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Hours of Operation
1200-2100hrs/12 to 9PM Daily

MARCH CANTEEN ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS: Darts!

TUESDAYS: Billiards!

WEDNESDAYS: Big Al! Hot Dogs!
Meat Raffle! ! Happy Hour, Happy
Day?!

THURSDAYS: Cards! Darts! Ms.
Cues!

FRIDAYS: Food! Music or Bingo!

SATURDAYS: Bingo!

SUNDAYS: Food! Jam Sessions!

FRI 1st – LAUX Officer MTG

SAT 2nd – AMVETS Poker Run;
MAUX Breakfast; Possible
Military Unit Event at the Airport

MON 4th – Hug-a-GI DAY/
Northern Guest MTG

SAT 9th – Residents' Birthday
Part, Sims Veterans Home
Callaway

MON 11th – Entertainment
Committee/Post Cadre Meeting

TUES 12th – House Committee
MTG

MON 18th – MAUX Meeting

TUES 19th – VFW/LAUX Meeting

FRI/SAT 22nd Fort McCoy
Retirement Home Golf
Tournament

SAT 23rd – Fort McCoy Retirement
Home Picnic Fund Raiser/ Post
Volunteer Appreciation Day

SUN 31st – Easter Sunday

COMMANDER'S CALL

We still have a very busy schedule slated at the Post this month. This month also start the annual migration of our Northern guests back to their homes. I must thank all of you who have supported the Post again this year. It was also very nice to meet many new visitors. We have a Northern guest appreciation event set up for the 23rd after bingo. We are trying to get some rough numbers, so you may see a sign up list. I hope to see all of you again next year.

As you know we had a great Lake City visit in December. We are now starting to collect for our next visit. If you have any travel toiletries, lap blankets, donations or hard back books we would gladly accept them. The Ladies Auxiliary has the "Dick and Jane" display up to help in our efforts. With your help it will be another very rewarding trip in July.

Chaplain Larry, Wally and Tom have coordinated a visit with Sims Nursing Home on the 9th of March at 2pm. We are hosting a Birthday Party for those veterans in residence there. I believe some of our Northern guests are going to provide some entertainment as well. It will be a good visit that is long overdue.

Comrades, I am pleased to announce that we hit our goal of 100%. Thanks for all your efforts put forth this year and a special thanks to our membership chairperson, Senior Vice Tracey Lopez. She went the extra mile sending letters, e-mails, and phoning members in effort to get them to re-new.

It's that time of the year again; we will be nominating our next year's team of Officers. For those interested be sure that you can do the job. If you have any questions about the duties, ask one of the current Officers. They all have a copy of the State by-law manual. See you at the meeting. Hopefully, I will see you at the Triple Nickel before then!

DON BUCHANAN, Post Commander bdon520@knology.net
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Ladies Auxiliary Status: Kitty Dye, President (kdye8918@yahoo.com)

Well Ladies it seems this year is just flying by. We had a great fish fry and jam session meal with the Post. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make these events a success. Mary Kilzer, Jenny Freeman, Carol MacDonald, Margaret Randall and I went to Mid Winter Conference in Orlando. I will tell you right now that you cannot always believe your GPS and I-4 is a nightmare at night. At this point we are still in the process of getting a bake sale and silent auction together for T.Wayne Markham. Looking into March, the fish fry will be on the 8th with music by Robin Ray and we will be doing the jam session meal on the 10th. This will be your choice of ham or chicken salad sandwich with lettuce and tomato and chips for \$5.00. Volunteer Appreciation Day is the 23rd and the Auxiliary is doing Pasta Salad. Please come to show your appreciation. If you have had any type of cancer tests done please let me know as they can be reported (confidently). Also remember that I have a self exam breast model and 45 minute DVD that you can borrow to use at home. If you wish to order the incoming Presidents Cancer shirt, they are \$25.00 and must be ordered by May 1, 2013. Our membership is growing, we approved 6 new members and 1 reinstatement at the last meeting. Dick and Jane remain in the canteen collecting comfort items for the Lake City Hospital visit in July.

Mens Auxiliary Status: Walter Rainey, President (wprnpcb@gmail.com)

The Men's Auxiliary will be making breakfast on the morning of March 2nd, 8-11 on the same day that AMVETS 2298, Callaway, FL will be stopping by on their Poker Run raising funds for aid to Veterans in Bay County. Bill McGrath billmcgrath6@yahoo.com is your POC for this event.

The Right Arm with the Right Stuff: Post SVC: Tracey Lopez (traceyt35@msn.com)

Greetings from your Senior Vice! I'd like to say thank you to everyone who helped our post reach 100% membership – WE DID IT TOGETHER! Thank you, too, to everyone who gave up their personal time and came down to the Triple Nickel to help make all of the events in February so successful – it was great seeing so many new and familiar faces!!! March is going to prove a very busy month and I hope to see you all at those events planned by the Post, LAUX, MAUX and Northern Guests.. They all need your continued support. March is also the last month that most of our guests return home so please put Saturday, March 23rd on your calendar for Volunteer Appreciation Day with Robin Ray. I look forward to seeing everyone around the post!!!

Quartermaster Corner: Ken Waringa (kcwaringa@yahoo.com)

GREETINGS, Another month gone by and spring break is fast approaching. We've got another month FULL of activities with something to suit everyone, so come on out and enjoy your post. Nominations for next year's officers will be taken at the March meeting and voted upon at the April meeting. This is the time that we really need our membership to step forward, step up and support the post by serving as a post officer. Yesterday after Bingo we held a very fitting memorial for Past Post Commander Ray Seale with a large number of people in attendance. Thanks to all who came out to bid Ray farewell. Financially, this time of year the post does great but it won't be long until our northern guests take their leave of us and return home. I'd like to thank them for all their support this winter, we've been glad to have their company and their continued support for all we do for veterans. Travel home safely and we'll keep the porch light on for you until you return to the Emerald Coast next fall. See you around the post!.

And Post Service Officer Wallace Stacy (Wally88@knology.net) Says:

Hello to all our Post Brothers and Sisters. As in past communications to you, I would remind you of our July 2013 visit to "Lake City" veterans facilities. We have received a lot of personal items for this visit, and want to remind you to bring in more and place them in the box in the canteen. I will begin asking for money donations during our March post meetings. We have scheduled another very important visit, "A Birthday Party" at our local state Veterans Home (Sims) in Panama City on March 9, 2013 at 2:00 pm. Larry and Karen Hart, along with other "Northern Friends" will provide entertainment and music. We need donations in the form of small gifts and cakes, cookies, etc. See Chaplain Larry Striblin for items needed. All folks from the post are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are thinking of doing this "Party" once each quarter. Thank you for allowing us to represent the outstanding, caring folks of "TEN TRIPLE NICKEL"

Until next time, Wally

AND, FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, LARRY STRIBLIN (paparedman@yahoo.com):

The Birthday Party for our resident Veterans at Simes (Clifford Chester Sims State Veterans Nursing Home; 4419 Tram Road, Callaway off 98) will include ice cream provided by the home, we are going to bring Little Debbie Cakes, stuffed animals (for Bingo mascots) and the Ladies are bringing cupcakes. This might be our first visit in a long while and we need about 30 of our comrades, sisters and brothers since there are about 120 Veterans living there. If anyone wants to bring anything else appropriate for these heroes, I am sure that the Lord will bless and keep you well. Thank You and God Bless, Chaplain Larry Striblin



A Message from Post Manager: Billie Jones (post10555@knology.net)

February is always a short month, but it was still filled with many great events. "Lunch With Russ" and the Valentine Dinner were especially well received by many. We missed seeing you there.

March's calendar continues to be filled with events for you to have fun and fellowship with your family, friends and Post family, too. They days are getting longer, the temps are getting warmer and Spring is just around the corner. Be sure to check your Post Calendar and I am sure that you will find something of interest to you. Come on in and Support Your Post and Auxiliaries. As always, the entertainment and food are great and the bar is open.

As a reminder, hours of operation for the Canteen are 1200-2100 hours (12AM to 9 PM) everyday unless otherwise superceded by a holiday schedule. This is not possible without our volunteer staff who asks only to be treated with courtesy and respect and your generosity is appreciated. BEST REGARDS, BILLIE JONES

House Committee Chairman News: Rob Lopez

Greetings from the House Committee! February was a busy but enjoyable time at our post. Thank you to all those upstanding volunteers from the Post and Auxiliaries that helped to make all our great events work! March is the 1st month of spring but we will also be watching our Northern friends return home. Safe travels to all! Please come out to the post and continue to support the events especially the Volunteer Appreciation dinner. Our Friday nights this month are full of good events and comradeship so stop on by the post and support!

NATIONAL BYLAWS SECTION 215: Eligibility To Office

All members shall be eligible to hold any office in the Post provided that proof of eligibility has been submitted and verified by the Post Commander and Adjutant prior to the installation. No member shall hold two elective Post offices at the same time but may hold one elective and one or more appointive offices. Elected committee members are not Post Officers and accordingly may concurrently hold an elected Post office as provided for in Section 216 of these By-Laws. Post officers, elected or appointed, may be eligible to hold office in a higher body and such offices may be held concurrently.

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Any member who has been suspended of certain rights or privileges of membership for a specified period of time shall forfeit his eligibility to hold any office during the period of suspension.

READ ALL ABOUT IT: THIS FORMER RESIDENT OF THE VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN AND NATIONAL BUDDY POPPY IS NOW A LAW SCHOOL GRAD



Danielle Lightner, National Buddy Poppy for 2004



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