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**VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander**

Greetings, this year seems to be flying. We are currently getting ramped up for Thunder Beach. We are selling adult beverages at Harley Davidson for 9 days, April 23<sup>rd</sup> thru May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are also doing breakfast at the post Thursday, Friday and Saturday the same week. We need help. If you can help us selling beer or with breakfast please let me know. I'm coordinating the volunteers for all the organizations that call our post home.

Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> the post will be closed for spring cleaning. We do this twice a year, spring and fall, to get the deep cleaning that isn't done during daily clean-up. The post will provide pizza for lunch to those that are helping with the cleaning. We will have a list of things we want done. These tasks will range from heavy to light, so we can use any help we can get.

Billie has retired as Post Manager. I want to thank her for the tremendous job she has done these past years. This is a very involved job that happens behind the scenes so most people don't understand what it involved. Basically the post manager runs the \$200,000 a year business. Running the post is a business. We like to think of it as a club, but the Canteen and kitchen are what pays the bills. In the summer months the electric bill runs over \$1500 a month, then add phone, cable, gas, wages, etc. and our expenses are high. Also the summer months are the slowest at the canteen so our revenue is down. We need help to keep our post open. How can you help? Participate in the functions at the post. Buy a brick for the Wall, we still have them half price this month, so get them while they are reduced. Jack and I are assuming the post manager job for a while on a voluntary basis to help reduce costs during the summer months. We are both new to this so have some patience with us please.

***Please Come Out and Support YOUR Post!***  
***Remember Our Veterans and Those Deployed!***  
**KEN WARINGA**

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

March ushered in spring and summer is rapidly approaching. We will be electing District soon and Post Auxiliary officers in April. You need to vote to have a say in the running of the Auxiliary. We are getting ready for Bike Week and breakfast on April 28th, 29th and 30th. Prep work will be on the 27th. We will be needing help so please sign up if you can. The Post Commander will be sending out a signup sheet. This has been one of our biggest money makers. Proceeds are split by the number of volunteers from each group. We are again sponsoring bingo at Treasure Island Bingo. Our shifts are Saturday from 4pm to 8pm and 8pm to 10 pm. There is a \$10.00 stipend for gas. You do not have to do anything but be there and you can play if you choose. If you can work one or both shifts please let me know.

Sharon Justiss, Auxiliary President from Marianna, was a guest at our last meeting. She discussed the non perishable food bank they have for the veterans being seen at the VA Clinic in Marianna. She discussed the need for food for Easter. I am not sure exactly how much she received at the Post but the Auxiliary gave \$250.00, the Post gave \$250.00 and there were several personal donations. Sharon was very appreciative and said that not only could she not purchase all the items she needed for the food bags but she could do some restocking for future use.

Jane Brewer worked very hard on the Patriotic Art Contest. The local high School turned in 3 pieces of artwork. Unfortunately, none of the artwork qualified for the contest. The Auxiliary felt that for the most part it was not the students fault and we are giving \$25.00 for the 1st place, \$15.00 for 2nd place and \$10.00 for third. I would like to thank the 4 judges who gave their time to judge the contest.

For those who may not know, The Voice of Democracy winner sponsored by the Post and auxiliary won the National VOD contest and a \$30,000.00 scholarship. If you have not heard Grayson Campbell's entry, you can go to the National VFW website and get it. This is one of the nicest young men you will ever meet and his speech is awe inspiring.

Want to help the Auxiliary or need a ride to meetings call me at 850-234-8918.

**Kittv Dve. President VFWA 10555**



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

### **American Legion Update: Post 402 Commander Jim Bowers ([scootin1923@yahoo.com](mailto:scootin1923@yahoo.com))**

Hello Fellow Legionnaires, can you believe another month has gone by. Our March was not very busy event wise, but both the Sons and Riders had successful nights with their events. If you missed those two events, you missed some good eats and some good music provided by Terry Brock.

April is going to be busier for us all. We have our monthly meetings on Monday and Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget we will be having nominations of officers for the next year at these meetings. The Legion has Bingo on the 9<sup>th</sup> and a dinner, with Bingo, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Sons Squadron has Bingo on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>, and dinner, with Bingo, on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Riders will have their Bike Night on the 29<sup>th</sup>, this is during the Spring Rally and should be a huge event. This month we will be helping with the beer sales at Harley Davidson. This is a good event for all the entities and we will need plenty of help. Sales start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and go through May 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet out soon to schedule your time. There is also a Legion Riders Unity Run on the 24<sup>th</sup>. More information on this event will be coming out later. Jim Bowers and Greg Trammell will be participating in the Florida State Legacy Run from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. Keep them in your prayers. BRAVO ZULU to you both.

There is a Post Clean Up on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The Post will be closed for the day and I'd like to see a good participation from the Legion entities to keep our home shipshape.

We are having a sale on the bricks for the Legion Board. Now would be a good time to get one in memory of, or in honor of, a friend or family member. Forms are located in the canteen.

Remember to keep our military and veterans in your hearts! Thank you and God Bless America! Jim Bowers, American Legion Post 402 Commander

### **The Perception of the Post Manager**

Can you believe its April already? Spring is upon us and most of our Northern Friends are returning home. We want to thank all our Friends for the good times over this past winter. Please be safe while travelling to your "other" home. We look forward to seeing you later this year.

New hours will start on April 1; opening time will change to 1PM each day except Saturday. Saturday will remain at 12 noon as Bingo will start at 1PM. Closing times will be 6PM on Sunday, 8PM on Monday through Wednesday and Saturday, and 9PM on Thursday and Friday. The Post will be closed on April 17 for a Post Clean Up. Clean up will start at 9AM and continue until our cleaning items are complete. Please come out and help. Lunch will be provided by the Post for those helping out.

Our bartenders are here to serve you your favorite beverages. Please respect them as they are in charge of the canteen while on duty and remember to tip them for their hard work. Gail, Cindy, Jacii, Reba, Shannon and Dallas look forward to seeing you in the canteen.

We want to give Billie Jones a BIG THANK YOU for her service as Canteen Manager for the past few years. Billie has decided to "retire" from the position to spend time on other endeavors. Ken and Jack will be sharing the manager duties for a while. We will try to be the good stewards of the Post as Billie has been during her "tour of duty."



**VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Two Cents Rob Smith ([robfsmith127@gmail.com](mailto:robfsmith127@gmail.com))**

Hello All,

I hope you had a nice Easter and stayed dry! This past winter season has just flown by and it was great to see our Northern guests return and enjoy themselves. I wish them all safe travels back to their homes up north and hope to see them return again this fall. Now that spring is here, or so the calendar tells us, I wanted to remind everyone that the Post is having a half price brick sale! How about commemorating your service or the service of a loved one? Or just to thank a good friend? Gold bricks are \$100, silver are \$50, and bronze are just \$25. The forms are available in the same spot where the calendars can be picked up and the form can be used to order bricks for either the VFW wall or the Legion wall. In closing, I wanted to thank Billie Jones for all of her help as the Post Manager! It was really great working with you and I wish you all the best!!

**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 



The image displays three sequential screenshots of the VFW website's user interface. The first screenshot shows the homepage with a red box around the 'LOGIN' button in the top right corner, labeled with a red '1'. The second screenshot shows the login page with a red box around the 'Create an Account' link, labeled with a red '2'. The third screenshot shows the 'CREATE AN ACCOUNT' form with a red box around the form fields and the 'GO' button, labeled with a red '3'.



April 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SUMMER HOURS:</b> Sun. 1-6 PM Mon. 1-8 PM Tues. 1-8 PM Wed. 1-8 PM Thur. 1-9 PM Fri. 1-9 PM Sat. 12-8 PM	Sign up for this calendar by email at <a href="mailto:vfw10555@knology.net">vfw10555@knology.net</a>	<b>WHERE TO FIND US</b> 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025	<b>LIKE US ON FACEBOOK</b>		<b>1</b> VFW Burgers & Fries 5:30 to 6:30 Bingo 6 to 8	<b>2</b> SAL Bingo 1 PM
<b>3</b> Celebration of Life for Jan Pollard 2 PM Happy Hour 1 to 6	<b>4</b> Legion Officer Mtg. 5:30 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM SAL Mtg. 6 PM Riders Mtg. 7 PM	<b>5</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM	<b>6</b> Horseshoes 1 PM Happy Hour 2 - 6 Legion Aux Mtg. 6 PM	<b>7</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>8</b> AUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM AUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9	<b>9</b> Legion Bingo 1 PM
<b>10</b> Happy Hour 1 to 6 Bingo 1:30	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	<b>13</b> Horseshoes 1 PM Happy Hour 2 - 6	<b>14</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>15</b> SAL dinner \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Bingo 6-8 PM	<b>16</b> VFW Bingo 1 PM Bike Run
<b>17</b> Post Closed for Clean Up	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & AUX Mtg. 6 PM	<b>20</b> Horseshoes 1 PM Happy Hour 2 - 6	<b>21</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>22</b> Legion 5:30 to 6:30 Bingo 6 to 8	<b>23</b> AUX Bingo 1 PM Beer at H.D.
<b>24</b> Happy Hour 1 to 6 Unity Run	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM	<b>27</b> Horseshoes 1 PM Happy Hour 2 - 6	<b>28</b> Breakfast 7 to 11 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>29</b> Breakfast 7 to 11 Riders Bike Night	<b>30</b> Breakfast 7 to 11 SAL Bingo 1 PM

Thunder Beach, Beer at Harley Davidson



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