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GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL

VFW POST 8561



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VFW POST 8561 UPDATE FEB 2012 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

Commander: Glenn Talley

Next Meeting: 14 FEB 12 1900

February; hopefully is the last of the really cold weather and time for the Super Bowl. The game will start about 1730. Everyone is encouraged to bring your favorite covered dish. We would like to have those set up before the game starts. We have had a great time in years passed at our Super Bowl parties and this year should be no different. Come and join us and have a great time.

We have two events scheduled for the 11th of February. The Stars Party is from 1300-1500 any help you can provide is needed and welcome. Later that day, the Men's Aux has a Valentine Steak Night scheduled: Cocktails at 1800, Dinner at 1900. Tickets are \$15.00 each or \$25.00 per couple. Tickets are on sale now and are used to determine how many steaks they need. Please purchase in advance or call/email your reservation to avoid disappointment. (See Website)

Check the calendar for other events scheduled for the month. The VFW Business meeting is scheduled for 1900 on 14 February. One of the things we will discuss is how we will conduct nominations and elections of Post Officers this year. A change in the National By-Laws will be discussed.

I know some of you get tired of me dwelling on membership and participation in Post event, but, that is the only way I have to communicate the need to support our Post. It is real simple; when there is little or no participation in Post activities; we have to get real creative in paying the bills. While it is the officer's responsibilities to see that all bills are paid, it is every member's responsibility to see that the funds are available to do so. Remember that if you drive by and 8561 is no longer in existence.

Glenn

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!



Ladies Auxiliary President: Celeste Stegall

Next Meeting: 07 FEB 2012 7PM

Sisters,

January has been a busy month for the LAUX. The president's luncheon was cancelled due to Sharon Helton having emergency surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

Six ladies from post 8561 attended the Dist 21 meeting in White Settlement. We received 1st place in the basket contest, and 2nd place for our Buddy Poppy display. Thanks to all who contributed items for the basket and a very special thanks to Alice for putting it all together for us.

Please mark your calendars for Feb 2nd. We will be doing soup night for a Friday night dinner. Bring your favorite soup. Cost is \$6.00.

I want to invite each of you to come to our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Remember our biggest fundraisers are Burger Nights and Friday night dinners. These dinners support the programs that are require by state and district to keep our auxiliary alive. We NEED your help. Please come out and see what you can to do to support the auxiliary and the post. All help is greatly appreciated. Thanks for all you do for our veterans!

God Bless America,

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POST 8561
MEETING
14 FEB 12
1900**

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LADIES
AUXILIARY
MEETING
07 FEB 12
7PM**

**VFW
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MENS
AUXILIARY
MEETING
09 FEB 12
7PM**



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MEMBERSHIP

VFW

LAUX

VFW LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

ATTAINED AT AGE AT 31 DEC OF THE YEAR APPLYING
FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

YEARS	FEE	\$/MONTH
THROUGH 30	\$425	\$38.64
31-40	\$410	\$37.27
41-50	\$375	\$34.09
51-60	\$335	\$30.45
61-70	\$290	\$26.36
71-80	\$225	\$20.45
80+	\$170	\$15.45

ANNUAL DUES IS \$25

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

ATTAINED AT AGE AT 31 DEC OF THE YEAR APPLYING
FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

YEARS	FEE	\$/MONTH
THROUGH 20	\$220	\$19.86
21-25	\$210	\$18.96
26-30	\$200	\$18.06
31-35	\$190	\$17.15
36-40	\$185	\$16.70
41-45	\$175	\$15.80
46-50	\$170	\$15.35
51-55	\$160	\$14.44
56-60	\$150	\$13.54
61-65	\$140	\$12.64
66-70	\$130	\$11.74
71-75	\$115	\$10.38
76-80	\$95	\$8.58
81-85	\$75	\$6.77
86-90	\$60	\$5.42
91+	\$50	\$4.51

Effective 1 January 2012, LAUX annual dues increases to \$25

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS SAVE MONEY!

MAUX

\$27YR

FEB EVENTS

SOUP NIGHT SALAD AND DESSERT



FRIDAY
03 FEB 12 | 1830-2000 \$6



SATURDAY

11 FEBRUARY 2012

1-3PM

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SUPERBOWL



HAPPY HOUR 1600 - PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH

VFW POST 8561 MEN'S AUX VALENTINES RAFFLE



Wine Basket
or
Weekend Stay
at a Cabin on the
Little Missouri River
in Arkansas
(Winner's Choice)



**COME ONE COME ALL
DRAWING 11 FEB 12
TICKETS \$2 EA OR 6 FOR \$10
MAKE YOUR VALENTINES EXTRA SPECIAL**

PATIENTS DAY OUT



TUESDAY
14 FEB 12
9:00AM-2:00PM
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U.S.S. MAINE
1895-1898
SUNK ON 15 FEB 1898 - 2140
HAVANA HARBOR - CUBA
LOSS OF 266 SAILORS AND MARINES
CATALYST TO THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR
REMEMBRANCE ON 14 FEB 2012 / 1900
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VALENTINES DINNER

RIB EYE STEAK
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almandine
Salad, Bread, and Dessert

COCKTAILS AT 1800
DINNER AT 1900

MUSIC BY NORRIS PERRY
2000 - ????



11 FEB 12

CONTACT:
Email RSVP@vfwpost8561.org
(Mention STEAK and the Date in the Subject Line)
OR call the post at 817 633 8332

Reservations by Ticket Purchase Only
\$15.00 / Person OR \$25.00 / Couple

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GET YOUR TICKETS NOW !

FEB EVENTS

STUFFED CABBAGE



FRIDAY
17 FEB 12 | 1830-2000 \$6

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ITALIAN NIGHT



**TORTELLINI
MEATBALLS
SALAD
DESSERT
FRIDAY**
24 FEB 12 | 1830-2000 \$8

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**PRESIDENTS
DAY
MONDAY
20 FEB 12
HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY**

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**DAYTONA
500
PARTY**

26 FEB 2012
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RACE STARTS AT NOON

COME JOIN US!



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to the Buddy Poppy Program

Sue Van Rite
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District 21 President
2011-2012

Amy Giddens
Amy Giddens
Veterans & Family Support Chairman
District 21 2011-2012

FEB EVENTS

8 - BALL



POOL TOURNAMENT EVERY WEDNESDAY - 1900

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>



THURSDAYS

\$5 BURGER NIGHT **SHUFFLEBOARD**
1900 - SOLD OUT **5:30 PM**

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SHUFFLE BOARD MIKE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 26 JAN 2012

NAME	DATE	MATCH
BILL STANLEY AND JIMMY ADAMS	26-Jan-12	1
MARY WESTMORELAND AND JOHNNY PRAETORIUS	26-Jan-12	1
ALAN HALL AND TOMMY FARRELL	19-Jan-12	1
BENITA LINDSEY AND ED ADAMS	19-Jan-12	1
MARY WESTMORELAND AND JOHN THATCHER	12-Jan-12	1
KIM VACCA AND DAVE BRIDGENS	12-Jan-12	1
KIM VACCA AND ED ADAMS	5-Jan-12	1
CHERYL BRADLEY AND MIKE HINKLE	5-Jan-12	1
LARRY BREDESEN AND CARLO VACCA	29-Dec-11	1
BENITA LINDSEY AND ED FARRIS	29-Dec-11	1
ALICE TURCOTTE AND MIKE HINKLE	29-Dec-11	1
VICKI WERLA AND CARLO VACCA	22-Dec-11	1
ALICE TURCOTTE AND TOMMY FARRELL	22-Dec-11	1

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TROOP CARE PACKAGES

ITEMS REQUESTED BY OUR TROOPS

SUNBLOCK	CHAPSTICK
LOCAL NEWSPAPERS	INSECT REPELENT
TAMPONS	SOCKS (WHITE COTTON)
FLIP-FLOPS (SIZE 9-11)	FLY SWATERS
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
DENTAL FLOSS	PRE-BRUSH FLAX
TUNA	LAUNDRY SOAP

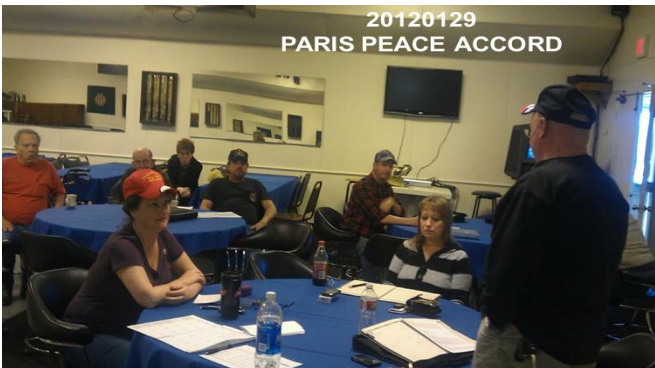


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BREAKFAST \$5.00 EVERY 2ND AND LAST SUNDAY SERVING 9-11:30 AM

"It's Time For Breakfast !"

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PARIS PEACE ACCORD



Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY FEB 26 2012 / NOON All Members Invited

TO DISCUSS APR 2012 EVENTS !



MAR 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM -HAMBURGER NIGHT	2 -SHEPHERD'S PIE 1830-2000 \$8	3 -AM LG AND AL RIDERS MEETING 1000
4	5	6 -LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	7 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	8 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM -HAMBURGER NIGHT -MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	9 -NRD RECRUITERS - 0900 -BBQ RIBS AND PULLED PORK -ASHLEY MACKAY LOCKS OF LOVE - 2000 -TWO FOR THE ROAD! 2000	10
11 -DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME +1HR -BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 -AM LEGION BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - 1300	12	13 -VFW VETS MTG - 1900	14 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	15 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM -HAMBURGER NIGHT	16 -CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS 1830-2000 \$8	17 -DIST 21 SOCK HOP FOR ST PADDY'S DAY AT POST 6111
18	19	20 -AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	21 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	22 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM -HAMBURGER NIGHT	23 -FISH 1830-2000 \$8	24
25 -BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 -CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS MAY 2012 EVENTS	26	27 -AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1930	28 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	29 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM -HAMBURGER NIGHT	30 -T.B.A	31

THURSDAY BURGER NIGHT
EXPANDED MENU
 ORDER EARLY OR CALL THE POST TO RESERVE YOURS!



\$5

GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH
REGULAR HAMBURGER | CHEESEBURGER
 WITH ALL THE FIXINS'
1800 - SOLD OUT

RAFFLE

IN SUPPORT OF
 "LOCKS OF LOVE"
 AND
 CANCER AID
 AND RESEARCH



WIN A CHANCE TO CUT ASHLEY MACKAY'S HAIR

FRIDAY 09 MAR 12 2000
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\$1 EA OR 6 FOR \$5

BBQ RIBS
PULLED PORK
 BY SIMPSON



DINNER PROCEEDS TO CANCER AID AND RESEARCH
 ENTERTAINMENT: TWO FOR THE ROAD

FRIDAY 09 MAR 12 | 1830-2000 \$8

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TWO FOR THE ROAD!



FRIDAY 09 MAR 12 | 2000

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February 2012



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			1 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	2 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	3 •SOUP NIGHT 1830-2000 \$6	4 •AM LG AND AL RIDERS MEETING 1000
5 •SUPERBOWL 46	6	7 •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	8 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	9 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	10 •NRD RECRUITERS - 0900	11 •STARS PARTY 13-1500 •VALENTINES DINNER - 1800 \$15/PERSON \$25/COUPLE •NORRIS PERRY - 2000
12 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00	13	14 •PATIENTS DAY OUT 9:30AM - 2PM •USS MAINE •VFW VETS MTG - 1900	15 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	16 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	17 •STUFFED CABBAGE \$6	18
19	20 •PRESIDENTS DAY HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY	21 •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	22 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	23 •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	24 •ITALIAN NIGHT 1830-200 \$8	25 •PP - 2000
26 •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •DAYTONA 500 PARTY 1100 •CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS APR 2012 EVENTS	27	28 •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1930	29 •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900			

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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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