

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8600
817 Rainbow Drive
Gadsden, AL 35907



September 14, 2021

Greetings Comrades,

Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe! Many of you have not visited the Post in some time now and we just wanted to provide you with an update as to our status. The last letter I sent was to inform you of the proposed vote to sell our Post Home and downsize. The vote carried and we sold the Post effective April 2021.

Due to rising prices for land and building materials, we decided to wait to buy. However, we are always looking for the right deal for our Post. In fact, we are soliciting suggestions and ideas from our members! You can call me anytime: 256-504-6917

We were given a Grant from Comcast 2 years ago to implement a computer center to assist Veterans with claims or job applications online and other needs that may require the use of a computer. Covid came along and set us behind about a year, but now we are almost ready to open it on an appointment type basis.

We are also trying to recruit new members. One idea was to install a gaming center (we got the idea from another VFW that is having success with it) to bring in younger veterans because that is our future. If you know a veteran that would be interested in joining VFW 8600, please send them our way! If you know a veteran that needs assistance, we are here to do whatever we can. If YOU need assistance please call! That's why we exist!

The new owner of the post is going to convert the front half of the building into office space and has completed the 1st phase of the demo. He also has invited us to remain in the back section where the bar and offices are with a rental fee for as long as we need to be here. The BAR is OPEN for business! If you haven't been here for a while, please come and visit! We really need the support of our membership! Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 4pm. We look forward to seeing you! Keep up with us on Facebook, VFW 8600.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Shelley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joyce" and last name "Shelley" clearly distinguishable.

Joyce Shelley
Commander
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