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## VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander

We were at the Florida State Convention recently. It looks like there is going to be a major change to the Ladies Auxiliary. The VFW is going to vote on a resolution to remove the word "Ladies" from "Ladies Auxiliary" making it gender neutral. At that convention we were the 16th state to ratify the change. There will be a learning curve to implement this, but if approved at the National Convention in July it will take effect 15 August this year. Our Men's Auxiliary folded, but this will open a nationally recognized auxiliary to all eligible relatives of combat veterans, male or female, spouses or parents, children or siblings. It was not until 1978 that the Veterans of Foreign Wars allowed female combat veterans to join; from 1898 to 1978 the VFW was men only. That change was long overdue, this one is, too. The Disabled American Veterans and American Legion have just the one Auxiliary, it works for them and I believe it will work for us, too. We are still waiting to hear from AT&T about the flagpole cell tower, but they have said the other locations they were looking at are not available. Hopefully we will hear soon.

We desperately need VFW members to come to our meetings and participate in your post. We have almost 300 VFW members and we're lucky to have 10 at our meeting. This is your post and we need you to participate in the running of it. Please step forward to give us a hand. A number of posts in the state have closed because their members wouldn't step forward to help and I'm afraid we are heading in the same negative direction. Please help us keep our post operating. **See you at the Post, Our Post. Please Support Our Veterans of Foreign Wars! KEN WARINGA**

[PS CLICK HERE FOR THE LATEST STATE BULLETIN](#)

## VFW Ladies Auxiliary Status: Kitty Dye, President ([kdye8918@yahoo.com](mailto:kdye8918@yahoo.com))

Well, Ladies we just returned from Department Convention where, I am happy to announce, we came home with several certificates and 4 trophies. We received 1<sup>st</sup> place in our class for Cancer Aid and Research, and the Presidents Special Project, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Chief of Staff Extension and Scholarships. I was very surprised to be chosen runner up for President of the Year and Jenny Freeman was District President of the Year in our membership class. I am very proud of my Auxiliary. At the Convention we learned that there will be a Resolution introduced at the National Convention in July regarding changing the Ladies Auxiliary to be a gender neutral, inclusive Auxiliary. John Hamilton, National Adjutant General, told us that he felt it would pass and take effect by August 15, 2015. I for one am looking forward to the future and new energy in the Auxiliary. I am also looking forward to another year hoping we can provide more and better services to the Veterans in our community. Getting the awards was really a lot of fun and we did gloat a bit but now it is time to look to the future and do the best that we can for our Veterans. We are looking into adopting a Room at the Veteran's Village and going to the Airport to work the Military Welcome Center. Sadly we have recently lost two members, Margaret Randall has moved to Fort Lauderdale and Jean Ellis passed away in January. We will be assisting the Post with the Independence Day Celebration on July 3rd. Several Post members have other commitments on the 4<sup>th</sup> and if it was felt that most people are off on Friday that will leave you with more time for family fun. There will be lots of food and music by the Jam Kings. In closing, Ladies, if you have sons or grandsons, invite them to visit get your eligibility paper work ready!

**Until next time, Stay Safe and Cool, Kitty Dye**



**American Legion Update: Post 402 Commander Jim Bowers ([scootin1923@yahoo.com](mailto:scootin1923@yahoo.com))**

The American Legion Post #402 has a lot of events coming up this of July. On the 3rd. we are having an Independence Day Picnic here with a ceremony at 3PM and food at 3:30-4:30PM. Music from 4-7PM is by the Jam Kings 4-7. We have our Officers installation coming up at the July 6th meeting at 6PM/1800hrs. The Legion now has all the paperwork submitted to start the Legion Riders at #402 and have almost all the members set in place for the Legion Sons .I would like to thank Jeff (Barricade) Dralle for the hard work he has put into the Legion Riders to make this possible. We will finish up the paperwork for the Sons this month. We have some events that require some volunteers like the Independence Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at Pier Park at 8:30 am and also an adult beverage booth at Harley-Davidson PC Beach. Check at the Post for times and details. We have Legion Bingo and hotdogs at the Post on the 11th. Don't forget about our Bike Night on the 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30PM with food and great entertainment with Neil James taking the stage at 6-9PM. We had our State Convention in Orlando with many of new things in the works. Our new State Commander has a favorite charity that the Legion will support as a unit called the Fisher House. See last month's newsletter for an article about how it helps military families cope and stay close to military or family members in the hospital. We still have T-shirts available and working on getting some more sizes restocked. There is plenty to do this month would like to see volunteers to make it a pleasant month for us all. ***Until next month Keep our Veterans in our Hearts, Thank You And God Bless America! Jim Bowers, American Legion Post Commander***

**At the June 2015 State Convention: AWARDS!**

- **LAVFW 10555 ALL STATE LADIES AUXILIARY! AGAIN!**
- **Jenny Freeman, LAVFW President District 17: Class D District President of the Year**
- **Kitty Dye, LAVFW President Post 10555 Class D Runner Up Auxiliary President of the Year**
- **Thomas Randall, VFW Post 10555 Senior Vice Commander: 1<sup>st</sup> Place GI Joe Award from the Past Commanders Club**

**A Message from our Precocious Post Manager: Billie Jones ([vfw10555@knology.net](mailto:vfw10555@knology.net))**

Sitting here on the first day of summer and already it's time for the July newsletter – where does the time go!! Anyway it has been really hot and humid outside but the post is staying cool inside and with ice cold beverages to serve.

Please check the calendar for all events in the month of July. The post has planned an event on July 3rd so everyone join us and bring your family and friends for good food and excellent music by The Jam Kings. If you did not make it out on Memorial Day to hear them come out and put your dancing shoes on.

VFW Post and American Legion Post T-shirts and polo shirts are still available to be sold. Never to early to start your Christmas shopping! Stop by and see us at Post 10555 – oh, still having dishwasher problems at the bar. Hope to have it resolved shortly.

Enjoy your summer! Check your calendar for all events, dates and time, or give us a call at 249-3025.

***Best Regards, Y'all! Billie Jones Post Manager***



**VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Two Cents Rob Smith ([robsmith127@gmail.com](mailto:robsmith127@gmail.com))**

Hello All, I can't believe the year is half-way through already. It just seems a couple of weeks ago that we said "so long" to our Northern friends. But here we are, in another blazing hot summer. While the Post isn't quite the bustling place it is in the winter, we still have plenty of events going on so come on out and enjoy your Post. I'm starting the process of having the the feed rollers replaced in the pull tab machine. Frequent players have noticed (I'm sure) that some rows just stop feeding; it's because the feed rollers are becoming worn. So over the next few weeks, you may come in and see us working on the machine. It won't be down long, maybe an hour or so while we replace a roller. I want to add that May was an excellent month for the Post financially, which is a plus as we head into our lean summer months. Hope to see you all at the Post!  
**Thanks and enjoy the summer! Rob**

**MEMBERSHIP COUNTS! GO VFW, STAY VFW! Thomas Randall, Asst Director, Membership [trandall@flvfw.org](mailto:trandall@flvfw.org)**

Tom Randall, here, forward deployed member of the Triple Nickel in Fort Lauderdale. Please help with membership this year. If you have VFW-eligible friends, neighbors, family, sign them up. It's easy. If the Auxiliary becomes inclusive, sign up your eligible family members. If you are an annual member here at 10555, renew before your renewal date or please consider Life Membership. If you are a Life Member, please consider Legacy Life Membership. Call if I can help you decide to STAY VFW! 850-703-7636



How do you create a personal online account at <http://www.vfw.org>? With your membership card in hand, follow these three easy steps:

1. Access the home page, click "LOGIN"
2. Click "Create an Account"
3. Fill in the blanks and Click 



## AN IMPORTANT SCAM NOTIFICATION FROM USAA

### SOCIAL MEDIA SCAM TARGETING SERVICE MEMBERS

June 24, 2015

#### ***DO NOT provide your personal banking information through social media.***

There is a social media scam, predominately seen in Instagram, which is targeting military service members. This scam has been around for over a year, but has picked up steam over the past few months and more and more people in and out of the military are falling prey to fraudsters. Please review the following items and stay alert.

The fraudsters are targeting military, veterans and their families. In exchange for their personal banking information, they are promised the ability to make easy money. The victim provides their log in/password information and the fraudster gains the ability to deposit fraudulent funds directly into their account. They immediately pull out their fee, before the institution can identify the credibility of the deposit, and the victim is left responsible for the used funds. The amounts range from \$2K to \$20K, growing the debt of the victims in a matter of minutes.

The consequences are very unpleasant - you are responsible to pay back the entire amount. Funds are transferred to collections, impacting the victim's credit score and could even result in criminal charges.

Take a moment and think about offers that seem too good to be true. If you have to question if it is legit, walk away. Many victims thought the most they could lose was the balance in their account – they were wrong.

To the people who influence the potential victims, take time to be an advocate and help us educate. They are being taken advantage of and it is our obligation to protect them.

Here are some tips. Make sure to read, follow and share, regardless of where you bank.

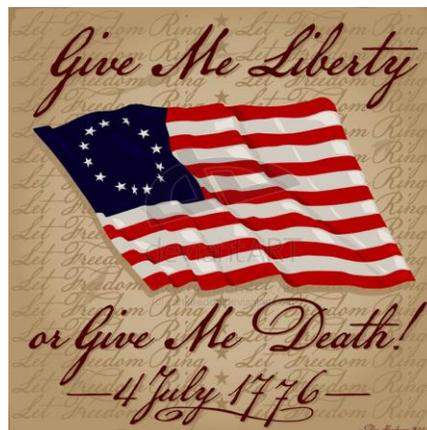
1. Offers of free money. USAA (and no other legitimate financial institution) is NOT going to post offers of easy money on social media.
2. Odd phone numbers. A credible USAA number is either a 210 area code or 800 number.
3. Requests for your information. Fraudsters ask for things USAA or any other legitimate institution would never ask for, such as personal identifiers, debit card information and account numbers — USAA and legitimate banks already have all that.
4. Unprofessional pictures. The pictures (fraudsters use) on Instagram might show cash or risqué images of women. They are not images representative of legitimate bankers, investors or USAA employees. That's not USAA's image.
5. Directions to send money back. USAA recently had a conversation with a fraudster posing as a USAA official. The scam was an offer to deposit unclaimed insurance money into the member's account but required a 50% fee to be sent back to the fraudster after the deposit was made. USAA or any other legitimate financial institution would not deposit funds into a member's account and ask them to send half back.

FROM THE EDITOR: IF IT LOOKS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, WELL, CAVEAT EMPTOR! (A Latin term that means "let the buyer beware.")



JULY 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SUMMER HOURS:</b> Sun. 1-6 PM Mon. 1-8 PM Tues. 1-8 PM Wed. 1-6 PM Thur. 1-9 PM Fri. 1-9 PM Sat. 12-8 PM	Sign up for this calendar by email at vfw10555@knology.net	<b>WHERE TO FIND US:</b> 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025	<b>1</b> Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	<b>2</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>3</b> Independence Day Picnic Ceremony 3:00 Food 3:30 to 4:30 Jam Kings 4 to 7	<b>4</b> LAUX Bingo 1 PM  Beer at Harley Davidson
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Legion Officer Mtg. 5:30 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM	<b>7</b> Men's Pool 1-5	<b>8</b> Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	<b>9</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>10</b> LAUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM LAUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9 PM	<b>11</b> Legion Bingo 1 PM
<b>12</b> Pool Tournament 8 Ball 2 PM \$2.00 to play Win up to \$20 Bar Tab	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	<b>15</b> Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	<b>16</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>17</b> VFW Wings \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Bingo 6 to 8	<b>18</b> No Bingo Irish Evening and Whiskey Tasting 4 until ???
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & LAUX Mtg. 6 PM	<b>22</b> Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	<b>23</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>24</b> Legion Bike Night Food 5:30 - 6:30 Neal James	<b>25</b> VFW Bingo 1 PM
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM	<b>29</b> Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	<b>30</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>31</b> VFW Burgers and Fries \$5.00 5:30 to 6:30 Bingo 6 to 8	<b>LIKE US ON FACEBOOK</b> 

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Calendar of Post/AUX/Legion events is painstakingly developed at the House Committee Meeting every second Tuesday of the month. EVERY member of our units in good standing is welcome to attend that or any other committee meeting and EVERY member of our units in good standing is welcome to reserve the hall (Fees are charged for private parties, that is to say any event not open to all). For hall fees/reservations, contact the Post Manager, Billie Jones, at the Post 850-249-3025. **When all else fails, JUST STOP BY! PLEASE!**



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