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## COMMANDER'S CALL



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### IMPORTANT DATES

**Bingo Every Saturday  
Men's Pool every Tuesday  
Ms. Cues every Thursday  
Cards every Thursday  
Jam Session every Sunday  
Ladies Drink Specials  
every Wednesday  
8 June - Build a Burger  
and Bingo  
12 June - House  
Committee meeting  
14 June - Flag Day  
14 - 17 June VFW State  
Convention  
19 June - General  
Membership Meeting  
24 June - LAUX Father's  
Day Dinner  
29 June - Build a Taco &  
Bingo**

We are trying to get folks involved at the Post. Our entertainment committee has been very busy keeping the calendars full. This month we have taken a break. We now need you to come out and enjoy. We have a flag retirement ceremony, father's day and the State convention this month. Of course we still have our normally scheduled events. Check the calendars for all the events.

I am still looking for e-mail addresses to send out newsletters and calendars. If you have an e-mail address please forward to Post at [post10555@knology.net](mailto:post10555@knology.net) I am trying to build an active data base of our members. Your info will not go beyond Post.

Our 2012-2013 Officers are in place. They will take office after state convention. I expect this to be a very productive year. We will be calling for your help in different endeavors throughout the year. If you can help, please do so when asked. I don't like depending on the same very few for everything. Damn it; get involved, that's all I ask!!!

As of this newsletter we are still waiting on All-State judging. I am hoping for the best. I will get the word out when I find out. We did very well on recruiting and our programs this past year. Thanks again to all involved with getting things done.

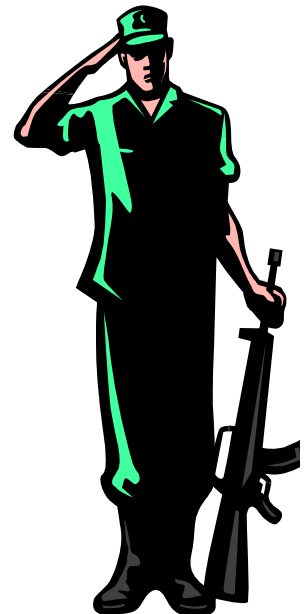
See you at the meeting. Hopefully I will see you before then!



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## Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

Well, we did it, if you haven't heard, Emerald Coast VFW Post 10555 made all state. Congratulations to everyone for all your hard work this year. The new officers have been installed and will take their positions officially on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

I'd also like to sincerely thank all those that helped with our open house weekend. Friday night we had wings and bingo. Saturday was a flag retirement ceremony recorded by News Channel 7 then show on their news broadcasts. The flag retirement was followed by a spaghetti dinner for the veterans attending our local colleges with music by the Screaming Fleas. Sunday the Jam Session members put on a barbecue and fed 140 people. Overall we had a great weekend, but we could of used more member participation. It seems it's always the same few people that do all the work.

Remember, the newsletter is available on the web site now, [www.vfwpost10555.com](http://www.vfwpost10555.com). If you do not have internet please submit a request in writing to the post to keep getting a paper copy. If you have internet access please just get your newsletter from the web site. We are also emailing the newsletter and calendar, so if you are not getting it be sure Don or I get your email address and we'll add you to the list.

See you around the post.

## Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

A group of us will be down in Orlando for a week this month for the VFW State Convention. The LAVFW Auxiliary District 17 and our LAVFW at our post will be awarded All State.

I want to THANK my auxiliary member's for giving 110% for all the projects we did for the programs. At the end of the year I entered over 200 programs. I thank VFW, Men's Auxiliary and our Volunteer program coming out to our events to support us. I want to give a very special THANK you to Carol MacDonald my membership chairman. You have made us to All State with membership by November for the last 2 years without the hard team work we would not be getting All State. THANK YOU all for your support. Carol you have shown me the ropes and have been my mentor since the start and I consider you a life time friend.

The State Convention is during Father's Day. So we have to reschedule our Father's Day lunch, with music. We're having Father's Day June 24th 12:30 - 1:30. Father's eat free and anyone else the ticket price is \$12.00. Tickets will be sold at the bar.

This is my last newsletter as President of our LAFW Post 10555. If you would have asked me 8 years ago when I became a member by the push of my Dad that was a life time member to get Brian and I involved. I would never have thought I would move up the chairs at post and district level. I come from a small family, one I can count on less than 1 hand. When I lost my last parent, my Dad, the VFW adopted me as family. There aren't enough thanks to give for that and all I know I'm very blessed. Being a part of this organization has made me grown as a person. My sister auxiliary members have supporting me though out my terms I want to give special THANK for my officers and my member's. I hope you give your next President Kitty Dye the same support you've given me.

See you around the post, Jenny



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

This will be my last newsletter for this year. Walt will take over as president, and I'm sure you will provide him the same support that you gave me.

One item of concern: we still have 19 unpaid members. If your membership is not current, please renew it ASAP, or contact our new treasurer – Robert Heil.

Thanks for your support.....

Regards, Bill McGrath

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

Greetings from the Canteen . As spring has sprung and the temperatures start rising, it is safe to say that summer is almost here. I look forward to the warmer weather and cold beer. May has many exciting things in store for us. Come out and celebrate Cinco De Mayo with our Corona and Margarita specials all day on Saturday May the fifth. Be sure and enjoy our Sunday jam sessions, Ronnie Dunn is doing a great job conducting these , so if you or a friend play or sing drag them on down to the V. for a good time. I look forward to seeing you all this month. Walt

## From the Incoming Senior Vice Commander \_ Tracey Lopez...

Greetings from your incoming Senior Vice! I feel privileged and honored to have been voted in for this position. I'm looking forward to a very successful year, and look for your guidance to make that possible. We made All-State, which is a huge accomplishment and I'd like to personally thank all of you who helped to make that happen! I'd also like to thank everyone for your assistance in the Open House we had last month! June is going to be a busy month and I hope to see you at our events - remember it's your participation that makes the events successful. I'm looking forward to attending the State Convention in June and will share what we learn with you in next month's newsletter. Hope everyone had a safe and memorable Memorial Day!

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