

# Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10555 and American Legion Post 402 Newsletter



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**Six organizations working  
together to help veterans.  
February 2017**

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## The Perception of the Post Manager

Wow! January went by in a flash and now it's time for the February newsletter. January was a good month for the Post and with the events scheduled for February, it looks to be good also. Charlie Thayer will be providing the karaoke at the Fish Fry on the 10<sup>th</sup>, "Lunch with Russ" will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> (get your tickets now, this is his only performance at 10555 this year), the Valentine Dinner & Dance is on the 14<sup>th</sup> (tickets are on sale at the bar), Todd Herendeen will perform on the 17<sup>th</sup> (tickets are almost gone for this event), the Legion Ladies Auxiliary will be serving stew on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> prior to bingo, and the Riders will be serving food on the 24<sup>th</sup> for their bingo night. A monthly calendar is attached to this newsletter or pick one up at the Post, or call us at 249-3025 and we'll give you the information.

Please come the monthly meetings of your organizations and support their activities, it's the only way this Post will continue to thrive.

Our bartenders are on duty not only to serve you, but to help in any way they can. Please tip them for their service.

See you around the Post! Jack

## VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander

At the last House committee meeting we approved Dallas taking over as Post Manager effective 1 February. Dallas brings a lot of experience into the position and we think she will do a great job. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jack for taking the position of Post Manager for most of the last year. Jack did this on a voluntary basis and saved the post quite a bit of money by us not having to pay a manager. The Post manager job is a lot of work that is invisible to most people. We are still trying to make 100% with our membership. If you know of someone that is eligible to join please get them an application and sign them up. If you know a member that is having health or financial issues, please let me know. We have funds in place to help these people continue their membership.

**We NEED bingo callers from any organization to help us at the post. If you are willing to donate a bit of your time to call bingo please let me know.**

***Please Come Out and Support YOUR Post!  
Remember Our Veterans and Those Deployed!  
KEN WARINGA***

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

## **VFW Auxiliary: Kitty Dye, President**

January was a great month except for some of my plants freezing. We had a great fish fry. We served over 75 dinners. A large crowd stayed for karaoke. We will have karaoke at the next dinner and in March have bingo. At the last meeting, we voted to donate an extra \$500.00 to the Post as they have had some unexpected expenses recently. We also donated \$1000.00 to HOPE (Helping Our Patriots with Equines), a horse rescue that assists veterans with PTSD. All this money will stay in the Panhandle as they operate out of Fountain, FL. We are getting ready to attend Mid-Winter Conference in Orlando. We are taking a lot of lap robes, courtesy of Maddie Neiderberger, to be distributed to the VA Hospitals. Our sister, Mary Boring is in the hospital so keep her in your thoughts. Our next meeting is Feb. 21 and we would like to see a good turnout.

If you would like to have an email reminder prior to the meeting, please let me know ([kdye8918@yahoo.com](mailto:kdye8918@yahoo.com)).

**Kitty Dye, President**

## **American Legion Update: Post 402 Commander Jim Bowers**

Hello again, Fellow Legionnaires! We are having a very good beginning to this year with our membership at 123% and growing. I have submitted three renewals and a couple of transfers since the 123% figure was posted at State. Let's keep it going. We should be about to 100 members now. A great show for 3 years. Our February events should be good ones. Our "Lunch with Russ" lunch is scheduled on the 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 1230, we are serving spaghetti again this year as it was a hit last year. Let's get out and advertise it to the members.

Don't forget the Legion entity meetings this month; the Ladies on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the remainder on the 6<sup>th</sup>. We need your support through your attendance and your ideas to help us grow. I want you to start thinking about the leadership of 402, nominations for officers next year will be in April with elections in May. We need new blood in our officers to give the current ones a break and generate new ideas for the Post.

Please remember that we lost one of our own last month. Please remember Clyde Ellison's family in your prayers

Hope to see you at the meetings and around the Post, we need your inputs!

**Remember: Keep our Veterans in our Hearts, Thank You and God Bless America!**

**Jim Bowers, American Legion Post Commander**



## **American Legion Post 402 Auxiliary, President Linda Bowers**

The 402 Auxiliary is in full swing for the New Year. We have a Sunday Funday planned for February 19th in which we will have games, food and a performing bird show. We will also have raffles including 50/50.

We are looking forward to sponsoring our first Girls State Candidate in which we will send a High School Junior to Tallahassee for a week in June.

We have our upcoming District meeting on February 12th at Unit 392 in Panama City. These are always great learning experiences with enjoying what is going on with other Units. It's always great to share our fund-raising projects with one another.

I know this is going to be a great year as we wrap up our first year as a Chartered Unit, we are growing with a membership which has more than doubled. We have a great group of women and a lot of wonderful ideas for the future of our Unit.

Linda Bowers  
For God and Country

## **Sons of American Legion Post 402, Commander Greg Trammell**


Greetings from The Sons of The American Legion for Post #402. I trust that everyone is having a great winter with all the mild temperatures and beautiful days that we've been having. It's been a great start to a hopefully great year for us all. We want to thank all the members of VFW Post #10555, Post #402 of The American Legion, and all of our guests for their participation and support during our Posts functions. It means a great deal to us all. The Sons of The American Legion will start taking nominations for officers of our Squadron for the 2017/2018 term starting in April. Squadron members need to begin considering the candidates of their choice for each office. In considering each candidate, you need to consider the candidate's dedication to the Squadron and their leadership capabilities to set goals and determine a plan to achieve and exceed these goals. I'm assured that our membership will take all considerations into mind before making their choice for each candidate. Our Squadron has given me the opportunity of attending the American Legion College this month to better understand the history of The American Legion and the governmental body. I really appreciate the opportunity of representing our Squadron and will bring back the knowledge you sent me to gain. In closing, I want to thank VFW Post # 10555, it's officers, and its membership for accepting The Sons of The American Legion Squadron #402 as part of your Post.

May God bless and keep us safe

Commander

The Sons of the American Legion

Greg Trammell

FEBRUARY 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Sign up for this calendar by email at <a href="mailto:vfw10555@knology.net">vfw10555@knology.net</a>	WHERE TO FIND US: 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025	1 Happy Hour all day Big AI 2:00  Legion Aux Mtg 6:00	2 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	3 Bocce Ball 12:00 VFW Burgers and Fries \$5.00 5:30 to 6:30 Bingo 6 to 8	4 SAL Bingo & Lunch 1 PM
5 Happy Hour all day	6 Vol Mtg 3 PM Darts 1 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM SAL Mtg. 6 PM Legion Riders Mtg. 7 PM	7 Men's Pool 1-5	8 Happy Hour all day  Big AI 2:00	9 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	10 Bocce Ball 12:00 VFW AUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM AUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9 PM	11 Legion Bingo & Lunch 1 PM VFW District Mtg Parker Legion District Mtg Our post
12 Happy Hour all day  Lunch with Russ Spaghetti \$10.00	13 Darts 1 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	14 Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance \$12.00 Music by The Termites 6 - 9	15 Happy Hour all day  Big AI 2:00	16 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	17 Bocce Ball 12:00 Todd Herendeen Show 7:00. Post closes at 6:30 unless you have show tickets.	18 VFW Bingo & Lunch 1 PM
19 Happy Hour all day Legion Aux Stew for Lunch 1 PM Bingo 2:00	20 President's Day Darts 1 PM	21 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & AUX Mtg. 6 PM	22 Happy Hour all day  Big AI 2:00	23 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	24 Bocce Ball 12:00 Riders Food 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	25 VFW Aux Bingo & Lunch 1 PM
26 Happy Hour all day Pool Tournament 8 Ball 2 PM 5:30 to 6:30	27 Darts 1 PM	28 Men's Pool 1-5 PM			Please come out and support your post.	LIKE US ON FACEBOOK 

## American Legion Fast Facts

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

There are more than 2.3 million members of the Legion, making it the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization.

The American Legion has nearly 14,000 posts in every community in the United States. In addition to posts in every state, the Legion has posts in the District of Columbia, France, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the original GI Bill, or Servicemen's Readjustment Act, ushering in monumental changes in U.S. society. Six months earlier, The American Legion wrote the first draft of what later became the "GI Bill of Rights" – considered the Legion's single greatest legislative achievement. Higher education becomes democratized after 8 million veterans go to school on the GI Bill, get better jobs, buy houses in the suburbs and raise families.

On Aug. 9, 1921, a Legion-led effort resulted in the creation of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, which later became the Veterans Administration.

The first "Flag Code" is drafted during a Legion conference in Washington in 1923. Congress adopts the code in 1942. *Today, the Legion is at the forefront of efforts to pass a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from physical desecration.*