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VFW Post 10555 News: Susan Johnson, Commander

Greetings. I hope everyone is doing well. November was very busy. Thanks to everyone for making our Post so great!

Now we move on to the last month of this year. The December calendar is posted on our website. I do recognize we have members that do not have a computer. At one time we did mass mailings of our newsletter however that got too expensive and many of our members are on-line. If you know of any member that do not have a computer but would like the calendar / newsletter to be mailed, please let me know. I will need their full name and mailing address. Please write the information down and leave at the Canteen or email me at vfw10555@gmail.com

Speaking of December at the Post we have many fun activities planned. On Sunday December 3rd we will host our three Army Reserve Units under the Adopt-a-Unit program. One unit will be at our Post at 11:30am for their Christmas party. Ken Waringa will be the primary point of contact. If you can help him, please be there by 11 am. The other two units will have their Family Day on Sunday. Anna and I are the point of contacts for this happening. This event will start at 11:30 am on the same day. VFW Post 2185 at 2136 Sherman Ave are allowing us to use their facility. If you would like to assist, please be there by 11 am.

We are so glad our volunteers have come home for the winter. On the first Monday of the month (Dec 4th), Darts will begin at 1:30 pm and will continue Mondays except for Christmas Day (Pot Luck is at 4 PM). The Volunteer Meeting will also be on the first Mondays at 3pm. December 20th is the start of "Big Al" on Wednesdays from 2-5 pm.

Other things going on: The Post's Christmas Party / "Toys for Cops" is Saturday 9 Dec from 6 -9 pm. Entry is a new unwrapped toy or \$5 at the door. Kitty is planning a fantastic Hors D'oeuvres menu. We will also have entertainment. There will be a Karaoke Challenge, Santa, Raffles, 50/50 and entertainment by Jerome's group "Good Company." Also on Saturday Dec 16, the Legion Riders will have a Chili Cook Off.

Let's have a New Year's Party? YES, we will. Tickets are on sale at the Canteen. Here are the details: *New Year's Eve for Post Members and Guests, 7-9pm Social Hour with light snacks,*

9pm Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, 9-10pm Drawings and Raffles, 9pm-1am Tony Vegas and Group

12:15 am Breakfast: Biscuits/Gravy, Advance Tickets: \$20 singles; \$35 Couples

Advance Tickets ends 30 Dec, Tickets at the Door: \$25 singles; \$40 couples

Rides: Beach Boys Shuttle 236-6234 or use Uber App. You do not have to stay all night. We understand that some folks want to go home early that is why we set up the agenda the way we did. **Come on out even just for a little while.**

Guess I will close for now. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Post, Susan J.



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

VFW Auxiliary: Kitty Dye, President

Well there were not many members at the last meeting. I know that things get very busy at this time of year, but your support is really needed. We initiated one member and approved membership for another. We authorized donations for the Veteran's Home, The Mission, Santa Rosa Kids House and the Auxiliary food bank in Marianna. The annual "Toys of Cops" Christmas Party is the 9th and we are hoping to see a lot of you there. There will be food and good entertainment. As always, the admission is one unwrapped gift or \$5.00 per person. The Auxiliary is also catering the Christmas Party for the Beach Women's Civic Club on the 15th and preparing food for New Year's Eve at the Post. Help is always needed.

It is with a sad heart that we must say good bye to a loyal member and friend, Carol MacDonald, who passed away Thanksgiving morning. She will be missed

Kitty Dye, President

VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Two Cents, Jack Johnson

Merry Christmas, All!!

By the time you read this, we will be in the midst of the holiday season. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving with family or friends. I know Ken Waringa put out a nice spread here at the Post. I want to extend a hearty welcome to our Northern Guests; I hope to see you at the Post often during the coming months. A lot of activities are planned for December. Check out the calendar and join in as often as you can. We still have the remainder of December to reach our goal of 101% membership. This gives us the maximum number of membership points for All-State this year. I hope you have noticed the new pull-tab machine in the canteen. Hopefully, you will see far fewer problems that with the old one.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!!

See You at the Post! Jack



Membership Information

We have a number of annual members that have not renewed their membership this year. I've started emailing these members to remind them it's time to renew. You can pay your annual dues of \$36.00 by dropping them off at the post or you can renew on your VFW account as described below.

If you have a reason you are not going to renew please get in touch with our Commander, Susan Johnson to let her know why. We are into the Holiday season where finances are tight for some people. If you, or you know a member, that needs help with their membership dues please contact us. We have funds available to help those in need. Also, if you know someone in a nursing home or assisted living facility that has an annual membership please let us know. Christmas is coming so a life membership would make a great Christmas Present. The cost is based on your age. Let me know if you have questions about memberships.

Your membership chair,
Ken

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 





December 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Winter Hours Sun 1 - 6 Mon 12 - 9 Tue 12 - 9 Wed 12 - 9 Thur 12 - 9 Fri 12 - 9 Sat 12 - 9	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 Legion Dinner \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Bingo 6 PM	2 Bingo 1 PM
3 Happy Hour All Day Hall Rental	4 Darts 1 PM VOL Mtg 3 PM Legion Officer Mtg. 5:30 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM SAL Mtg. 6 PM Riders Mtg. 7 PM	5 Men's Pool 1-5 PM New Year's Eve Committee Mtg	6 Happy Hour All Day Legion Aux Mtg 6:00	7 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM Pearl Harbor Day 4 PM	8 VFW Wings 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	9 SAL Bingo 1 PM Christmas Party Toys for Cops New Toy or \$5 entry fee. 6 to 9 Entertainment by Good Company
10 Happy Hour All Day Toys for Tots Poker Run	11 Darts 1 PM	12 Men's Pool 1-5 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 Hall Rental No Bingo	16 Legion Aux Bingo 1 PM Sims Visit 2 PM Riders Chili Cook Off
17 Happy Hour All Day Pool Torunament 2 PM \$2.00 to play	18 Darts 1 PM	19 Men's Pool 1-5 PM VFW Gen. Membership & AUX Mtg. 6 PM	20 Happy Hour All Day Big AI 2:00	21 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	22 Legion AUX Dinner 5:30 to 6:30 Bingo 6 to 8 Newsletter Inputs Due	23 VFW Aux Bingo 1 PM
24 Happy Hour All Day	25 Merry Christmas Post Open 12 - 6 Pot Luck Dinner 4:00 Sign Up at the Post	26 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	27 Happy Hour All Day Big AI 2:00	28 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	29 SAL Dinner 5:30 to 6:30 Bingo 6 to 8	30 VFW Bingo 1 PM
31 New Year's Eve Party						

