

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



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## The Perception of the Post Manager

Happy New Year!!! Time has flown by and it's time for a new year and another newsletter. The January calendar has been published; check it out for the upcoming events, dates and times. Look for Big Al & The Gang each Wednesday, the Fish Fry on the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Scottish Evening on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Cindy, Gail, Shannon, Dallas, Jacii and Reba for all they do! I appreciate each one for their time and energy. Please remember to "tip" these ladies for their fine service.

Please don't discuss Post business in the canteen or the hall. The monthly meeting is the proper place for those discussions.

See you around the post,

Jack

## VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander

Happy New Year everyone, I hope everyone had a great time over the holidays, now to get back into the swing of things. We have a lot of our Northern Guests back, it's good to see you all again. In case you haven't heard our Patriots Pen winner won the district and has placed in the top three in the state. The results will be announced at the Winter Conference in Orlando January 28<sup>th</sup>. If he wins the state, he will advance to the finals in Washington D.C. Keep your fingers crossed. We are leading the district in membership and we are trying hard to reach 100% this year. If you are an annual member and haven't renewed, please take a few minutes to do so. You can drop your dues of \$36.00 off at the post, mail it to National, or set up your account at VFW.org and pay it with a credit card. We only need 27 more renewals or new members to reach 100% so please help us reach this goal. 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**

Hello Ladies and gentlemen. I guess a lot of you were really busy or gone for the holidays. We had a very small attendance at the last meeting. At an emergency meeting, this month, \$200.00 was appropriated to purchase shoes for needy children and 9 pairs were delivered to Beach Elementary School. There really wasn't a lot to discuss at the meeting, but we did approve 2 transfers and a new life member. Let's hope next month see better participation as there is a lot to do as the year is over half gone. Our meeting time is still the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 PM.

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**

Happy New Year Fellow Legionnaires! 2016 has flown by and was a successful year for our Legion family. We are looking forward to a very successful 2017! Our membership stands at 118% and I'd like to see us get the 125% award again at the Legion Convention in June. Help get the word out about what the Legion does and bring some new members into our fold. We have several events at the Post this month: Legion, Sons and Riders meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup>; AL Auxiliary meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>; SAL lunch and bingo on the 7<sup>th</sup>; Hotzee Run on the 14<sup>th</sup>; Legion Bingo and Lunch on the 15<sup>th</sup>; SAL Dinner and Bingo on the 20<sup>th</sup>; Riders Dinner and Bingo on the 27<sup>th</sup>; and the Unity Ride on the 29<sup>th</sup>. If your entity has an event, step up to help. Speaking of helping, its not too early to start thinking of elections this year. The Post needs your participation in holding Post offices. We still have Legion shirts for sale and our Brick Board needs more celebratory bricks. Our new license plates have arrived and are ready for purchase. Come on out and enjoy and support our Post events, you won't be disappointed!

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

**Jim Bowers, American Legion Post Commander**



### **American Legion Riders, Director Jeff Dralle**

No newsletter input received this month, but there is a lot going on so check the calendar and come out and participate.

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

On behalf of The Sons of The American Legion, I hope everyone had a great holiday season filled with family, friends, and plenty of food. I also want to welcome all of our Winter guests, former and new, and hope you all have a wonderful time while you're here. I want to invite you all to attend our Friday night dinners and bingo and our Saturday lunch and bingo. As we always try to keep our cost for lunches at a minimum, we welcome your input as to what you would like to be served. Again, welcome home and we look forward to seeing you at the Post. I'm proud to say that our membership continues to grow with new people moving to our area and new transfers. We hope to meet your expectations as the Post you can be proud to call your own. Thank you for wanting to be part of our family serving our VETS. Don't forget to pick up our monthly calendar and sign up for the monthly newsletter when you visit your Post. In closing, I want to wish everyone a very safe, healthy, and prosperous New Year filled with all your expectations.

May God bless and keep us safe

Commander  
The Sons of the American Legion  
Greg Trammell


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

It has an amazing journey so far as our newly chartered Auxiliary has continued to grow and learn. We had a surprise and non-official visit from our Department President, Kelli Becraft along with her entourage, including our mentor, Linda Knoblach-Harkness.

Billie, Kathy and I attended our Fall Conference where we were able to attend classes and meet new and old friends. There were a couple of speakers who really touched our hearts. I would highly recommend everyone checking out [ww2veteranhistorproject.com](http://ww2veteranhistorproject.com). This was started a couple of years ago by a young man, Benjamin Mack-Jackson age 13, to help preserve the memories of World War 2. He has a traveling museum with uniforms and artifacts of the War. The other speaker was Captain Makeda T. Young, who spoke about the Final Salute, [finalsaluteinc.org](http://finalsaluteinc.org). This organization helps house homeless female Veterans and their children.

We are looking forward to so many more projects, including Girls State and continuing to serve our Active Duty, Veterans and Community.

Linda Bowers  
For God and Country

January 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Happy Hour all day	<b>2</b> VOL Mtg 3:00 Darts 1 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM SAL Mtg. 6 PM Legion Riders Mtg. 7 PM	<b>3</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM	<b>4</b> Happy Hour Big AI Legion Aux Mtg. 6 PM	<b>5</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>6</b> Bocce Ball 12:00 VFW Wings 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	<b>7</b> SAL Lunch & Bingo 1 PM
<b>8</b> Happy Hour all day Pool Tournament 8 Ball 2 PM \$2.00 to play	<b>9</b> Darts 1 PM	<b>10</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	<b>11</b> Happy Hour Big AI	<b>12</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>13</b> Bocce Ball 12:00 AUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM AUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9 PM	<b>14</b> Hotzee Run  Scottish Evening 6:00 PM
<b>15</b> Legion Lunch & Bingo 1 PM Happy Hour all day	<b>16</b> Darts 1 PM	<b>17</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & AUX Mtg. 6 PM	<b>18</b> Happy Hour Big AI	<b>19</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>20</b> Bocce Ball 12:00 SAL Lasagna Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8 Newsletter inputs	<b>21</b> VFW Lunch & Bingo 1 PM
<b>22</b> Happy Hour all day	<b>23</b> Darts 1 PM	<b>24</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM	<b>25</b> Happy Hour Big AI	<b>26</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>27</b> Bocce Ball 12:00 Vietnam Peace Accord 5:00 Riders Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	<b>28</b> VFW AUX Bingo 1 PM
<b>29</b> Unity Ride 11:30 Happy Hour all day	<b>30</b> Darts 1 PM	<b>31</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM		<b>WHERE TO FIND US</b> 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025	Sign up for this calendar by email at <a href="mailto:vfw10555@knology.net">vfw10555@knology.net</a>	<b>LIKE US ON FACEBOOK</b> 

## The Chief's Fouled Anchor

The **Fouled Anchor** is the emblem of the Rate of Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy. The fouled anchor has long been the symbol of the Chief Petty Officer. In terms of the Chief, the fouled anchor symbolizes the trials and tribulations that every Chief Petty Officer must endure on a daily basis. Attached to the Anchor is a length of chain and the letters U.S.N. To the novice, the anchor, chain and letters only identify a Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy, but, to a Chief, these have a more noble and glorious meaning.

The "**U**" stands for **Unity**, which reminds us of cooperation, maintaining harmony and continuity of purpose and action.

The "**S**" stands for **Service**, which reminds us of service to our God, our fellow man and our Navy.

The "**N**" stands for **Navigation**, which reminds us to keep ourselves on a true course so that we may walk upright before God and man in our transactions with all mankind, but especially with our fellow Chiefs. The Chain is symbolic of flexibility and reminds us of the chain of life that we forge day by day, link by link and may it be forged with Honor, Morality and Virtue.

The Anchor is emblematic of the hope and glory of the fulfillment of all God's promises to our souls. The golden or precious Anchor by which we must be kept steadfast in faith and encouraged to abide in our proper station amidst the storm of temptation, affliction and persecution.