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VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander

Sorry we're so late getting this out this month, but we were very busy with Thunder Beach. First I want to thank everyone that helped with Thunder Beach, both at the post for breakfast and at Harley Davidson selling adult beverages. It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without all our organizations, VFW and Legion, pulling together to get it done. It took a lot of effort but we managed it, thank you. I also want to thank everyone that came out and help so spring cleaning at the post. We had a lot of help and got all those things that don't normally get done cleaned. We have had elections and I'm going to be continuing as your commander for another year. Thank you for your support and continued belief that I'm leading the post in the right direction. In case you haven't heard Florida passed a law that Non-profit organizations, like our VFW, are exempt from paying sales tax on food and drink that we sell. This is huge for our post; it should save us over \$10,000 a year. This goes into effect July 1st this year. Check the calendar for upcoming events. Saturday May 28th we will be giving out Buddy Poppies at Wal-Mart. Then May 30th we have our annual Memorial Day picnic. This is always a great event so plan to bring the family out to have a good time.

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

VFW Auxiliary: Kitty Dye, President (kdye8918@yahoo.com)

The month of April was fairly busy for the Auxiliary. First we had elections and for the next year I remain your President. We had a fish fry and then got ready for the Bike Week Breakfasts. Jane Brewer and Kathy Johnson canvassed the Commerce Park for pre orders and to go orders. They did a great job getting over 100 orders for Thursday and Friday. We did dog races on bike night. I want to thank all who helped with the breakfast and the Auxiliary members who assisted at Harley-Davidson. As I have mentioned before, we are sponsoring bingo at Treasure Island Bingo hall. Our shifts are on Saturday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. As yet I have not heard from very many who are willing to do 1 or both shifts. Please let me know if you can handle one or more shifts. The more we have the better. Lastly, I would encourage you to try and attend the monthly meetings. We need your participation and input. District 17 did really well this year and we hope to do better next year but your help is needed.

Want to help the Auxiliary or need a ride to meetings call me at 850-234-8918.

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! April was a busy month for 402. I appreciate all the work of the volunteers that helped to make our activities of bingo, dinner, Bike Week breakfasts, and the Harley Davidson booths so successful. During May our Vernon High School JROTC point man, Mike Starkman, will honor the top students at their year-end banquet. Thank you, Mike, for all your efforts. We will be needing help for our Bingo Saturday on the 14th and for our Legion BBQ and Bingo on the 20th. Volunteers are always welcome. I went to the District One meeting on April 30th, where we were honored for having the highest percentage membership in District One. My thanks to all for helping us accomplish that feat. Let's not let down, we still need to grow. We still have Legion shirts for sale, and please consider honoring your veterans with a brick on our board. The bricks are now being sold at half price. Our Ladies Auxiliary is still awaiting their charter, but that hasn't stopped them from working hard to be ready when it arrives. BRAVO ZULU, Ladies! Don't forget to come out and support our Riders during Bike Night on the 27th. There is a Memorial Day picnic scheduled on the 30th, starting with a flag retirement at 2:00, followed by a picnic and entertainment. Bring the family out for a great afternoon.

Remember our service personnel in your prayers. God Bless America. Jim Bowers, Commander.

The Perception of the Post Manager

May is here and *your* canteen is open for business with a cool libation ready for you. Our bartenders, Gail, Cindy, Jacii, Shannon, Reba and Dallas, are eager to serve you. Summer hours are in effect now, so when it starts to heat up during the day, your canteen is a cool place to relax. I want to thank all of the volunteers who participated in the Post cleanup this past month. We accomplished a lot of needed work.

Please check the May calendar for all the events that are scheduled and come out and support your Post during the month.

Jack Johnson



VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Two Cents Rob Smith (robsmith127@gmail.com)

Hello All, Thunder Beach was very busy both at the Post with the breakfasts and selling drinks at Harley-Davidson. It was very gratifying to see people from all the organizations step up and help make it a very profitable success! In case you haven't heard, I will be stepping down as Quartermaster in June. Jack Johnson was elected Post Quartermaster for the coming year and has been in training for several months now and doing a great job. Thank you for all of your support these past three years and please offer the same support to Jack. I might be stepping down as Quartermaster, but I won't be stepping away. I'll be acting as Jack's assistant/backup as he has been doing for me and I'll still be attending and helping out at Post functions. I wanted to remind everyone that we still have the half-price brick sale going on, a perfect way to commemorate your service or that of a loved one. Have a great summer! And remember you can always beat the summer heat by stopping by the Post and enjoying a cold one!

See You Around Our Post! Rob

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2. Click "Create an Account"
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| May 2016 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | R.E.D. FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| 1 Happy Hour all day Beer at Harley | 2 Legion Mtg. 6 PM SAL Mtg. 6 PM Legion Riders Mtg. 7 PM | 3 Men's Pool 1-5 PM | 4 Happy Hour 1 to 6 Legion Aux Mtg. 6 PM | 5 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM | 6 VFW Bingo Wings 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8 | 7 SAL Bingo 1 PM VFW District Mtg Marianna |
| 8 Mother's day Mom's get a free drink. V.E. Day Happy Hour all day | 9 | 10 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM | 11 Happy Hour 1 to 6 Horse Shoes 1 PM | 12 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM | 13 AUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM AUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9 PM | 14 Legion Bingo 1 PM Merry Go Round Motorcycle Run |
| 15 Happy Hour all day Pool Tournament 8 Ball 2 PM \$2.00 to play Win up to \$20 Bar Tab | 16 | 17 Gen. Membership & AUX Mtg. 6 PM | 18 Happy Hour 1 to 6 Horse Shoes 1 PM | 19 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM | 20 Legion Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8 | 21 Hall Rental No Bingo |
| 22 Happy Hour all day | 23 | 24 Men's Pool 1-5 PM | 25 Happy Hour 1 to 6 Horse Shoes 1 PM | 26 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM | 27 Legion Riders Bike Night | 28 AUX Bingo 1 PM Buddy Poppies Wal-Mart 9 to 3 |
| 29 Happy Hour all day | 30 Memorial Day Flag retirement 2:00 Picnic 2:30 to 3:30 The Termites with Jerry Skeen 3 to 6 | 31 Men's Pool 1-5 PM | SUMMER HOURS: Sun. 1-6 PM Mon. 1-8 PM Tues. 1-8 PM Wed. 1-8 PM Thur. 1-9 PM Fri. 1-9 PM Sat. 12-8 PM | WHERE TO FIND US 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025 | Sign up for this calendar by email at vfw10555@knology.net | LIKE US ON FACEBOOK |



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