



TRIPLE NICKEL TRIBUNE

NEWS ABOUT VFW POST
AND AUXILIARY 10555 AND
OUR COMMUNITY

2020-2021

17680 Ashley Drive, PCB, FL 32413-5115

Mary Lemburg, Post Commander

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What is the VFW?



Most people think it's a smokey bar room filled with older vets who want no intrusion or have any place for the younger generation.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Canteen is open to Veterans of all ages! But beyond this, the true VFW offers so much more. Just a quick overview of the various Programs and features offered.

- Voice of Democracy Scholarship Contest for any student grades 9-12
- Patriots Pen Scholarship Contest for any student grades 6-8.
- VFW Scout of the Year Program for girls and boys.
- Public Servant National Awards (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services) for our first responders.
- Health Care awards and Scholarships.
- Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.
- Life Saving Awards.
- Veteran assistance through UnMet Needs Program.
- Citizen and Youth Education
- Community Support
- Recognition of the various Veteran Holidays
- Post and Department Service Officers to assist Veterans of all ages and their families with VA Claims.
- Buddy Poppy Relief Fund.
- Military Transition and Job Placement Assistance.
- Troop Support
- Support for Student Veterans of America
- Programs targeting PTSD, Suicide Prevent and ending Veteran Homelessness.
- Strong Legislative Support for bills concerning Veterans and their families
- Camaraderie with others who have been there, done that ... got the medal!

In short, the VFW is all about: Our Veterans, Our Military, Their Families and Our Communities!

Join today to assist in these worthy programs!

For more information about all the other ways the VFW can help you,
please contact your local VFW post or call 1-833-VFW-VETS.

Thank you for your service!

GOD BLESS AMERICA!





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NEW Hours of Operation
THURS/1300-1500 Hours
FRI/1700-1900 Hours
SAT/1200-1500 Hours

AUGUST POST ACTIVITIES

THURSDAYS: Cancelled!

FRIDAYS: Men's Billiards!

FIRDAY NIGHTS B-I-N-G-O!

SATURDAYS: B-I-N-G-O!

SUNDAYS: PRAY FOR OUR
NATION AND ITS HEROES!

Joint VFW-VFWA Meeting then
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday August 18th 1800 hrs



Post Officers

Commander – Mary Lemburg

Senior Vice- Mike Taft

Junior Vice – Rob Smith

QM/Adjutant – Anna Miner

Chaplain – Robert Lemburg

Service Officer –Thomas Randall

3rd Year Trustee – Ed Zalonski

2nd Year Trustee - Don Mayer

1st Year Trustee – Don Adsit

Surgeon – Tim Ryan abs

Staff Judge Adv - Alex Semmler

House Chair – Ken Waringa

Auxiliary Officers

President: Kitty Dye

Senior Vice:

Junior Vice:

Treasurer: Mary Kilzer

VFWA Guard:



2020 has been a very interesting year so far. It promises to continue to be a year with unique situations for us all. Not being able to open our post for other than events and meetings is not a normal situation. A canteen with no alcohol sales is not a normal situation. But we are much more than consumers of the canteen, we are the VFW!! We are veterans that take care of veterans. We continue to help where we can and as needed. The phone still rings at our post. The calls are from veterans needing questions answered on retirement issues, health issues, wanting to help us and a variety of other issues. The need has not gotten COVID. We continue to have events to get our members together in a safe way. Seeing a smiling face, even from a distance is uplifting. We are looking at fund raising events and welcome any suggestions. There is currently a gun raffle going on. \$10 per ticket with only 200 tickets to be sold. Our VFW Auxiliary is planning a fund raiser breakfast for the local businesses in the industrial park. Volunteers will be needed for that event, details to follow. VFW programs: Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the year are being worked. All the schools that historically support these programs have their packets of information and are excited to begin another school year getting students involved. Local law enforcement, fire fighters and EMTs will be getting information very soon from us asking them to honor one of their outstanding Patriots. I don't want to ramble here, but those that know me, also know that I can ramble. I want each and every one of you to take care of yourself and your family. Be safe and let's get through this COVID issue to be back at the post 7 days a week.

Mary Lemburg Post Commander marylemburg@hotmail.com

[PS CLICK HERE FOR THE LATEST STATE BULLETIN](#)

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

Well, Covid19 has certainly made things different. The July meeting was held at the post. There were 8 members present, one calling in by phone. We voted to forgive any money owed to the VFWA for fish fries and start over with a clean slate. We also voted to give NTE \$1500 to a veteran reported to us by A Superior air conditioning, that had their home destroyed by Hurricane and are living in 2 sheds at their fishing camp. A Superior was donating them an A/C. We will also be assisting the Post doing a fund raiser breakfast in August. VFWA qualified for the Circle of Excellence so we will get the award at the School of Instruction in August. District Meeting is August 22 and we will carpool. Anyone wishing to attend can text me at (850) 234-8918.

I remain Sincerely Yours, Kitty Dye

[PS Click Here to Download the Department's Monthly Promotions](#)

AMERICAN LEGION POST 402, BOB HOFFMAN, Commander

Legionnaires and Friends;

First off, let me say thanks to the VFW for allowing the American Legion Post 402 an opportunity to place comments in your Newsletter. Due to the Pandemic, we too are having to cancel or postpone events and fundraisers. Hopefully in the near future, the tide will turn and we can get back to some kind of normality. We will be having a raffle for a S&W Shield EZ, 9 MM Pistol. Tickets will be \$10 each, or 11 Tickets for \$100. Only 200 tickets will be sold and then we will draw the winner. Thunder Beach is still scheduled for October, which is the major fundraiser for supporting our American Legion events like Boy State, Oratorical Contest, JROTC Awards, etc. One of our big charities, the Anchorage Children's Home has been put on hold and not been rescheduled until this Pandemic subsides some.

It is an honor to serve as the Commander of this great American Legion organization. Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

For God and Country, Bob Hoffman, Commander



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AROUND THE POST

VFW 10555

Change of Command: On Jun 28, 2020; Anna Miner Adjutant-Quartermaster (annaminer@hotmail.com)

Greetings – On Jun 28, 2020, in accordance with the current VFW Manual of Procedure and Ritual, a Change of Command was held to transfer command from outgoing Commander Susan Johnson to Incoming Commander Mary Lemburg. The program included the National Anthem sung by Neysa Wilkins (wife of VFW Comrade Alex Semmler) and the presentation to Susan of a quilt as a farewell gift with the Post's gratitude for three years of leadership in a difficult time that included Hurricane Michael and the COVID-19 Pandemic. All-American VFW District 17 Commander, Tony Salvo officiated the Change of Command Ceremony with Robert Lemburg, Chaplain, narrating the events.



RAFFLE TO BENEFIT THE POST: MOSSBERG 30-06 Rifle (post10555@vfwfl.org)

Please add these to the newsletter. Info on the gun raffle: 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$10 each. The gun is a Mossberg Patriot 30-06 rifle with a Weaver 9X40mm Scope. Carrying case included. Approximate value is \$400.



Post Service Officer Thomas Randall, (trandall@vfwfl.org or home tr1957nyc@gmail.com)

Sincere Aloha from the COVID-19 hotspot in South Florida. At our last General Membership Meeting I started my appointed duty as your PSO. I always hoped that I could serve the post and get back to the real reason for our organization, helping my brother and sister Veterans and their families with their VA claims needs. I may be in SOFLO but with my new skills in Zoom and other video chat you can still see me in person, so to speak, to allow the Service Officer Squad (SOS) to provide you with advice and counsel for your VA claim or pursue the issues you have. SOS has John Kittler as THE man on the local street and me forward deployed to the Hot Zone ready to help. Between the SOS and the Bay County Vet Center we have excellent resources to help Veterans in need. My 'smart' phone is always on (954) 790-5739.

Thank you for what you do to help fellow Veterans. Tom



Hal Roesch II Elected VFW's New National Commander 'Our VFW remains the resilient force it has always been'

July 24, 2020 KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Hal Roesch II, of Hampton, Virginia, was installed as the Veterans of Foreign Wars' 112th national commander today during a change of command ceremony at the VFW National Headquarters. "I stand before you, humbled, elated and ready to selflessly serve the 1.5 million members and its Auxiliary as we continue the tradition of serving America's veterans, service members and families worldwide," said Roesch.

Roesch is a 20-year U.S. Air Force retiree serving from 1982 to 2002. He earned his VFW eligibility during his combat service in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and overseas service as part of Southern Watch. Roesch is a recipient of three Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Force Commendation Medals, two Air Force Achievement Medals, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars, and numerous other awards and decorations.

Roesch joined the VFW in 1991 at VFW Post 3034 in Sumter, South Carolina, and became a Post commander at VFW Post 4542 in Spring Lake, North Carolina. He now maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership at VFW Post 3219 in Phoebus, Virginia. Roesch is a Triple Crown All-American Commander. On the national level, he has served on the Council of Administration from 2010-2012 and as the Inspector General from 2016-2017.



A POST CALENDAR FOR YOU!

August 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	LIKE US ON FACEBOOK 	Download this calendar at vfwpost10555.com	WHERE TO FIND US 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 588-7334		Remember Every Deployed (RED) Shirt Fridays. Wear a red shirt to show support of our troops.	1 Post open 12 - 5 VFW Aux Lunch & Bingo 1 PM
2	3 Legion Mtg. 6 PM	4 Coast Guard Birthday	5 Legion Aux Mtg. 6 PM Riders Mtg 7 PM	6 Comradery Thursday Post open 1 - 5	7 Purple Heart Day Post open 4 - 9 VFW Burgers & Fries 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	8 Post open 12 - 5 VFW Bingo & Lunch 1 PM
9	10 SAL Mtg 6 PM	11 VFW Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	12	13	14 VFW AUX Post open 5 - 9 Fish or Chicken Sandwiches 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	15 Post open 12 - 4 VFW Bingo & Lunch 1 PM
16	17	18 Gen. Membership & AUX Mtg. 6 PM	19	20	21 Post open 5 - 9 VFW Lasagna 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	22 Post open 12 - 4 Legion Bingo & Hot Dogs 1 PM VFW Dist Mtg Port St Joe
23	24	25	26	27	28 Breakfast 7 - 9 Post open 5 - 9 VFW Wings 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	29 Post open 12 - 4 VFW Aux Bingo & Lunch 1 PM
30	31 End of Iraqi Freedom					

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**On August 2, 1990
Iraq invaded Kuwait**



*30th Anniversary of our Victory
in the 1st Gulf War*

*Parade in 2021 Washington, DC.
POC: Thomas Randall on the
NDSWM Parade Committee*

