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VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander

The weather is cooler and our Northern friends will be returning shortly. We hope you all have safe trips; we look forward to seeing you soon. October is going to be a busy month with Thunder Beach coming soon. We will be selling beer at Harley Davidson for 6 days and doing breakfast for 3 days, plus the Legion Riders will be having their bike night that Friday as well, so it's going to be a busy week. Thanks to everyone that has already volunteered to help. I want to clarify the canteen operating hours. As everyone knows the bartenders are paid employees of VFW Post 10555. As such we cannot afford to have them working with no customers. The house committee approved that the bartenders should close one hour early if there are less than 5 customers actively buying drinks. On the same note, if there are more than 5 customers actively drinking they can stay open later than the regular hours. We want to keep the post open as much as possible but we can't afford to pay employees to sit with no business. If you have any questions about this policy please see me.

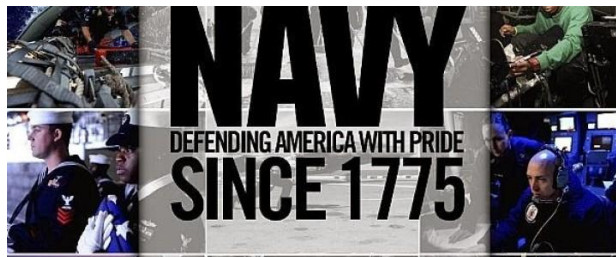
Please Come Out and Support YOUR Post! Remember Our Veterans and Those Deployed! KEN WARINGA [PS CLICK HERE FOR THE LATEST STATE BULLETIN](#)

The NEW, All-Inclusive VFW Auxiliary: Kitty Dye, President (kdye8918@yahoo.com)

As most of you already know, as of August 21, 2015 the Ladies Auxiliary became the VFW Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is now gender neutral as is the VFW. We accepted the first two applications from males (my sons) and I understand there is one awaiting approval at the next meeting. At the last meeting we were visited and audited by the District Jr. Vice President, Candace Kellett. FYI we did well on the audit. We voted to pay all our obligations and to fund the President's Special Project with a dollar from each ticket to the fish fries sold and passing around the tin at general meetings. The project is to give \$30,000.00 toward service dogs for veterans with post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD). September was Suicide Awareness month and on an average 22 veterans per day commit suicide. It is hoped that these service trained dogs which are rescued dogs will help reduce these numbers. Billie Jones is our new Guard since Margaret Randall moved to South Florida. We will be assisting with Bike Week in October. There will be breakfast at the Post Thursday, Friday and Saturday and beer at Harley Davidson. We will need help. Anyone wishing to help can contact me at 234-8918. We also plan on helping at the Military Stand Down on the 24th of September. Until next month, be safe and stay cool. Our next general Membership Meeting is October 15 at 6 PM. ***Kitty Dye, President VFWA 10555***



HAPPY 240TH BIRTHDAY, US NAVY!



American Legion Update: Post 402 Commander Jim Bowers (scootin1923@yahoo.com)

Hello Fellow Legionnaires. BRAVO ZULU!! – We reached 100% of our membership goal last month. Don't slack up on your recruiting efforts. This month will be a busy one for Post 402. We will have our Legion Dinner night on the 16th followed the next night by the Early Bird steak night. Early Bird tickets are available from our Adjutant, Jack Johnson, and will be at the canteen. For those members who joined, renewed their 2016 membership or were a paid transfer prior to October 1, you'll eat for free. All others will be \$10. This dinner is open to everyone in Post 402 and VFW Post 10555 organizations, including volunteers. Post 402 needs volunteers to help with the beer sales during Thunder Beach at Harley Davidson from 20-25 October, and with the breakfasts at the Post building on 22-24 October. Many have seen the Volunteer Form sent out by the Adjutant, and if you haven't signed up, send an email to the Adjutant at floridaalpost402@gmail.com with the times you are available to work. The more volunteers we have, the greater our share of the proceeds from the Thunder Beach week. Our Riders have hot dogs and Bingo on the 10th, and we have it on the 24th. Our Riders are also hosting Bike Night on the 23rd; come out and enjoy the food and entertainment. Our Riders have participated in several events this past month and are receiving many kudos, we are extremely proud of their efforts. Our Sons of The American Legion charter has been forwarded to the State and National for approval. Both the Riders and Sons are scheduled to receive their charters and their Officers installed at our meeting in November. We still have our legion Board at the Post to honor any veteran.

Remember: Keep our Veterans in our Hearts, Thank You And God Bless America! Jim Bowers, American Legion Post Commander

The Perception of the Post Manager, Billie Jones

Hello members! October is upon us and we are ready for it. Come on down "Northern friends" and join us for fun, laughter and fellowship. I want to thank all the local supporters for coming out to support our Post during the summer months and I hope to see your continued support in the coming months.

Remember your Post will open at 12 noon every day and will close at 9 pm except for Sunday and closing will be at 6 pm. Also we will extending \$1.00 can beer in October for Wednesdays and Sundays – other daily specials will be posted or ask the bartender on duty.

The calendar is full of events for all members, come out and enjoy. Breakfast will be served Thursday October 22, Friday October 23 and Saturday October 24, hours 9 am to 11 am. Best breakfast on the beach and very reasonable.

Hope to see you soon. ***Best Regards, Billie Jones Post Manager***



VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Two Cents Rob Smith (robfsmith127@gmail.com)

Hello All,

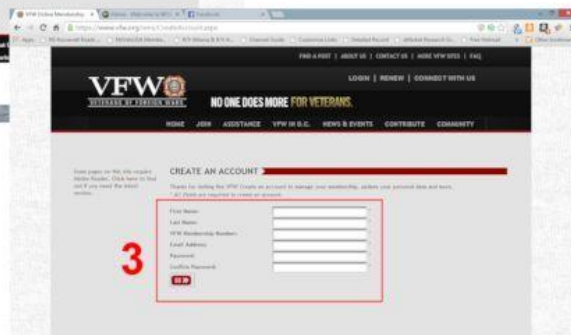
It is s hard to believe that summer has come and gone, the year has really gone by fast. It won't be very long before we start seeing our Northern Guests return. And when they do return, hopefully they will be pleasantly surprised by the new dart boards and the much-cleaner and brighter hall floor. After taking a big loss in July, we rebounded a good bit in August and nearly broke even. We should do even better as the air turns cooler and we see more visitors. Membership renewals are coming in slowly and we encourage everyone to renew when you receive your notice in the mail. If you need any information about becoming a Life Member I can help with that, too!

See You Around Our Post! Rob



How do you create a personal online account at <http://www.vfw.org>? With your membership card in hand, follow these three easy steps:

1. Access the home page, click "LOGIN"
2. Click "Create an Account"
3. Fill in the blanks and Click



MORE THAN 11 DECADES LATER, VFW REMAINS VETERANS' BEST ADVOCATE

[VFW'S STRENGTH EXTENDS FAR BEYOND ADVOCACY September 24, 2015](#)

On September 29, 1899, thirteen men – all Spanish-American War veterans – gathered at a small tailor shop in the heart of Columbus, Ohio, to discuss the issues plaguing returning veterans. The men shared personal accounts of what was then, the most popular war in America's history, but more importantly discussed what they could do for their brothers-in-arms and for the dependents of their fallen comrades.

Banding together, these men created a veterans organization that would outlast themselves, and survive as long as Americans put on uniforms to defend our country.

Their resolve to promote and defend the general welfare of all those who have borne the brunt of battle ultimately laid the groundwork for the multifaceted organization that is the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. (VFW) today.

Most easily recognized as the largest and most accomplished combat veterans service organization in America, the VFW has evolved into a powerhouse for veterans.

Since its inception more than 11 decades ago, the VFW has been committed to advocating on behalf of all veterans, service members and their families. Veterans both old and young have joined in its cause, ensuring that veterans of every era are respected for their service, receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of our great nation.

The VFW's founders challenged the status quo and in doing so, accepted nothing less than America's commitment to appropriately care for those who willingly take up arms in defense of our country and way of life. And in the decades since, it has been the VFW that has remained persistent and unwavering in its fight to ensure that America fulfills that obligation.

Over the last 116 years, the VFW's efforts have played an instrumental role in nearly every piece of veterans' legislation passed since the beginning of the 20th century. It helped create the Montgomery and Post-9/11 GI Bills. It was a key player in the development of the national cemetery system and led the fight for compensation for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. It was a powerful force in the VOW to Hire Heroes Act, the reinstatement of military Tuition Assistance programs and more recently, the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 which provided necessary resources, reduced appointment waiting times, and has provided veterans timely access to quality VA and non-VA health care alike.

While the VFW's legislative influence is vast and well known, the effect the VFW has had on the lives of America's heroes, and those of their families extends far beyond its advocacy efforts. Its programs and services continue to provide America's heroes and their families with the vital support they need.

From providing millions in financial assistance covering basic needs in times of crisis and more than \$1.1 million in college scholarships for veterans, to its members volunteering nearly 9 million hours of time annually to their local communities, the VFW and its Posts continue to act as pillars of support in communities across America and abroad.

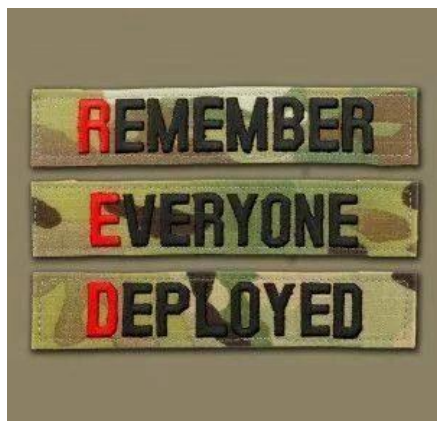
Though the organization has changed much over the years, today's VFW still operates with the same mission it was founded upon more than 11 decades ago – existing only to care for those who selflessly fight and sacrifice to protect the American way of life – a mission that won't change any time soon.



OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WINTER HOURS: Sun. 12-6 PM Mon. 12-9 PM Tues. 12-9 PM Wed. 12-9 PM Thur. 12-9 PM Fri. 12-9 PM Sat. 12-9 PM	Sign up for this calendar by email at vfw10555@knology.net	WHERE TO FIND US 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025	LIKE US ON FACEBOOK 	1 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	2 Irish Evening Whiskey Tasting with Irish Music and finger food. 6 PM	3 Booze Cruise AUX Bingo 1 PM
4 Can Beer Specials \$1.00	5 Legion Officer Mtg. 5:30 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM	6 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Legion Riders Meeting 6 PM	7 Can Beer Specials \$1.00	8 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	9 AUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM AUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9 PM	10 Riders Bingo 1 PM
11 Can Beer Specials \$1.00	12	13 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	14 Can Beer Specials \$1.00	15 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	16 Legion Food 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	17 VFW Bingo 1 PM Legion Steak Night \$10
18 Can Beer Specials \$1.00	19	20 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & LAUX Mtg. 6 PM	21 Can Beer Specials \$1.00	22 Breakfast 9 - 11 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	23 Breakfast 9 - 11 Legion Riders Bike Night	24 Breakfast 9 - 11 Legion Bingo 1 PM Hall Rental 5 PM
Thunder Beach - Beer at Harley Davidson						
25 Beer at Harley Davidson Can Beer Specials \$1.00	26	27 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	28 Can Beer Specials \$1.00	29 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	30 VFW Wings 5:30 - 6:30 Halloween Bingo 6 - 8	31 AUX Bingo 1 PM Halloween

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Calendar of Post/AUX/Legion events is painstakingly developed at the House Committee Meeting every second Tuesday of the month. EVERY member of our units in good standing is welcome to attend that or any other committee meeting and EVERY member of our units in good standing is welcome to reserve the hall (Fees are charged for private parties, that is to say any event not open to all). For hall fees/reservations, contact the Post Manager, Billie Jones, at the Post 850-249-3025. **When all else fails, JUST STOP BY! PLEASE!**



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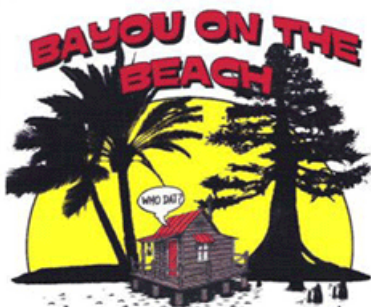
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