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### COMMANDER'S CALL



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Hours of Operation  
12 Noon to 9 PM

#### CANTEEN ACTIVITIES

**MONDAYS:** Darts!

**TUESDAYS:** Billiards!

**WEDNESDAYS:** Big Al! Hot Dogs!  
Meat Raffle! ! Happy Hour, Happy Day?!

**THURSDAYS:** Cards! Darts! Ms. Cues!

**FRIDAYS:** Food! Music or Bingo!

**SATURDAYS:** Bingo!

**SUNDAYS:** Food! Jam Sessions!

**3 FEB – SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**  
Super Pot Luck Kick Off 5:30

**4 FEB - Northern Guest Meeting**

**11 FEB – Entertainment  
Committee/Post Cadre Meeting**

**12 FEB – House Committee**

**14 JAN – ST Valentine's Day**  
Italian Night \$12 w/Music but no  
Cards/Darts

**18 FEB – VFWMA Meeting on  
President's Day**

**19 FEB – VFW/VFWLA Meeting**

Greetings, Comrades and Sisters! I was remiss in my last newsletter in not acknowledging the passing of another of our Past Post Commanders, Comrade Bill MacDonald. He served in many different roles as an Officer of this Post for many years; his continued support will be greatly missed.

We still have a busy schedule slated at the Post. Your continued support of our functions is highly encouraged. Please come provide your services, in whatever capacity it may be. It all counts toward a successful event.

As you know we had a great visit to the Lake City VA Medical Center Domiciliary in December. We are now starting to collect for our next visit. If you have any travel toiletries, lap blankets, donations or hard back books we would gladly accept them. The Ladies Auxiliary has the Tom and Jane display up to help in our efforts. With your help and generous donations it will be another very rewarding trip in July.

Once again I would like to recognize those members who have supported the monthly VFW/LAUX meal that we serve during a Sunday Jam Session. I believe it has helped make this a better organization and I personally have enjoyed working with the LAUX to make this a great evening.

Our Chaplain, Larry, and Tom are still coordinating a visit with Sims nursing home. It is a local home that houses some of our members as well as other Veterans. When the date and what we are going to do for them is set, I will get the word out to you.

Comrades, the push is still on for membership. As of this month we are at 96%. We still have a few to go to hit 100%. 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 The VFW National Commander-in-Chief, Florida's own [John Hamilton](#), to retain and maintain those which we already have on the rolls. As always active duty personnel get one year free.

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

**DON BUCHANAN**, Post Commander [bdon520@knology.net](mailto:bdon520@knology.net)  
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## Ladies Auxiliary Status: Kitty Dye, President ([kdye8918@yahoo.com](mailto:kdye8918@yahoo.com))

This year seems to be flying by. We initiated two new members this month. The Jam Session food with the post went well. We are planning some more events for February. We will be putting Dick and Jane in the bar with a box for donations for Lake City. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary representatives will be going in July. Comfort items, books and games, pens, paper, etc. can be donated. There will be a fish fry the second Friday and we are planning a bake sale and silent auction at the end of the month.

The days will be getting longer soon so hopefully some who do not drive at night might get to come to the Post more. Until next time stay warm and be safe.

## Mens Auxiliary Status: Walter Rainey, President ([wprnpcb@gmail.com](mailto:wprnpcb@gmail.com))

Walter was in the hospital at the time of the editing of this newsletter. He tells the Newsletter Staff that the Mens Auxiliary continues to thrive. They appreciate your support of their unit and they look forward to the coming year and all of its activities.

## The Right Arm with the Right Stuff: Post SVC: Tracey Lopez ([traceyt35@msn.com](mailto:traceyt35@msn.com))

Hope 2013 is starting off as another great year for everyone! January was a great month at the post – thanks to everyone that came out and made all of the events successful! February is another busy month – please make sure you check your calendar for all of the exciting events – you're not going to want to miss them! As always, we need your support for these events, as well as please support the MAUX, LAUX and Northern Friends events. Valentine's Day promises to be a great meal!!! I look forward to seeing everyone around the post!!!

## Quartermaster Corner: Ken Waringa ([kcwaringa@yahoo.com](mailto:kcwaringa@yahoo.com))

Another month gone, time sure seems to fly when you're having fun. I sure wish we would get more participation at our monthly meetings. We have almost 300 members and we're lucky to have 15 at a meeting. If you don't attend the meeting I don't want to hear you complain about the way the post is run. This is your post, folks, please come out and support our programs and events. As the Commander is always saying, it's the same few that do everything. And it's the same few that complain and are negative, but we seldom see them at a meeting. In case everyone didn't get the word we did away with the requirement to produce event reports. They give a false report for most of the events we have. As I'm writing this, tonight is Build-a-Burger and bingo. Our expenses for this event will be very small because for the last one I bought enough burgers to do 3 events. If I had to do an expense report the last build a burger would have lost a ton of money, and then this one and the next would make a bunch, just not realistic. Come on out and participate, we have a lot of great events going on. There should be something to suit everyone.

## And Post Service Officer Wallace Stacy ([Wally88@knology.net](mailto:Wally88@knology.net)) Says:

Greetings to all. Just wanted to remind you of our next visit to Lake City the second weekend of July 2013. Did I say "LAKE CITY"??? LAKE CITY, LAKE CITY!!!!!! You will hear this over and over again and again in the next 5 months. We need the same outpouring of cash and items donated for our December 2012 visit. Allow me to revisit the stats of the December visit, Post Members that made the trip included, myself, Service Officer Wally Stacy, Judge Advocate Rob Lopez, Senior Vice Commander Tracey Lopez, Gary Tucker and Chaplain Larry Striblin. From our sisters in the ladies Auxiliary we had Pat Morris and Michelle Tucker. Together we visited the Veterans Domiciliary Home, Veterans Hospital Wards, Nursing Home, Hospice, Intensive Care Unit and attended church services with patients of the hospital. We played Bingo at the Domiciliary and the Hospital, giving them cash as prizes, and served them refreshments. We also, gave gift bags, stuffed animals, lap robes, etc, etc. Bottom line, Ladies and Gentlemen, we gave a grand total in gifts and cash of \$9500.00. This did not include the cost to those members who made this visit. Ladies Auxiliary President Kitty Dye is going to put a box in the VFWLA meeting room where you can bring in your donations. Any and all will be GREATLY appreciated. Items to consider include: Toothpaste and brushes, soap, shampoo, combs, socks, stuffed animals, books, puzzles, etc, etc, etc. If you are not sure what to donate, ask one of us!!!!!!

Thank you for allowing us to represent the outstanding, caring folks of "TEN TRIPLE NICKEL"

**Until next time, Wally**



## A Message from Post Manager: Billie Jones ([post10555@knology.net](mailto:post10555@knology.net))

Well the first month of the year is gone and it seemed really fast. January was a good month for the Post, many great events and great fun for all who participated. February's calendar of events brings many opportunities for you to have fun and fellowship with your friends and Post family. The "meat raffles" have become very popular. Be sure to check the calendar to find those events that are of interest to you and come out and support your Post. You will find great entertainment and food at your Post. Remember that our bartenders are volunteers and please treat them with courtesy and respect.

Please let me know if I can help make your time at the Post better and I will try to do it.

## House Committee Chairman News: Rob Lopez

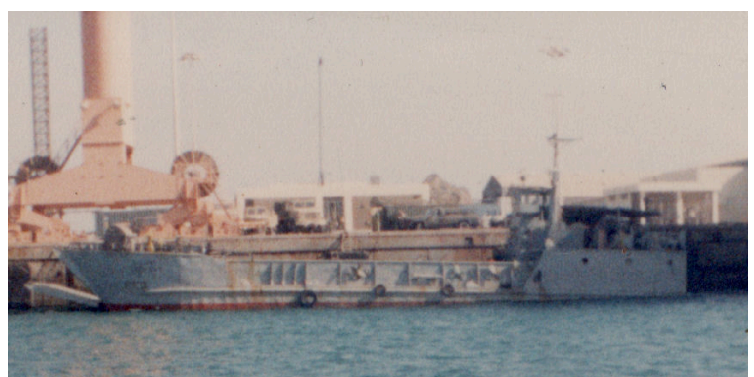
Greetings from the House Committee! January was stuffed full of great events from all of our organizations! The Scottish Evening had to be one of the highlights! We also need your help in getting our membership number up, the Senior Vice has contacted many members but we all need to do more. So if there is someone you know who has not paid their dues please give them a gentle nudge. February stands to be a great time for comradeship as well, with the Volunteers Valentine's day Italian night as well as Superbowl potluck, fish fries and bingo. So grab some friends and get involved! Help us keep the post a fun and entertaining place to be! See ya around the Post!

## NEWSLETTER STAFF: Thomas Randall, Editor/Post Adjutant

This is Yours, Mine and Ours, this newsletter you are reading today. As I edit the input from the officers of our three VFW units, I am trying to add color to it not only visually but content-wise. I am trying to include information about VFW programs, benefits and hot topic issues. If you find something you want to submit to the newsletter, here's how to submit it to the newsletter:

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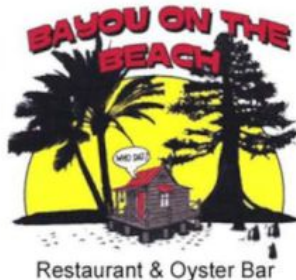
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