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Emerald Coast Post 10555
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NEW Hours of Operation
1200-2100hrs/NOON to 9PM
EXCEPT SUNDAYS
Post Closes 1800 hrs/6PM

NOVEMBER CANTEN ACTIVITIES

TUESDAYS: Billiards!
WEDNESDAYS: Bring-a-Friend (or Two!) to the Post
THURSDAYS: Cards! Ms. Cues!
FRI/SAT: Food! Music? B-I-N-G-O!
FRI 1st: VFW Build-a-Burger 5:30PM, B-I-N-G-O 6PM
SAT 2nd: MAUX Breakfast 8AM, LAUX B-I-N-G-O 1PM
MON 4th: VFW-VOLS MTG 4PM; AMERICAN LEGION Officer MTG 5:30 PM; Am. Legion Post MTG 6PM
TUES 5th: FOOLS Meeting 5PM
FRI 8th: VFW Wings 5:30PM, B-I-N-G-O 6PM
SAT 9th: DIST 17 MTG 11AM; Buddy Poppy Drive New PCB Wal-Mart 8-12 NO B-I-N-G-O
SUN 10th: **GROW-OUR-POST** Event Low Country Boil 12:30, Music 1PM
MON 11: **VETERANS DAY** 0930 Muster On Station Bay High School 4 Bay County Parade. Lunch 4 Elderly PCB Veterans 12:30 Y'all Come Help
TUES 12th: MEETINGS! Entertainment Committee, 4:30 PM; VFW Officers; 5PM; House Committee 5:30PM
FRI 15th: LAUX Officer MTG, 2PM; LAUX Fish Fry, 5:30PM; Music 6PM
SAT 16th: VFW B-I-N-G-O, 1PM
SUN 17th: 8 Ball Pool Tournament 2:30PM
MON 18th: MAUX Meeting, 6PM
TUES 19th: General Membership MTG, 6PM; VFW/LAUX Meetings follow
FRI 22nd: Legion BBQ 5:30PM; B-I-N-G-O, 6-8 PM
SAT 23rd: MAUX B-I-N-G-O 1PM; LAUX Bake Sale Same Time
SUN 24th: LAUX BUNKO 2PM 6-8 PM
THURS 28th: **THANKSGIVING** Post Closed, Thank You, Amen!
SAT 30th: Legion B-I-N-G-O, 1 PM

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

Another month gone by with our Northern friends starting to return next month. It will be good to see everyone again. If you haven't heard, our annual membership dues are going to go up from \$23.00 to \$36.00 on 1 January 2014. National raised their dues to us by \$10.00 so we had to raise ours as well. You will be getting a letter shortly addressing this increase. If you are an annual member and want to renew at the \$23.00 dues your renewal application must be processed by 31 December. This may also be a good time to consider a Life Membership. Life membership fees vary by age, details will be in the letter. Another change coming about 1 January is our bartenders will be paid employees of the post. This is being driven by IRS requirements. In the eyes of the IRS if we have a set schedule for a person and they receive compensation of any kind, including tips they are employees, not volunteers. This isn't something we really want to do, but a Post near Ocala was fined over \$26,000 by the IRS for back taxes, so we feel we must do this now. It's going to cost the post around \$1500.00 a month, but it's unavoidable, so you may see some changes in staff at the Post. Billie is working with the existing bartenders to see who will stay and then she will be looking for additional bartenders as needed. Also, remember Billie is the Post Manager and is responsible for day to day operation of the post. If you have any issues please bring them up to Billie instead of just complaining at the bar.

See you around the post. KEN

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

October is nearly gone and the Holidays are rapidly approaching. The Spanish Club at the College is asking for donations for the college food bank. Donations may be brought to the Post between November 1 and November 25 and they will be taken to the college. If you donate, please let me know your donation and the cost, so that it can be reported. The low country boil on 11/10/2013 at 12:30 p.m. (music to follow) will be for donations only. This is a Support Your Post function and all money goes to the Post. The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving lunch to Veterans for the assisted living facility here on the beach on Veterans Day at 12:30. Please feel free to join us if you want to help or eat. There will be a Fish Fry on 11/15 for 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We are having another bake sale on 11/23 during bingo to support Veterans and Families. Baked good, sweet or savory, are needed. We will also have a Bunko Game on 11/24 at 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$10.00 to support the Ladies Auxiliary. We had 1 reinstatement and drew for a life membership at the last meeting.

Enjoy the cooler weather. If anyone needs a ride to the meeting, please let me know at 850-234-8918. If you need a ride to meetings please call me at 234-8918 or 514-5364.

Until next time, Kitty





VFW Men's Auxiliary and American Legion Update: Bill McGrath, President/Commander
(billmcgrath6@yahoo.com)

As I noted last month, we lost one of our northern members - John Wilson. In order to remember John, and all he did for the Men's Auxiliary and the post, we voted to purchase a memorial brick to honor him. If you have a loved one or a special person you want to remember or acknowledge, buy a brick, and see it posted on the new boards at the post. If you haven't been to the post to see the new boards, they are mounted behind the stage, and are very attractive. There are two: one for the VFW and one for the American Legion. This is a great opportunity to financially help both Posts.

The Save our Post events continue. The financial difficulties of the post have not gone away, and we must continue to support these events if we want to see our post survive. The events are put on by all organizations donating to the event with all the profits going entirely to save the post. You can see the results tracked on a chart right inside the hall. So far, it looks like we've made enough to pay for our insurance for one more year (over \$11,000). The events, up until this month, have been very successful. However, the October event (spaghetti lunch) wasn't successful. Very few people showed for the lunch. However, a good number came and stayed for the music afterwards. Please make an effort to have lunch with us and support these events. The success of the lunches is not important, it is critical.

Next month the event will be a Low Country Boil. We never had these in Connecticut. Nevertheless, I tried the last one. They put all kinds of Stuff in a giant pot with spices and such, I think. Anyway, what comes out is really, really Good. ...sausage, corn, potatoes, shrimp, and more... In addition to the great food, Robert has been able to book Doctor Steelgood for entertainment. If you've never been entertained by a steel drum band, you are in for a treat. We had this couple at the post about a year ago, and everyone really enjoyed this unique entertainment, so mark your calendar...come and eat and party...

This month our American Legion will once again put on a Friday BBQ and bingo. Try to come out and enjoy a great dinner followed by bingo. Bear has agreed to help at these events, and will try to alter the menu somewhat, so we can offer a new side with the BBQ (aka Pulled Pork). These Friday night events are growing, and in some cases the attendees at Friday bingo are greater than Saturday. Oh Yes, and the First Saturday Breakfasts continue. Come out and enjoy a great breakfast. **Until next month, Regards Bill**

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

Hello to all and to our Northern friends who have arrived and those who will continue to arrive! It is a beautiful cool morning and time to write the November Newsletter – here goes. There are a few changes in the calendar for November the LAUX Fish Fry will be on the third Friday November 15 with Karaoke, please purchase your tickets early. Build-a-Burger is back on Friday November 1 with Bingo, Wings and Bingo on Friday November 8 and the American Legion will have BBQ and Bingo on Friday November 22. Of course Bingo will still be Saturdays except for November 9 due to VFW District 17's Meeting; this is also a big "poppy" day for us also at Wal-Mart on Highway 98 across from Pier Park. Hours for Sunday are still 12noon till 6p.m. November 10 will be the Low Country Boil, and the Pool Tournament will be November 17. New for Sundays will be **BUNKO!** Sponsored by LAUX. Please check the calendar for all the events, dates and time.

On Veterans Day Monday November 11 a ceremony and lunch will be provided for Veterans from Panama City Beach Assisted Living. Please "thank a veteran" on this day and every day for their service! Come out, get involved and support VFW 10555 and American Legion 402. The canteen is now serving sandwiches and we also have new VFW ball caps for \$12, a new item.

Not to forget MAUX they will be doing their great breakfast of Saturday November 2, no mess no fuss!! I love the breakfast, no cooking and no dishes – what a great way to start the day. MAUX is sponsoring a Bake sale on Saturday November 23 with Bingo. Check the Post Calendar, please. One last note, Post 10555 will be closed Thanksgiving, November 28 so everyone can be with their loved ones. Come and see us and enjoy our great facility.

Hope to see you soon, Billie



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AROUND THE POST

VFW 10555

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

As an update to everyone on the "Save Our Post" initiative; It's been going so well that at the last membership meeting, we voted to change the name of our fundraising efforts to "Grow Our Post". In any event, it's an opportunity for all of us to support our Post and enjoy the events we have there. The latest move is the installation of the Post Supporters bricks board; the response so far has been great. This past Saturday (Oct 26) I sent the first group of brick request forms to the brick-maker so those that put in requests should be seeing e-mails from the brick-maker very soon requesting approval to make the bricks. Please respond promptly to the brick-maker's request for approval so we can get the bricks made and installed.

See ya 'round the Post! Rob Smith

URGENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE COMMANDER

"VFW AND LAUX 10555 go to the VA Domiciliary at Lake City, FL every December and July. Due to unforeseen family obligations, those that normally go are unable to go next month. We are in desperate need for you to go and provide dedicated service to those Veterans on the weekend of December 13th. Post will pay for your lodging (within the constraints of the bylaws). My thanks to all who support this with donations and/or making it happen!" Call Me Soonest. –Ken Waringa



STATE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER T. WAYNE MARKHAM PRESENTS ALL AMERICAN HONORS FOR EMERALD COAST POST TO OUR ALL-AMERICAN POST QUARTERMASTER KEN WARINGA AND ALL-AMERICAN POST COMMANDER DON BUCHANAN. THANK YOU BOTH FOR A JOB WELL DONE ON OUR BEHALF!



FROM COMRADE DON HUNDLEY (don@hocoa-nwfl.com)



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Sincerely,

Susan Frohlich and Don Hundley Owners



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