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VFW POST 8561 NEWSLETTER JAN 2012 V1

A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Commander: Glenn Talley Next Meeting: 10 JAN 12 1900

We are half way through the VFW year and we still need 51 members to make membership goal. If you have not paid your 2012 dues, you cannot get a new door card until you do. We need as many members as we can get. Please do not abandon us.

We have lots of football games in January, both college bowl games and NFL playoff games. Come and join us. Maybe the Cowboys will get into the playoffs!!!

I want to thank everyone who helped make the Post Christmas Dinner a success. Lots of food and the kids really enjoyed themselves with Santa. All of the food was great!

Lots of good food scheduled for January. Check out the calendar.

VFW Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for 26 - 29 January at the Doubletree in Austin. This is a good opportunity to see how the Department of Texas functions as a group. Lots of good information is passed out and great social networking is available.

One more time; come and join us for the different events that are scheduled. If you don't support the Post then it will be history. I hope no one really wants to see that happen, but it will if you don't support your post.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

Glenn

Help Keep Your Post Alive!!!



Ladies Auxiliary President: Celeste Stegall

Next Meeting: 03 JAN 2012 7PM

Sisters,

I hope everyone had a very safe and happy holiday. It is the second half of the year. We have a few things happening this month. The District 21 meeting will be on Jan. 15; Mid Winter on Jan. 26 – 29.

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,

CELESTE

Men's Auxiliary President: Stewart Pike

Next Meeting: 12 JAN 2012 7PM

To all of my Brothers...

We have had a wonderful year...

Yes, times have been tough, lean and mean. But through it all we have survived. We need your participation and support in able to keep our post alive and supporting our veterans as well as their families in these hard times.

A family of Desert Storm veterans with 7, YES 7 special needs children, need our assistance. We are helping them, as well as the Woman's Aux, Moose lodge, and private donors. All are welcome to participate. Can you imagine taking care of 7 special needs children, ages 8 through 19???? I can't !! But these people do it each and every day. This is our thanks to them, and what they do without thanks... Salute!!

I personally want to thank each and everybody that has helped Mary and myself with our blessing of helping 2 lovely children as Foster Parents. Haley, age 5... Bryley age 2. These Little girls will have the best Christmas that they have probably ever had in their lives, thanks to all of the loving people of OUR various organizations. And to all of you, Mary and I, Stewart Pike Thank You!! The love and Brotherhood is overwhelming.

These are only a few things that our post does on a personal level. Our post helps our Veterans that have served for our FREEDOM as AMERICANS everyday!!!! What can YOU do for our Veterans and YOUR Post in order to continue our service? Come to our meetings ... We need YOUR HELP!!!!

The message is... we need your participation!! Our Vets participated... Why can't we?

Thank You and God Bless!

STEW

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

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LADIES
AUXILIARY
MEETING
03 JAN 12
7PM**

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MENS
AUXILIARY
MEETING
12 JAN 12
7PM**



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JAN EVENTS



**DALLAS
COWBOYS**



**NEW YORK
GIANTS**

HAPPY HOUR!

Come Out And
Join Your Friends!

SPECIAL!
CAN BOTTLE BEER
\$2.00

SUNDAY
01 JAN 12
NOON



PLAYOFFS

AFC-NFC

WILDCARD

07-08 JAN 2012

**SPAGHETTI
NIGHT**



FRIDAY
06 JAN 12 / 6:30-8:00PM \$6

BCS
CHAMPIONSHIP
GAME

MONDAY
09 JAN 2012 / 1930
CUMBO

BY JIM SIMPSON AND JOHNNY PRAETORIUS
DONATIONS GO TO FISHER HOUSE



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POST 8561
FRIDAY
13 JAN 2012
1830-2000 \$8



FUZZY
"TINI"
NIGHT!
SATURDAY
14 JAN 12
1900 - ????

FEATURED:
PEACH MARTINI!

JAN EVENTS

Texas VFW District 21

**LAUX PRESIDENT
LUNCHEON
SATURDAY**

14 JAN 12 | 1100

VFW Post 4695

118 Harmon Rd

Hurst, TX 76053-6705

817-282-9071



PLAYOFFS

AFC-NFC

DIVISION

14-15 JAN 2012

Texas VFW District 21

**MEETING
SUNDAY**

15 JAN 12 | 1000

VFW Post 5617

7501 Wyatt Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76108

Phone: 817-246-0891

**MARTIN LUTHER
KING**



MONDAY

16 JANUARY 12

HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY



**BEEF
STEW
NIGHT
FRIDAY**

20 JAN 12

1830-2000 \$7

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PLAYOFFS

AFC-NFC

CONFERENCE

CHAMPIONSHIP

22 JAN 2012

**TEXAS VFW
MID-WINTER
CONVENTION**



25-29 JAN 2012

<http://www.texasvfw.org/>

JAN EVENTS

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LAUX

BREAKFAST

3221 HOWELL ST. ARL.

SUNDAY - 22 JAN 2012 | 0900-1130 \$5

<http://www.vfwpost8561.org>

CLEAN UP

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**IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING
IN THE CONEX BOX
THAT BELONGS TO YOU,
PLEASE HAVE THEM REMOVED
BY 01 JAN 2012**

**OTHERWISE
ITEMS MAY BE
SOLD OR DONATED**

THANK YOU !

PARIS PEACE ACCORD

**SIGNED 27 JAN 1973
OFFICIALLY ENDING
U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN
VIETNAM**



**OBSERVANCE HELD
ON 29 JAN 2012 / 1100**

Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY JAN 29 2012 / NOON All Members Invited

**TO DISCUSS
MAR 2012
EVENTS !**



20111218
POST CHRISTMAS DINNER

20111216
POST EMPLOYEE
CHRISTMAS PARTY



20111203
2-149TH
CHRISTMAS PARTY

JAN 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
1900 - SOLD OUT

SHUFFLEBOARD
5:30 PM

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SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT RESULTS

As Of 15 DEC 2011

| NAME | DATE | MATCH | PLACE |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|
| MARY WESTMORELAND AND ALICE TURCOTTE | 15-Dec-11 | 1 | 1ST |
| MIKE HINKLE AND TOMMY FARRELL | 15-Dec-11 | 1 | 2ND |
| KIM VACCA AND LARRY BREDESEN | 8-Dec-11 | 1 | 1ST |
| ANN DEABACH AND TOMMY FARRELL | 8-Dec-11 | 1 | 2ND |
| KIM VACCA AND TOMMY FARRELL | 1-Dec-11 | 1 | 1ST |
| MARY WESTMORELAND AND ED ADAMS | 1-Dec-11 | 1 | 2ND |

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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 | EYEGLOSS REPAIR KITS |
| BEEF JERKY | MISC. OTC MEDICINES |
| CHEWING GUM (BLISTER PACK) | CARDS/LETTERS TO THE TROOPS |
| DENTAL FLOSS | PRE-BRUSH PLAX |
| TUNA | LAUNDRY SOAP |



"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

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

"It's Time For Breakfast !"

Post Round Table Events Meeting
SUNDAY JAN 29 2012 / NOON All Members Invited

TO DISCUSS
MAR 2012
EVENTS !



FEB 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|
| | | | 1 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 | 2 -SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM -HAMBURGER NIGHT | 3 -SOUP NIGHT 1830-2000 \$8 | 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 |
| 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 \$8 | 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 1830-2000 \$8 | 25 |
| 26 -BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 -DAYTONA 500 PARTY 1100 -CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS MAR 2012 EVENTS | 27 | 28 -AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1930 | 29 -8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 | | | |

MEMBERSHIP

V F W 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



VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR

January 2012



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •COWBOYS V. GIANTS - NOON | 2 | 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM | 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 | 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT | 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •HOME MADE SPAGHETTI 1830-200 \$6 | 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AFC-NFC WILDCARDS •AM LG AND AL RIDERS MEETING 1000 |
| 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AFC-NFC WILDCARDS •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 | 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BCS COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIP - 1930 | 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VFW VETS MTG - 1900 | 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 | 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT •MENS AUXILIARY MEETING AT 7PM | 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NRD RECRUITERS - 0900 •FISH 1830-2000 \$8 | 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DIST21 LAUX PRES LUNCHEON - 1100 (4695) •FUZZY TINI NIGHT - 1900 •NFL DIVISION ROUND |
| 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •DISTRICT 21 MEETING - POST 5617 WHITE SETTLEMENT 1 •NFL DIVISION ROUND | 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MLK •HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY | 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900 | 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 | 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT | 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BEEF STEW 1830-2000 \$7 | 21 |
| 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •NFL DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP | 23 | 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1930 | 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8 BALL POOL TOURNEY - 1900 •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN | 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30 PM •HAMBURGER NIGHT •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN | 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN | 28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN |
| 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VIETNAM REMEMBRANCE •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$5.00 •CALENDAR MEETING NOON TO DISCUSS MAR 2012 EVENTS •MID WINTER CONVENTION AUSTIN | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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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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