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GREAT SOUTHWEST MEMORIAL VFW POST 8561

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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. Friday1st 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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MEETING
12 APR 11
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LADIES
AUXILIARY
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05 APR 11
7PM

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MENS
AUXILIARY
MEETING
14 APR 11
7PM

APR EVENTS





HAM





PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

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

TACO





BEEF AND CHICKEN

FRIDAY

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

APR EVENTS

GOOD FRIDAY









VFW POST 8561 FRIDAY 22 APR 2011 1830-2030 \$8

PASTA Night



FRIDAY 29 APR 11

1830-2030 \$8

Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert

ATTENTION

ELEGTIONS

ALL

ORGANIZATIONS

FOR 2011-2012

COME TO YOUR

AND

APREVENTS





DON'T FORGET HAMBURGERS ON SHUFFLEBOARD NIGHT



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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BENEFITS FOR VETERANS. DEPENDENTS, AND SURVIVORS

1000-1100 SERVICE OFFICER BRIEFING

1100-1130 OPEN FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS

VA HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY

1130-1300 ONE ON ONE

SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES

30 APR 2011 **EVERYONE INVITED**

BURIAL BENEFITS

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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	FLAVORED DRINK MIX		
NOT BEACH)	(FOR WATER)		
MUSCLE SHIRTS	POP TARTS		
BABY WIPES	ASSORTED HARD CANDIES		
CHEESE OR PEANUT	TOOTHPASTE (SMALL		
BUTTER CRACKERS	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	CARDS/LETTERS TO THE		
PACK)	TROOPS		

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE POST FOR SHIPMENT











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







"It's Time For Breakfast !"



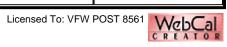
VFWPOST8561/CALENDAR

April 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 •BEAKFAST FOR DINNER -\$5 1830-2030	•AM LG AND AL RIDERS MEETING 1000 •STROOP SWEARING IN - 1700 •PP
3 •LAUX REPORTS AND SCRAP BOOK	4	•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	•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
•EASTER •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS MAY 2011 EVENTS	25	•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

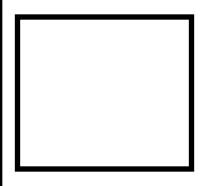
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Post 8561 Canteen Hours

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

We Open At 9:00AM on The 2^{ND} AND Last Sunday for our Post Breakfast and Buffet





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

"SERVING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED"!

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