



Emerald Coast VFW Post 10555

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VFW Post 10555 News: Susan Johnson, Commander

Hello All. A special thanks to the folks that helped set-up, worked two or more shifts and tear-down for our Thunder Beach fund raiser. It was a wonderful team effort between both posts (VFW 10555 and Legion 402). I would also like to send kudos out to the main leaders --- Jack Johnson, Ken Waringa and Jimmy Bowers. All three of these members worked days in advance with buying products, working the schedule, obtaining the golf cart, making sure all products arrived on time and many other efforts. Thanks guys!!

If you can, please come out and represent your post by walking in the *Veteran's Day parade*. It is on Friday, November the 10th. All the area VFWs will be together in spot #18. We will be handing out flags. Line-up is on 13th Street next to Tommy Oliver Stadium about 8:00-8:15. Parade starts at 9 AM. Since it is Friday we encourage all to wear red to remember our deployed troops.

On 11 Nov Saturday: (1) At 10:00 AM there will be a Veteran's Day ceremony with Chaplain David Trogdon from the HOPE Project at Texas Roadhouse. All veterans eat free that day so do not forget to tip for the great service we get there. (2) The Post will have a Veteran's Day Ceremony at 4 Pm.

Susan's Special Project need food donations for Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church's food pantry. Please drop off your food donations at the post to help homeless veterans and families in need on the beach. If you want to give a monetary donation, please make your check out to Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church with an annotation of "for the food pantry." I will deliver to the pantry.

Our Post Thanksgiving plans is for a pot-luck. There is a sign-up list is at the Post. 10555 will furnish the meat. VFW members and Legion 402 members are invited.

I see that some of our Winter Volunteers are arriving. Welcome back, we are very glad to see you!

Upcoming events for December: (1) On 9 Dec (time is TBD) will be our "Toys for Cops" Christmas Party. As you may know we collect unwrapped toys that the PCB Police Department will pick up and distribute among the community. (2) We will most likely have a pot-luck for Christmas, more information to follow, and (3) There is a 2017 New Year's Eve party in the works for Post Members and their guest. Our entertainment will be **Tony Vegas and group**. The tentative rundown if you want to participate in the Hall: 7-9 pm social hours with raffle viewing, 50/50 tickets sales; will have snacks; 9 pm heavy Hors d'oeuvres; 9 pm-1 am Tony Vegas and get ready to dance; 9-10 pm drawings for raffles, basket, 50/50; 11:30 pm patriotic song and prayers for veterans and active duty; MIDNIGHT with party favors, sing "Old Lang Syne" with champagne toast and ball drop on TV; 12:15 am biscuits and gravy breakfast. Tickets will be limited to 100 with cut-off date of 30 Dec: advance tickets...\$20 for singles and \$35 for couples (no more than 24 hours in advance will your ticket will be held), at the door \$25 for singles and \$40 for couples. Any one that just wants to come into to the Canteen will be more than welcomed. You will be able to hear Tony Vegas and group. Starting at 7 pm there will be a \$5 cover charge and we will have snacks for you to enjoy. NOTE: The New Year's Eve Party is pending approval of our budget proposal at the upcoming House Committee.

Susan J. Johnson



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

VFW Auxiliary: Kitty Dye, President

Well brothers and sisters, October was quite a month. At our last meeting we approved a new member, made donations to Wreaths Across America, and a 501c3 veterans group in the US Virgin Islands. There has been nothing in the media regarding the veterans in the Virgin Islands that got hit back to back by 2 major hurricanes. We were inspected at this meeting and we passed. Mary Kilzer, Sharon Justiss and I went to Fall Round Up in Orlando. This was one of the best conferences that I have attended. Gene Perinno from the VFW wore a pink bra to one of the sessions (Suggested by 10555 Auxiliary) and collected \$332.00 for cancer aid and research. The Auxiliary is helping with the Post New Year's Eve Dance and it is going to be a great party. You will need to get your tickets early.

The Auxiliary needs your help. Please try and attend meetings. I promise to try to keep them short. Our next meeting is 11-21-2017 at 6 p.m.

Kitty Dye, President

The Perception of the Post Manager

October has come and gone, our northern friends are trickling in and we will start seeing the post getting much busier. The month of November has a number of scheduled events for our post.

The Harley event was a great success and we are pleased with the turnout and support. Thank you to each and every person who came out and gave of your valuable time.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you this month. Come out and support YOUR post.

Thank you,

Canteen Manager Dallas

VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Two Cents, Jack Johnson

We have just completed another successful Thunder Beach Rally! Thanks to all of you who helped with the setup, sales, and teardown. Beer sales went well; all the units will see some much-needed revenue from this effort. It's time to set our clocks back for the winter months and that is the hint that our Northern friends will again be joining us. Be sure and welcome them "home". Our membership is standing at just over 80% for this year. If you are an annual member, be sure to renew when you get the reminder in the mail. Or better yet, come by the Post, have a refreshing beverage, talk with your fellow veterans and leave your renewal with me or the bartender. I'll take care of getting it to National and you'll receive your new membership card in the mail.

See You at the Post! Jack



Membership Information

Annual Members, did you know your membership runs for 365 days from the day you joined? If you renew early it just adds 365 days to your existing membership, so you don't lose anything. We are again trying to make All-State, and the primary factor is reaching 100% in membership. As on 1 November we are at 80.56%. Our retention is only 42.42%, so we need our annual members to renew. You can do it on-line by setting up an account as described below. If your membership has expired or will expire within the next 90 days, I'll be contacting you shortly to encourage you to renew your membership. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Ken

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





NOVEMBER 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Winter Hours Sun 1 - 6 Mon 12 - 9 Tue 12 - 9 Wed 12 - 9 Thur 12 - 9 Fri 12 - 9 Sat 12 - 9	Download this calendar at vfwpost10555.com	WHERE TO FIND US: 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 588-7334	1 Happy Hour all day Legion Aux Mtg 6 PM	2 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	3 VFW AUX Officer Mtg 2 PM AUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Show 6:30-8 Karaoke 8-?	4 Legion Aux Bingo 1 PM Poppies at Wal-Mart Shrimp Scampi 3:30 - 6
5 Pool Tournament 8 Ball 2 PM \$2.00 to play Happy Hour all day	6 Legion Mtg. 6 PM SAL Mtg. 6 PM Legion Riders Mtg. 7 PM	7 Arts and Crafts 1-3 pm Men's Pool 1-5	8 Happy Hour all day	9 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	10 Veteran's Day parade No Bingo Hall Rental 6-10	11 Veterans Day VFW Bingo 1 PM Ceremony 4 PM Hall Rental 5 - 10
12 Happy Hour all day	13	14 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	15 Happy Hour all day	16 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	17 Legion Aux Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	18 Legion Bingo 1 PM VFW District 17 Meeting Port St. Joe
19 Happy Hour all day	20	21 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & VFW AUX Mtg. 6 PM	22 Happy Hour all day	23 Thanksgiving Post open 12 - 6 Pot Luck meal 4:00, please sign up.	24 SAL Food 5:30 to 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	25 VFW Aux Bingo 1 PM Newsletter inputs due
26 Happy Hour all day	27	28 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	29 Happy Hour all day	30 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM		LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

