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

**WE HAVE CHANGED TO
WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION**
SUN 12-6 PM
MON THRU SAT 12-9 PM

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We had a very busy September this year beginning with Labor Day fundraising at the Gulf Coast Jam and Harley Davidson, we celebrated with a Labor Day Picnic, we had many visitors at the State Commander's Homecoming Steak Night, and we hosted our inaugural Bike Night. I'd like to THANK YOU, each and every one that pitched in and helped make these such great events. We dedicated the fourth Friday each month to bike night. We expect a large turnout for this event, which we hope will help curtail some of the financial losses we've been having. October starts off with a bang with Breakfast at the post during Thunder Beach and beer sales at PCB Harley Davidson. October 1st starts our Winter Hours, 12 - 9 Monday through Saturday and 12 - 6 on Sunday. These hours will continue through March. While we discuss the Canteen, there were a couple of incidents of customers being disrespectful to other members, our guests and the bartenders. We will not stand for these actions. I have informed Billie to have the bartenders cut anyone off and ask them to leave the canteen if this kind of behavior occurs. Per the Department of Florida VFW Canteen Rules the bartender is in charge of the canteen and the authority to ban anyone from the canteen until a special house committee meeting can be convened.

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help with the events we hold at the post, so if you can lend a hand please let us know. Don't forget, too, that it's that time of year again when our Northern Friends start returning to the Beach so come out to the post to welcome them back. Annual Members, don't forget to renew your dues (Contact SVC Tom Randall or Quartermaster Rob Smith for assistance). As always, please let me know of any Veteran in distress or in need of assistance and I will

See you at the Triple Nickel! KEN WARINGA, Post Commander (phone number on request)

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

Well, at least today as I write this, I can no longer bake cookies on my driveway. The month of September has been a hot one. The Labor Day Picnic went well as did the fish fry and steak night. At the last meeting, we approved one new member and we are now at 80% strength. We approved the new Standing Orders, voted to pay our obligations of approximately \$1600.00 and voted to place \$1.00 per plate of fish fry money towards the State LAVFW President's Special Project, which is a walking path at the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. We were visited by the President of the Parker Ladies Auxiliary and the District Jr. Vice President. We passed inspection and learned a couple of new things. Thunder Beach Bike Week is coming up and some of us will be helping the Men's Auxiliary with the breakfast on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We have our Friday Fish Fry on October 10th at 5:30 PM. If you can help at any of these events, please let me know. We visited Clifford C. Sims State Veterans Home in Springfield on September 13th. We supplied cupcakes and sugar free cake. -We handed out lap robes made by Maddie Neiderberger, and stuffed animals. Everyone seemed to enjoy the visit. Oh, yes, our sister, Margaret Randall, is out of the hospital. "Dick and Jane" will remain in the canteen until the end of the month for school supply donations. Thank you to the member that put \$20.00 in the box and thank you to the American Legion for the donation of \$50.00. Remember, too that our Ladies Auxiliary Charter is 100 years old this month. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

Until next time, Be Safe & Remember our Veterans! Kitty Dye, President Ladies Auxiliary 10555



VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Two Cents, Rob Smith (baltorob@comcast.net)

Hello all! October means that we will start seeing some of our Northern guests return to the area, hope they had a safe trip down here to sunny Florida. The October General Membership meeting should be a pretty crowded one as we will have the drawing for a Life Membership; to be eligible you had to renew your annual membership between July 1 and September 30 or buy a Life Membership during that time AND be present at this meeting. I've been doing periodic checks of the membership rolls and it appears that many have renewed their membership and will be eligible for the drawing if they come to the meeting. Our meetings aren't that long and by attending, you can have a voice in what we do as a Post. Hope to see you at the Post and at the meetings!

P.S. DON'T FORGET! If you renewed your Annual Dues or upgraded to a Life Membership in time for the September 30th deadline for the Life Membership Contest, you MUST be present when we draw the name of the contest winner of at October's General Membership Meeting.

Hope To See You At Our Post!! Rob Smith

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

October is upon us and our Northern Friends will soon be filling up the chairs at Post 10555!! Well, the canteen is ready, willing and able to greet your smiling faces and it is THE gathering place for a cold beverage of your choice. The summer hours have come to a close; our winter hours are back. We will be opening at 12PM and closing at 9PM, Monday through Saturday and Sunday 12PM to 6PM. Please check your monthly calendar for posting of the hours.

We are still serving sandwiches, chips, popcorn, variety of snack crackers and slim jims for you when a light snack is needed. Of course you will need to attend the famous Fish Fry sponsored by the LAVFW on the 2nd Friday of the month with karaoke fun for everyone. MAUX will be cooking up a storm for breakfast during Thunder Beach Thursday October 2 through Saturday October 4, 8AM till 10AM. If you have not come out for breakfast, you need to they do a great job. Lots of events going on during the month of October please check the calendar for dates, time and the event you would like to attend. Halloween Bingo may be your choice, come in costume and have a great time – our bartender that evening may be in costume also!!

Gail, Cindy and Shannon are your bartenders and are willing to service. Remember do not discuss post business at the bar – you can be over heard by the bartender or anyone else at the bar.

We still have the capability of making frozen drinks of your choice. Salute Vodka, Wild Turkey 101, Orange Vodka, Fireball, Rum Chata, Patron, and many, many more selections are available for your choice.

Also, many varieties of beer are available for your liking, Miller Lite, Bud Lite, Coors, PBR, Busch, Redd Apple, Angry Orchard and more.

Hope To See You All Soon!

Billie Jones, Post Manager



CONGRATS, LADIES AUXILIARY VFW!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 402 NEWS, Post Commander Jim Bowers (scootin1923@yahoo.com)

The American Legion has had a very busy September highlighted by a visit to the post from our American Legion State Commander Jay Conti. We had our Post BBQ and Bike Night on Sept.26th that included great live entertainment by Neal James under the stars. It was a huge success. We share adult beverage booths with the VFW at the Harley Davidson shop during Thunder Beach Bike Week October 2-4th. We go right into our Monthly Meeting on Monday Oct.6th at 18:00 hrs. Our next Legion Bingo is on October 11th at 13:00hrs with hot dogs for your pleasure. Please remember to support the A.L.'s fund raiser for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Fund by putting some spare change in the jars on the bar in the canteen to support our cause. We are restocking our T-shirts and now are getting long sleeve T-shirts in to keep our young bodies warm this winter. We split the cost with the VFW and AL/VFW Koozies are restocked in time for our winter events and guests.

**Until next month Keep the Rubberside Down and the Sunnyside up and, as always:
God Bless America!!! Legion Post Commander Jim Bowers**



**Legion Commander Jim Bowers and
Legion Treasurer Jack Johnson**

STATE COMMANDER'S HOMECOMING (vfw10555@knology.net)



*On September 19th we hosted a Steak Night for the State Commander's Homecoming. We sold 120 meals for \$1200, the Canteen collected \$1300 and we had a great crowd. Committee Chairs Tom Randall and Kitty Dye want to **THANK YOU** Lein & Jimmy Phelps, Ken & Christine Waringa; Mike & Audrey Gillian; Rob Smith; Jackie; Carol MacDonald; Mary Kilzer; Margaret Randall; Billie Jones; Anna Miner; Don Buchanan; Jim Doescher & the Purple Heart Porkers of MOPH Chapter 794 for your hard work and dedicated service during the event. Jade-n-Jewel kept the Karaoke Dream alive **555 HAS ARRIVED!***

VFW APPLAUDS NEW MILITARY DISCHARGE UPGRADE DECISION

NATIONAL COMMANDER STROUD CALLS IT THE RIGHT THING TO DO

WASHINGTON, D.C. 3 SEPTEMBER 2014 — The National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is applauding a new Department of Defense decision that will enable Vietnam veterans and others to request upgrades to their less than honorable military discharges due to an extenuating factor not known at the time of their separation: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"This decision will not be a blanket approval for every upgrade request, but it does open an avenue for those veterans who may have been diagnosed with PTSD years after separation to submit new evidence and hopefully correct an injustice from the past," said VFW National Commander John W. Stroud, a retired Air Force First Sergeant from Hawthorne, Nev.

"PTSD is a normal human reaction to an abnormal traumatic event, but similar experiences can affect people differently, from virtually no impact to extremely debilitating," he said. "You can learn to cope with PTSD by avoiding stressors, but one thing that's very difficult to live with is a Bad Conduct Discharge, which back in the day the military was more apt to give instead of delving into why this super troop all of a sudden isn't.

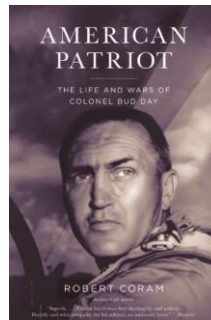
"This is a good decision, and the VFW joins with Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel in calling it the right thing to do for our veterans."



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REMEMBER THE
FALLEN



THE HEROES



THE VILLAINS



THE POSERS

MEN'S AUXILIARY STATUS FROM THEIR TREASURER, ROBERT HEIL (nitefly50@aol.com)

I am submitting to the Newsletter until our President, John Wilson, is able to get back in town. His mother, Marge, is in the hospital up north (Editor's Note: Buffalo, NY), as I understand it, and we all pray for her recovery and their return soon.

The Men's Auxiliary membership renewals for 2015 are due by the end of the year. Get them in when you can. I can process them on-line if you want to pay me and save a stamp like some of the guys do.

We are looking for a member or two who has had some experience as a line cook or who is used to cooking for large groups. It's an urgent need as our Thunder Beach Breakfast Event is around the corner (Oct 2, 3, & 4) and help is needed. It's not hard, pitch in if you can. It's for a good cause. Even if you can't cook, but can help out with the trash or dishes many hands make light work.

Thunder Beach Breakfasts is just one of our biggest events of the year. "Thank you" to all the members who help with any of the events, big or small!

The Post visit to the Clifford C. Sims State Veterans' Home in Springfield was successful and enjoyed by all. We do this about every three months and is a great way to express appreciation and comradeship. I played my guitar for them and after the event was over I heard that the plan for the next visit is to serve them lunch...

I am looking forward to our northern friends arriving. They'll start flying south for the winter this month of October and I hope that means more of our members will come out to the Post to see those friends who return every year.

Looking Forward To Seeing You All, Robert Heil, Treasurer

