

# Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10555 and American Legion Post 402 Newsletter



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**Six organizations  
working together to  
help veterans.**

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## The Perception of the Post Manager

Ahoy there, mates! October is upon us and our Northern Friends will soon be rejoining Post 10555!! We are ready for them to start filling the seats and enjoying the cold refreshments. We are continuing summer hours for another month, winter hours will begin in November. Check the monthly calendar for the times. I want to thank all of the members who supported the canteen during these summer months and hope to see your continued support in the coming months. Thunder Beach is this month and we will be serving breakfast on October 20, 21, and 22. Try to make plans to get a really good meal at a very reasonable cost. Please don't discuss Post business at the bar, use the meetings to make your thoughts known. All our bartenders are there to make your visit an enjoyable one. Treat them well!! If you have concerns or recommendations concerning the canteen, see me. I'm there to try to make things better for you.

**Hope to see y'all in the canteen soon!!**

Jack

## VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander

You will notice a new look to our newsletter this month. We now have 6 organizations using our post home so we wanted to have the newsletter support all our organizations. Last month I reported we would be starting winter hours 1 October, but at the house committee we voted to hold off starting winter hours until November. At the last general membership meeting we approved giving one person that renews their membership before December 31<sup>st</sup> a life membership. One name will be drawn from those that renew. Some of our annual memberships don't expire until June 2017, but if you want a chance at a life membership renew before the end of December. Your new membership will still run for one year from the current expiration date. Thunder Beach is in October and as always we need help selling beer at Harley Davidson and preparing and serving breakfast at the post. The sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board at the post. If you can help our please stop by and sign up.

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

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

## **VFW Auxiliary: Kitty Dye, President**

At the last regular meeting we had our first male member in attendance. Hopefully more will attend in future meetings. We were inspected by the District Sr. Vice., Candy Collette and we passed (Yeh). We voted to support the Marianna Auxiliary in regards to their Community Halloween Party. We also voted to support the Veteran's Stand Down in Panama City on September 22nd. We purchased a variety of items which were delivered on the 21st, and assisted in food service and clean up on the day of the Stand Down. District Meeting is November 19 and it would be really nice to see a large Auxiliary turnout. The Auxiliary will be providing lunch that day. The weather should be getting a little cooler and maybe you will feel more like getting out to meetings. If you need a ride please let me know (850-234-8918). Our next meeting is October 18 at 6 pm. Until then, stay cool, be safe and be kind to each other.

***Kitty Dye, President VFWA 10555***

## **American Legion Update: Post 402 Commander Jim Bowers**

Hello Fellow Legionnaires. We are at 82% of our membership goal. Keep working on the recruiting of new members. For those who haven't renewed for 2017, now is the time. If you didn't renew by October 1<sup>st</sup>, you missed your chance for a free steak dinner. We had a successful month in September, with Legion dinner, Legion Bingo, the Bike Night and the Lobster Boil. I want to thank the volunteers who worked to make the lobster feast a great success. Look for it to be on the calendar next year. October will be busy for us also. We start out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> with the monthly meeting, then we are sponsoring the dinner on the 7<sup>th</sup>, our Early Bird steak dinner is on the 9<sup>th</sup> (look for tickets and flyer shortly), and we will be hosting Bingo on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Also this month is the Fall Thunder Beach Rally; we will be serving at Harley from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The volunteer sign up list is at the post. This is another good fund raiser and our share depends on the percentage of volunteers we provide, so sign up to work.

The steak dinner is free to those members who have joined or renewed during the period July 1 through October 1. Those who haven't renewed can still get a steak, but the cost is \$10. Any guest brought in will be the same \$10. A signup sheet is posted in the canteen at the Post. The dinner is open to anyone at the Post. I'll have the tickets out at the Post by Thursday (September 29). We will close out the signup on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

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



### **American Legion Riders, Director Jeff Dralle**

Hello fellow Legion Riders #402,  
September has been an awesome month with our Bike Night and the Quilt Raffle for our downed member, Lewis Miley to help with his hospital bills.  
Next month, October, we will have our booths at Harley for the Fall Rally. We will need volunteers, a lot of them, from the 14th until the 23rd. Sign up sheets are at the Post. If you are unable to help out at Harley, please consider helping with our breakfast at the post from the 20th til the 22nd. We have made our Bike Night October 28th and the Unity Ride will be starting at our Post on October 30th. We will need volunteers to be there at 8:00 AM for breakfast burritos. We need all the volunteers we can for these events. In the mean time keep the rubber side down and the shinny side up!

Director  
Jeff Dralle

### **Sons of American Legion Post 402, Commander Greg Trammell**



Hello to all Sons of The American Legion. This is our first posting to the Post Newsletter, so bear with me. Our membership goal hasn't been met as yet as we are at 31% of our goal. We need all members to send in their membership fees as soon as possible and increase our membership by recruiting new members. Squadron 402 is still a young group and I would love for us to exceed District requirements. All membership renewal letters should be sent out by the 7<sup>th</sup>. I would love to see 100% renewal by the end of October. Our Dinner on the 30<sup>th</sup> was a success. We actually showed a profit and a good turnout of members. I would love to see this continue every month. I want to thank those who showed up to make this possible. October will be a busy month for us all. Our meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm and I would love to see a good turnout. We also have the Early Bird Steak Dinner on the 9<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$10 per person. The flyer and tickets will be available shortly. We also have the Fall Thunder Beach Rally. This will be held from the 15<sup>th</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We need volunteers to sign up to help with this event because all profits will be split up between all Post entities according to participation. The event will be held at Harley Davidson. Volunteer list will be available soon. We have our Sons Dinner on the 28<sup>th</sup> and we need suggestions on what to serve and volunteers are needed. I want to thank all that participate to support The Sons of The American Legion and our Post. We really have a great group of members and I want each of us to remember our forefathers, veterans, and active military for what they have done, and are doing to protect our freedom. God bless America!!!!!! Greg Trammell, Sons of The American Legion, Commander.

### **American Legion Post 402 Auxiliary, President Linda Bowers**

The American Legion Auxiliary has been very busy before and after receiving our Charter in June. We have our upcoming Inaugural Patriot Run/Walk on October 8th. We have many sponsors and are looking forward to making this an annual event to help our Soldiers, Veterans and Community. Several of us have attended workshops and District meetings where we have learned a great deal of information about our organization and all the various ways that we can make a difference for Veterans. We hope to host one at our Post in the future to us help learn more as well as promote our wonderful Post Family.

We are excited about Bike Week coming up and to continuing helping out with Bike Nights and reaching out to our Community and other Posts and Units.

For God and Country,  
Linda Bowers,  
President, Unit 402

October 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SUMMER HOURS:</b> Sun. 1-6 PM Mon. 1-8 PM Tues. 1-8 PM Wed. 1-8 PM Thur. 1-9 PM Fri. 1-9 PM Sat. 12-8 PM	<b>LIKE US ON FACEBOOK</b> 	Sign up for this calendar by email at <a href="mailto:vfw10555@knology.net">vfw10555@knology.net</a>	<b>WHERE TO FIND US</b> 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025		<b>Remember Every Deployed (RED) Shirt Fridays.</b> Wear a red shirt to show support of our troops.	<b>1</b> VFW Aux Bingo 1 PM
<b>2</b> Happy Hour all Day	<b>3</b> Legion Officer Mtg. 5:30 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM Legion Riders Mtg. 7 PM	<b>4</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM	<b>5</b> Happy Hour all Day Legion Aux Mtg. 6 PM	<b>6</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>7</b> Legion Food 5:30 - 6:30 Bingo 6 - 8	<b>8</b> Patriot 5K Run Legion Western Conference No Bingo
<b>9</b> Happy Hour all Day Legion Steak Dinner	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	<b>12</b> Happy Hour all Day	<b>13</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>14</b> LAUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM LAUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30-6:30 Bingo 6:30 to 8:30	<b>15</b> Hall Rental No Bingo  Beer at HD
<b>16</b> Happy Hour all Day	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Gen. Membership & LAUX Mtg. 6 PM	<b>19</b> Happy Hour all Day	<b>20</b> Breakfast 8-11  Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>21</b> Breakfast 8-11 SAL Food 5:30 - 6:30 PM Bingo 6-8 PM	<b>22</b> Breakfast 8-11 Hall Rental No bingo
Thunder Beach Beer at Harley Davidson						
<b>23</b> Happy Hour all Day  Beer at HD	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM	<b>26</b> Happy Hour all Day	<b>27</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>28</b> Legion Riders Bike Night	<b>29</b> Legion Bingo 1 PM
<b>30</b> Unity Ride Happy Hour all Day	<b>31</b>					

The **American Legion**, Inc., is a federally chartered veterans' organization formed in Paris on March 16, 1919, by members of the American Expeditionary Forces.

In addition to organizing commemorative events, volunteer veterans operating through the Legion support activities and provide assistance at Veterans Administration hospitals and clinics. The Legion is active in issue-oriented U.S. politics. Its primary political activity is lobbying on behalf of the interests of veterans and service members, including support for veteran's benefits such as pensions and the Veterans Affairs hospital system. The organization has also historically promoted Americanism and opposed Communism in the United States, providing names of individuals and organizations to the Hollywood blacklist.

The main American Legion Headquarters is located on the Indiana World War Memorial Plaza in Indianapolis. It is the primary office for the National Commander and also houses the historical archives, library, Membership, Internal Affairs, Public Relations, and the Magazine editorial offices. The Legion also owns a building in Washington D.C. that contains many of the operation offices such as Economics, Legislative, Veterans Affairs, Foreign Relations, National Security, and Media Relations. A National Officer or National Executive Committee Representative is distinguished by a red garrison cap with gold piping.