Blu-Ray player to be drawn on Superbowl Sunday, February 6th.

Please show your Veteran how much you LOVE them on 2-14-11. Keep warm and safe.

Yours Respectfully,

AMY

Mens Auxiliary President: Ric Selvera
Next Meeting: 10 FEB 2011 7PM

Brothers and Comrades,

I would like to take this time to remind you to bring the one you love, or significant other, to our Valentine's dinner.

Also, Jim Simpson is having a Mardi Gras dinner on 11 March. As, we all know it will be fantastic food and good times!

Mid-Winter in Austin was great and very informative. Stewart, George, and I will have lots to share!

Thank you, and God Bless!

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MEETING
08 FEB 11
1900

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FEB EVENTS



GREEK NIGHT FRIDAY

Greek Salad
Herbed Chicken
and Moussaka
Baked Vegetables
Baklava

**04
FEBRUARY
2011 - \$8**



PATIENTS DAY OUT



**TUESDAY
08 FEB 11
9:30AM-2:00PM**

**VFW POST 8561
ARLINGTON, TX**

**THURSDAY
10 FEB 11 | 7PM
MENS AUXILIARY
ELECTION
CHAPLIAN**



BE:ER:30



HAPPY HOUR!

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!
**MONDAY 14 FEB 11
ALL DAY**



**PRESIDENTS
DAY
MONDAY
21 FEB 11
HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY**



STEAK FINGER FRIDAY

**BREADED AND BAKED
STEAK FINGERS**

**MASHED POTATOES
CORN**

TEXAS TOAST

**18
FEBRUARY
2011
1830-2030 - \$8**

FEB EVENTS



SUPERBOWL

45

SUNDAY

06 FEB 2011

1700



HAPPY HOUR 1600 - PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH

**RAFFLE
BLU-RAY
PLAYER**



LG - Blu-ray Disc Player - BD570

TICKETS SUNDAY

\$5 EA OR 4 FOR \$15

06 FEB 11

DRAWING DURING SUPERBOWL

**A NIGHT
TO REMEMBER**

Prime Rib

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans Almandine

SHRIMP COCKTAIL

COMPLIMENTARY

CHAMPAGNE

MUSIC BY PRIVATE PARTY ENTERTAINMENT

8PM - 7777



12 FEB 11 6-8:30PM

CONTACT:

Ron Townsend 817 917 0282

Pam Shelby 817 832 4714

Or call 817 633 8332

Reservations by Ticket Purchase Only

\$15.00 | Person - \$25.00 | Couple

FEB EVENTS

8 - BALL



**POOL TOURNAMENT
EVERY WEDNESDAY - 1900**

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POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 26 JAN 2011

NAME	PLACE	DATE
NO REPORT	1ST	26-Jan-11
	2ND	26-Jan-11
JOE SORRENTINO	1ST	19-Jan-11
JOHN LAROSE	2ND	19-Jan-11
NO REPORT	1ST	12-Jan-11
	2ND	12-Jan-11
NO REPORT	1ST	5-Jan-11
	2ND	5-Jan-11
JOE SORRENTINO	1ST	29-Dec-10
JOHN LAROSE	2ND	29-Dec-10
NO REPORT	1ST	22-Dec-10
	2ND	22-Dec-10



THURSDAYS
**BURGER SHUFFLEBOARD
NIGHT 5:30 PM**
\$5 1730 - SOLD OUT

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SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 27 JAN 2011

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
MARY WESTMORELAND AND BOB SMITH	27-Jan-11	1	1ST
DOTTIE MCDANIEL AND BRIGITTE SPEER	27-Jan-11	1	2ND
ELNA FRANCE AND ALAN HALL	20-Jan-11	1	1ST
ALICE TURCOTTE AND ED FERRIS	20-Jan-11	1	2ND
ALICE TURCOTTE AND TOMMY FARRELL	13-Jan-11	1	1ST
VICKI WERLA AND JIM SIMPSON	13-Jan-11	1	2ND
VICKI WERLA AND BRIGITTE SPEER	6-Jan-11	1	1ST
DOTTIE MCDANIEL AND LARRY BREDESEN	6-Jan-11	1	2ND
TOMMY FARRELL AND MARVIN MILLER	30-Dec-10	1	1ST
EJ PLUMMER AND JOHNNY PRAETORIUS	30-Dec-10	1	2ND
ALICE TURCOTTE AND VICKI WERLA	23-Dec-10	1	1ST
DAVE BRIDGES AND RON CLAWSON	23-Dec-10	1	2ND

**DON'T FORGET
HAMBURGERS ON
SHUFFLEBOARD NIGHT**



**AM I ELIGIBLE
TO JOIN
THE VFW OR AUXILIARY?**

<http://www.vfwpost8561.org/JOINVFW.HTML>

We are collecting reading materials to take to the patients at the V.A. Hospital and the residents of Liberty House. Bring your unneeded books and magazines to the post for distribution to these facilities! There is not a deadline for this, it is an On-Going Project.

<http://www.libertyhouse.mhmrtc.org>



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A Copy of the Newsletter is Available for Reading at the Post, by the Front Door.

Newsletter Comments can be Emailed to

NEWS@vfwpost8561.org or call the Post at 817 633 8332

FEB EVENTS

RED NECK FRIDAY

RED BEANS
AND
CORNBREAD

25 FEB 2011
1830-2030 - \$6

TROOP CARE PACKAGES

ITEMS REQUESTED BY OUR TROOPS:

SUNBLOCK	CHAPSTICK
LOCAL NEWSPAPERS	INSECT REPELLENT
TAMPONS	SOCKS (WHITE COTTON)
FLIP-FLOPS (SIZE 9-11)	FLY SWATTERS
DRIED FRUIT	BANDANAS
LOTION (DRY SKIN)	SWEAT RAGS/TOWELS
LARGE BATH TOWELS (BUT NOT BEACH)	FLAVORED DRINK MIX (FOR WATER)
MUSCLE SHIRTS	POP TARTS
BABY WIPES	ASSORTED HARD CANDIES
CHEESE OR PEANUT BUTTER CRACKERS	TOOTHPASTE (SMALL SIZES)
SHAMPOO (SMALL SIZES)	TOOTHBRUSHES
PLAYING CARDS	SUNFLOWER SEEDS
BOOT INSOLERS	TWIN SIZE SHEETS
TOILET PAPER	EYEGLASS REPAIR KITS
BEEF JERKY	MISC. OTC MEDICINES
CHEWING GUM (BLISTER PACK)	CARDS/LETTERS TO THE TROOPS

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE POST FOR SHIPMENT

FIND US

ON: 

 **2011 STARS PARTY!** 
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SATURDAY

12 FEBRUARY 2011

1-3PM

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**DAYTONA
500
PARTY**

20 FEB 2011

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COME JOIN US!



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Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY FEB 27 2011 / NOON All Members Invited

**TO DISCUSS
APR 2011
EVENTS!**



'ALL YOU CAN EAT'

**BREAKFAST \$5.00
EVERY 2ND AND LAST SUNDAY
SERVING 9-11:30 AM**

"It's Time For Breakfast!"



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DFW CEMETERY
VIETNAM PILOTS
RETURN HOME



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20110123
PARIS PEACE
ACCORD



SHELBY FRASER
USMC GRADUATION



20110122
SHELBI FRASER
RETURNS FROM
USMC BOOT CAMP

JAN EVENTS 2011

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW

CANCER AID & RESEARCH FUND SINCE 1947



The members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW have been raising money to fund cancer research and assist members battling cancer since 1947. Join us in the fight against this disease.

MILLIONS DONATED

In 1947, the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, sustained heavy damage in a fire. Then-National President Dorothy Mann heard of their plight and pledged \$60,000 to help rebuild the laboratory, which went on to create a reputation for breakthrough research in many areas, including cancer.

The Jackson Lab was a main recipient of research dollars for several years, and the money allotted to the National President for research grants steadily grew. Eventually, it became a tradition for the National President to donate to an **accredited research facility** in both her home state and in the host state of her National Convention. Currently, the National President may give up to \$200,000 to accredited cancer research facilities across the country.

★ **Since 1947...**
TOTAL DONATED TO FACILITIES: \$5.7 million

In addition to what the National President donates, Departments are awarded a percentage of their donations to return to cancer research facilities in their states.

THOUSANDS HELPED

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW wasn't satisfied with just giving to research facilities, not when its own members were struggling to fight the disease in their day-to-day lives. National President Ethel Griffith saw an immediate need the organization could fulfill. In 1951, the first **Cancer Grant** was awarded to a member battling cancer.

Cancer Grants help members with the expenses of treating cancer. The Council of Administration set the rules by which the grants are distributed, and members are allowed two grants per lifetime. Junior Girls may also receive a Cancer Grant.

★ **Since 1952...**
TOTAL AMOUNT TO HELP MEMBERS: \$61 million



RESEARCH FELLOWS

In addition to supporting research efforts at specific facilities, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW also awards a two-year \$100,000 **Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowship** to a promising researcher. A panel of physicians and researchers reviews the applications and selects the doctor with the most innovative and promising ideas. To learn more, go to our Web site and look under "Cancer Aid & Research."

We've given to more than 100 research centers such as...

- The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME
- M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN
- Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, MO
- Mayo Clinic Cancer Center, Rochester, MN

Our Annual Goal:

\$3,000,000

For 17 consecutive years, the Ladies Auxiliary raised \$3 million annually. Members now aim for this every year. Since 1947, members have raised \$100 million!



VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

February 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LADIES AUX MTG 7PM 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM HAMBURGER NIGHT 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GREEK NIGHT 1830-2030 \$8 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AM LG AND AL RIDERS MEETING 1000
6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super Bowl XLV (45) BLU RAY RAFFLE 	7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PATIENTS DAY OUT 9:30AM - 2PM VFW VETS MTG - 1900 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM HAMBURGER NIGHT MAUX ELECTION - CHAPLAIN MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRD RECRUITERS - 0900 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STARS PARTY 13-1500 VALENTINES DINNER - 1800 \$15/PERSON
13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VALENTINES HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AM LGN. MEETING - 1900 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM HAMBURGER NIGHT 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STEAK FINGER NIGHT 1830-2030 \$8 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PP - 1800
20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAYTONA 500 PARTY 1100 PP - SOTO 1400-1730 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRESIDNETS DAY HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM HAMBURGER NIGHT 82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RED NECK DINNER NIGHT 1830-2030 \$6 	26
27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS APR 2011 EVENTS 	28					

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

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Great Southwest Memorial

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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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 The 2ND AND Last Sunday for our Post Breakfast and Buffet



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“SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED” !

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