



# VFW 10555 GREAT AMERICAN POST JOURNAL

Volume 6, Issue 2

January 2012

**Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Emerald Coast Post 10555**  
17680 Ashley Drive  
Panama City Beach, FL  
32413  
(850) 249-3025  
[www.vfwpost10555.com](http://www.vfwpost10555.com)

**Hours of Operation**  
12 Noon to 9 PM  
7 DAYS A WEEK

## Inside this issue:

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Quartermaster Corner Highlights      | 2 |
| Ladies Auxiliary News                | 2 |
| Men's Auxiliary Memo                 | 2 |
| Musings From House                   | 3 |
| From the Canteen/Post                | 3 |
| Important Dates                      | 4 |
| Calendar—Inside VSO-Back of Calendar |   |

### Don Buchanan, Commander

Wally Stacy, Senior Vice Commander

Rob Lopez, Junior Vice Commander

Ray Seale - Adjutant

Ken Waringa, Quartermaster

Meyrle Peppler, Judge Advocate

Tommy Welch, Chaplain

Jim Phelps, Surgeon

Bill McDonald, Trustee 3 yr.

Rob Smith, Trustee 2yr.

Ken Gregory, Trustee 1yr.

Tracey Lopez, Service Officer

Wally Stacy, Membership Chairman

Rob Lopez, House Committee Chairman

Walter Rainey, Canteen/Post Manager

## COMMANDER'S CALL



Well, it's a New Year. I wish everyone a prosperous year. We are at 90% and need to be at 100% by the end of the month. We did not make our December goal and we were so close. Wally has made many calls trying to get those that have not renewed to get with the program. Please do what you can to meet this goal. Our Post deserves to be All-State.

As many of you know, we are trying to assemble a better data base for our members. If we don't have a point of contact for you, please provide one. The information will not leave this Post! We will use this information for membership and help, etc..

Thanks for all your support throughout the year. I look forward to your continued support. You know who you are, but I want this pool to get larger. We have a few of the new members stepping up already. Our Post will grow stronger with your support, so step forward and help with functions as well as the canteen. Remember this is a Veteran organization, so HELP!

Do something positive for the Post and the Veteran!!

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

Don



### PCB CIGARS

17329 PCB PARKWAY

850-249-6282

Largest walk-in humidor on the

Florida Emerald Coast.

Premium cigars and cigar accessories.

[WWW.PCBCIGARS.COM](http://WWW.PCBCIGARS.COM)

## Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

Well, another year has come and gone. They seem to be flying by. They say hindsight is always 20/20 and looking back, we should have raised our drink prices a year ago rather than a month ago. When you start losing money, you either need to increase income or cut expenses to offset the losses. We're going to be attempting to do both. We have to watch our pennies a bit closer now, but hopefully you won't notice much of a difference.

We have a lot of great events coming up in the next couple of months, so come on out and support the Post. We're having the Burn's Supper again this year. Tickets are

\$20.00 per person, same as last year. Only 80 tickets will be sold and they sell out quickly, so get yours early.

If you have something to say about how the Post is run, please come to the meeting. This is where you get to voice your opinions and get changes made. Please don't discuss Post business in the canteen.

See you around the Post,

Ken

## Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

Happy New Year! Once again I want the THANK everyone for their help with the chicken and fish fry. It was a great success and several have told me they look forward to that dinner. I appreciate those that come and support us. The ladies and our volunteers work very hard. We have some great cooks and Bear, Al and Dick are very loyal helpers - we appreciate it. January 13th is our Fish Fry and during that dinner we will be having a silent auction. All items have been donated. If you have something to donate, we have the forms for tax exemption for anyone who needs it. We all realize why we are members of the VFW and it is nice for those men to step up and help us ladies. With their help, it sure make things easier.

June Marginot, Hospital Chairman, went down to Lake City, FL to our State Veterans Nursing Home and Hospital with a group of members. Thanks June for organizing the event and all your hard work. I know the Veterans were

very pleased with all the goodies you brought and appreciate the hard work.

Our troops are starting to come home and our ladies have purchased some Commemorative Coins to give to one of our members to hand out at the airport. The coin was designed by our National Ladies Auxiliary and says, "Thank you for Your Service - You are in Our Prayers" and the back side has our Ladies Auxiliary emblem on it. Some of the money made from our dinners went to purchase these coins. We're blessed some of the troops are coming home and the coins are a small token of our gratitude for what the soldiers did for our country.

I hope everyone will have a Happy and Healthy New Year! God Bless!

Jenny Freeman

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

Happy New Year to All! "Germanfest" (AKA winter Oktoberfest) is off for January. We had a conflict with another major event the same weekend and had to reschedule our event for February 18th. This is a Saturday afternoon event, so plan to come out - it's really fun. I'll provide more particulars in the next newsletter.

We have a new event planned in January as a result of a suggestion brought to the House Committee several months ago. The delay was due to having to see if a projected movie was feasible and what type of DVD, projector and cabling might be required. We've got everything ready to show the movie on the big screen and provide sound through our stage mixer and speakers. We're going to have a trial Movie/Event on Friday, January 20th. We'll start off with \$1 tacos by Karen at 4:30pm and serve until 6pm. At 6:30pm we'll start the movie - "The Lincoln Lawyer", a very current release. So come out, have a taco, watch the movie and tell us what you think. If you like the idea, we'll do it again. If you have suggestions to improve the event, let us know your thoughts. I'll get with Walt and see if we can

come up with some drink specials and maybe popcorn specials, too. We'll probably schedule an intermission half-way through the movie for drink replenishment and pit stops. Oh, did I mention, the movie is FREE!

While I'm on events, Russ Chandler is back in town. He's one of our favorites, so he's been scheduled for performances in both January and February, so watch the calendar and get your tickets early. In fact, check the full January calendar. There are new performers, a new band, darts, Wii bowling, jam session and lots more to do at the Post. Enjoy a great January and a great new year.

Until next time....

Regards,

Bill McGrath

## Musings from the House Committee...

Greetings from the House Committee! As the New Year approaches, I want to thank the General Membership and the House Committee members for your support in 2011! I look forward to working with all of you in 2012. The Men's Auxiliary and the Ladies Auxiliary, as always, have been right by our side ensuring success!

I challenge all of us to do more for the Veteran. I hope in the new year, we can double our efforts in this area. As I stated last year, we have done a good job at getting new

membership, but we can all do more. I have new VFW 10555 flyers and I can send them out or print them out for anyone who will take some time to hand them out.

See you at the next meeting,

Rob Lopez

**Granite Café** 10%  
*& Star Bar* Discount  
 W/VFW ID  
 1001 Beck Ave  
 PC, FL. (850) 215-3287

**ACE** HARDWARE · BUILDING SUPPLIES · GARDEN CENTER  
 BAIT & TACKLE  
**HOME HELPERS**

**RINO**  
 Co-Owner

P.O. Box 14167  
 17760 Panama City Bch. Pkwy  
 Panama City Beach, FL 32413

(850) 234-0314  
 Fax (850) 233-2081  
 Cell (850) 368-4457

**Bayou on the Beach**  
**Cafe & Oyster Bar**  
 PCB, FL (850) 249-3478

Louisiana Style Cookin' \* Great Food \* Great Prices \*  
 Open Tues-Sat 11am- Till  
 Daily Lunch Specials \$7, and Raw Oysters Served over Ice  
 11115 Hutchison Blvd  
 (Middle Beach Road \* Across from Tyndall Credit Union)

Military ID Gets You 10% OFF

**Salty Sue's** 234.8485  
 Open 11 a.m.  
 Peter Shelly 6pm. Wed  
 SEAFOOD · STEAK · BBQ · LOUNGE  
 Formerly Dan's BBQ, Same Great Food and More,  
 Steak, Seafood, Oysters, BBQ & Full Service Bar.  
 Happy Hour and Early Bird Specials 3pm. to 6 pm.

## A Message From ..... Post Manager - Walter Rainey

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year. Can you believe it's already 2012? Where has the year gone?

As you know, we've had to increase drink prices to keep from losing money. I know it's not something people like, but it is necessary to keep the canteen going.

The jam sessions on Sundays from 6-9pm have really been a hit. Come on in and join the fun.

Remember your bartenders and treat them well. Hope to see you in the canteen soon.

Walter





**VFW POST 10555**

Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Emerald Coast Post 10555  
17680 Ashley Drive  
Panama City Beach, FL 32413  
[www.vfwpost10555.com](http://www.vfwpost10555.com)

NON-PROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PANAMA CITY, FL  
PERMIT NO. 172



## Important Dates To Remember

7th - 6-9pm - Suede Nash-Tribute to Neil Diamond  
9th - 4:30pm-Entertainment Committee Meeting  
5:30pm-Officer Meeting  
10th - 5pm - House Committee Meeting  
13th - LAUX Fish Fry & Silent Auction  
15th - 1-4pm-Russ Chandler-food @4:30—\$5.00  
16th - 6pm - Men's Auxiliary Meeting  
17th - 6pm - Gen. Membership & LAUX Meetings  
20th - 4:30-6pm-\$1 Tacos-Free Movie Night  
21st - 6pm - VFW Burn Supper w/Pipes & Drums  
29th - 12:30pm-Vol. Birthday Lunch w/Hot Topix  
Wednesdays - 2pm-Big Al - Meat Raffle  
Saturdays - 1pm - Bingo  
Sundays - 6pm - Jam Session



**mike frimet**

**850.233.6070**  
**fx 850.233.6030**

**18100**  
**panama city beach pkwy.**  
**panama city beach,**  
**florida • 32413**  
**mv.48144**