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VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander (kcwaringa@yahoo.com)

Most of our Northern Friends have gone home now so things at the post are a lot quieter. VFW members, do you have an account with the VFW? You can update your mailing address, request a lost card, renew your membership and much more. If you don't have one, go to <http://www.vfw.org/>, in the upper right corner select "Log in". Select "Create an account", then just fill in the data as requested. It's a quick easy way to make sure your membership information is current. We have a number of events coming up at Harley Davidson that we will be selling beer at, and like always, we'll be looking for help. The last week in April is Thunder Beach so we'll be working at Harley Davidson plus doing breakfast at the post. Come out and enjoy a great breakfast, just check the calendar for dates and times.

We have a new glass washer behind the bar donated in memory of a loved one. A glass washer needs glasses as we try to cut back on plastic ware usage. Check your cupboards and if you have any extra glasses, of the types we use, please consider donating them to the post. See you around the post, and remember, come out and support YOURS/MY/OUR post.

Hope to See you At The Gulf Coast Air Show! KEN WARINGA [PS CLICK HERE FOR THE LATEST STATE BULLETIN](#)

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Status: Kitty Dye, President (kdye8918@yahoo.com)

The last meeting was not well attended but we did have a quorum. Carol MacDonald and Jenny Freeman represented the Auxiliary at Joe Hutchins memorial service. Also we met on a different night this month due to St. Patrick's Day. We did approve several new applicants for membership. We did pretty well at the wine and cheese tasting earlier in the month and the Department President, Louise Koser was in attendance. Panama City Beach's Mayor Gayle Oberst, a member of this auxiliary, presented Louise with a proclamation proclaiming March 7, 2015 as Louise Koser Day in Panama City Beach. Thank you to all who attended and to all who donated. A Special Thank You to Post 10555 for their donation of \$100.00. We will be sending \$1000.00 to the President's Special Project. Jane Brewer did a beautiful job decorating the Auxiliary and her table center piece was stunning. We also made over \$300.00 on the tool boxes.

Our yard sale will be April 18, 2015 for 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. Any donated items should be brought to the post the week prior to the sale and placed in the Auxiliary room. We will be renting tables for \$10.00 to \$15.00, so if you are interested in a table please let me know. Tom Randall has volunteered to handle the advertisement for us and the Legion will be providing a light breakfast at a minimal charge. We will also be attending the Gulf Coast Salute Air Show April 11th at Tyndall AFB and represent Post 10555 and District 17. We will have membership information on hand. Jane Brewer's Jr. Garden Club girls wrote short essays on the American Flag and What is Means to live in America and received Random Acts of Patriotism (RAP) coins. Ladies the days are getting longer and hopefully more will be attending our monthly meetings. We will be electing Officers in April so if you can attend, please do so, as your support is really needed. Please don't forget the Fish Fries each month. With your help, we will continue them through the spring and summer. **Until next time, be safe and, as always, if you need a ride to a meeting please call me at 850-234-8918! KITTY DYE, President**





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

Hello fellow Legionnaires, We had another busy March with the Unity Ride and our Friday Bike Night also the Instate Legion Legacy Ride. I was proud to ride the whole ride of 1600 miles with our Legion State Commander, a ride that raised \$36,600 for the Legion Legacy Fund. That money will help the children of the fallen Veterans with their college education. We had a lunch stop on the ride at our Post during the event which was fabulous thanks to Jack Johnson and the volunteers. We still have Legion Post # 402 shirts (Red and blue) and also License Plates for sale at the Post. Don't forget we still have Memorial Bricks available. Get yours today.

This month of April we have Legion Bingo on the 11th; our Friday BBQ on the 17th, and on the 18th we are having breakfast that morning 8-10:30 while the VFW Ladies Auxiliary has its yard sale. We need volunteers to help us so I hope all will attend. We have a Blessed Day coming up on Easter we wish all our members and family a heartwarming day. Remember we have the Post Field Day coming up Sunday April 19th so we need all the help we can get for duties around the Post. We have Thunder Beach coming up at the end of April 28th-31st we will need volunteers to help on the concession stands to benefit the post. So as you can see we have a busy month ahead so volunteers lets pull together and make this events Awesome. If you are on the road, keep the rubberside down and the sunnyside up and always

God Bless America! Commander Jim Bowers

A Message from Our Post Manager: Billie Jones (vfw10555@knology.net)

Happy April to all readers!! We all know what this means our Northern friends have come and gone for another successful year. This year the canteen was donated a commercial dishwasher for cleaning and sanitation of bar glasses which we appreciate, now we will need to increase our glass wear. Thank you for the donation. New summer hours start April 1, hours are posted on each monthly calendar. Opening hours will change to 1PM every day except of Saturday which 12 noon will be the opening time due to Bingo which will start at 1PM. Closing time Sunday and Wednesday will be 6 PM, Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 8 PM, Thursday and Friday 9 PM. The bartender on duty can make the discussion to close the bar 1 hour early if they feel there is not enough business to warrant staying open.

Our bartenders are here to serve you your favorite cold beverage so come in and support Post 10555. They may sing for you, serve snacks they have brought in, dance or engage in friendly conversation. Please remember to "tip" your bartender, it is appreciated. Sandwiches, chips, popcorn and assorted crackers are on sale if you get hungry, can't forget the peanuts. Shirts, caps and koozies are also on sale for the VFW and American Legion. Sorry no caps for American Legion but they do have license plates for your vehicle. Stop in and check us out and please use your monthly calendar for hours and events. Breakfast will be served this month and we will be closed one Sunday for "field day cleaning" all posted on the calendar. ***Billie Jones, Post Manager***

The Post Quartermaster's Two Cents: Robert Smith (vfw10555@knology.net)

Happy Spring Everyone! Well, its hard to believe the winter season is over, our Northern Friends are headed back home and we wish them safe travels and we look forward to their return in the fall. It was a very enjoyable winter season here at the Triple Nickel, with lots of events and fun times. Financially, the Post did okay, but not great. As you all know, we reviewed the drink prices for the first time in a few years and have made some adjustments effective 1 March. Also, for those of you annual members who have not renewed for 2015, please consider doing so by either returning the reply form with your dues to National, or just drop it by the Post! And while you're here, have a drink! April is the start of when things start to slow down at the Post, and it also means a switch to our Summer hours. Please check the calendar for the adjusted opening and closing times. I will be out of town for work the first couple of weeks in April, so please be patient with the pull-tab machine, it will get refilled and jams cleared usually the next day. Thanks and hope to ***See You Around the Post! Rob Smith, Quartermaster***



Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans: A Message from VFW National Commander Stroud

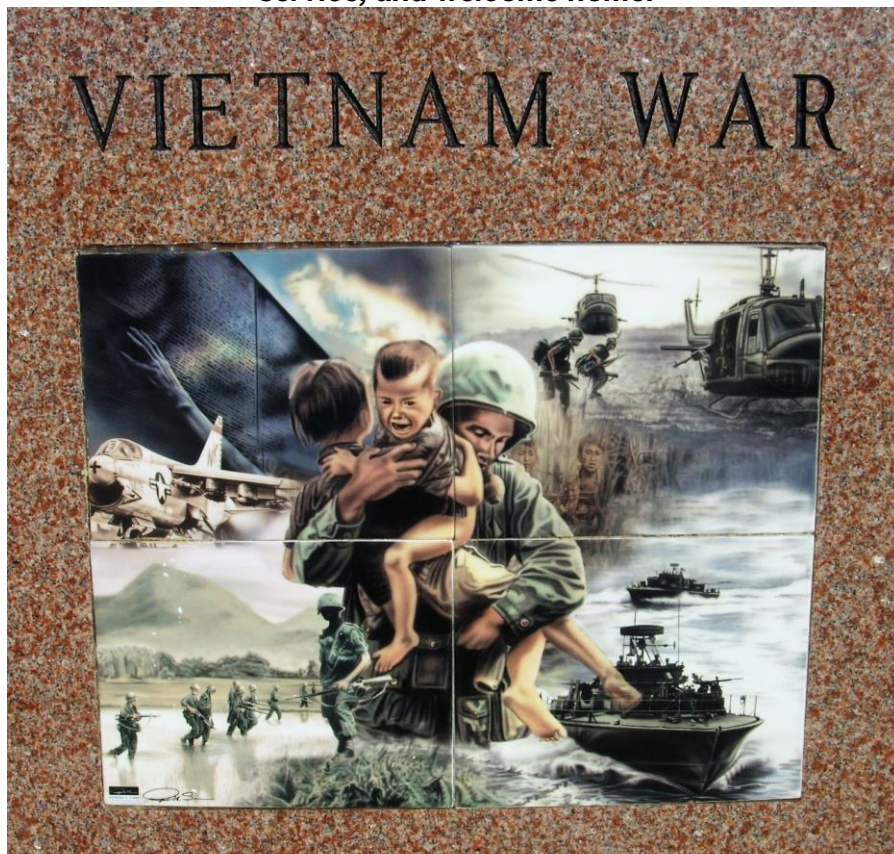
March 30 is a very important day, not only to the VFW, but to all of America. It is a day dedicated to a generation of veterans who were made extraordinary by their commitment and lasting resolve. In 2011, nearly 38 years after the final withdrawal of U.S. combat and combat-support troops from Vietnam, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution designating March 30, "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

From February 1961 – May 1975, more than 3,400,000 Americans served in support of the U.S military operations in Vietnam and Southeast Asia; more than 58,000 gave their lives. Our Vietnam veterans are worthy of every praise, monument and memorial erected in their name. They served with a tenacious and indomitable spirit and returned to a homeland in political turmoil. Regrettably, their noble and steadfast service was overlooked by many upon their return. In many cases their sacrifice went unappreciated, dismissed or was even insulted.

Though long-overdue, today America recognizes each and every Vietnam veteran who did not receive the proper welcome home they earned and deserved. We praise their sense of duty, unselfish devotion and courageous willingness to put their country first.

We truly owe them a great debt. It's because of their strength that the flame of freedom burns brightly today in countries all around the world. And it's because of their vision for the future that no veteran will ever again return to an America unappreciative of one's service and sacrifice.

To all Vietnam veterans: today and every day, on behalf of the entire VFW, thank you for your service, and welcome home.



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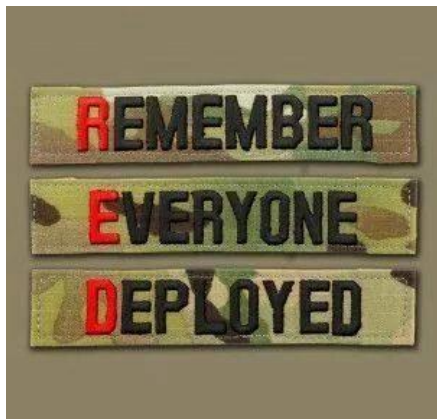
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APRIL 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAYS	SATURDAY
SUMMER HOURS: Sun. 1-6 PM Mon. 1-8 PM Tues. 1-8 PM Wed. 1-6 PM Thur. 1-9 PM Fri. 1-9 PM Sat. 12-8 PM	Sign up for this calendar by email at vfw10555@knology.net	WHERE TO FIND US: 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025	1 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	2 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	3 MAUX Food 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	4 MAUX Bingo 1 PM
5 Easter Post open 1-6	6 Legion Officer Mtg. 5:30 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM	7 Men's Pool 1-5	8 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	9 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	10 LAUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM LAUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9 PM	11 Gulf Coast Salute Air Show Starts at 9 AM Legion Bingo 1 PM
12 Pool Tournament 8 Ball 2 PM \$2.00 to play Win \$20 Bar Tab	13	14 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	15 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	16 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	17 Legion Barbeque 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	18 LAUX Yard Sale 8 - 12 Legion Breakfast 8 - 10 VFW Bingo 1 PM
19 POST CLOSED FOR FIELD DAY	20 MAUX Meeting 6 PM	21 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & LAUX Mtg. 6 PM	22 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	23 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	24 Bike Night VFW Burgers & Fries 5:30 - 6:30 Music TBD	25 LAUX Bingo 1 PM
26	27	28 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	29 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	30 Breakfast 8 - 10:30 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	Beer at Harley Davidson LIKE US ON FACEBOOK 	
Beer at H.D.			Beer at Harley Davidson			Thunder Beach

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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