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VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander (kcwaringa@yahoo.com)

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We have a very busy month coming up, starting Labor Day weekend. We have a bar at Gulf Coast Jam, two beer booths at Harley Davidson followed by the Labor Day Picnic. The Ladies Aux has their fish fry on the 12th, and then we have the State Commander's Home Steak Dinner on the 19th. We have our first bike night on the 26th and then we go straight into Thunder Beach. We will be having 4 beer booths at Harley Davidson Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 2, 3 & 4. At the same time we're doing breakfast at the post. As you can see we have a very busy September and we're going to need help with all these events. If you can help with the beer booths at Harley Davidson during Thunder Beach, there is a sign up list on the bulletin board at the post. We will be selling beer from 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM all three days. We will be sharing these with the American Legion so we can all benefit and share the workload. As you can see we have a lot of fund raising activities and we will need a lot of help to make them all a success so please let me know if you can help with any of these events. The rest of the month's activities are on our calendar you will receive as a separate attachment OR find it online @ <http://www.vfwpost10555.com/>
See you there, Thank You for your continued support of our events and programs.

KEN WARINGA, Post Commander 10555 phone me @ 850-460-9345

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Status: Kitty Dye, President (kdye8918@yahoo.com)

What a summer this has been. I knew it wouldn't be long before we were asking for cooler weather. August has been a busy month. There was of course the fish fry that went pretty well and the Pot Luck which went well and was a lot of fun. I will forewarn everyone that our dues are going up in October. Our National dues have gone up so the membership in attendance voted to raise the dues from \$20.00 per year to \$25.00 per year. We are still a "best buy". If you have not paid your dues yet you may want to get it done now. This also may be the time to think about a life membership. We will finance for 6 months with no interest. We also found out some changes in the programs and obligations for the next year at the School of Instruction that our District President, Jenny Freeman held. Our Cancer Aid and Research obligation has gone down but others have gone up and they have added one. The State President has asked that each District take a Cancer Program to promote. Ours is prostate cancer and we will be taking up "loose change" at the meetings. We lost 2 sisters this month to cancer, Kathleen Cook and Bernice Pendle and they will most certainly be missed. Christine Waringa, Jenny Freeman, Jane Brewer, Gayle Oberst and I all took part in the ALS ice bucket challenge, several of us will be working the Beach Jam over the long Labor Day weekend. Margaret Randall is in the hospital. We are looking forward to the Labor Day Picnic on 9/1/2014; our fish fry 9/12 and the pot luck on 9/28.

Until next time, be Safe & Cool Kitty Dye, President Ladies Auxiliary 10555



VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Corner, Rob Smith (baltorob@comcast.net)

Hello all, As I write this, we're getting ready for Labor Day weekend and it will be quite a busy one for many of us at the Post. We have the beer tent at the Gulf Coast Jam that some of us will be working from 2pm to midnight Friday through Sunday. There are others working the Labor Day Bash at Harley Davidson from 12-4 Saturday and Sunday. Then there is our Post Labor Day Picnic on Monday. We'll have a short Labor Day ceremony at 3pm, followed by the picnic from 3:30-4:30. Skeen Machine will once again provide the music that day, from 4-7. If any of you would like to help us with the picnic on Monday, we'd gratefully appreciate it since most of the regular help will be pretty tuckered out from working the other events.

As for our membership drive, it looks like some of our members are participating in our contest to win a free Life Membership if they renew between 1 July and 30 September. Remember that if you are an annual member and purchase a Life Membership, you are also eligible for this drawing. We would reimburse you for that Life Membership you purchased if you win. If you do buy a Life Membership, please let me or Tom Randall know so that we can make sure you are included in the drawing. Remember also, that in order to be eligible to win, you must be present when we draw the name at the October general membership meeting.

Hope To See You At Our Post!! Rob Smith

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

Labor Day Ceremony, picnic and music by Skeen Machine Monday September 1, come out and enjoy the fun and great food. What a way to start the month and the fun continues. Each month I write a newsletter regarding the canteen and include mentioning events going on at post 10555 this month is no different! Bingo, LAVFW Fish Fry, Pot Luck Meal, check the calendar for all events, time and new events that are happening at the post.

Post 10555 is having a steak dinner for the State Commander's Home coming on Friday September 19 with a POW/MIA Ceremony be sure to check this event out for your participation. Bingo will be played on Saturday September 20 at the regular time.

NEW event, Bike Night September 26 with the American Legion providing their bar-b-que. This is open to all members. Come out and meet some new members and socialize with your friends. Speaking of the American Legion, I would like to "thank" the American Legion Commander, Jimmy, Bowers for all his hard work on getting the base of the bar tiled in August – it looks great! Oh, the two tables in the canteen, base have been tiled also. IMPROVMENTS – YES.

We still are selling cheeseburgers, hot pockets, philly cheese steak sandwiches and single mini pizza's for your convenience. Chips, popcorn, variety of crackers, Slim Jims and peanuts are also available for a light snack while drinking a cold beverage. Wild Turkey 101 is now being served, enjoy.

There has been complaints regarding "talk" at the bar, if any member has any problems with the staff or management, please put it in writing.

Hope To See You All Soon. Billie Jones Post Manager

STATE COMMANDER HOMECOMING (vfw10555@knology.net)



On September 19th we are hosting a Steak Night for those attending the State Commander's Homecoming 19-20 September. On September 20th, the LAVFW is providing lunch for the Golf Tournament. For both events at the Triple Nickel, we need your help serving, clearing, cleaning up after each event. Please add your name to the list of and direct your questions to Committee Chairs Tom Randall, VFW SVC and Kitty Dye, President LAVFW. This is our chance to shine!



VFW DEMANDS SGT. TAHMOORESSI'S RELEASE

NATIONAL COMMANDER CALLS ON ALL AMERICAN VETERANS TO TAKE ACTION

KANSAS CITY, AUGUST 28, 2014 — The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is demanding the immediate release of U.S. Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi, who has now suffered 150 days in a Mexican jail.

VFW National Commander John Stroud is asking not only for the support of the 1.9 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliaries, but for the entire military and veteran community to rally for one of their own. VFW is asking all American veterans to take action by flooding the White House with calls and emails asking President Obama to secure Tahmooressi's release, immediately. Call (202) 456-1111 and [click here to send an email](#). In addition, Stroud is asking veterans to voice their displeasure with the lack of a resolution directly to the Embassy of Mexico in Washington. Call (202) 728-1600 and [click here to send an email](#).

In addition to social pressure, Stroud wants Mexico to feel the economic effects of its decision to keep the Marine jailed for nearly 5 months.

"We can no longer rely on our government to bring our Marine home. We've tried the politically polite route by twice asking President Obama to contact Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto to no avail," said VFW National Commander John Stroud. "Now, the gloves are off. I'm calling on America's nearly 22 million veterans to boycott all travel to Mexico and the purchase of its goods...a total boycott."

The VFW has elected a new leadership team since first becoming involved in the issue, however, Tahmooressi's release continues to be a VFW priority and a situation the VFW has monitored closely.

To circumvent the political bureaucracy involved with the U.S. State Department and America's embassy in Mexico working the issue, VFW first wrote President Obama on June 6 of this year asking for his involvement. VFW requested President Obama simply speak with President Nieto on the issue. That conversation has yet to occur.

"At this point, it's asinine that a government—especially that of our immediate neighboring country—and one we've had a historically good and mutually beneficial relationship with at that, has gone to such extremes over an honest mistake," said Stroud. "I again, ask President Obama to levy sanctions against Mexico until our Marine comes home. Seems the least he can do at this point."

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY STATEMENT REMEMBER AMERICA'S POWS, MIAS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Sept. 19, POW/MIA Recognition Day, is a day to recognize the men and women who are currently listed as missing and unaccounted-for, and their families who continue to burn the candle of hope. The VFW is dedicated to obtaining the fullest possible accounting of all of our missing and prays that all the families of the missing will one day welcome their loved ones home from war.

More than 83,000 Americans are currently listed as missing and unaccounted-for, dating back to World War II. The VFW will never rest until our nation has obtained the fullest possible accounting of all of our missing.

VFW leaders will continue to travel to Vietnam, Moscow, the People's Republic of China and beyond to actively assist our government with the most humanitarian of all humanitarian missions. A veteran is a veteran, regardless of the color of uniform or the flag they saluted. Now let us work together to bring closure to the families who continue to wait.



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