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VFW POST 8561 UPDATE APR 2011 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

Commander: Glenn Talley

Next Meeting: 12 APR 2011 1900

Membership, membership, membership! The VFW (National, Department, District, and Post) cannot survive without membership. When was the last time you recruited a new member? When was the last time you talked a past member into rejoining us. It has taken the VFW over 100 years of very hard work to help create and perpetuate programs like VA Health Care, Disability Pay, GI Bill, GI Home Loan Increased Active Duty and Retired Pay. You must realize that without the oversight that the VFW maintains on Congress, these programs will go away. If that is what you desire or you just don't care, then it will happen.

The Post needs 23 members to make Department goal for 2010/2011. It needs 37 to make National goal. Our District needs 97 to make National goal. Department needs a bunch!!! You don't even have to get off the couch, just get on the phone and call people you know who are not members, but are eligible. We need Post participation in this matter.

I noticed yesterday that the price of gas at most stations has gone up to \$3.59 a gallon. This is a good time to remember that the Post offers good food on most Friday nights at very reasonable prices. Thursday night Shuffleboard also has very good Burgers at \$5.00. These are true 1/2 pound burgers and very tasty.

We are having elections this month (all units). If you have ideas for improving the Post or want to help run the Post, come and run for an officer seat. At least come and vote for who you support. This is where we take care of Post business.

Come and join us.

Glenn

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!



Ladies Auxiliary President: Amy Giddens

Next Meeting: 05 APR 2011 7PM

Sisters,

Thank You for all the hard work and continued support of Veterans in the community and abroad. We have sent several thousands of dollars' worth of coupons to military families overseas. We were able to send Care Packages to our Troops valued at \$200.00 almost every month, and we were able to donate at least \$ 10,000 worth of clothing to Liberty and Patriot Houses. We are a military service organization made up of volunteers.

Our April meeting will involve nominations and election of officers for 2011-2012. Please come out and support your candidate. If you are not happy with how the auxiliary is being managed, please participate in the Democratic process and get elected. The Auxiliary will continue to exist if members are willing to fill the elected chairs.

Thank You Victor for the delicious Lasagna. If you did not come and eat you missed a real treat. This month the Ladies are having Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes and Pineapple Upside Down Cake. The proceeds from the April dinner are designated for Patient's Day Out supplies. Come out and have good food with good people. Easter will fall on the last Sunday of the month. Please Thank God and pray for our Troops.

God Bless America,

AMY

Men's Auxiliary President: Ric Selvera

Next Meeting: 14 APR 2011 7PM

Dear, Brothers,

As some of you know we are on the committee for the Fourth of July parade. We will be getting the trailer ready for the event as well as pulling it! Your input as well as your participation will be welcomed!!

The committee is going to re-wire the trailer, as well as get new tires. If you have resources for tires... that would help a lot!

The dinners planned for this month. Friday 1st Breakfast for dinner. April fools!!!! Friday the 15th Taco night!! Friday the 22nd we are going to have a catfish fry!! George and Stewart will be cooking. Any help will be welcomed.

Sunday the 24th is Easter. I want to say... May all our thoughts and prayers be with all of our family and friends serving "us" abroad or here in the states, who are not able to be with us on this day... FAe chairs in the Canteen. Hope that everybody enjoys.

Elections are this month. Everybody is encouraged to come and vote. Your vote does count and is needed in order to put officers in place for the upcoming year. We will have drawings and prizes...

As you all know, we have joined forces with the Ladies Aux on Thursdays to cook burgers. We hope with this combined effort will benefit both organizations. The menu has now been expanded to burgers, grilled chicken, and turkey burgers!! Again... any help would be great. Remember that the post will have the shuffle board tournament going on!

Looking forward to seeing everybody at election night!!!! As well as all the other events that we have planned for this month!!

(Thought for day... A pint of example is worth a gallon of advice.)

Thank you and God Bless!

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APR EVENTS



"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

BREAKFAST FOR DINNER FRIDAY

01 APR 2011 | 1830-2030 \$5

**ATTENTION
SPECIAL ELECTION
VFW LAUX
JR. VICE
PRESIDENT
2010-2011
TUESDAY
05 APR 11
1900**



H A M NIGHT



**AU GRATIN POTATOES
PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE**

FRIDAY

08 APR 11 | 6:30-8:30PM \$7

TACO NIGHT



BEEF AND CHICKEN

FRIDAY

15 APR 11 | 6:30-8:30PM \$6

APR EVENTS

"GOOD FRIDAY"



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FRIDAY

22 APR 2011

1830-2030 \$8

**PASTA
NIGHT**



FRIDAY 29 APR 11

1830-2030 \$8

Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

ATTENTION

ELECTIONS

ALL

ORGANIZATIONS

FOR 2011-2012

**COME TO YOUR
APRIL MEETING
AND
VOTE !**

APR EVENTS

8 - BALL



**POOL TOURNAMENT
EVERY WEDNESDAY - 1900**



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

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SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 31 MAR 2011

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
ALICE TURCOTTE AND BENITA LINDSAY	31-Mar-11	1	1ST
C.J. FARRIS AND LARRY BREDESEN	31-Mar-11	1	2ND
MARY WESTMORLAND AND TOMMY FARRELL	24-Mar-11	1	1ST
SHERIL BRADLEY AND LARRY BREDESEN	24-Mar-11	1	2ND
BRIGITTE SPEER AND LARRY BREDESEN	17-Mar-11	1	1ST
CHARLENE GORMAN AND ALAN HALL	17-Mar-11	1	2ND
ERNIE BROSS AND DAVE BRIDGENS	10-Mar-11	1	1ST
MARY WESTMORLAND AND ALICE TURCOTTE	10-Mar-11	1	2ND
TOMMY FARRELL AND BERT LIVENGOOD	3-Mar-11	1	1ST
MARY WESTMORLAND AND ED FARRIS	3-Mar-11	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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NEWS@vfwpost8561.org or call the Post at 817 633 8332

APR EVENTS

ATTENTION SERVICE OFFICER VA BENEFITS SEMINAR FOR VETERANS

BENEFITS FOR VETERANS, DEPENDENTS, AND SURVIVORS 1000-1100 SERVICE OFFICER BRIEFING
VA HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY 1100-1130 OPEN FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS
SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES 1130-1300 ONE ON ONE

30 APR 2011
EVERYONE INVITED
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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	BANANAS
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 INSOLES	TWIN SIZE SHEETS
TOILET PAPER	EYEGLOSS REPAIR KITS
BEEF JERKY	MISC. OTC MEDICINES
CHEWING GUM (BLISTER PACK)	CARDS/LETTERS TO THE TROOPS

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE POST FOR SHIPMENT

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Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY APR 24 2011 / NOON All Members Invited

**TO DISCUSS
JUN 2011
EVENTS !**



'ALL YOU CAN EAT'

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

"It's Time For Breakfast !"



VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

April 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 •BEAKFAST FOR DINNER - \$5 1830-2030	2 •AM LG AND AL RIDERS MEETING 1000 •STROOP SWEARING IN - 1700 •PP
3 •LAUX REPORTS AND SCRAP BOOK	4	5 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM •ELECTION NIGHT	6 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	7 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	8 •NRD RECRUITERS - 0900 •HAM DINNER 1830-2030 \$7	9
10 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00	11	12 •VFW VETS MTG - 1900 •ELECTION NIGHT	13 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	14 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM •ELECTION NIGHT	15 •TACO NIGHT - 1830-2030 \$6	16 •PP - SUBVETS
17	18	19 •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900 •ELECTION NIGHT	20 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	21 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	22 •FISH 1830-2030 \$8	23
24 •EASTER •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS MAY 2011 EVENTS	25	26 •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900 •ELECTION NIGHT	27 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	28 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT •82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000	29 •PASTA NIGHT 1830-2030 \$8	30

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

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

“SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED” !

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