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VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander (kcwaringa@yahoo.com)

Another month has gone and we are into the slow season at the post. In this month's VFW magazine there is an article about a Post in Virginia starting a committee to recruit younger members. You must be a post-Vietnam Veteran to be on the committee. I have posted the article on the bulletin board at the post. If anyone is interested in starting a committee like this please let me know. We need more members to get involved with our post to ensure it remains alive and well going into the future. We had a very successful event at Harley Davidson and Thunder Beach, **Thank You** to all that helped make this such a success. We have the Memorial Day weekend at the end of May. Watch for the events taking place that weekend. I'd also like to say congratulations to American Legion Post 402. They lead their district in membership and have taken many awards this year. Thank you for all you do!

Hope to See You All Around the Post! KEN WARINGA

[PS CLICK HERE FOR THE LATEST DEPT OF FLORIDA VFW BULLETIN](#)

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

Hello Ladies, our year is winding down. The results of our elections are that our line officers remain basically the same. Past District President Carol MacDonald is our new Jr. Vice President; Carol will install our new officers next month. We received over \$600 in donations during the last yard sale and I want to thank all our donors and volunteers. The Thunder Beach Biker Breakfast is the next thing on the agenda and we will also be helping the Post at Harley Davidson. In May our Friday Fish Fry date changed to the 3rd Friday of the month and the Post will be providing a Mother's Day Lunch on the 10th. The Auxiliary will be catering a Garden Club luncheon on May 13th for 80-100 and help will be needed. Our District Convention is in Marianna on the 16th. If you would like to go we will meet at the Post at 8AM to carpool. I would like to have a good turnout to show our respect for our District President, Jenny Freeman. We will also participate in District elections. We are hosting Bike Night on the 22nd serving quesadillas. We are distributing Buddy Poppies at Walmart on May 23rd and helping with the Memorial Day Picnic on Monday May 25th. We initiated two new members at the last meeting, Dara Adams and Bobbi Griggs. Last but not least we received All State Honors. I want to thank all who paid their dues early and would encourage you to think about doing a lifetime membership and we are self financing this with no interest and you won't have to worry about dues any more. I want to thank Mary Kilzer for all her hard work in getting memberships in. Unfortunately, several members will be dropping off the members in good standing register. Some we haven't been able to contact as we have no current address or phone number. Some may feel that they cannot remit their dues, Please let us know if you are ill or having a problem as we can pay your dues and you can repay them at a later date. If you need a ride to meetings please let me know at 234-8918.

Until next time, be safe and, as always, if you need a ride to a meeting please call me at 850-234-8918! KITTY DYE, President





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

Hello fellow Legionnaires, April was another busy month for 402. I appreciate all the work of the volunteers that helped make our activities of bingo, dinners, breakfast and the Harley Davidson concession booths so successful. During May, we have the privilege to honor the top students in the Vernon, FL High School JROTC program. The Post has taken the Vernon unit as one of its projects, with Legionnaire Mike Starkman as our point man. Thank you, Mike. We are on tap to receive several awards from District One and the State Department in the next month or two. Thanks to all for helping make this happen. We need help for our Legion BBQ and bingo this month. Please come out and volunteer your time. We still have our Legion shirts for sale and please consider honoring your veterans with a brick on our board. The Post has a new email address that we will use to get information out to you. The address is floridaalpost402@gmail.com. If you do not get an email from us, please let Jack Johnson know your email address. We need more participation at our meetings and need Legionnaires to stand up to fill billets in our organizational structure. We can only be as good as we make ourselves.

God Bless America. Jim Bowers Commander/Jack Johnson, Adjutant

A Message from Our Post Manager: Billie Jones (vfww10555@knology.net)

Time for another newsletter so here goes!! I would like to “thank” everyone who came out for field day and cleaned the kitchen, walk in cooler, tables and chairs and other projects on the list, well done. Also new shelves were built in the liquor room and they are wonderful – so much more room. Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all who helped I deeply appreciate it. Not only does the bar have a new glass washer but the kitchen has a new commercial refrigerator to replace the old one. Thank you MAUX for the stainless steel reefer!!

Come out and enjoy breakfast during Thunder Beach it is the best deal on the beach and delicious. Check the calendar for dates and time or call the post 249-3025. Summer hours have been in affect one month and all is going well – the bartender can make the decision to close early (only one hour) if there is no business. You must remember we close early because there is NO business – also two (2) customers sipping a cold beverage does not warrant the post to stay open. If the bartender has been sitting with less than five (5) customers they have the option to close early. If you have a problem with this please come talk to me, remarks have been made regarding this matter.

Hope to see you soon at the post! Billie Jones, Post Manager

The Post Quartermaster’s Two Cents: Robert Smith (vfww10555@knology.net)

Hello All, We had our Post Field Day on April 19th and while we didn't get to everything on our list, we were able to spruce up the Post a bit. The biggest and most welcome change was installing shelves in the outer office to store the liquor. Installing the shelves enabled us to create a lot more space and still have plenty of room to store our inventory. Many thanks to Legion Commander Jim Bowers for his hard work on a job very well done.

We had our elections during the April meeting and most of the officers are staying on for another year in their current posts. We want to encourage others to come out and attend the meetings; and perhaps step up and help run the post in an officer capacity next year. Several of us have decided that this coming year will be our last for a bit, we need a break. Many of you have opinions on how the Post should be run, this is your chance to get those ideas in place.

See You Around the Post! Rob Smith, Quartermaster

[Gulf Coast State College Student Helps Rescue Neighbor From Fire](#)



BAY COUNTY-- Love your neighbor as thyself. 21 year old Esabella Macauley has lived in Panama City Beach next door to 81 year old neighbor for her entire life. Monday evening (May 4th), after returning home from her physiotherapy internship, Esabella noticed her neighbor's house was on fire, as she could hear him screaming for help. Macauley ran into her neighbor's house, and managed to carry him to the threshold.

According to Macauley, "At that point he he was already suffering pretty intense burns and all I could think of was making sure he made it." The man uses an oxygen tank to assist his breathing, and was attempting to light a cigarette when the fire started.

Chief Mark Bowen of Bay County Emergency Services says, "It was a smoking accident, and it's a lesson for everybody. Oxygen is probably the worst thing you can have anywhere close to an open flame."

When first responders arrived on scene, they were able to contain the fire to the living room. Despite the chaos, Macauley says her only thought was comforting her neighbor. "I just remember rubbing his back and telling him it's gonna be okay, your family is waiting for you, they're gonna be here any minute," Said Macauley. "It was just very scary."

Bowen says first responders aren't necessarily first people on scene, and heroic actions such as Esabella's make all the difference in the world. "Truth of the matter is its life and death this neighbor if she went in and rendered aid she could have well saved this person's life" Claims Bowen. "And that is something to be very, very proud of."

Macauley says she is grateful to have been in the right place at the right time. "He's a human being just like any one of us, if any human being was screaming for help I would help them." Macauley says she has spoken to her neighbor's family who claim the man is doing a lot better and is in stable condition with no signs of internal damage. They say he is using a breathing tube and will need skin grafts because of some burns.

This [article from the WHJG web page](#) is the text version of the news report given on Tuesday, May 5th's evening news. The neighbor was our own Dick Gribble who was airlifted to Atlanta, GA to a burn trauma unit where, in fact, he died of his grievous injuries Saturday, May 9th. Dick, age 81 and a US Army combat Veteran of the Korean War was and is missed at a post and canteen where he lived, laughed, worked and played. Rest in Peace, Brother.



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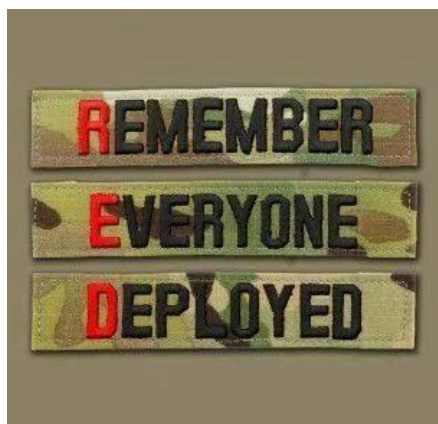
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SUMMER HOURS: Sun. 1-6 PM Mon. 1-8 PM Tues. 1-8 PM Wed. 1-6 PM Thur. 1-9 PM Fri. 1-9 PM	Sign up for this calendar by email at vfw10555@knology.net	WHERE TO FIND US 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025	LIKE US ON FACEBOOK		1 Breakfast 8 - 10:30 Loyalty Day - 4:30 VFW Wings \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 VFW Bingo 6 - 8 PM Thunder Beach	2 Breakfast 8-10:30 No Bingo Thunder Beach
3	4 Legion Officer Mtg. 5:30 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM	5 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	6 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	7 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	8 VE Day Ceremony 4:00 Hall Rental, No Bingo	9 LAUX BINGO 1 PM Beer at Harley Davidson
10 Mother's Day Lunch 1 to 2	11	12 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	13 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	14 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	15 LAUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM LAUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9	16 VFW BINGO 1 PM District Meeting Marianna
17 Pool Tournament 8 Ball 2 PM \$2.00 to play Win \$20 Bar Tab	18	19 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & LAUX Mtg. 6 PM	20 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	21 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	22 Bike Night LAUX Music by Neal James	23 Buddy Poppies at Wal Mart 8 to 4 LEGION BINGO 1 PM
24	25 Memorial Day Flag Retirement 3 PM VFW/LAUX/Legion Picnic \$3.00 3:30-5:30 PM Music 3:30-6:30 PM	26 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	27 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	28 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	29 Legion Bar-b-que \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Legion Bingo 6-8 PM	30 LAUX BINGO 1 PM VFW School of Instruction
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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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