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VFW Post 10555 News: Susan Johnson, Commander

Greetings to my Friends and Fellow VFW Members,

What a busy month September 2017 has been. We recognized Victory over Japan, Labor Day, Patriots Day (in remembrance of those we lost in 9/11), and VFW Day in recognition of our 118th birthday. Thank you very much for your service and let us never forget those that have gone before us! Also, Legion Post 402 did a very wonderful education event for the local Girl Scouts. I had the honor of helping them in the Flag Retirement Ceremony. I was delighted to assist in the education of our future leaders.

If you have not heard, we have been raising funds for Baby Dash. He was born with a defective heart. If he stays here he will need three surgeries but if he goes to California all can be done in one surgery. Shannon who works for the VFW Post is his grandmother. Your post is building funds for transportation/ lodging expenses. So far with the joint efforts of the VFW, the Legion and both auxiliaries we have done a Shrimp Boil with raffle items, Yard Sale/Silent Auction, Shrimp Alfredo, hotdogs and breakfast event. Many VFW members provided cash donations. Sons of the American Legion 356 and American Legion Riders 375 and our local Legion Post 402/Sons of the Legion and Riders have been wonderful in monetary donations. THANKS TO EACH AND EVERYONE!!!

After Hurricane Harvey hit Texas, the VFW State Commander challenged each VFW Post to donate funds that will help the veterans that were impacted. With the combination of our VFW funds and donations we contributed \$1400. Our state commander matched our donation. Then Irma hit Florida. I put out donation jars and collected \$148.31 cents. Thank you. I did round that up to \$150 and personally matched the amount. We now have that money on hold. It will go to a VFW Post or veterans in need of help.

I have started a special project to support the Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church food pantry. They do a lot to support homeless veterans and local families in need. There are food donation buckets at the VFW. They like to give the homeless veterans small pop-top cans of food as well as hygiene items. They also help grandmothers that are raising their grandchildren. They need larger items to include, food, paper products and baby items. If you want to give a monetary donation, please make your checks out to Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church then mail or drop off at the post. I will personally deliver the food and the monetary donations. Thanks to the VFW Auxiliary for their generous \$200 donation. What a wonderful group of people we have.

On a final note, we did vote-in six new members at the general membership meeting (3rd Tuesday each month.) Please continue to recruit new members and renew your membership early. Also, we will be doing the fund raiser at Harley Davidson for Thunder Beach. As always, we need volunteers. Jointly the VFW and Legion will be setting up on 20 October and teardown on 29 October. The sign-up list is in the canteen. This will support the maintenance cost of our building and many of the veterans/community projects we do.

Susan J. Johnson



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

VFW Auxiliary: Kitty Dye, President

At our last meeting we heard from the Director of the Veteran's Service Center that provides counseling services for veterans with PTSD. One point of interest was that they will be staying open later on the nights the documentary on the VIETNAM WAR is aired. After watching one episode I can understand why. We also approved 3 new members. We made \$218.00 selling breakfast at the Post Yard Sale. We are still collecting school supplies so you still have time to donate if you haven't already. The Auxilliary will be catering Sara Canes Birthday Party, October 7. The Fish Fry for the month of October will have bingo and the one in November will be on the first Friday of the month and will feature a musical show followed by karaoke for those who wish to sing. Brothers and sisters of the Auxilliary, we need your help. We need your attendance at meetings and help with the various programs we have planned. Our next meeting is October 17 at 6:00 pm. I hope to see you there.

Kitty Dye, President

The Perception of the Post Manager

Welcome to October friends,

Looking forward to cooler weather in our very near future. September was a great month with a huge thank you to all who helped in any way on the fund raisers for bartender Shannon, one of our own, her grandson Dash has an upcoming surgery which these funds will help with the parent's expenses.

Also looking forward to seeing our Snowbird friends soon as they make their mighty southern trek. Also, this month includes bike week which means our post will be at Harley Davidson during the latter part of the month. Don't forget to sign up to help if you can during this time.

Come out and support your local post and look forward to seeing you all throughout the month of October.

Boo.

Thank you,
Canteen Manager Dallas



VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Two Cents, Jack Johnson

Greetings All,

Summer is heading out the door and Fall is coming to see us. That means our Northern Guests will be arriving soon. July and August were not good months for us at the Post; September was better, but with the cooler temperatures, we'll see more visitors to help out our bottom line. Our Fall stint at Harley is coming up this month, so we will need volunteers. The list is posted in the canteen, sign up today. Membership renewals have been slow coming in. I encourage everyone to renew when you receive your notice. If you want to become a Life Member, see me.


See You at the Post! Jack

Attention All VFW Members

All VFW members that have computer access should have an account with National VFW. This will allow you to renew your dues, update your address, request a new membership card as well as access a lot of other information. If you haven't done so yet, please take the time to create an account. The information below explains how to set up your online account. 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 





October 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Happy Hour all day	2 Legion Mtg. 6 PM SAL Mtg. 6 PM Legion Riders Mtg. 7 PM	3 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	4 Happy Hour Legion Aux Mtg. 6 PM	5 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	6 SAL Lasagna Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	7 Hall Rental No Bingo
8 Happy Hour all day Patriots Run 8 AM VFW Aux Bingo 2 PM	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	12 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	13 AUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM AUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Bingo 6 - 9 PM	14 Legion Western Area Conf 9 - 12 Riders Rib Cook-off All Day No Bingo
15 Happy Hour all day Legion Bingo 2 PM	16	17 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & AUX Mtg. 6 PM	18 Happy Hour	19 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	20 VFW Wings 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8 Newsletter inputs	21 VFW Bingo 1 PM Beer at Harley
22 Happy Hour all day Unity Ride	23	24 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	25 Happy Hour	26 Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	27 Riders Bike Night	28 No Bingo
Beer at Harley						
29 Happy Hour all day Beer at Harley	30	31 Men's Pool 1-5 PM Halloween		WHERE TO FIND US 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 588-7334	Sign up for this calendar by email at vfw10555@gmail.com	LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

