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# JAN



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## GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL VFW POST 8561 ALL-STATE POST 2008-2009

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VFW POST 8561 NEWSLETTER JAN 2010 V1

**Commander: Glenn Talley**

**Next Meeting: 12 JAN 2010 1900**

Many "Thank You's" to all of the people, who donated time, money, and food to the many events we had.

Let me start with Bill East's funeral and memorial service. Ron Fisher, Frank Riojas, Bob Mathis, Kenny Jackson, B.J. Lasik, Jim Speer, Ron Townsend, Denise Staton, Bill Staton, and Glenn Bryson, looked very sharp in their uniforms as they joined me in serving as honor guards as Bill was carried to his place of honor by his Marines, followed by Jane and her family. The memorial service and the celebration of Bill's life at the Post that afternoon were grand in all respects. For the many folks who decorated the Post and prepared the food; Thank You. You Done Good. Jane expressed her thanks many times that day.

Scott Preston, I don't possess the articulate ability to express the Post's thanks for the many turkeys that you donated, (12 to 20, I have not been able to pin down the exact number). Once again, Thank You.

For all of you that participated in preparing the Christmas Baskets and in their delivery, Thank You. The families that received them were very thankful.

For all of you that donated time, money, and food in order to ensure that the Post Christmas Dinner was as successful as it was, Thank you.

For the folks that still haven't renewed your 2010 dues, please do so. National VFW needs all of the membership we can give them in order for them to have a very loud voice in front of the congressional committees that oversees VA Benefits and Health care. You know they will take these programs away if we don't keep the pressure on them. The VFW has fought for over 100 years for the benefits that our military and veterans deserve. Don't desert us.

**Glenn**



**DALLAS COWBOYS**

**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**

**SPECIAL!**  
CAN BOTTLE BEER  
**\$1.75**

**HAPPY HOUR!**

**Come Out And  
Join Your Friends!**

**SUNDAY**  
**03 JAN 10**  
**1515**

**SPAGHETTI NIGHT**



**FRIDAY**  
**08 JAN 10 | 6:30-8:30PM \$6**

Men's Auxiliary

Senior Vice President: Ric Selvera

Next Auxiliary Meeting: Thursday 14 JAN 2010 7:00PM

Greetings to All!

Hope all had a Great Christmas, and I wish everyone a Blessed New Year!

THANKS to all who participated in December Post Dinners and Events!

Toys For Tots Drive was OUTSTANDING!

Let's Keep Things Going for 2010!

**Ric**



WHICH ONE IS THE TEDDY BEAR?



**"ALL YOU CAN EAT"**

**BREAKFAST \$4.00**  
**EVERY 2ND AND LAST SUNDAY**  
**SERVING 9-11:30 AM**

"It's Time For Breakfast!"



**WE WANT**  
**YOU**  
**TO JOIN US!**



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JOIN THE VFW  
OR AUXILIARY



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**Ladies Auxiliary President: Amy Giddens**  
**Next Meeting: 05 JAN 2010 7PM**

Sisters,

I hope everyone had a white, snowy Christmas filled with food and good cheer. I plan on us having a green and prosperous New Year. Three goals for the remainder of the Auxiliary year include; a trip to DFW Airport to Send off the Troops, a big post Garage Sale, and a Loyalty Day program.

I wish to "Thank" the Ladies Auxiliary for sponsoring a military family for Christmas. The gift cards were delivered December 19th at 10:00am. The family was very appreciative. As the Ladies Auxiliary President I was also able to work with the VFW, VFW Men's Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary, to provide toys, clothes, bears, a gift card and gift wrap with bows to our Adopt a Unit Family. These presents were delivered December 15th at 3:00pm. While delivering the presents, Christine Gilbreath, the Family Readiness Officer, put me in contact with SSG Gary Grubbs. SSG Grubbs was in charge of collecting toys for the 10th Annual Santa's Soldier Toy Drive. By the generous donation of Mr. Sammy Wilson, the Post was able to provide 50 stuffed animals for this Christmas donation.

I would also like to mention Mr. & Mrs. Cass Carmona. They generously donated Christmas toys for the military children at Fort Hood. I contacted Cris Gerardo, a board member of the Deployed Soldiers and Family Foundation, who contacted SFC Bryan Morgan, who is stationed at Fort Hood, to coordinate a pick-up of the toys. SFC Morgan and his son drove from Fort Hood to our Post on December 21st. We had a nice visit and took some pictures, before they returned with the toys, to Fort Hood. SFC Morgan invited us to visit VFW Post 9191 in Killeen when we are in the area.

I received an email from a VFW auxiliary sister, she would like to remind everyone that St. Jude is collecting the front cover of Christmas cards and also collecting donations or orders. If you are interested in recycling your used Christmas cards please bring to the next auxiliary meeting or give them to me. Details are on the website.

Yours truly,  
**AMY**

**Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer and  
Membership Chairman: Rita Simpson**

Thanks to all the Ladies Auxiliary annual members who renewed their membership for 2010 early! We are currently at 100%, and made our quota prior to 15 December which was the deadline for a special award at Mid-Winter.

However, this does not mean we can "rest on our laurels" and ignore membership for the rest of the 2009-2010 year. Let's raise the bar and see how many new members we can get before we wind up the year, and see how much higher than 100% we can get!

**RITA**

**VFW  
POST 8561  
MEETING  
12 JAN 10  
1900**

**VFW  
POST 8561  
WOMEN'S  
AUXILIARY  
MEETING  
05 JAN 10  
7PM**

**VFW  
POST 8561  
MEN'S  
AUXILIARY  
MEETING  
14 JAN 10  
7PM**

# JAN EVENTS



**PLAYOFFS**

**NFL  
WILDCARD  
9-10  
JAN 2010**



**PLAYOFFS**

**NFL  
DIVISION  
ROUND  
16-17  
JAN 2010**



**SHRIMP  
CREOLE  
NIGHT  
FRIDAY  
15 JAN 10  
1830-2030 \$10**

**MARTIN LUTHER  
KING**



**MONDAY  
18 JANUARY 10**

HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY



**COME WATCH  
FOOTBALL ON OUR  
THREE BIG  
SCREEN TV'S !**



# JAN EVENTS

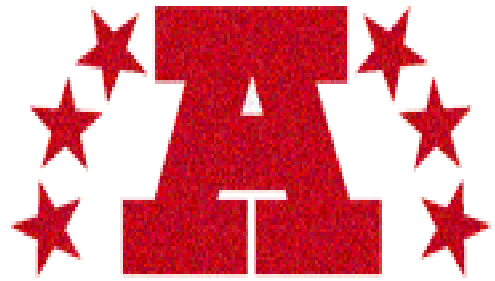
## SOUP NIGHT

BRING YOUR FAVORITE SOUP



FRIDAY

22 JAN 10 | 1830-2030 \$7



NFL  
CHAMPIONSHIP

24

JAN 2010



Texas VFW District 21

MEETING  
SUNDAY

24 JAN 10 | 1000

VFW Post 9299

6732 East Highway 67

Alvarado, Texas 76009

(817) 783-8787

**JANUARY**

BIRTHDAY

BABIES PARTY!

HAPPY HOUR FRIDAY

29 JAN 10

SNACKS 6-8PM



# TEXAS

# VFW

# MID-WINTER

# CONVENTION

# JANUARY

# 28-31, 2010

# AUSTIN

# JAN EVENTS

## 8 - BALL



**POOL TOURNAMENT  
EVERY WEDNESDAY - 1900**

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### POOL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 30/DEC/2009

NAME	PLACE	DATE
MARVIN MILLER	1ST	30-Dec-09
NICK MADRANO	2ND	30-Dec-09
MARVIN MILLER	1ST	23-Dec-09
JEFF ROBBINS	2ND	23-Dec-09
HERB KOENIG	1ST	16-Dec-09
CHARLIE HINKLE	2ND	16-Dec-09
TIM GIDDENS	1ST	9-Dec-09
MARVIN MILLER	2ND	9-Dec-09

**THURSDAYS**  
COVERED  
DISH  
WELCOME  
**SHUFFLEBOARD**  
**5:30 PM**

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### SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 31 DEC 2009

NAME	DATE	MATCH	PLACE
<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>			
<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>			
FRANK ROSS AND TOMMY FARRELL	17-Dec-09	1	1ST
VICKI WERLA AND MARVIN MILLER	17-Dec-09	1	2ND
VICKI WERLA AND BRIGITTE SPEER	10-Dec-09	1	1ST
JOHNNY PRAETORIUS AND TIM GIDDENS	10-Dec-09	1	2ND
FRANK ROSS AND JOHNNY PRAETORIUS	3-Dec-09	1	1ST
BRIGITTE SPEER AND ED ADAMS	3-Dec-09	1	2ND

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



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TO JOIN  
THE VFW OR AUXILIARY?**

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*Post Round Table Events Meeting*  
**SUNDAY 31 JAN 10 / 16 00 All Members Invited**  
**TO DISCUSS**  
**MAR 2010**  
**EVENTS!**





**VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR**

January 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> •ALR MEETING 10-11:30AM •S.A.L. MEETING 11:30
<b>3</b> •COWBOYS V. EAGLES - 1515	<b>4</b> •AM LG DIST 12 MEETING 1900	<b>5</b> •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	<b>6</b> •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 •FLEET RESERVE - 1900	<b>7</b> •Third Quarter •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	<b>8</b> •SPAGHETTI NIGHT- 1830-2030 \$6	<b>9</b> •AFC-NFC WILDCARDS
<b>10</b> •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •AFC-NFC WILDCARDS	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> •VFW VETS MTG - 1900	<b>13</b> •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	<b>14</b> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM	<b>15</b> •New Moon •SHRIMP CREOLE 1830-2030 \$10	<b>16</b> •NFL DIVISION ROUND •PRIVATE PARTY
<b>17</b> •NFL DIVISION ROUND	<b>18</b> •MLK •HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY	<b>19</b> •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	<b>20</b> •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900	<b>21</b> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT	<b>22</b> •SOUP NIGHT 1830-2030 \$7	<b>23</b> •First Quarter •PRIVATE PARTY
<b>24</b> •DISTRICT 21 MEETING - POST 9299 ALVARADO •NFL DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900	<b>27</b> •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	<b>28</b> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT •82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	<b>29</b> •BIRTHDAY BABIES 6-8PM •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN	<b>30</b> •Full Moon •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN
<b>31</b> •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •CALENDAR MEETING 1600 TO DISCUSS MAR EVENTS						

For questions regarding this calendar, contact: [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 13 and 27 JAN 2010 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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