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## COMMANDER'S CALL



Well, it's great to be back and I look forward to a busy month at the Post. We have entertainment each Saturday, a fish fry on the 19th with entertainment, and a big Veterans Day schedule, which will include a flag retirement ceremony. I hope we get a huge turnout for all.



We are at 70% on membership and we need to improve on this in a big way. I would like to be at 90% by the end of the month. I would like for those continuous member's who have not as yet renewed to make an extra effort to renew as soon as possible to help us meet this goal. We also need to beat the streets and recruit new members. Remember, active duty is still free for the first year. Please do all you can to promote the VFW and our Post.



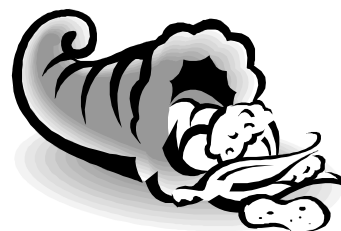
I have received several inputs on community involvement and I thank you for that. We have a great place, so let's keep it running smoothly and help those we are supposed to - the Veteran.

See you at the meeting - hopefully soon!

Don

P.S.:

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK an hour on November 7th as Daylight Savings Time ends.



## Volunteer Services

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## Quartermaster Corner — Ken Waringa

Another month has flown by and the holidays will be here before we know it. At the house committee meeting, we decided to have the Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve and then the Post will be closed Christmas day so everyone can spend the holiday with their family. We are trying to get the Thanksgiving dinner catered so no one has to spend days getting the food ready. This way everyone can enjoy the meal!

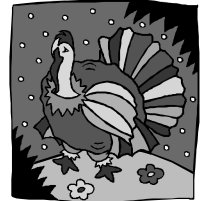
If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so as soon as possible. You can bring a check for \$23.00 TO THE Post and I'll take care of it for you. We are trying to get to 100% by December and we still have a ways to go.

Veterans Day is November 11th. We will be participating in the Panama City Veterans Day parade again this

year. If you want to join us, please contact Brian. We will be having a flag ceremony at 3pm at the Post with food to follow. We have invited about 18 World War II and Viet Nam veterans from a local assisted living facility to join us at the Post for the flag ceremony, so come out and make them welcome.

See you at the Post,

Ken



## Ladies Auxiliary News - Jenny Freeman, President

The Oktoberfest we had last month was a great success. We had lots of volunteers who helped out to make it a huge hit, so THANK YOU to all who volunteered for the event. We had so many compliments that we're talking about making it an annual event.

The month of November brings 2 events - the LAVFW & Men's Aux. Fish Fry on the 19th and our fund-raiser Bake Sale on the 20th. Both of these events will require many volunteers, so step up and help out. Bakery donations are

very much needed and you can bring them by the night of the fish fry or the day of the bake sale. All proceeds will go to fight prostate cancer, so help us out and donate bakery goodies or come by on the 20th and buy some great treats. Let's get together and help make a difference in the fight against prostate cancer.

See you around the Post,

Jenny Freeman



## Men's Auxiliary Memo - Bill McGrath, President

Thanks to all of you for making our first Oktoberfest a success. We filled the hall and the canteen with members and guests all with one thing in common - having a great time! We'll certainly do this again next year, or perhaps, something similar in the winter. We'll discuss this at the next planning committee meeting.

As you know, this new planning committee was established to plan events well into the future to help the house committee with the monthly planning. Thus far, it seems to be working well. We've got tentative events planned all the way to March. Just a few of the events are: Dec. - dirty Santa party and other events; Super Bowl party, Daytona 500 party, Valentine Day dance, St. Patrick's Day party, Car show, Jam sessions - and these are just a few. So, keep your eye on the newsletter for all events. If you have an idea for an event, let me know and we'll certainly bring it up at our monthly meeting.

Back to the Men's Auxiliary - our membership is up (2 more than last year). Not much, I admit, but we lost 13 from the roster so that means we gained back the ones we lost plus 2 more! Pretty good, huh? The lost members once again bring up the problem all our organizations have. That is, members moving and not updating their mailing

addresses, so please remember to do that if you relocate.

One news item to pass on - at the National VFW conference, our request for a rule change to allow the Men's Auxiliary District/State recognition once again failed. Although we had the support of 50% of the delegates, it wasn't enough as it takes a super majority to pass a rule change. The failure to gain recognition is a disgrace. Since I led the effort at State to re-write the rule change, I feel extremely disappointed. We purposely wrote the rule so those states with "social memberships" would not be forced to start a Men's Auxiliary. Nevertheless, they voted for the status quo rather than change.

As disappointed as we are with the rule change failure, we anticipated this second failure and agreed to set up a committee to begin exploring our options. I'll have more on this later, but rest assured that all the Men's Auxiliary presidents are determined to achieve recognition and this defeat is only a setback.

Until next month....

Regards,

Bill McGrath



## Musings From The House Committee Chairman - Jim Foreman

Please remember Veterans Day November 11th. We will have a Flag ceremony at 3pm with food to follow. Please come out and enjoy the day. That's what we're all about.

We also will have Thanksgiving Dinner on the 25th. The details are not finalized as yet, so watch the bulletin board and message board for more details and make sure to buy your tickets early.

Don and Sue are now doing the lawn work and have sure added some fall colors to the place with their flower planting. Looks really nice! THANK YOU!

For our northern guests returning this month, welcome back.

See ya around the Post,

Jim

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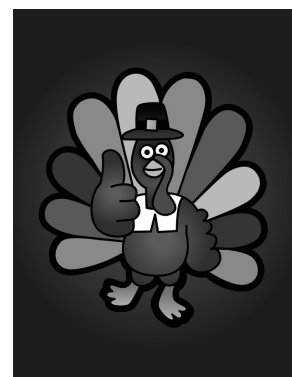
## A Message From ..... Canteen Manager - Kitty Dye

The canteen has seen some slow days this past month. Sports on the big screen and food on Sunday afternoon have as yet to see the numbers that we had hoped for. The fish frys and Oktoberfest were a benefit to the canteen.

Within the next couple of weeks, we will be getting Miler Lite on tap. Thanks to Art Piech and his "golfer friends", we have several new 12 ounce mugs.

I want to remind everyone that the bartender is in charge of the canteen. Overly loud and argumentative talking, banging on tables, etc. will not be tolerated.

Kitty Dye, Canteen Manager





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### **Important Dates To Remember**

**6th - 3-6pm - South Bound Band**  
**8th - 5pm - Entertainment Committee Meet.**  
**9th - 5pm - House Committee Meeting**  
**11th - 3pm - Veterans Day-Flag Ceremony**  
**13th - 3-6pm - Boogie Daddy**  
**15th - 6pm - Men's Auxiliary Meeting**  
**16th - 6pm - Gen. Membership/LAVFW Meet.**  
**19th - 5-7pm-Fish Fry-Adv. \$8/at door \$10.**  
**5-8pm - Riptide Band**  
**20th - 3pm - BAKE SALE**  
**3-6pm - South Bound Band**  
**25th - Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**27th - 3-6pm - Boogie Daddy**



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