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GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL

VFW POST 8561

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VFW POST 8561 UPDATE MAY 2011 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

Commander: Glenn Talley

Next Meeting: 10 MAY 2011 1900

As many of you may already know, sometime after we closed on 16 April and when we opened on Sunday, some scumbags stole the two five ton a/c units, and the four ton a/c unit. The new units were installed on Thursday and the new security cage was finished on Friday. Sonitrol will let us know how much it is going to cost us to upgrade our security system so we can install motion and video units to cover the a/c units. The cost of all of the above is going to cost us, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000. We are hoping to recover most of this through our insurance coverage. Since we can't depend on that, plus the \$2500 deductible, we have been in fund raising mode since Monday. Needless to say, any and all help will be appreciated.

We have many events scheduled for the month of May, starting with the Loyalty Day program on May 1. This event is where we recognize different people for their accomplishments during the past VFW year. We finish the month with the Memorial Day service at the Arlington Elks on the 30th of the month.

The current VFW year is coming to a close with the Post still needing 9 members to make state membership goal and 22 to make national goal. District 21 needs approximately 50. Membership is what we live and die by. If you know someone who has not paid their 2011 dues or someone who is eligible to be a member, please encourage them to join us.

Glenn

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!



Ladies Auxiliary President: Amy Giddens

Next Meeting: 03 MAY 2011 7PM

Sisters,

We are hosting a Loyalty Day Program on May 1 at 2 pm. We will be recognizing students who participated in VFW and Ladies Auxiliary programs for 2010-11. We are also congratulating all the volunteers of our Post who have shown Outstanding Volunteerism and promoted what VFW means to our community and veterans. Ladies are encouraged to bring side dishes.

Happy Mothers Day to all the Mom's and Grandmother's of our Post and State.

The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 8561 will have Officer Installation on May 22nd at 2 pm. The attire will be black per the incoming President, Celeste Stegall.

The 2nd Champagne Breakfast will be held on May 22nd. This is going to be a very busy day at the Post. Volunteer where you can.

The VFW will hold a Memorial Day Service at the Elks. If you volunteer with food preparation, decorating, or clean-up and are able to hand out Buddy Poppies over the Memorial Day weekend, please report those counts to Celeste Stegall.

Please say a prayer for our fallen Veterans and show our patriotism by flying our American Flag over Memorial Day Weekend.

God Bless America,

AMY

Men's Auxiliary Senior Vice President: Stewart Pike

Next Meeting: 12 MAY 2011 7PM

Gentlemen,

April was a very busy month!

Congratulations on the newly elected Mens Auxiliary Officers. Check the website for winners.

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!!

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!

Check the Calendar for events! Come out and share them with your Friends!

Thank you and God Bless!

STEWART

**VFW
POST 8561
MEETING
10 MAY 11
1900**

**VFW
POST 8561
LADIES
AUXILIARY
MEETING
03 MAY 11
7PM**

**VFW
POST 8561
MENS
AUXILIARY
MEETING
12 MAY 11
7PM**

MAY EVENTS



**VFW POST 8561
LOYALTY DAY
AWARDS AND CEREMONY
SUNDAY
01 MAY 2011 - 1400-1600**

**FRIDAY
06 MAY 11
ENCHILADA
DINNER
1830-2030 \$8**

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**KENTUCKY DERBY
SATURDAY 07 MAY 2011
POST TIME AT YOUR POST !**

PATIENTS DAY OUT



**TUESDAY
10 MAY 11
9:30AM-2:00PM
VFW POST 8561
ARLINGTON, TX**

**PHILLY
CHEESE STEAK**



**FRIDAY
13 MAY 11 | 6:30-8:30PM \$7**

MAY EVENTS

Texas VFW District 21

MEETING
SUNDAY

15 MAY 11 | 1000

V F W Post 2399

1400 South East VFW Street

Mineral Wells, TX 76067

(940) 325-1470

**SALAD
NIGHT**



FRIDAY

20 MAY 11 | 1830-2030 \$7

**BOOMTOWN
BUS TRIP**



B. Y. O. B.



SATURDAY

14 MAY 2011

Leaving the Post at 0730

SEE DAVID LEA OR

THE BARTENDER FOR DETAILS

817 633 8332 OR <http://www.vfwpost8561.org>

SIGNUP DEADLINE IS 06 MAY 2011

MAY EVENTS

8 - BALL



**POOL TOURNAMENT
EVERY WEDNESDAY - 1900**

VFW POST 8561

POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 27 APR 2011

NAME	PLACE	DATE
ROBERT SOMBRERERO	1ST	27-Apr-11
TOMMY FARRELL	2ND	27-Apr-11
ROB LACEY	1ST	20-Apr-11
RAY GARCIA	2ND	20-Apr-11
NO REPORT	1ST	13-Apr-11
	2ND	13-Apr-11
JOHN LAROSE	1ST	6-Apr-11
TOMMY FARRELL	2ND	6-Apr-11



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

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SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 28 APR 2011

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
ELNA FRANCE AND VICKI WERLA	28-Apr-11	1	1ST
BENITA LINDSEY AND TOMMY FARRELL	28-Apr-11	1	2ND
BENITA LINDSEY AND LARRY BREDESEN	21-Apr-11	1	1ST
MARY WESTMORELAND AND ALAN HALL	21-Apr-11	1	2ND
TOMMY FARRELL AND CLARK RATTAN	14-Apr-11	1	1ST
ERNIE BROSS AND ALAN HALL	14-Apr-11	1	2ND
C.J. FARRIS AND LARRY BREDESEN	7-Apr-11	1	1ST
ELAN FRANCE AND TOMMY FARRELL	7-Apr-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.mhmrctc.org>



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

MAY EVENTS

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And Auxiliaries

SUNDAY 2011-2012

22 MAY 11 POST OFFICER
1400 INSTALLATION

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 INSOLES	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

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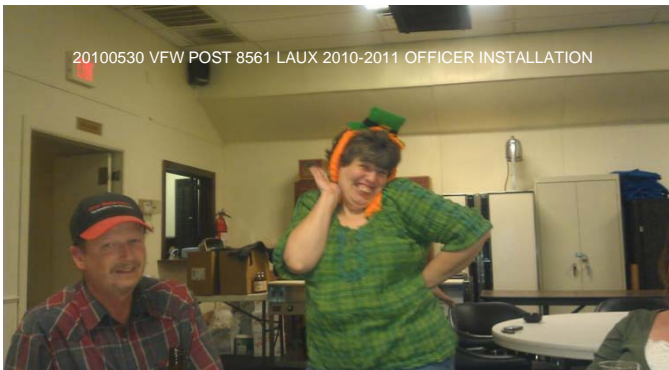


SATURDAY 21 MAY 2011

PREAKNESS

POST TIME AT YOUR POST !

201100530 VFW POST 8561 LAUX 2010-2011 OFFICER INSTALLATION



Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY MAY 29 2011 / NOON Everyone Invited

TO DISCUSS
JUL 2011
EVENTS !



'ALL YOU CAN EAT'

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

"It's Time For Breakfast !"

MAY EVENTS

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817 633 8332



CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

3221 HOWELL ST. ARL.

SUNDAY - 22 MAY 2011 | 0930-1330 \$10

<http://www.vfwpost8561.org>

NEXT BRUNCH - 24 JUL 2011



BRUNCH MENU 22 MAY 2011



- Champagne
- Assorted Juices
- Milk
- Coffee
- Tomatoes, Lettuce
- Sliced Cheeses
- Croissants & Bread
- Sliced Turkey
- Pigs In A Blanket
- Seasonal Fruit
- Scrambled Eggs (BYOBB - Build Your Own Breakfast Burrito)
- Mini-Quiches
- Mini-Muffins
- Mini-Cinnamon Rolls
- Banana Nut Bread
- Hash Brown Casserole
- Bacon, Sausage Links
- Deviled Eggs
- Waffles
- Eggs Benedict
- Tortillas

30 MAY 2011 | NOON



**ELKS
LODGE
2114
ARL. TX**

MEMORIAL DAY

CEREMONY

601 West Pioneer Parkway,

Arlington, TX 76010

**JOIN US AT THE ELKS
FOR THE CEREMONY AND FOOD**

**IN COOPERATION WITH
VFW POST 8561
AMERICAN LEGION POST 60
POST OPENS AT 1330**



20110402
CHARLES RAY STROOP
PFC USMC



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PFC USMC



20110409
STEWART PIKE
REPAIRING THE
PARADE TRAILER



20110415
JEREMY SMITH SSGT USMC



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VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

May 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 •LOYALTY DAY 1400-1600 •AWARDS	2	3 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	4 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	5 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	6 •ENCHILADAS 1830-2030 \$8 •CINCO DE MAYO	7 •KENTUCKY DERBY •AM LG AND AL RIDERS MEETING 1000 •PP
8 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •MOTHERS DAY	9	10 •PATIENTS DAY OUT 9:30AM - 2PM •VFW VETS MTG - 1900	11 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	12 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	13 •NRD RECRUITERS - 0900 •PHILLY CHEESE STEAK - 1830-2030 \$7	14 •BOOMTOWN BUS TRIP
15 •DISTRICT 21 MEETING - POST 2399 - 1000	16	17 •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	18 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	19 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	20 •SALAD NIGHT 1830-2030 \$7	21 •PREAKNESS
22 •8561 CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH 1030-1330 \$10 •OFFICER INSTALLATION 2PM	23	24 •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900	25 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	26 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT •82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000	27 •PIZZA AND JUKEBOX NIGHT 1830 - ???	28 •PP
29 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS JUL 2011 EVENTS	30 •ELKS CEREMONY AT NOON	31				

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

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Post 8561

Great Southwest Memorial

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

VFW 8561

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



A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST !



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

“SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED” !

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