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COMMANDER'S CALL



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Hours of Operation
12 Noon to 9 PM

Post Activities

Bingo Every Saturday
Darts Monday afternoons
Men's Pool every Tuesday
Big Al Wednesday
Ms. Cues every Thursday
Cards Thursday evenings
Jam Session Sundays
Happy Hour all day every Wednesday
7 Dec – Wings and Bingo
8 Dec – Toys for Tots
9 Dec – Chili & Jam Session
11 Dec – House Committee
14 Dec – Fish Fry & Karaoke
14 – 16 Dec – Lake City Visit
16 Dec – Barbeque Sandwiches
18 Dec – General Membership Meeting
19 Dec – Lunch before Big Al
21 Dec – Burgers & Bingo
23 Dec – Hors d'oeuvres & Jam Session
25 Dec – Christmas Post Closed
31 Dec – New Year's Eve Party

We had a big loss this past month. Our former Commander and Quartermaster, Ray Seale has passed away. He will be greatly missed around here. He had done so much for this Post. I would like to thank those who helped Jo and their family during this period.

I am still very disappointed in the participation of our membership with events. We have 300 members and only the same few show up to help. This may be a dead horse, but I will continue to beat it. **So I need your support!!! Review our calendar and reply to what date you can support.** This is a major issue that we need to get our arms around. We have hot dogs at least once a month and 2 Friday events, and at least 1 more event in a month. When you get the calendar review it and reply to bdon520@knology.net on the events you can help with. During any event whatever you can do will help. Setup, clean up, 50/50 whatever you can do. We need you NOW!!!

Comrades the push is on again for membership. It is the end of the year, so all of our continuous members should have renewed. If you have not please get it done. We are at 84% and need to be much further along. If you know someone that is eligible, invite them in, show them around and see if you can get them to join. There is a big push by State to maintain those which we already have on the roles. As always active duty personnel get one year free.

I am still looking for e-mail addresses to send out newsletters and calendars. If you have an e-mail address please forward it to the Post at post10555@knology.net. The email is only used for Post purposes I am trying to build an active data base of our members. Your information will not go beyond Post and we do not send junk mail.

See you at the meeting. Hopefully I will see you before then!

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Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving, Christmas is just around the corner. Our calendar is full so take a look and come out and enjoy the tremendous events we have going on this month. As Don always says, we need help. It's the same few that do all the events. If you can help out please come give us a hand.

We are still not making the profits at the Post we need to be making. We are making cuts wherever we can to try and reduce our financial short falls. We are looking for ideas or recommendations to reduce expenses and increase revenue. If you have any ideas please send them to Don or I, or see us at the Post. Some of the things we've done so far are:

- Turning the thermostats up when a room is unoccupied. This has made a tremendous difference in our electric bill.
- We are doing food twice a month with the Friday night bingo.
- We are moving away from using the accountant to doing our finances in house.
- We moved the liquor from the shed to the office, eliminating one security monitoring station.

If you have any additional ideas please let us know. We are trying to keep our drink prices as is, the best value on the beach, so we're looking at everything else first.

See you around the Post.

Ladies Auxiliary News - Kitty Dye, President

Well I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I know we all have a lot to be thankful for. The day was glorious. We had a very good meeting though a little long. We voted to give \$200.00 to for comfort items and \$200.00 for comfort items for the Lake City visit. We also are giving the Post \$200.00 for New Year's Eve and \$300.00 for the Voice of Democracy, Patriotic Pen and Teacher of the Year. Tracy LaChance, District President, was there to do our inspection and we did very well. Dates to remember:

December 8th, Toys for Tots 1-4 p.m. with food and music. See our Dick and Jane display at the bar if you are unable to attend.

Cost is an unwrapped gift or \$5.00. December 9th we are having chili at the jam session with the Post and December 14 is the fish fry with music. Bragging rights: Mary Stribbling helped save her neighbors life along with the Chaplin of the fleet.

Until next time, please keep our sister, Jo Seale in your prayers.

If you haven't sent in your membership now is the time to do it. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kitty Dye, President

House Committee Chairman – Rob Lopez

Greetings from the House Committee! November was a great month for 10555 and December is set up to be just as good! Please remember and donate for our semi-annual trip to Lake City, the Veterans at both the Domiciliary and Veterans home really appreciate our efforts! Remember if you know of a member of any branch of our post who has an e-mail address to provide it to the post as upcoming events as well as this newsletter and monthly calendar are now e-mailed out! Tickets will be available soon for our New Year's Eve party, there are 3 different packages with one including a hotel room at La Quinta tax free, see your bartender for tickets! Come out and support Toys for Tots on December 8th and bring an unwrapped gift so we can continue to support this worthy event. Our Sunday Jam sessions continue to be a success so spread the word and bring some guests to enjoy the friendship and music!

Senior Vice Commander – Tracey Lopez

Greetings from your Senior Vice!!! November was such an amazing month – the Triple Nickel was well represented at the Veteran's Day parade this year! I was so honored to be asked to be the Grand Marshall this year and hope that I represented our post well. December is going to be an extremely busy month and I look forward to seeing everyone – our MAUX, LAUX and Volunteers around the post. One major event we have is our bi-annual trip to Lake City the weekend of 14-16 December, so if you have any stuffed animals, lap blankets or toiletries you'd like to donate, please get with me or Wally Stacy – you would not believe how much the men and women at the domiciliary and hospital truly appreciate those items. We've also got wings and a build-a-burger, so please come out and support these events, as well as several MAUX, LAUX and Volunteer events. And, as always, we have Bingo and our Jam Sessions. We've also got a big New Year's Eve party with Endeavor playing and the La Quinta offering rooms for only \$79, so please come join us!!!

A Message from Post Manager – Billie Jones

Ho Ho Ho to all, Christmas is almost upon us. Can't believe I have been your Post Manager for 6 months, how time flies when you are having fun.

November was a busy month for the post and December will be just as busy, if not more so. We really welcome back all of you "Northern Friends", and hope all is well with each and every one of you.

Please check the December calendar for all the exciting events that will be happening this month here at Post 10555. Just to name a few the Sunday night Jam Session, Darts, Al Gouge on Wednesday afternoons, Bingo, Fish Fry, "Build-A-Burger, and many more. Come on out and have fun, fellowship, and support your VFW.

While you're out Christmas shopping, stop by for a cold beverage and visit with our bartenders.

Remember that our bartenders are volunteers and please treat them with courtesy and respect.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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