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VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander

We have just finished a very busy week supporting Panama City Beach Harley Davidson and Thunder Beach. For those that are not aware, we sold adult beverages at Harley Davidson Tuesday through Sunday. We also had breakfast at YOUR post Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This took a lot of volunteers and I want to thank everyone that came out to help. This was a joint project with the VFW and American Legion and all our organizations. This is one of our largest fund raisers all year so thank you to all that helped.

We are going to distribute Buddy Poppies at Wal-Mart November 7th and we will need your help. All money collected from Buddy Poppies goes into our Relief Fund in accordance with National By-Laws. The Relief Fund is only authorized for direct support of Veterans and Veterans programs. If you are available November 7th let me know, we will be at Wal-Mart at Pier Park from 8 to 3. If we have enough Volunteers we can arrange shifts. Also, please dress appropriately. VFW uniforms or something that says "I am a proud American Combat Veteran"...

The last thing I need to bring up is in February 2016 we will be celebrating the 35th anniversary of VFW Post 10555 getting our charter. This will be our last year if things don't change we will be closing the post in July next year due to a lack of membership participation. This is happening to a large number of posts in the state and ours will be included next year. If you don't get involved with the running of YOUR post we will not have officers to continue another year. You have been warned.

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

KEN WARINGA

[PS CLICK HERE FOR THE LATEST STATE BULLETIN](#)

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

October is almost gone and Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching. Thunder Beach breakfasts went very well and I want to thank everyone who helped. We had help from the Auxiliary, the Legion, Sons of the Legion, Legion Riders and the Post. We will be distributing Poppies at WalMart on the 7th of November. We are hosting the District 17 Meeting Saturday, November 21. It would be really nice to have a good turn out since it will be at our Post and the Auxiliary will be doing lunch. Some dates to keep in mind are December 5 is Toys for Cops and on December 19 the Auxiliary will be having a bake sale in conjunction with the Post Yard Sale. I took the gift bag, that Lien Phelps so graciously provide for our Cheer up a Sick Child project, to the Pediatric Ward at Gulf Coast Hospital. The nurses really appreciated it.

Our next meeting is November 17 at 6 p.m. If you need a ride to the meeting please call me at 234-8918. **Kitty Dye, President VFW Auxiliary 10555**



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

Hello Fellow Legionnaires! We made it through a busy October with flying colors. The Legion Dinner and the Early Bird Dinner were very successful. Thunder Beach was a tremendous success for all the entities at the Post. Thanks to the volunteers who worked the breakfasts and the beer sales. We will have our Rider's chapter officially recognized and officers installed at the monthly meeting on November 2nd. We are hoping to have the Sons Squadron recognized at the same time, pending the arrival of their Charter. These two organizations are growing and are involved with helping the Post and our veterans. Last month's Bike Night was the best yet with approximately 115 bikes supporting the Riders on that night. Our hats are off to Jeff and his crew for the great turnout. We have a Legion Dinner scheduled for Nov, 20th, and will need volunteers to help. The Riders have Bingo on the 7th and will be hosting a dinner on the 27th. The Sons are in charge of the Bingo on Nov. 28th, let's support them. Please consider placing a memorial or commemorative brick on our Legion Board in honor of your veterans.

Remember: Keep our Veterans in our Hearts, Thank You And God Bless America! Jim Bowers, American Legion Post Commander

A Message from our Perpetual Post Manager: Billie Jones (vfw10555@knology.net)

November is here and I hope all of you turned your clocks back on Sunday November 1. VFW Post 10555 and American Legion Post 402 is available for all members to come out and enjoy cold drinks, good food and fellowship with your friends and the making of new ones! If you missed the 3 days breakfast that was served in October during Thunder Beach you missed a great meal – thanks to all that worked during those days. Legion Riders had “Bike Night” also on Friday night and it was a hit with homemade chili prepared and served with corn bread. Hats off to all that participate in making all the events a success for the Post.

AUX Fish Fry will be served again this month , please get your tickets at the bar, \$9.00 for early purchase. The AUX does a heck of a job on this event and always has. I do want to mention the Post will be open on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 24th from 12 noon till 6 pm. Jacii and her husband Frank will be cooking and serving a Thanksgiving meal at 3 pm. Members wanting to attend a sign up sheet will be posted closer to the date and your favorite dish is also welcome.

Please check all the events on the November calendar and come out to support the Post! Our Northern friends will be returning and joining in on our activities soon—welcome to all. Remember to tip the bartenders for serving you and they are in charge of the bar while on duty. Hope to see you soon.

Best Regards, Billie Jones Post Manager



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

Hello All, As I write this, we have just finished up the Thunder Beach weekend. The beer sales went really well, and received a lot of tips. And word of the breakfasts at the Post is spreading, as they went really well also. Thanks to all who helped, the events were a big money-maker for the post and we greatly needed it. Now that the weather is turning cooler, we will start seeing our Northern friends returning and visiting our Post. That should also help us do better. For those that have annual memberships, please send in your renewal when you get your reminder in the mail from National. Better yet, bring your renewal form and money to the Post and drop it off and while you are there, have a cold and tasty beverage! We'll take care of the rest and you'll receive your new membership card in the mail. One last thing, please consider purchasing a brick to commemorate your service or that of a loved one.

See You Around Our Post! Rob



How do you create a personal online account at <http://www.vfw.org>? With your membership card in hand, follow these three easy steps:

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





VFW TO AMERICA: SHOW AND SHARE YOUR THANKS THIS VETERANS DAY

OPERATION APPRECIATION TO SHOWCASE APPRECIATION IN ACTION

October 21, 2015

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Today, with just three weeks remaining until Veterans Day, the VFW is launching *Operation Appreciation*.

All Americans are invited to join Operation Appreciation by thanking our nation's service members and veterans with an act demonstrating their appreciation — an act beyond words or text, then sharing a photo or video illustrating the act and posting it to social media using the hashtags #ithankedavet, #yourturn.


With the number of patriotic and veteran-focused events happening nationwide in the upcoming weeks, participation should come easy to those who wish to get involved. Capturing and sharing photos and videos from parades and other Veterans Day events is highly encouraged, but the VFW also hopes the campaign sparks individuals to find ways to creatively express their appreciation. From buying a service member or veteran's meal or gas, to helping with a project or household chore, to treating them to a fishing, hunting, skydiving or paintball outing, there is no "right" way to express the deep appreciation citizens have for the sacrifices of America's finest.

"This campaign is all about giving thanks to those who have served their country by way of an act of kindness, but the key to this initiative is capturing it ... the essence of the moment and its significance, and then sharing it. Social sharing is a powerful thing, and our hope is that every American who joins our campaign and thanks a veteran this Veterans Day inspires ten more to do the same, but in their own way," said John Hamilton, VFW adjutant general.

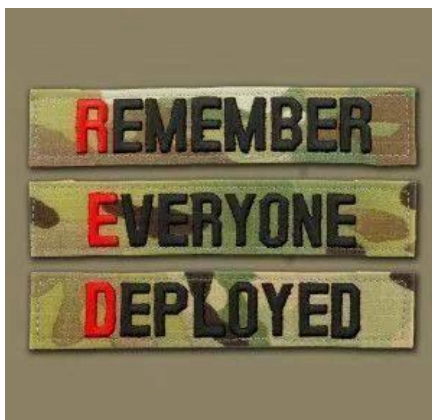
All of the social media content generated as a result of Operation Appreciation can be found on your mobile device by searching for #ithankedavet or #yourturn on individual social media sites, or from your desktop at: https://www.facebook.com/VFWFans/app_170912239916663.

For sample social media posts and imagery you can use to support Operation Appreciation, [click here](#).



November 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends \$1.00 Can Beer Specials	2 Legion Officer Mtg. 5:30 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM SAL Mtg. 6 PM	3 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Legion Riders Mtg. 6 PM	4 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	5 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	6 VFW Burgers 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	7 Riders Bingo 1 PM VFW Poppies at WalMart 8 to 3
8 \$1.00 Can Beer Specials	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 Veterans Day Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 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 Hall rental No Bingo
15 \$1.00 Can Beer Specials 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 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	19 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	20 Legion Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	21 No Bingo VFW District Meeting Post opens 2:00 Bourbon Tasting 6 PM
22 \$1.00 Can Beer Specials	23	24 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	25 Bring a Friend to the Post 3-6 PM	26 Thanksgiving Post open 12 to 6 Pot luck dinner 3:00	27 Legion Riders Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	28 SAL Bingo 1 PM
29 \$1.00 Can Beer Specials Bunko 2 PM	30			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 

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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