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## COMMANDER'S CALL



We have just completed a very positive month of events at the Post. We have another busy month scheduled. We have started printing two months of calendars in the newsletter. Thanks again, Becky, for all you do for us. It is seldom recognized, but without all you and your folks over there do for us, our members would not have a clue what is going on. She will also be adding a complete page for our Service Officer (Dale) to put out much needed info for our Veterans.

We had a successful year in the category of Teach of the Year, Voice of Democracy, and Patriots Pen. Our teacher came in First, Voice of Democracy came in Third and Patriots Pen came in First for the District.

I am looking for an Eagle Scout to recognize. The requirements are listed on the Departments Website <http://myfloridavfw.org/Forms/Post.htm>. I need input by the end of February. If you know someone who is eligible, let me know soon. Please help recognize a deserving Scout!

We are at 85% on membership. We need to improve upon this in a big way. The goal is to be at 108% by February for the Post to be a shoo-in for All-State. A reminder that all Active Duty military members are free for the first year. So I request all members do what you can to promote

the VFW and our Post. The State currently offers challenge coins for signing up a new member. They also have a competition for a Post party for the Post that signs up the most members in a month. Get Motivated! THANKS.

The Post By-Laws and policies are being changed. The By-Laws will be mailed to you this month for your review. If there is any feedback, call the Post or email me @ [bdon520@knology.net](mailto:bdon520@knology.net). I intend to get these up the chain prior to elections.

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

Don



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## Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

Another month gone, time sure seems to be flying. If you come to the Post and your key card is not working, it's probably because you didn't renew your membership. I'm in the process of deleting everyone that didn't renew memberships in any of our organizations from the Key Card System. This is a pretty big undertaking that I'm trying to get done over the next few weeks. Bartenders will be checking membership cards of anyone that doesn't have a working key card.

I try to include decisions that affect everyone using the Post made at our monthly meeting in this newsletter article. We approved a policy for cashing checks at the Post. Members can now cash one check per day up to \$50.00. The Canteen will no longer accept third party checks. If you have a check from one of our organizations (VFW, Men's or Ladies Auxiliary) the canteen can cash it if there are sufficient funds available. If you need money while at the Post, you can use the ATM machine plus the Men's Auxiliary get a percentage of the fee, so you're helping them as well.

At the January meeting, we voted to reinstitute Event Reports. These will be required for all events held at the Post. The event report form is being updated and should be available shortly. The form will ask the name of the person respon-

sible for the event, and also responsible for clean-up, expenses for the event, and profit or loss from the event. If the VFW is not involved in the event, the expenses and profit or loss do not need to be reported. However, if the VFW is involved, like paying for the entertainment, the expenses and profit or loss of the event must be included. The person responsible for the event will fill out the form and turn it over to the Commander or Quartermaster to be filed until after the event. After the event, the responsible person will get the form back and finish filling in the financial information. This will give us accountability for events taking place at the Post and we will also have a point of contact if the Post is not properly cleaned after the event. If you are responsible for putting on an event, you are also responsible for cleaning up after the event. This includes not only the kitchen, but the hall as well. It is not our janitorial staff's responsibility to clean up your mess. We will have Post policy shortly detailing the responsibilities for holding events in the Post.

We have a lot of events taking place in the next few months, so come out and enjoy our Post.

Ken



## Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

Well, January certainly made us bundle up. Hopefully, February will be warmer. The Ladies Auxiliary was really busy in January. The Fish Fry was a huge success. So successful that we realize that we cannot handle that many people. The next Fish Fry is February 11th. Tickets will be limited to 100. Most likely 80 fish and 20 chicken. Tickets need to be purchased in advance.

At the time of this writing, I cannot comment on the Fashion Show, other than to say that several people have put in a lot of hours on this project. We will be helping with the Mardi Gras Party in February, if needed. We are also sponsoring a

"Booze Cruise" March 6th. We will be going west. Lunch will be in DeFuniak Springs. We also approved for membership three sisters, Beverly Rutherford, Denise Walden and Judy Snyder. My apology to Esther Hedbawny for not swearing her in. Hopefully this can be done at a future meeting. My sincere thanks to Sr. Vice, Jo Seale, for handling the January meeting so well. I was absent due to a knee replacement.

Hoping to see you all soon,

Jenny Freeman, President



## Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

We had a very productive and fun month in January at the VFW with many events and activities. Our organization sponsored a couple of these events and I want to thank those members who gave up their time to help us succeed. We have many events scheduled in February also. This month I would like to see some new faces helping out - not the same five people who continuously give up their time. Look, you don't have to help out at all our events, but I expect all the local members to work at least ONE event a year in 2011! There are six events in February along with the Jam Session 50/50 every Wednesday, meat raffle on February 5th and hot dogs for bingo on the 8th. Five guys and I work almost all our events and assignments and let me tell you, we are getting mighty tired. Enough said. Step Up!

I want to mention one more event we are sponsoring even though it is March. We intend to sponsor another appearance

by Sheila Van Dyke. Many of you remember her from last year. She is a stand-up comedian who has agreed to return for another performance. Dinner will be served prior to the performance. The decision was made to donate all the proceeds for a Veterans charity, but we have not agreed on the charity as yet. This will be decided at our next meeting so come and help us decide. We feel really good about this since it will allow us to focus all our money and efforts on Veterans needing our help. If you have a suggestion, let one of the Men's Auxiliary members know and please come out and enjoy the entertainment.

Until next time,

Bill McGrath



## Coming Events...

February 6th - Super Bowl Party with \$1 domestic draft and sandwiches - donations.

February 11th - Fish Fry w/Riptide—\$8

February 13th - Russ Chandler - food - \$5

February 16th - Valentine Dance w/finger foods \$5

February 20th - Daytona 500 - \$1 16oz drafts & wings - \$5

February 25th - Mardi Gras w/Cajun food, music \$8



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## A Message From ..... Canteen Manager - Kitty Dye

The canteen has been quite busy this past month. The various groups of the Post have had several events that have kept the bartenders quite busy.

We know have Yuengling on tap and it has been selling very well.

The bartenders may be asking to see your membership cards again since this is a new year and several cards have been deactivated.

There has also been a change in the check cashing policy in the canteen. Personal checks will be limited to \$50.00 per member per day. No third party checks will be cashed. We will continue to cash travelers checks for purchases, Post,

Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary checks. This policy was set by the Post members, so please do not ask the bartenders for exceptions. We do have an ATM machine in the Hall sponsored by the Men's Auxiliary.

Kitty Dye, Manager





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### **Important Dates To Remember**

6th - 5pm - Super Bowl Party - donations  
7th - 3:30pm - Volunteer Meeting  
5pm - Entertainment & Events Com.  
Meeting  
8th - 5pm - House Committee Meeting  
11th - 5pm - Fish Fry w/Riptide - \$8  
13th - 1-4pm - Russ Chandler - food - \$5  
14th - 6pm - Men's Auxiliary Meeting  
15th - 6pm - Gen. Membership & LAVFW  
Meetings  
16th - Valentine Dance w/finger foods - \$5  
20th - 2pm - Daytona 500 - \$1 draft w/ wings -  
\$5  
25th - 5-9pm - Mardi Gras w/Cajun food - \$8  
Wednesdays - 2-5pm - Music by Big Al



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