

# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



# MAY



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## GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL VFW POST 8561

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VFW POST 8561 NEWSLETTER MAY 2009 V1

Commander Glenn Talley

Next Meeting: 12 MAY 2009 1900

First, let me Thank all of the people who attended the last meeting of the VFW (4-14-2009). We had a good election and we filled all of the chairs. Let me also congratulate all of those who were elected to fill those chairs. We will do our best to keep this Post growing and vibrant as it has been for the last two years.

We have a lot of activities scheduled for the month of May. Check out each Friday. We have a lot of good food scheduled. Come out and enjoy. Sunday May 3, is Loyalty Day. We will have a Ceremony starting at 2:00 P.M. We are recognizing some outstanding people from our Community and we will have some good food. The ladies need help. Get in touch with Norma or Peggy.

Installation of Officers for the VFW and the Auxiliaries will take place on May 24 at 2:00 P.M. The District 21 Commander, Glenn Heady, will install the VFW and Men's Auxiliary Officers; Norma Levy will install the Ladies Auxiliary Officers. Please come and watch this ceremony. There will be food afterwards.

We are starting the last two months of the VFW year and VFW Post 8561 is right at the top of every category in the District's standings for programs. I want to thank everyone who helped us get there. For those of you who participated in programs for the first time, I am sure you became aware really quick that the VFW is not just about the canteen. A lot of people spent a lot effort and time making the programs successful. YOU ALL DONE GOOD!!!

Glenn

**Women's Auxiliary Treasurer: Rita Simpson**  
**Next Meeting MONDAY 11 MAY 2009 7:00P**

Per Ladies Auxiliary President, Norma Levy:

Ladies,

Elections for 2009 - 2010 are behind us and we have an exciting slate of new leadership for our Auxiliary! Congratulations to all who were elected and appointed!

The Ladies Auxiliary Officer -Elects for 2009-2010 are listed on page 7.

Although there are only two months left in this Aux year, we need to not lose sight of our projects for the upcoming year. Let's all continue to work together and make 2009 - 2010 as successful as 2008 - 2009 was! We need everyone's ideas to work our programs they way they deserve.

Let's not forget that in May we have Loyalty Day, the District 21 meeting, Officer Installation, Memorial Day, the BBQ Cook-off, etc.; and June is going to be packed as well.

Let's get ready to run!

**Rita**

**VFW**

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**8561**



*Memorial Day*

**SUNDAY**

**24 MAY 08**

**0800**

**TRADITION**

**PLACE U.S. FLAGS**

**ON VETERANS GRAVE MARKERS**

**ARLINGTON CEMETERY**

**Men's Auxiliary President: Charles Finicum**  
**Next Meeting Thursday 14 MAY 09 7:00PM**

Greetings to All!

After having to reschedule our monthly meeting due to the Easter Holiday, we have met and have elected our new cadre of officers for the upcoming year. Please extend congratulations to the following Men's Auxiliary members on the election to their new positions:

Men's Auxiliary President:	Charles Finicum
Senior Vice President	Jeff Henry
Junior Vice President	Jimmy Adams
Secretary	Cass Carmona
Treasurer	Bert Livengood III
Chaplain	Glenn Bryson
Trustee 1	Jim Simpson
Trustee 2	Roger Henwood
Trustee 3	Mike Patton

The Men's Auxiliary is proud to participate in the Post "Loyalty Day", and we congratulate our nominee Antony Fontenot! Tony has been a dutiful and proficient treasurer for our organization, and is stepping down after his several years of service to the Men's Auxiliary.

Our anxiously awaited "*Prime Rib Extravaganza*" will be on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Price will be \$12.50 per person, and will feature our usual tasty prime rib, along with a potato dish and vegetable, salad and bread. Ticket sales will begin in the middle of May, and will be available behind the bar in the canteen. We are limiting the seating to 135 so that there will be plenty of room and no one will go away hungry! As of 15 April, the Men's Auxiliary of Post 8561 was leading the department in highest percent of membership quota. As of that date, we were over 40 members, right at 139.78% of goal, and we voted 4 new members into the auxiliary at our April meeting. A huge amount of thanks goes to our members for recruiting new guys, and a special recognition to our Membership Chairman Jeff Henry.

Fraternally,

**Charles**

Thanksgiving  
is a day when we pause  
to give thanks for  
the things we have.



Memorial Day  
is a day when we pause  
to give thanks to the  
people who fought for  
the things we have.

# MAY EVENTS

**CINCO**



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**MAYO**

**FRIDAY**

**01 MAY 09**

**MEXICAN FOOD**

Serving 6:30-8:30PM

**MARGARITAS \$2.25**



**VFW POST 8561**

**LOYALTY DAY**

**AWARDS AND CEREMONY**

**SUNDAY**

**03 MAY 2009 - 1400-1600**



**BURGER**

**FRIDAY**

**NIGHT**

**8 MAY 09 / 6:30-8:30 \$6**

**PATIENTS DAY OUT**



**TUESDAY**

**12 MAY 09**

**9:30AM-2:00PM**

**VFW POST 8561**

**ARLINGTON, TX**



CHURCHILL DOWNS MAY 2, 2009

**KENTUCKY DERBY**  
**SATURDAY 02 MAY 09**  
**POST TIME AT THE POST !**

# MAY EVENTS

## SPAGHETTI NIGHT



**FRIDAY**  
15 MAY 09 | 6:30-8:30PM \$7

Texas VFW District 21

**MEETING  
SUNDAY**

**17 MAY 09 | 1000**

**VFW Post 8911**

**4937 Mansfield Hwy  
Fort Worth, TX 76119  
(817) 915-5650**

**VFW  
POST 8561  
MEETING  
12 MAY 09  
1900**

**MEN'S  
AUXILIARY  
MEETING  
14 MAY 09  
7PM**



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

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

**WOMEN'S  
AUXILIARY  
MEETING  
11 MAY 09  
7PM**

# MAY EVENTS

## STEAK NIGHT



STEAK

BAKED POTATO

SALAD

DESSERT

# FRIDAY

22 MAY 09 / 6:30-8:30PM \$10

THURSDAYS  
COVERED DISH WELCOME  
SHUFFLEBOARD  
5:30 PM

VFW POST 8561

### SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 23/APR/2009

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
NORMA LEVY AND BOB SMITH	24-Apr-09	1	1ST
VICKI WERLA AND FRANK ROSS	24-Apr-09	1	2ND
FRANK ROSS AND MARVIN MILLER	17-Apr-09	1	1ST
BRIGITTE SPEER AND JERRY KELLER	17-Apr-09	1	2ND
JERRY KELLER AND MARVIN MILLER	9-Apr-09	1	1ST
BRIGITTE SPEER AND JEFF BY GOD HENRY	9-Apr-09	1	2ND
BRIGITTE SPEER AND BOB SMITH	2-Apr-09	1	1ST
VICKI WERLA AND FRANK ROSS	2-Apr-09	1	2ND



ALL YOU CAN EAT

BREAKFAST \$4.00

EVERY 2ND AND LAST SUNDAY

SERVING 9-11:30 AM

"It's Time For Breakfast!"

VFW  
POST  
8561



And Auxiliaries

SUNDAY 2009-2010

24 MAY 09 POST OFFICER

1400 INSTALLATION

**LADIES 2009-2010  
AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT	Amy Giddens
SR. VICE	Petra Wilms
JR. VICE	Alice Turcotte
TREASURER	Rita Simpson
SECRETARY	TBA
CHAPLAIN	Lisa Henekamp
CONDUCTRESS	Lisa Czajka
GUARD	Kathy Erichsrud
TRUSTEE 1	EJ Plummer
TRUSTEE 2	Anna Brown
TRUSTEE 3	Vicki Werla
PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR	TBA
PUBLIC AFFAIRS	Melissa Jentgens

**POST 2009 - 2010  
8561 OFFICERS**

COMMANDER	Glenn Talley
SR. VICE	B.J. Lasik
JR. VICE	Zane Predmore
QUARTER MASTER	Ray Shugart
JUDGE ADVOCATE	Tim Giddens
CHAPLAIN	Paul Esparza
SURGEON	Garry Swartz
TRUSTEE 1	Tommy Farrell
TRUSTEE 2	Bob Smith
TRUSTEE 3	Jerry Keller
ADJUTANT	Lowell Yoder
SERVICE OFFICER	Ray Hunziker
OFFICER OF THE DAY	Melvin Wilms
GUARD	Garry Swartz
POST WEBMASTER	B.J. Lasik

**MENS 2009-2010  
AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT	Charles Finicum
SR. VICE	Jeff Henry
JR. VICE	Jimmy Adams
SECRETARY	Casmir Carmona
TREASURER	Bert Livengood III
CHAPLAIN	Glenn Bryson
GUARD	Jimmy Adams
TRUSTEE 1	Jim Simpson
TRUSTEE 2	Roger Henwood
TRUSTEE 3	Mike Patton

**25 MAY 2009 | NOON**



**ELKS  
LODGE  
2114  
ARL. TX**

**MEMORIAL  
DAY**

**CEREMONY**  
601 West Pioneer Parkway,

(817) 277-2114 Arlington, TX 76010

# MAY EVENTS



**29-30**

**MAY**

**2009**

## VFW POST 8561 12 TH ANNUAL BBQ COOKOFF

**MAX**

**BIRTHDAY**

**BABIES PARTY!**

**HAPPY HOUR**

**FRIDAY**

**29 MAY 09**

**6-8PM**

**SNACKS**



*Post Round Table Events Meeting  
Sunday 31 MAY 2009 / NOON  
All Members Invited*

**TO DISCUSS  
JUL 09  
EVENTS!**



ASK ME HOW TO  
JOIN THE VFW  
OR AUXILIARY



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## MEMBERSHIP

## DUES

## FOR 2009

## ARE DUE



VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

May 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> •First Quarter •CINCO DE MAYO DINNER 1830-2030	<b>2</b> •ALR MEETING 10-11:30AM •KENTUCKY DERBY - POST TIME AT THE POST •S.A.L. MEETING 1 PM
<b>3</b> •LOYALTY DAY 1400-1600	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> •FLEET RESERVE - 1900	<b>7</b> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	<b>8</b> •Full Moon •HOMEMADE BURGER NIGHT 6:30-8:30 \$6	<b>9</b> •PRIVATE PARTY
<b>10</b> •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00	<b>11</b> •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	<b>12</b> •PATIENTS DAY OUT 9:30AM - 2PM •VFW VETS MTG - 1930	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	<b>15</b> •SPAGHETTI NIGHT- 1830-2030 \$6	<b>16</b> •PRIVATE PARTY
<b>17</b> •Third Quarter •DISTRICT 21 MEETING POST 8911 1000	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM	<b>22</b> •STEAK NIGHT 630-830PM \$10	<b>23</b> •PRIVATE PARTY
<b>24</b> •New Moon •FLAGS AT ARL MEM CEMETERY - 0800 •OFFICER INSTALLATION 2PM	<b>25</b> •ELKS CEREMONY AT NOON	<b>26</b> •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000	<b>29</b> •BBQ COOKOFF •BIRTHDAY BABIES 6-8PM	<b>30</b> •First Quarter •BBQ COOKOFF
<b>31</b> •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS JUL EVENTS						

For questions regarding this calendar, contact: [Webmaster: BJ Lasik](mailto: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	10:00 - Close	10:00 -Close	10:00 -Close	10:00 -Close	10:00 - Close

We Open At 9:00am on 10 AND 31 MAY 09 for our Post Breakfast and Buffet.



A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST !



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

Every Thursday is Happy Hour !

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