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**Commander Glenn Talley**

**Next Meeting: 13 NOVEMBER 2007 1930**

First let me thank everyone who attended the various events we offered at the Post in the month of October. The Navy Birthday was the best we have had. We had a LARGE crowd and great food. If the Cowboys had won, it would have been perfect.

We are going into the month of November, which is really the start of the holiday season. We have events scheduled for each Friday night, so check the calendar on the website. November 18<sup>th</sup> is the Post Thanksgiving Dinner at 2:00pm.

The Post will provide the turkey and ham. We need covered dishes to complement the turkey and ham, so make the dish that you like to brag about and bring it in for everyone to enjoy.

November 30<sup>th</sup> will be a benefit for Mary Cowen. This is a Steak Night and we all need to turn out in support of Mary. Keep Mary in your thoughts and prayers. She is going through a very rough time and needs the support of all of us.

Help us out Comrades!

Glenn

**Sr. Vice: Zane Predmore**

I've tried my best for sometime, to put out a good Post News Letter each month. But for some time, I've been low key and just putting out general information and not personal. Didn't feel I should go there. But now is the right time to go personal. I'm reflecting my views and maybe yours. So, if you don't know where I'm going, well here it goes. Sometimes it's hard to type when your eyes are filled with emotion and tears. So from the bottom of my heart, hear it goes.

“Thank you for being our sister and friend”

You can always use these adjectives when you're trying to describe this woman. Dedicated, loyal, honest, loving, outgoing, a little bit country, sometimes quite, sometimes not, awesome, and most of all a friend.

She's has always done it her way; she does it for the Veterans. She's an awesome lady with a heart of gold and would do anything for anybody, with out saying. She has been taking care of her Veteran family for years, and now it's our turn to take care of her. Family takes care of family; it's one of those most important things Veterans do best. A poem quote comes to mind with a twist: I often heard it said, if one true friend you find, then you're a lucky person, and we're so glad you're ours. I hope our friendship will never end, because it is so nice to have you as our friend. Thank you for your kindness. It means so much to us. Love, trust and kindness what more could friendship be. She was touched each of us.

In closing; Thank You Mary for finding this little blue building, and being apart of our lives. You're the best.

Zane

**Women's Auxiliary President: Mary Cowan**  
**Next Meeting 12 NOVEMBER 2007 7:00PM**

God Bless all of you,  
Mary

**Men's Auxiliary President: Rick Miller**  
**Next Meeting 08 NOVEMBER 2007 7:00PM**

We're having better attendance at our monthly meeting, but we are still short on members paid up to keep our charter. We're having a Fish Fry on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>; if you're supposed to bring something, please bring it. We need to support our Ladies Aux. President. Please come to the Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> Benefit Dinner for Mary. We need people to get more involved in our Auxiliary. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Mike and Roger for their donations, as all donations will profit the Men's Auxiliary. Inclosing, please pay dues by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ricky



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**POST 8561 CANTEEN HOURS**

Canteen Manager: Ron Townsend  
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Web Site: <http://www.vfwpost8561.org>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12:00 - CLOSE	4:00 - CLOSE	10:00 - CLOSE	10:00 - CLOSE	10:00 - CLOSE	10:00 - 12:00	10:00 - 01:00

WE OPEN AT 9:00AM ON NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> FOR OUR POST BREAKFAST AND BUFFET.



**A FAMILY FRIENDLY POST !**



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

Note: Monthly Newsletters and Event Calendar are available in Condensed Form, at the Post for Pickup at your convenience. The Full Version (Detailed) can be mailed to your Home upon request. Requests can be Emailed to: [NEWS@vfwpost8561.org](mailto:NEWS@vfwpost8561.org) .

**Monthly News Letter and Event Calendars Published Monthly**  
**By: Sr. Vice Zane Predmore and Judge Advocate B.J. Lasik**



**VFW POST 8561 / CALENDAR**

November 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> •Third Quarter •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK)	<b>2</b> •FISH FRY 6-8PM \$6 •DEAN SMITH 6-11PM	<b>3</b> •FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY - 1300 AT POST •CALENDAR MEETING 4:00PM
<b>4</b> •NASCAR SUNDAY EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM •DALLAS COWBOYS - @PHILADELPHIA - 7:15PM NBC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> •ELECTION DAY	<b>7</b> •SHACKLEFORD JR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION FOR VETS •FLEET RESERVE - 1900	<b>8</b> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK) •MENS AUX MTG 7PM	<b>9</b> •New Moon •RANKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL •STEW NITE 6-8PM \$7 IN CANTEEN	<b>10</b> •PP-Ballroom
<b>11</b> •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •ELKS CEREMONY FOR VETS - 1100 •SHUFFLEBOARD CANCELLED TODAY •MARINES BIRTHDAY - 1400 •DALLAS COWBOYS - @NY GIANTS - 3:15PM FOX+	<b>12</b> •LADIES AUX MTG 7PM	<b>13</b> •PATIENTS DAY OUT 9-2PM •VFW VETS MTG - 1930	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK)	<b>16</b> •CHKN FRIED STK 6-8PM \$7 •ROBERT BELL - DJ 7PM-?	<b>17</b> •First Quarter •PP-Ballroom
<b>18</b> •POST THANKSGIVING DINNER - 2PM •NASCAR SUNDAY •DALLAS COWBOYS - WASHINGTON - 3:15 - FOX •EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> •AM LGN. MEETING - 1900	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> •HAPPY HOUR ALL DAY •DALLAS COWBOYS - NY JETS - 3:15PM CBS •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK)	<b>23</b> •HAPPY HOUR 1600-CLOSE - SNACKS	<b>24</b> •ALR MEETING 10-11:30AM •Full Moon •CHILI COOKOFF 4 PM •STAN MILLER ENTERTAINMENT
<b>25</b> •BREAKFAST 09-1130 \$4.00 •TURKEY SHOOT NOON •NASCAR SUNDAY •EVERY SUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD 3:30PM	<b>26</b> •82ND AIRBORNE MTG 2000	<b>27</b> •AM LGN. AUX MTG - 1900 •POOL TOURNAMENT POST 8561 @ POST 2494 / 7PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> •SHUFFLEBOARD - 5:30PM (POT LUCK) •DALLAS COWBOYS - GREEN BAY - 7:15PM KDFI 27	<b>30</b> •Mary Cowan Benefit - STEAK DINNER 6-8PM •BILLY KEEBLE 7-MIDNIGHT	

For questions regarding this calendar, contact: [Webmaster: BJ Lasik](mailto:Webmaster: BJ Lasik)

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# Dallas Cowboys Football

NOVEMBER 4TH COWBOYS @ EAGLES  
NOVEMBER 11TH COWBOYS @ GIANTS  
NOVEMBER 18TH REDSKINS@ COWBOYS  
NOVEMBER 22ND JETS @ COWBOYS  
NOVEMBER 29TH PACKERS @ COWBOYS



Post-Breakfast Buffet  
All You Can Eat \$4.00



NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup> SERVING FROM: 9:00 TO 11:30AM

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# Important Message

TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS November 30<sup>th</sup> Benefit for:

Mary Cowan Ladies Auxiliary President

Steak Dinner 6:00 - 8:00pm \$15.00

Entertainment: Billy Keeble 7:00 to 12:00pm

\$3.00 Cover charge if not having dinner

Raffle Tickets will be for sale -\$5.00

Avon Basket, Mary Kay Basket and

Home made American Flag Afghan

Please come and help our: Ladies Auxiliary President

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**"We just don't set around and drink beer,  
and tell War Stories"**

**We are about our National Home for Children.** Established on 1925 we have been taking care of the children and families of our nation's veterans. Located on 629 acres in Eaton Rapides, Michigan, and the National Home stands today as a tribute to the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members who help support the facility and the families who call the National Home their home.

## **We are about our Nations Children's Education**

### ***Voice Democracy Competition***

The National Association of Broadcasters started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship in 1946. The Veterans of Foreign Wars became a national sponsor in 1950's and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961. The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school students freshmen thru senior grades the opportunity to write and record a broadcast script on a patriotic theme, competing for more than \$3 million in college scholarships and incentives. Department winners receive an expense paid trip to Washington, DC., during the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Community Service Conference in March to enjoy our nation's capital and compete for scholarships ranging between \$1,000.00 and \$16,000.00, with the first place winner receiving a \$30,000.00 scholarship.

## **We are about our Disabled Veterans Care**

### ***Buddy Poppies***

If you asked 10 people only one might know the story. Veteran's Day was originally Armistice Day, marking the end of the Great War. The Armistice was signed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day on the eleventh month 1918. The poppies that the VFW soldiers sell date back to a poem written by Lt. Colonel John McCrae, a surgeon serving in the Canadian Army, titled *In Flanders's Fields*. Dr. McCrae wrote the poem after burying a friend in the spring of 1915, while noting thousands of wild poppies springing to life in the muddy cemetery. He discarded the poem but it was retrieved and soon published in *Punch Magazine*. He died in 1918 of pneumonia, but he lived to see his little poem help raise \$4000, 000.000 in a Canadian Victory Bond drive. In the 1920's Georgia teacher Moina Michaels started the tradition of selling paper poppies to raise money for memorial to honor slain soldiers. In 1923 the VFW began the tradition of selling the paper poppies, which were assembled by disabled vets who were paid for their work to provide a form of financial assistance. The VFW trademarked the name "Buddy" as an artificial flower, which guarantees every Buddy Poppy you buy since 1924 was hand-assembled by a disabled veteran in a VA hospital. The VFW sells paper poppies to raise funds for disabled veterans every November.

## **We are about our Youth in America**

### *Patriot's Pen*

We are involved in a youth-essay writing contest endorsed by the National Association of Secondary school Principal's contest criteria, is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6 thru 8 the opportunity to rite essays expressing their views on democracy. More than 115, 00 students participate in the contest. Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 saving bone and an all-expense -paid trip to Washington, DC. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

## **FROM THE WEBMASTER: B.J. Lasik**

Monthly Newsletters are living documents, meaning they are subject to real time modification. If you print a Newsletter in the first week of the month, the Online version may not contain the same information by the end of the Month. Via the miracle of technology, we are able to modify our newsletter to weed out misunderstanding, spelling errors, and date changes.

The Full Version is available for download from the Website, or can be Mailed to your home by Requesting at [NEWS@vfwpost8561.org](mailto:NEWS@vfwpost8561.org)

The Condensed Version is available for pick up at the Post. This version contains pages 1-3 and the Monthly Calendar. ( Saves Printing costs while disseminating the most important information)

Newsletters are exactly that. NEWS. - News Changes.

To those, not yet in the 80's and complain they do not have access to the website, the straight answer is Simple:

**Every City has a Public Library with a Computer. Get a Card.**

The Word **Evolution** in the Dictionary, is not far from the Word **Extinction**. Failing at the First One means, You Default to the Second.

B.J.