



February 2012



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DON'T RUN!!**



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Commander Comments February 2012

It is with great pleasure that I can report that things are looking up at 8191. With the presence of our snowbird members and what seems to me to be a clear improvement in morale, I have seen progress on all fronts. Financially we continue to see a positive trend. Our house chair, Don and very supportive volunteers are working hard to improve our physical plant. Take a look at our kitchen. Volunteers have thoroughly cleaned and painted the galley until it is clean, bright and shiny. What an improvement! Then, check out our back porch smoking area. Thanks to kenny and other volunteers, it is fast becoming what we promised over a year ago; an area that all can enjoy. Talk to Don about some of his plans for even more improvement.

No one will be able to complain that it is a punishment to use this area. In fact, I think you will see many non smokers as well as smokers congregating there. It is the only part of our facility that benefits from bright natural sunlight and tropical scenery including palm trees, boats and RVs. Very important to me, is that following our decision to remain non smoking; I have, unlike a year ago, seen good natured acceptance of the continued policy and a membership sticking together instead of fragmenting into hostile parties. Congratulations to all!

Pete McAuliff, Commander

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Senior Vice Commander Comments

On behalf of the VFW Post 8191, I would like to personally thank all the Volunteers who helped and supported the kitchen clean up on January 23, your superb dedication and professionalism in this mass effort will be appreciated by all the Members. Thank you.

Jim Hickey, Sr. Vice Commander

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## Ladies Auxiliary

For those of you who have not paid your 2012 membership dues, please do so asap. As I have said before, after January 1<sup>st</sup>, dues have increased to \$25.00 per year and new members \$30.00. Also, in order to get your new key card to enter the post, you must be a member in good standing.

I had the pleasure of attending the "Aisle of Flags" in Ocala, for our National President, Gwen Rankin. Lunch was served by the Ft. McCoy Retirement Home. District 22 presented a dinner theater at Post 4209 in the evening. "Murder on Maui" was very entertaining and so much fun, with our National President doing the hula.

Tickets are on sale behind the bar for our Valentine liquor basket. The Valentine dinner will be served on our regular Tuesday night, February 14<sup>th</sup>, sign up sheet will be on the board. We will be doing some decorating in the post on February 6<sup>th</sup>; volunteers needed. Look for flyers with more details.

Our district meeting is February 4<sup>th</sup> at Post 4206, Dairy Road, with a memorial service for all the deceased sisters from this past year. Our Department President, Laura Love, will also be attending the meeting. Let's have a good attendance at this meeting. Anyone needing a ride, let me know.

Our mid-winter conference in Orlando is February 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wanting to attend, please contact me. We still need donations for the cancer table; either bring them to the February meeting, or leave them behind the bar marked for the LAVFW cancer table.

We are planning a yard sale in March. Don't discard your unwanted items; donate them for the sale. I would gladly pick them up and store them, if needed.

I will be in Vegas February 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 24<sup>th</sup> (and, yes, what happens in Vegas will stay there). Contact Bonnie Bevis for any issues that may come up.

Loyally yours,  
Peggy Liberatore, President  
LAVFW

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## Men's Auxiliary

Hi Everyone!

Our meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday February 13th, 2012. Please plan on attending and bring a fellow member.

Please be advised that all persons wanting to become a member must fill out the application form, attach the qualifying DD-214 to it and bring it to the next meeting with the \$30.00 annual membership fee.

Applications are available behind the bar with the directions on the back. We welcome all the new applicants we are getting but without following the proper procedures you will not be approved for membership.

Any member wanting to volunteer their time at the Post please contact Don Hendrick at 321-254-9885. If he is not available just leave your name and phone number with the bartender and he will surely call you back.

Without volunteers the Post cannot operate efficiently and be profitable.

Thanks in advance for volunteering.

God Bless our Troops and all the members of Post 8191

Nick Lewis

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## VFW 8191 Hall Rental

VFW Post 8191 has the perfect hall rental option for special functions. Hall rental for VFW 8191 members is \$150 and non-members are \$250. Also a \$50 refundable deposit for clean up. Price includes the hall & large covered patio. Bar & Bar service available. Contact us at 321-254-9885 or [vfw8191@bellsouth.net](mailto:vfw8191@bellsouth.net)

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## House Committee Chairman Comments (February 2012)

**A** volunteer crew of a dozen of your fellow Members recently rallied to field-day the Post kitchen. The job was overdue and took a lot of very hard work to remove all equipment to the drive outside, scrape, scrub and pressure wash everything and reinstall it. A few pictures are displayed in the Post but they do not do justice in relating how hard the crew worked on this project! The Post owes a very sincere THANK YOU to all those who helped.

**Super Bowl Chili cook-off is scheduled for 3:00 PM on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Entry fee is \$5.00 for those competing and voting for your favorite will be \$1.00 each. Winner takes all! To enter just sign up on the list on the bulleting board.**

**The patio is coming along beautifully and those pitching in are working very hard to make it a pleasant setting for our Members to enjoy. The drop ceiling is in, electrical work is nearly done and a myriad of detail work is on schedule thanks to Ken, Dell and crew. The patio will continue to be the only location in the Post where tobacco smoking is permitted.**

**Our security camera and DVR recording system is installed and operational. Coverage of the patio with a monitored motion sensor as well as video coverage is on the way. So smile!**

**Karaoke on Sundays will move back to the Canteen/bar area beginning February 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**We developed a new brochure you may use as a handout to any eligible Veteran to encourage them to consider joining our Post. A supply of brochures is in the lobby.**

**Kodak has declared bankruptcy. Kodak did not pick up quickly enough on new consumer demands as digital photography became the rage. Not unlike Kodak, our Post must react to changing realities and evolve to offer a more family-friendly environment or we are doomed as well. Your thoughts on this topic and other issues facing us are genuinely appreciated. Please take a few minutes to print the Member's Survey form at the end of this Newsletter, fill it out and drop it by the Post. Or, you may fill it out on-line at [www.vfw8191.org](http://www.vfw8191.org) and e-mail it to [vfw8191@bellsouth.net](mailto:vfw8191@bellsouth.net).**



**As a Member of VFW Post 8191, you have a say in how things are run. Generally, Members join because they want to be a part of something bigger than themselves. A Customer on the other hand is simply someone who needs or wants something and pays for it. Customer interactions are transaction-based first and relationship-based second. A Member foregoes self-interest for the greater good while a Customer acts in his own best interest without regard for the well-being of the organization. How do you see yourself?**

**Volunteer of the Month is Steve Rasbach. Steve is always willing to pitch in whenever he is called on and always displays a cheerful, can-do attitude. Give Steve a pat on the back!**

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### Volunteer Of The Month

**The Volunteer for the Month of February 2012 is Steve Rasbach. Thanks Steve for all that you do for the Post**

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### Volunteers

**We wish to express our gratitude to all of the volunteers who stepped in to help out over the last month. We wish we had room to publish a list of all the names. Thanks to each and every one of you.**

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## Flag Fund

Thank you to the following sponsor's!

Bill Jerguson USAF 7/12  
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FLAG CHAIRMAN

### Flag Sponsorship Application

VFW Post 8191

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Please make check out to VFW Post 8191 Flag Fund.

Your check will be your receipt and is a tax deduction.

Thank you for your support!

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Kitchen Open Monday - Saturday  
 Lunch 11 AM - 2PM  
 Dinner 5 PM - 7 PM

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REMEMBER: Menu is subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Ladies Aux FEB. 10-12 – MID WINTER CONFERENCE (ORLANDO)	1 Ladies District Luncheon 12PM @ Post 4536 Texas Holdem 6 PM Kitchen Open	2 Open Kitchen Karaoke 6:30-9:30 PM Janice & Rene	3 Bingo 6:00PM \$250 progressive cover-all Kitchen Open	4 District Meeting 10 AM @ Post 4206 Kitchen Open Meat Shoot 3-5 Music 7PM to Dance -By Lou Phillips
5 Breakfast 9-Noon SUPER BOWL TAILGATE CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST (Begins at 3 PM)	6 Kitchen Open	7 Trivia at 2:PM Ladies Auxiliary SHRIMP & ANGEL HAIR PASTA DINNER BY EMMA 5-7 PM Pool practice 5-7 competition 7PM-?	8 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 1 PM Texas Holdem 6 PM Kitchen Open	9 Open Kitchen Karaoke 6:30-9:30 PM Janice & Rene	10 Bingo 6:00PM \$250 progressive cover-all Kitchen Open	11 Kitchen Open Meat Shoot 3-5 Music 7PM to Dance -By The Country Classics
12 Breakfast 9-Noon Karaoke-4:00 PM Janice & Rene	13 Kitchen Open Men's Aux Meeting 7 PM	14 Trivia at 2:PM Ladies Auxiliary PORK LOIN VALENTINE DINNER BY BONNIE 5-7 PM Pool practice 5-7 competition 7PM-?	15 Texas Holdem 6 PM Kitchen Open House Committee 6 PM	16 Open Kitchen Karaoke 6:30-9:30 PM Janice & Rene	17 Bingo 6:00PM \$250 progressive cover-all Kitchen Open	18 Kitchen Open Meat Shoot 3-5 Music 7PM to Dance -Janice & Rene
19 Breakfast 9-Noon Karaoke-4:00 PM Janice & Rene	20 Kitchen Open Post Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	21 Trivia at 2:PM Ladies Auxiliary CHICKEN DINNER BY VICKI 5-7 PM Pool practice 5-7 competition 7PM-?	22 Texas Holdem 6 PM Kitchen Open	23 Open Kitchen Karaoke 6:30-9:30 PM Janice & Rene	24 Bingo 6:00PM \$250 progressive cover-all Kitchen Open	25 Kitchen Open Meat Shoot 3-5 Music 7PM to Dance -By Duff Brothers
26 Breakfast 9-Noon Karaoke-4:00 PM Tony	27 Kitchen Open	28 Trivia at 2:PM Ladies Auxiliary MEAT-LOAF DINNER BY SOFIA 5-7 PM Pool practice 5-7 competition 7PM-?	29 Texas Holdem 6 PM Kitchen Open			

**"We are a Non-smoking establishment"**

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Wednesday wear a VFW 8191 hat or shirt and get 2nd drink free

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## VFW Post 8191 Membership Survey

Over the past number of months there has been a disturbing decrease in the number of members and their guests frequenting the Post and attending events, meetings and dinners. As has been noted many times, this Post exists for you and your guests. As such, we need to know what is keeping you away and what we as Post Officers and Staff need to do to make the Post a more frequent stop for you. We cannot survive financially long-term at the rate we are going.

Below is a short survey you may fill out and drop in the Suggestion Box in the Post; or mail it in to us. If you like, you may fax it in to us at (321) 254-0535; or scan it and e-mail to [hdonh@cfl.rr.com](mailto:hdonh@cfl.rr.com). We ask that you be as open, honest and detailed as possible when completing the survey. We need your help in determining where we are deficient and how to correct those deficiencies.

Name (not required) \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Age (not required) \_\_\_\_\_

Post member \_\_\_\_ Men's Aux. member \_\_\_\_ Ladies Aux. member \_\_\_\_ Frequent guest \_\_\_\_

I come to the Post: Less than once a month \_\_\_\_\_ Twice or more monthly \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly on average \_\_\_\_\_ Several times weekly \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

I have not been attending as many events as I otherwise might because: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to see more of the following type of event at my Post: \_\_\_\_\_

I would recommend membership in my Post more often if: \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments (use reverse side or attach additional page as needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Many Posts across the country are trending toward creating a more family-friendly atmosphere in attempt to attract more of the younger troops, wives, girl friends, children and grandchildren.

In your opinion, should we go in that direction: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking this survey. Your involvement will make ours a better Post.

# SUPER BOWL TAILGATE

## CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST

- WHEN:** FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>  
JUDGING STARTS 3:00PM
- WHERE:** VFW POST 8191
- ENTRY:** \$5.00 Winner takes all !!!  
Judges: Members and Guests  
Enjoy all you want; Votes \$1.00
- SIGN-UP:** List is on the bulletin board; or,  
e-mail the House Cmte Chairman  
at [hdonh@cfl.rr.com](mailto:hdonh@cfl.rr.com)

*LAVFW 8191 cordially invites you to the  
Valentine's Day Dinner*

*Tuesday, February 14, 2012*

*Dinner served 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.*

*SERVING:*

*Savory Roasted Pork Loin*

*Twice-Baked Potatoes*

*Garlic-Buttered Green Beans*

*Dinner Roll*

*Dessert*

*\$8.00 per dinner*

**RSVP NLT 2/12/12 ON SIGN UP SHEET  
ON BULLETIN BOARD**

