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SATURDAYS: Bingo! (not ON  
15<sup>TH</sup>)  
SUNDAYS: Post Open 2PM:  
Evening Jam Sessions! 7PM!  
THURS 6<sup>TH</sup> D-Day 1944 Flag  
Retirement Ceremony 4PM  
FRI 7<sup>TH</sup> LAUX Fish Fry 5:30PM  
Music 6 PM  
SUN 9<sup>TH</sup> POST/AUX Low Country  
Boil 6:30 PM  
MON 10<sup>TH</sup> - Entertainment  
Committee 4:30 PM; Post Cadre  
Meeting Follows 5:30PM  
TUES 11<sup>TH</sup> - House Committee  
MTG; 5PM  
THURS 13-SUN 16<sup>TH</sup> DEPT of  
Florida State Convention,  
Orlando  
FRI 14<sup>TH</sup> - US ARMY 1775 Flag  
Retirement Ceremony 4:30 PM  
SUN 16<sup>TH</sup> - Father's Day  
MON 17<sup>TH</sup> - MAUX Meeting  
TUES 18<sup>TH</sup> - 6 PM General  
Membership with VFW/LAUX  
Meeting to follow  
FRI 21<sup>ST</sup> - VFW Build-a-Burger  
5:30 PM  
SAT 22<sup>ND</sup> - Veterans Outreach at  
Sims Veterans Home, Callaway 1-  
3 PM)  
FRI 28<sup>TH</sup> - VFW Wings 5:30 PM  
SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> Save Our Post Event 8  
AM-Noon (see Insert)



Greetings, summer is finally here. I'd like to thank Don for all the hard work he has put in as Commander the last few years. In case you haven't heard we made All State this year and we an All-American Post. The Memorial Day picnic was a huge success, thanks to all that helped out. I think this is one of the first events that was supported by all three organizations, VFW, Men's and Ladies Auxiliaries. We also sold Buddy Poppies Saturday, VFW at the new Walmart and Ladies Auxiliary at the Winn Dixie at the west end of the beach. We're still waiting on the final count, but the total collected is going to be around \$1400 for our relief funds. Great job to all that helped. As Don always said, we need you to come out and volunteer at our events. Twice a month the VFW does food and bingo on Friday evenings. We also have other events each month, and it's normally the same few that do the work. Please come out and support our post. Everyone should have received a letter and survey in the mail about the financial state of the post. The responses are coming in, but if you haven't mailed your survey please fill it out and mail it in. See you around the post. **KEN WARINGA**, Post Commander [kcwaringa@yahoo.com](mailto:kcwaringa@yahoo.com)  
[PS CLICK HERE FOR THE LATEST STATE BULLETIN](#)

## American Legion Post 402

*The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 2.4 million in 14,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines. Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth.*

American Legion Post 402, the newest Auxiliary Unit of VFW Post 10555, was chartered in May 2013 with 17 Charter members: Kenneth Waringa; Alvin Gauthreaux; Don Buchanan; Dale A. Kiel; Robert F. Smith; Gary Whitfield; Bill McGrath; Danny L. Hixenbaugh; Tracey Lopez; Robert Lopez; Robert Jones; John R. Wilson; Edward L. Paschall; R. Frank Corker; David Pugh; Charles G. Wildeman; Arthur Piech

## Ladies Auxiliary Status: Kitty Dye, President ([KDYE8918@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KDYE8918@YAHOO.COM))

I cannot believe another year has passed. We installed our new officers at the last meeting when we also approved a new member. We were so pleased to receive an award for our support of the May 25<sup>th</sup> 5K Run/Walk for Bereaved Military Families. They have changed their name of Hearts for heroes and will be doing another event next May. We have a Fish Fry Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> and anyone cooking or serving please arrive by 4PM, clean up help needed at 6PM. Then Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> we are having a \$9 Low Country Boil (Worth well more than the price we are asking.) from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. June 29 we are participating in the yard sale at is part of the Save Our Post Event. Any household items you are holding for your next yard sale and want to donate for the benefit of The Post, please bring it by the post and it will be stored there until the event. A note on membership, if you want to help us get ahead of the game and rack up some membership percentage points for our LAUX, won't you please renew your membership soon?. I remain

Sincerely Yours, Kitty Dye, President Ladies Auxiliary 10555



**Men's Auxiliary President, Bill McGrath ([billmcgrath6@yahoo.com](mailto:billmcgrath6@yahoo.com) )**

Greetings – I'm back as president of the Men's Auxiliary once again. I need to talk to you about a couple of very important topics: getting the Men's Auxiliary more involved in producing events to benefit our post, and secondly helping the "Save our Post" effort. In the coming year we will come up with some new and innovative ideas for events, so that we periodically give the folks something new. I know we had a couple of events last year with poor turn outs, so we must reinvent our events into something everyone will want to attend, and partake in the food, fun and camaraderie. On to the Save our Post – all of you received a letter (with a survey) telling of the grim financial situation of our post; this was not a hoax. We all must help turn around the financial slide, or we will be one more VFW gone out of business. We can only increase revenue by increasing the "foot traffic" in the post – at the canteen, and at events sponsored by the VFW organizations. So, come out to at least one or two events each month. You will also see upcoming events called "Save our Post". These will be jointly sponsored events by all our organizations. The next one will be the "Yard Sale" in June. To make this a success we need your "STUFF" to sell. There will areas designated for you to leave your STUFF, both inside and outside (for big items), so check your garage and basement – the more STUFF we sell the more money we bring in to the post. Many of you sent donations to save the post. Thanks you for your generosity. If any of you care to add to the donations, please make your checks payable to the VFW not the MAUX. Just note on the bottom of the check that it is for "Save our Post".  
 Until next time, Regards, Bill McGrath

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**Quartermaster's Corner: Rob Smith ([baltorob@comcast.net](mailto:baltorob@comcast.net))**

Well, we did it once again! If you haven't already heard, Emerald Coast VFW Post 10555 has made All-State. And it appears that we will make All-American Post also!! Congratulations to everyone for all your hard work this year. The new officers have been installed and will take their positions officially on June 16th. I would also like to extend a sincere thanks to our outgoing Commander, Don Buchanan, and outgoing Quartermaster Ken Waringa for their fine services these past few years. Bravo Zulu! I look forward to working with Ken as the incoming Commander. Ken has been helping me get acclimated to the Quartermaster position and I will probably be asking him more questions as I get settled in. We have launched the Save Our Post fund-raiser and while its going well, we need to keep forging ahead with ways to bring revenue to the post. I will be providing updates at the monthly general membership meetings. Also, we have a full calendar of activities planned for June and I hope you will come out and enjoy the fun and help Save Our Post! **See you around the post. – Rob**

**Post Service Officer Wallace Stacy, ([wally88@knology.net](mailto:wally88@knology.net) )**

Greetings to our brothers and sisters at the "Ten Triple Nickle". As I reminded you during our monthly meeting in May we will be going to visit our brothers and sisters at the Lake City VA facilities on July 13, 14 and 15. Also, I donated \$25.00 and challenge all to match this or give what ever you wish. Please place your contributions in the jar or give it to the bartender. If you give a check make it payable to the post and indicate at the bottom that it is for Lake City. We all know our lack of funds to support such activities, and with donations of money and gifts we can continue these visits. Those of us that makes this trip donate our time, transportation as well as pay for our meals, all we ask is money to pay for lodging. Also, don't forget to come out and visit the Veterans at the Sims Veterans Home in Callaway for a birthday party on June 22 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Please contact our Post Chaplain or Post Surgon to offer your assistance or gifts. **Thank-you for whatever you can do to help us help fellow veterans. Wally**

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

The month of June is knocking on our door at Post 10555 and we are hoping to see many of you for a cold, shared beverage and to enjoy many of our planned events. We ended may with a "great" Memorial Day Picnic and music with 3 Blind Mice. Thanks to all who came out to enjoy good food, great music and fellowship with friends. A special thanks goes out to those who did the work necessary to make such a great time happen. Upcoming events in June include a

Low Country Boil, a famous Fish Fry, Build-a-Burger, Wings, Bingos, Cards, Billiards, and Sunday Jam Sessions. The "Save Our Post" event and yard sale will be rounding out the month with a breakfast that will be outstanding. Please check our calendar, available via E-mail or online at <http://www.vfwpost10555.com/monthlycalendar.cfm> for dates and times for all these events and to see whether or not a prepaid ticket is required. Event tickets are always available in the canteen which opens daily at noon or 2 PM on Sundays. Stop in and enjoy a cold beverage of your choice in the hot month of June and visit with your friends and neighbors and fellow veterans. Don't forget to meet and greet our volunteer bartenders who appreciate your courtesy and generosity. I want to thank each of them – Reba, Esther, Laura, Mary, Kristi, and Jacii – for making the Canteen such a successful venture.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON AT THE EMERALD COAST POST, OUR VERY OWN "TRIPLE NICKEL"! BILLIE JONES**

**On Point – Our Senior Vice Commander Tracey Lopez ([traceyt35@msn.com](mailto:traceyt35@msn.com))**

Summer is upon us and so are many great events! First and foremost, I'd like to thank you all of you for letting me serve as your Senior Vice Commander again this year!!! Thanks to all that came out and helped support our May events – the Buddy Poppies and the Memorial Day picnic were very successful events. June is going to be a very busy month and I hope to see all of you for all of the great events we're going to have. Something new we're going to try this month is the "Yard Sale" on Saturday, June 29th - please come support all of the events – the only way the post is going to be successful is for our members to show their support. Look for more information regarding our new brick board in next month's article.

**Thank You For Your Assistance in reaching 110% Post Membership, I appreciate it! Tracey**

**Photos of our Memorial Day Buddy Poppy Drive**

Walmart was a success for the Post, in four hours Saturday Morning May 25<sup>th</sup> Don Buchanan, Ken Waringa, Larry Striblin, Tracey Lopez, Bill, Fred Neiderberger, Tom Randall, Jim and Lien Phelps raised \$975 for the Relief Fund and distributed nearly 500 buddy poppies. The West Beach Winn-Dixie was the location for the Ladies' Auxiliary and Mary Striblin, Kitty Dye, Margaret Randall and Lien Phelps reportedly received \$400 for their dedicated hard work and the LAUX Relief Fund.



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