



# Shady Hills

## June-July 2012 Newsletter

*David G. Snyder Memorial*

# All American Post 8681

Well, the weather is hot; June is here and the State Convention is coming up.

Our Friends from up north are all back home. I hope they are all safe. We can't wait to see them back already.

Our Honor Guard is the best around. Great job! My officers thank you all from the bottom of my heart. The Ladies Auxiliary has done a great job too! Those who stick out in my mind are Judi and Nikki. I thank you for all your support! To our Men's Auxiliary President Jim and his officers... I am so proud of them. Great job Jim! We all worked together. That is how to get it done! To all our friends up north who have helped...God Bless. Thank you to Bill Neath and all he has done to help this past year. A big Thank You goes to Walt for coming in every day and bagging ice. To the bartenders...They can't be beat! You ladies have done so much putting up with all of us! Ha-ha-ha! It has been my honor to be your commander. You all are my family.

I end this year with a smile. The building is paid off - which was my main goal. A lot of people helped in this effort. Thank you so much! This year we are going to blow the doors off and let the State know who we are. In July, we will have something going on for the 4th. More details will be on the board at the post. We plan on having something every month. Remember...a post is only as good as its members. It is time we all got together as friends like we all have been. We are family.



**Commander:  
Kenny Greenlee**

God Bless America  
God Bless our troops  
God Bless you all  
VFW Post 8681 Commander  
Kenny Greenlee

### Upcoming Events

- Steak Fry. . . . . June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>
- VFW Mtg. . . . . June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Ladies Aux. Mtg. . June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Men's Aux. Mtg. . June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>
- July 4th Celebration . . . . . July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Steak Shoot . . . . . Every Sunday
- Fish Fry . . . . . Every Friday

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Someone played a joke on Terry Fox by placing a "junk cars wanted" sign on his van while he was inside the Canteen.



The "boys"....Art, Howie and Joey... relaxing in the Canteen

Elected Officers 2012-2013

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Commander..... Kenny Greenlee
Sr. Vice Commander .....Dan McLaren
Jr. Vice Commander.....Dustin Cox
Quartermaster ..... Tom Sharp
Chaplain .....Mike Boyle
Judge Advocate..... Skip Cigala
Surgeon..... George Platt
Adjutant .....Howie Haugh
Trustee 1 Year..... Paul O'Neill
Trustee 2 year ..... John Fisher
Trustee 3 year ..... Ralph Henderson

Elected Ladies Auxiliary 2012-2013

President ..... Judi Christensen
Sr. Vice .....Pat Sockwell
Jr. Vice..... Mary Hamner
Treasurer ..... Nikki Fogelsonger
Chaplain .....Donna McLaren
Conductress ..... Polly Hansen
Guard..... Mary Ann Martino
Secretary .....Kendra Sudigala
Trustee 1 Year ..... Linda Walters
Trustee 2 Year ..... Tobi Snyder
Trustee 3 Year.....Sherry Gregoire

Elected Men's Auxiliary Officers 2012-2013

President .....Rich Kooken
Sr. Vice ..... Bob Wilson
Jr. Vice.....Joey Mahoney
Secretary .....Jerome Hansen
Treasurer .....Don Hamner
Chaplain .....Jerome Hansen
Guard.....Donnie Hamner
1 Year Trustee..... Lynn Daffer
2 Year Trustee..... Jim Ackley
3 Year Trustee..... Jim Christensen

Boosters

February 2012-January 2013

Bill and Mary Scott
Frank Chelkonas
Carolyn Beachy
Fred Taylor
Jack and Patty Keller
(in memory of Jerry Thompson)
Jim and Judi Christensen
Mike Russillo



There is no substitute for blood. It has to come from one person in order to give to another. A critical number of voluntary donations are required every day to meet the needs of patients in local hospitals. Next Blood Drive will be held June 2 from Noon to 5 pm at the VFW Parking Lot. In honor of Tom Sharp and Terry Fox.

Donate blood and receive a coupon good for \$ 1 off a Steak Dinner that night. Dinner hour is 4-7 pm.



Women's Auxiliary President's Message



LADIES.

THIS WILL BE MY LAST LETTER AS PRESIDENT FOR THE 2011-2012 YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE LADIES FOR THEIR HARD WORK THIS YEAR. THE YEAR HAD ALOT OF PROBLEMS BUT LIKE ANY ORGANIZATION IT IS HARD TO GET EVERYONE TO SEE EYE TO EYE. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY OFFICERS FOR HOLDING THEIR POSITIONS AND STANDING BESIDE ME THROUGH THE WHOLE YEAR. I COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU AGAIN. REMEMBER WE ARE HERE FOR OUR VETERANS NOT OURSELVES.

WE MADE A TRIP TO JAMES HALEY HOSPITOL IN APRIL AND PLAYED THE HORSE RACE GAME THEY HAD A GREAT TIME AND SO DID WE. ITS SO NICE TO SEE THE SMILES ON THEIR FACE JUST WALKING THROUGH THE DOOR. I WOULD LIKE TO SEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CHARLES AND CONNIE ADDY AND MY HUSBAND CLAUDE FOR GOING. LIKE I HAVE SAID IN THE PAST THE REASON THIS ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED WAS FOR OUR VETERANS, WHILE IT'S NICE TO HAVE PARTIES AND RAISE MONEY WE ALSO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT GOING TO THE HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES TO VISIT THOSE THAT CAN'T COME TO US. LET THEM KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE AND WE DO CARE ABOUT THEM.

THE BEST OF LUCK TO THE INCOMING OFFICERS FOR THE 2012-2013 YEAR.



Women's Auxiliary President Sherry Gregoire

YOURS IN SISTERHOOD
SHERRY GREGOIRE
LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

# June-July 2012

June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Steak Shoot 2-4 PM			Bar Bingo 7pm		1  Poker 1pm Fish Fry 4-7pm	2 Steak Dinner 5-7pm Entertainment 7pm Blood Drive Noon - 5pm
3  Steak Shoot 2-4 PM	4	5	6  Bar Bingo 7pm	7	8  Poker 1pm Fish Fry 4-7pm	9  Joey's Steak Sandwiches Noon - ?
10  Steak Shoot 2-4 PM	11 VFW Meeting 7:30pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm	12  Men's Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	13  Bar Bingo 7pm	14  State Convention - Orlando	15  Poker 1pm Fish Fry 4-7pm	16 →
17  No Steak Shoot	18	19	20  Bar Bingo 7pm	21	22  Poker 1pm Fish Fry 4-7pm	23
24  Steak Shoot 2-4 PM	25	26	27	28	29	30

July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 4th of July Celebration	5	6  Poker 1pm Fish Fry 4-7pm	7  Steak Dinner 5-7pm Entertainment 7pm
8  Steak Shoot 2-4 PM	9 VFW Meeting 7:30 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm	10  Mens Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	11  Bar Bingo 7pm	12	13  Poker 1pm Fish Fry 4-7pm	14
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Paul O'Neill  
Trustee 1 Year



John Fisher  
Trustee 2 year



Ralph Henderson  
Trustee 3 year

### Elected Men's Auxiliary Officers 2012-2013



Rich Kookan  
President



Bob Wilson  
Sr. Vice



Joey Mahoney  
Jr. Vice



Don Hamner  
Treasurer

**Elected Men's Auxiliary Officers 2012-2013, continued...**



Jerome Hansen  
Secretary/ Chaplain



Donnie Hamner  
Treasurer/Guard



Lynn Daffer  
1 Year Trustee



Jim Ackley  
2 Year Trustee

**Elected Ladies Auxiliary 2012-2013**



Jim Christensen  
3 Year Trustee



Judi Christensen  
President



Pat Sockwell  
Sr. Vice



Mary Hamner  
Jr. Vice



Nikki Fogelsonger  
Treasurer



Donna McLaren  
Chaplain



Polly Hansen  
Conductress



Mary Ann Martino  
Guard



Kendra Sudigala  
Secretary



Linda Walters  
Trustee 1 Year



Tobi Snyder  
Trustee 2 Year



Sherry Gregoire  
Trustee 3 Year

**Men's Auxiliary  
President's Comments**



Men's Auxiliary  
President  
Jim Christensen

The elections are over and the deck has been shuffled. The positions are the same, but some of the faces have changed. The Men's Auxiliary team will continue to grow even stronger. Everyone is committed seeing our Post prosper and diversify. You can expect to see even more excitement in 2012-2013 from the M.A. with Rich Kookan as our new leader. More joint ventures from all three entities of The Post will allow us to spread our resources enhancing planning, social events and fundraising activities. In addition, you can expect improved communications.

I would like to personally thank all those who supported our functions. Because of you, we were able to help those in need with our donations. The last two years as the Men's Auxiliary President were challenging, but well worth the effort. I am very proud to have lead such a positive unselfish group of men that had only these priorities in mind: supporting our veterans, helping our troops and their families overseas and promoting good fellowship amongst our VFW family.

During the slower summer months we will discontinue our Saturday dinners, but we will host other events to help keep your calendars full.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer!

Thank you.

Jim Christensen  
President  
Men's Auxiliary  
Post 8681  
727-514-4764

**Chaplain's Corner**

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at you back. May the sunshine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hands.

- (Irish Blessing)

Pray for your troops. (Wherever they may be) Heavenly Father, hold our troops in your loving hands, protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in this time of need. These things I humbly ask in the name of the Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Amen.



VFW 8681 Members in need  
of the Chaplains service or assistance,  
please call : Dennis Browder 727-856-7072

If you know of a member that is sick or hospitalized, please call your Chaplain or the Post.

VFW Post 8681 - Canteen - 727-856-1860

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Project Corregidor was started by Kelly Kowall, a proud Gold Star Mother of Corey Kowall -a medic who was killed in Afghanistan in 2009. Their mission is to provide Veterans, who have suffered the loss of a fallen soldier, the skills necessary to become peer mentors for soldiers returning from deployments where they too have endured the pain of losing a brother in arms. They give the returning soldiers the support necessary to help them grieve their losses in unique ways and help them draw upon their own strengths and develop healthy coping mechanisms.

For more information visit [www.favebe.com](http://www.favebe.com)

Contact your Post Commander if you are interested in making a donation.



**Steak Dinner!**  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup> & July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00-7:00**  
**Entertainment at 7:00**

## Join Our BOOSTER CLUB!!

We are starting a Booster Club to help defray the cost of the newsletter. All it takes is a \$10.00 donation to join. Your name will then be listed in our newsletter for one year. Your contribution will be used to help cut the cost of the printing and mailing of the newsletter. Please mail or drop off at the Post the registration form below.

Mail to:

Shady Hills Post 8681 Booster Club • 18940 Drayton Street  
Shady Hills, FL 34610

### Did you know...

Early payment of your membership dues helps out in many ways. It allows the VFW to access funds earlier than normal. This allows us to have funds available for any kind of emergency. And, it alleviates any additional costs for mailing out notices. On the plus side, your Commander or Auxiliary President can report they are 100% paid, which reflects nicely on the post. So, although your payment might not be due until the end of the year, consider mailing in your membership dues as soon as possible.

**VFW Post 8681 Booster Club**  
\$10.00 donation per individual member

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Kentucky Derby



Hat Decorating Contest

