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### VFW Post 10555 News: Ken Waringa, Commander

Another month gone and boy is it hot. I just got home from our Post clean-up, what a great turn out, thank you to everyone that came out and helped. We had an initial list of tasks we wanted to accomplish and we far exceeded them due to the number of volunteers we had. This was a very busy weekend at the post. Friday afternoon our Department of Florida Commander Amber Putnam visited our post to socialize. Friday night was bingo and the Legion put on a baked spaghetti dinner. Saturday was district meeting in Parker followed by a very successful steak night at our post. Our State Commander came out and enjoyed on the Bill's gourmet steaks. If you missed it, you missed an outstanding steak dinner for only \$10.00. On top of this we had some new music that turned out to be outstanding, Two Old Guys and a Mike. They played a great variety of music and everyone stayed to enjoy them.

On a sadder note, last month was a disastrous month for the post, we lost over \$21,000. July is traditionally a bad month because our annual insurance is due. This year People's First saved us \$1,000 over last year, but the bill was still over \$11,100. On top of this we had to replace the air conditioning unit in the canteen. We had some employee federal tax due and a few other things that all added up to a huge lose for the month. How can you help?

- Buy a brick for the wall. They cost \$50 for Bronze, \$100 for Silver and \$200 for Gold. Get one in the memory of a family member or one for yourself.
- Come out and support YOUR post. Attend the events and meetings. We really need VFW members to participate in the monthly meetings so you can have a say in how the post is run.

We really need to have more members participate in our meetings. We have 288 members and we only had 9 at the last meeting, barely a forum. Without a forum we cannot conduct the business needed to continue to run the post.

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

[PS CLICK HERE FOR THE LATEST STATE BULLETIN](#)

### The NEW, All-Inclusive VFW Auxiliary: Kitty Dye, President ([kdye8918@yahoo.com](mailto:kdye8918@yahoo.com))

August has been somewhat bitter sweet. As of August 22, 2015 we are no longer the Ladies Auxiliary and are now the VFW Auxiliary. The meeting in August was our last Ladies Auxiliary meeting and the two sisters initiated were the last two Ladies Auxiliary members to be initiated. As most if not all of you know, we are now accepting men into the organization. This is not a merger of the two Auxiliaries. All eligible members, present documentation of eligibility and be voted on as we have always done. This is a chance for us to grow and strengthen as an Auxiliary. I look forward to handing in applications for my sons. I hope all will accept these new members with open arms. I feel terribly honored to have been your President during this change. We have five years to get everything changed over. If you have male relatives who may qualify, please let them know. We had a very successful fish fry this month and we will be helping with the Labor Day Picnic. We also participated in the cleanup day at the Post.



At the writing of this newsletter we have one sister who is quite ill, Jan Pollard and two sisters have passed away, Mary Bankert and Billy Jo Anderson. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. You will soon be receiving letters regarding your VFWA membership dues. Please consider a life membership and we will self-finance with no interest. A life membership means you will no longer receive those pesky letters every year. On an average the most anyone would have to pay is \$190.00 (31-35 years of age). Until next month, stay cool. If you need a ride please call 850-234-8918. ***Kitty Dye, President VFWA 10555***

**American Legion Update: Post 402 Commander Jim Bowers ([scootin1923@yahoo.com](mailto:scootin1923@yahoo.com))**

Hello Fellow Legionnaires we have the Labor day Picnic coming up this month September 7th., at 3:30-4:30 with Skeen and the Termites from 4-7 come out and celebrate with the Post Legion Riders have Hot Dogs and Bingo on the 12th and the Legion has the Legion Dinner and Bingo on the 18th. Don't forget our Legion Riders Bike Night with food and entertainment on the 25<sup>th</sup> followed by Legion Hot Dogs and Bingo on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and try your luck. The Legion Riders has their patches ordered and will be wearing them Proud to represent Chapter #402. The Legion is getting ready to restock our t-shirts and license plates so get yours today. We still have our Legion Brick wall at the Post to Honor your own Veteran with Pride. There are order forms at the canteen. The Sons of the Legion is finishing up their paperwork to submit for their Charter this month also. We are busy with Membership in all of our enteritis as you can see make sure you get yours renewed today. For those who have renewed or joined our Legion on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 you will be treated to a steak dinner from the Legion for your early bird special.

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

**A Message from our Perpetual Post Manager: Billie Jones ([vfw10555@knology.net](mailto:vfw10555@knology.net))**

Hello members!! August was a good month, steak night was a big success and of course famous fish fry was famous again. This month The Auxiliary will again have the fish fry, tickets will be available at the post which is needed to attend. Monday September 7 Labor Day come out for the picnic and listen to Skeen and the Termites. Enjoy good fun and dance till you can't dance anymore!! Of course cold beverages of your choice will be available.

Thanks to everyone who came out for clean up day in August. The kitchen door looks like new, the small fridge in the bar looks amazing, fryer in the kitchen is clean and the wall by the fryer is greaseless! These are a few projects that were taken care of and I understand someone brought their own cleaning supplies and worked on the restrooms. Thank you, thank you for your time, effort and support.

Come out and enjoy your post during this month. Bingo, pool, cards, meetings, bike night are just a few events going on. Please check your calendar for all the dates and time. T-shirts are on sale both for the VFW and American Legion, not too soon to start shopping for Christmas or a birthday.

Please remember "post business including canteen business" is not discussed at the bar. Tips are appreciated. ***Best Regards, Billie Jones Post Manager***



**VFW Post 10555 Quartermaster's Two Cents Rob Smith ([robfsmith127@gmail.com](mailto:robfsmith127@gmail.com))**

Hello All, It's hard to believe, but summer is already drawing to a close. This summer has been like others for the post, in that we've lost a good bit of money because of fewer visitors and unexpected expenses like having to replace the canteen air conditioning unit. But there have been some bright spots too, like the Steak Night we had in late August. We had a great turnout (our State Commander, Amber Putnam, and her husband, "First Dude" Bill attended) and also had some great music. We'll be looking to have that music duo back again. We also had our Post Clean Up Day the following day and had a great turnout, even had some VFW members that we'd never met before come out and help. Looking forward to the upcoming fall season and welcoming back our Northern Guests.

**See You Around Our Post! Rob**



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





## NEW VFW AUXILIARY NOW WELCOMES MEN

Historic change reflects today's military and veteran families

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (August 21, 2015) — Today, John A. Biedrzycki Jr., national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) added his official signature to the new congressional charter of its Auxiliary organization in a historical event solidifying the VFW's commitment to membership equality for all military families.

[Watch The Charter Presentation Ceremony.](#)

The former Ladies Auxiliary VFW, founded in 1914, is the VFW's highly regarded support organization and is considered its "Partner in Service." Under its former name Ladies Auxiliary VFW, membership within the organization was offered exclusively to female spouses and family members of any member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The gender-specific eligibility requirement remained for more than 100 years until July 20, 2015, when delegates to the VFW's 116th National Convention in Pittsburgh voted to amend the dated by-law to extend the same membership opportunity to eligible males.

Appropriately, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW has changed its official name to the VFW Auxiliary. "It's an exciting time to be a member of the Auxiliary," said National President Francisca Guilford. "Women comprise nearly twenty percent of our nation's military, and this change allows all spouses, fathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons and brothers to serve others in honor of their veteran."

Currently, the Auxiliary has more than 465,000 members, a number that is now expected to sharply increase over the next year. Its members represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, several foreign locations including Germany, Guam and Panama, and have made an impact in local communities around the globe.

Last year alone, its members worked to provide \$4.6 million dollars in monetary aid to veterans, active duty military and their families, and volunteered nearly 800,000 hours in VA Medical Centers, hospitals, nursing and veterans' homes. Auxiliary members also contributed greatly to cancer research, youth activities, civic patriotism and much more. For more information about the VFW Auxiliary, please visit [www.vfwauxiliary.org](http://www.vfwauxiliary.org).

[Download the video file.](#) (Length 4:16. File format H264/mpeg4. 1920x1080i)

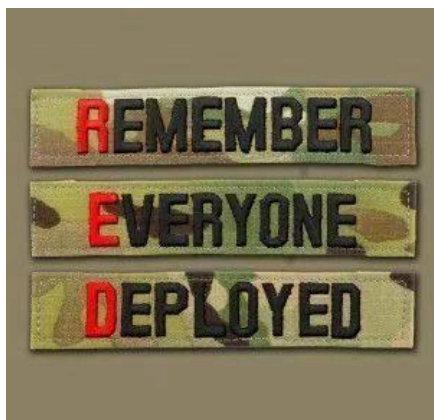


Veterans of Foreign Wars  
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Sep-15						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SUMMER HOURS:</b> <b>Sun. 1-6 PM</b> <b>Mon. 1-8 PM</b> <b>Tues. 1-8 PM</b> <b>Wed. 1-6 PM</b> <b>Thur. 1-9 PM</b> <b>Fri. 1-9 PM</b> <b>Sat. 12-8 PM</b>	Sign up for this calendar by email at <a href="mailto:vfw10555@knology.net">vfw10555@knology.net</a>	<b>1</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Legion Officer Mtg. 5:30 PM Legion Mtg. 6 PM Legion Riders Mtg 6 PM	<b>2</b> VJ Day Ceremony 4 PM Can Beer Specials \$1.00	<b>3</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>4</b> VFW Wings \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Bingo 6 to 8	<b>5</b> LAUX Bingo 1 PM
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Labor Day Ceremony 3:00 Picnic 3:30 - 4:30 Skeen & the Termites 4 - 7	<b>8</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Entertainment Com. Mtg. 4:30 PM Officer Mtg. 5 PM House Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	<b>9</b> Can Beer Specials \$1.00	<b>10</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>11</b> Patriots Day LAUX Officer Mtg. 2 PM LAUX Fish Fry \$9.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke 6 - 9 PM	<b>12</b> Riders Bingo 1 PM
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM Anniv Mtg 5 PM Gen. Membership & VFWA Mtg. 6 PM	<b>16</b> Can Beer Specials \$1.00	<b>17</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>18</b> Legion Dinner \$5.00 5:30 - 6:30 PM Legion Bingo 6-8 PM	<b>19</b> VFW Bingo 1 PM Beer at Harley Davidson
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> POW/MIA Day Ceremony 4 PM	<b>22</b> Men's Pool 1-5 PM	<b>23</b> Can Beer Specials \$1.00	<b>24</b> Ms. Cues 2 PM Cards 6 PM	<b>25</b> Legion Riders Bike Night Food 5:30 - 6:30 Neal James	<b>26</b> Legion Bingo 1 PM
<b>27</b> Bunco 2 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> VFW Day Ceremony 4:00 Men's Pool 1-5 PM	<b>30</b> Can Beer Specials \$1.00		<b>WHERE TO FIND US</b> 17680 Ashley Dr Panama City Beach, FL 32413 (850) 249-3025	<b>LIKE US ON FACEBOOK</b> 

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Calendar of Post/AUX/Legion events is painstakingly developed at the House Committee Meeting every second Tuesday of the month. EVERY member of our units in good standing is welcome to attend that or any other committee meeting and EVERY member of our units in good standing is welcome to reserve the hall (Fees are charged for private parties, that is to say any event not open to all). For hall fees/reservations, contact the Post Manager, Billie Jones, at the Post 850-249-3025. **When all else fails, JUST STOP BY! PLEASE!**







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