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VFW Post 10555 News: Susan Johnson, Commander

Greetings fellow VFW 10555 members,

This is my first newsletter to you and am happy to do so. First, I would like to thank everyone that support me as Commander. I could not do this job without each of you! Second, we are blessed to have such great staffs at our post. VFW in-line Officers are wonderful. The Auxiliary provides the post with exceptional support. The Canteen staff does a wonderful job. They are exceptional in serving everyone that walks in the door. As we press forward your jobs contribute to us serving our current member and recruiting new members. By the way, WE need more members. Applications are in the Canteen. I encourage all members to help us in this effort.

The months of July and August have been exceptionally busy. Thanks to the effort of the Renovations Chairperson, Ken Waringa, we obtained a grant from Home Depot. Since we are now a non-smoking/non-vaping facility our canteen was in desperate need of clean-up and painting. If you have not been in lately, I suggest you drop by and see what has been done. Canteen was scrubbed from ceiling to floor! Then we painted the walls, replaced the fans and ceiling tiles. The volunteer crew (VFW, Legion, Auxiliaries) did an outstanding job. A big thanks to everyone!

September will also be busy. Our calendar is posted on the Website and there are copies at the post. Labor Day weekend (1st, 2nd, 3rd,) VFW and Legion volunteers will be at Harley Davidson for the fund-raising event. If you can come out and help it would be greatly appreciated.

We will be doing events at the VFW for four different days of important recognition. On Saturday, 2 Sept at 3 PM we will do a short ceremony for VJ Day Victory over Japan. On Monday 4 Sept for Labor Day there will be a ceremony at 2 PM, followed by a picnic (2:30-3:30) and music with the Jam Kings (3-6 PM). Sept 11 is Patriots Day with recognition at 5 PM. Then on 15 Sept we will recognize our POW and MIAs at 5 PM. Also on Friday, Sept 29 at 5 PM we will celebrate VFW Day.

We are also doing joint fund raising for Shannon's grandson Dash who needs his heart repaired. The first is a Shrimp Boil at the post on Sunday Sept 10 that will be 2-5 PM. There will also be activities for the children. Then on Saturday Sept 16 we are having a joint indoor Yard Sale. This will start at 8 AM and breakfast will be served. If you would like to donate items we have storage at Southern Storage on back beach. See Melody if you go there. On 30 Sept at 4 PM the Legion will be announcing the winner of the gun raffle.

Lastly: Thanks to Anna Miner the VFW by-laws are updated. We will be notifying our members to review and to provide inputs. If you want a draft copy for review let us know. There will also be draft copies at the post.

Please come out to our VFW General / Auxiliary meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM. Your inputs and votes are important to the functions of VFW 10555! We are asking our annual members to renew early. If you renew early it helps up to keep our numbers up. You will not lose any time on your current membership. The renewal will add 12 months. Please go on-line, mail or come into the post to renew now.

Best wishes to everyone,
Susan J. Johnson



PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER ALL THOSE SERVICE MEMBERS THAT ARE DEPLOYED.

VFW Auxiliary: Kitty Dye, President

Hello to all Auxiliary members. At the last regular meeting we approved one new member and made a monetary donation to the Marianna Auxiliary for their food bank that serves veterans at the veterans clinic. We heard a report from Sharon Justiss on the Santa Rosa Children's Advocacy House that serves abused (sexually and physically) children. 67% of the children served are military. We were given their mascot, a stuffed dog which is displayed in our cabinet. Kathy Johnson reported on the School of Instruction. Our President's Special Project is "Paws for Patriots". These are dogs that are bred as service dogs, and is a program at Southeastern Guide Dogs. We prepared lunch for the District Meeting and will be preparing lunch for a special meeting with the State Commander and the State President and several Department Officers. We are collecting school supplies to be given to a school the first of October. If you wish to contribute there is a container in the canteen. Our next meeting is September 19, 2017.

Kitty Dye, President

The Perception of the Post Manager

Hello to all members,

August was an amazing month and we are so glad to have had all of you creating fun lasting memories with us. With August gone that, of course, means September is here and it's time to partake in the auxiliary fish fry for some yummy food and great fellowship so get your tickets soon!

The Jam Kings are playing Labor Day and we hope that everyone enjoys the music, cocktails, and dancing! Be sure to check out our monthly calendar for upcoming events and news. As always we look forward to serving you at the Post!

Thank you,

Canteen Manager Dallas



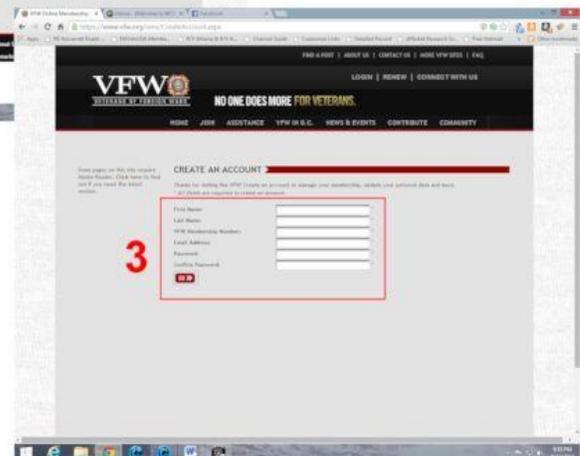
More Information of our Benefit Fund Raisers

If you are not aware, Shannon, our bartender, has a grandson that was born with a heart defect. He was born locally then transported to Gainesville where he spent a week in hospital. The defect is correctable, but here in Florida it will require 3 separate operations. There is a clinic and Doctor in California that can correct the defect with only one operation. The family has decided to go to California for the operation. They will be going in October when the baby is 9 months old. They need to drive because of the baby's condition. The dad and mom are both going out but after the operation the dad must come home to get back to work. The mom and baby will need to remain out there for 3 weeks after the operation. This is going to be an expensive trip for them so we are holding some fund raisers to help with the costs. There will be a Shrimp Boil on September 10th starting at 2:00 with a bouncy house and water slide for the kids. On September 16th, we are having a yard sale starting at 8:00. If you have anything you would like to donate you can bring it to the post on the 15th or take it by Southern Storage on Back Beach Road. Southern Storage has donated a climate controlled storage shed for us to keep things until the yard sale. We will need help on the 15th to move the stuff collected from the storage shed to the post starting around 10:00. If you have anything you would like to donate but don't have a way to get it to the post please let us know at the post and we will arrange to pick it up. If you would like to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to VFW Post 10555 and on the memo line put "Baby Dash Fund".

We have donation jars at the post to help Dallas. The Commander has been in touch with the San Antonio VFW. They survived but 4 in Houston did not. They are creating packages to send to the VFWs that got destroyed. The Commander is going to match all money collected and send it out to support these other VFWs. Please give generously.

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 





September 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Sign up for this calendar by email at vfw10555@gmail.com	WHERE TO FIND US 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 588-7334	LIKE US ON FACEBOOK		1 SAL Dinner \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Bingo 6 PM Beer at Harley	2 VFW Aux Bingo 1 PM VJ Day 3 PM Beer at Harley
3 Happy Hour All Day Beer at Harley	4 Labor Day Ceremony 2 PM Picnic 2:30 - 3:30 Jam Kings 3 - 6	5 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	6 Happy Hour All Day Legion Aux Mtg 6:00	7 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	8 VFW AUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM VFW AUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9	9 Legion Bingo 1 PM
10 Happy Hour All Day Fund Raiser Shrimp Boil	11 Patriots Day 5 PM	12 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	13 Happy Hour All Day	14 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	15 VFW Wings \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Bingo 6-8 PM POW/MIA Day 5 PM	16 Fund Raiser Yard Sale and Breakfast 8 AM VFW Bingo 1 PM
17 Happy Hour All Day	18 Legion Officer Mtg. 5:30 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM SAL Mtg. 6 PM Riders Mtg. 7 PM	19 Men's Pool 1-5 PM VFW Gen. Membership & AUX Mtg. 6 PM	20 Happy Hour All Day	21 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	22 Riders Bike Night Newsletter Inputs Due	23 SAL Bingo 1 PM
24 Happy Hour All Day	25	26 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	27 Happy Hour All Day	28 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	29 Legion Dinner 5:30 to 6:30 Bingo 6 to 8 VFW Day 5 PM	30 Legion Aux Bingo & Lunch 1 PM Gun Raffle 4 PM

