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VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander

It's that time of year when we need to bid our Northern friends farewell until next year. We hope you have a safe trip and we'll look forward to your return. As most of you have heard, our Voice of Democracy winner, Grayson Campbell won the National Voice of Democracy and a \$30,000 scholarship. He will be at our March meeting to read his essay. If you haven't seen him you should be sure to come out and meet this amazing young man. The March meeting is when we start nominations for post officers. We need your help. Please consider giving some of your time to your post, come out and participate. We also need volunteers to help at the various events. This is your post and our overhead isn't cheap so please come out occasionally and support your post. Thank you to the volunteers that helped us sell beer as the Scottish Festival. The weather was great and we had a good time, plus raised some money for the post. If you are going to have an event at the post, check the calendar to see if there is something going on the day before. If your event is Saturday and there is dinner and bingo going on the night before, you are not going to be able to prep for your Saturday event on Friday afternoon or evening because the kitchen will be in use.

As you may have heard our Post Manager Billie is retiring. Her last day will be March 31st. Thank you Billie for all you have done. Most people don't understand how involved your job is, but I appreciate all your hard work. We'll still be seeing you around the post, so enjoy your time off.

Please Come Out and Support YOUR Post!
Remember Our Veterans and Those Deployed!
KEN WARINGA

The NEW, All-Inclusive VFW Auxiliary: Kitty Dye, President (kdye8918@yahoo.com)

February seems to have been a month with a lot of mood swings,,,,,really warm to almost freezing. We had a very good turnout at the last meeting and a good turnout at the fish fry. Mary has put out a lot of Auxiliary Applications at the Post and they too are going away rapidly. The Snowflake Ball, while not attended as well as we would have liked, brought in \$600.00 for the President's Special Project, "Stop 22: K-9's for Warriors". We assisted with the 35th Anniversary celebration at the Post and it was very nice. The Auxiliary presented Jimmy Phelps with a plaque honoring his service in WWII, Vietnam, and Korea.

Jimmy and Lien Phelps were presented with a handmade quilt made by Anna Miller, Jr. Vice Commander, for their contributions to the Post. A new bingo hall has opened up in the old Emerald Coast Bingo building. We are now sponsoring 2 shifts per week. The 2 shifts run from 5 pm to 10 pm on Saturdays. If you can take one or part of the shifts on Saturdays please let me know. We will pay \$10.00 for gas money. You do not have to do anything but be there and you can play if you wish.

If you need a ride to meetings please call.

Until next time, keep warm.

Kitty Dye, President VFWA 10555



**PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER ALL
THOSE SERVICE MEMBERS THAT ARE DEPLOYED.**

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

Hello, Fellow Legionnaires. It's hard to believe March is on us. February was very successful for Post 402. Our Veterans Health Fair was a success. Thanks to those who helped put this on. We hope to make it an annual event. The Post entities have several events this month: the future Ladies Auxiliary will have another organizational meeting on the 2nd; meetings for the Legion, our Sons squadron, and the Legion Riders are scheduled for Monday, the 7th. Come out and participate in the running your Post; the Legion will have Bingo on the 12th; our Sons will provide dinner and have Bingo on the 18th; and the Legion Riders will have the first Bike Night of 2016 on the 25th. We will have a Legion Anniversary Ceremony on the 15th prior to the VFW General Meeting. We will be celebrating its 97th birthday. Come out and join in our celebration. The Post will nominate members to serve as officers for the next year in April. Election of officers will be conducted at the May General Meeting. We hope many of you will run for the different offices and all members will participate in the election process.

Remember to keep our military and veterans in your hearts! Thank you and God Bless America! Jim Bowers, American Legion Post 402 Commander

The Perception of the Post Manager, Billie Jones

Hello Members – March is going to busy and if you have not been out on Wednesday for “Big Al and Gang” March 16 will be the last time they will play for 2016. Need to come out early and get your seat with your dancing shoes on!! Tickets on sale for the St. Patrick's Day party they will go fast and is great fun – corn beef and cabbage will be served entertainment by Davey Clark.

Thanks to everyone who is responsible for making all the events during each month a success and to all the members who come out and support the Post. Please remember the canteen and the post will still need your support during the rest of 2016 – check your monthly calendar for events for call 249-3025 for information.

Still have tee shirts for sale –VFW Post 10555 and American Legion 402. Great gift for anyone.

Hope to see you soon – please tip your bartenders and thank them!!

Hope to see you soon. **Best Regards, Billie Jones Post Manager**




VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Two Cents Rob Smith (robfsmith127@gmail.com)

Our winter season is in full swing and really glad to see so many of our Northern guests here enjoying the Post and all the activities. March is the month when our Northern guests start heading home, and we wish them safe travels and hope to see them return in the fall. For those staying down here longer, we are glad you're still here and hope you will come by and enjoy all the events going on.


The commemorative brick sales for both the Legion and VFW have been lagging, so we are having a half-price brick sale that starts March 1. I've created a new brick order form that can be used to purchase a brick for either the VFW wall or the Legion wall. The form will have the sale prices on them and will be out in the Canteen by March 1. What a great way to memorialize your service or that of a loved one. And this offer is good for both the VFW wall and the Legion wall.

See You Around Our Post! Rob

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



March 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Sign up for this calendar by email at vfw10555@knology.net	1 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	2 Big AI & Meat Raffle 2:00 Legion Aux Mtg. 6:00	3 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM Darts 6:30 PM	4 VOL Tacos \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Bingo 6 to 8	5 SAL Bingo 1 PM Selling Beer at Scottish Festival
6 Happy Hour All Day Bunco 2 PM	7 Darts 1:00 Legion Mtg. 6 PM SAL Mtg. 6 PM Riders Mtg. 7 PM	8 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	9 Big AI & Meat Raffle 2:00	10 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM Darts 6:30 PM	11 AUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM AUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9 PM	12 Legion Bingo 1 PM
13 Clocks Spring Forward Bingo 1:00 Happy Hour All Day	14 Darts 1:00	15 Legion Anniversay Ceremony 6 PM Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & AUX Mtg. 6 PM	16 Big AI & Meat Raffle 2:00	17 St. Patricks Day Ms. Cues 2 PM VOL Dinner 5 PM Davey Clark 6 to 9.	18 SAL Dinner \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM SAL Bingo 6-8 PM	19 VFW Bingo 1 PM
20 Happy Hour All Day	21 Darts 1:00	22 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	23 Happy Hour 2 to 6	24 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM Darts 6:30 PM	25 Legion Riders Bike Night Food 5:30 - 6:30 Terry Brock	26 AUX Bingo 1 PM
27 Easter Happy Hour All Day	28 Darts 1:00	29 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	30 Happy Hour 2 to 6	31 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM Darts 6:30 PM	WHERE TO FIND US 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025	LIKE US ON FACEBOOK 



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