


VFW CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS NASCAR FREE HOT DOGS OR BRATS	 Mondays Member Appreciation Day HH 1430 to close	1 Ladies Double Happy Hour 1700-1900	2 USA \$1 Beer House Committee Meeting 1800	3 	4	5 /@ 3:00 pm w/ Shawna P 
6 Texas  	7  	8 Ladies Double Happy Hour 1700-1900	9 USMC \$1 Beer General Membership Meeting 1800	10  	11 Veterans Day Ceremonies Navarre/Eats at VFW after	12
13 Phoenix   	14   Cootie Scratch 1801	15 Ladies Double Happy Hour 1700-1900	16 USN \$1 Beer	17  	18  Ladies Dinner -Italian w/Music	19
20 Homestead  	21  	22 Ladies Double Happy Hour 1700-1900	23 USAF \$1 Beer	24 	25	26
27 	28  	29 Ladies Double Happy Hour 1700-1900	30 USA, USMC, USN, USAF \$1 Beer			
		IN HOUSE DARTS EVERY TUES				IN HOUSE DARTS EVERY SAT

POST OFFICERS

Commander—Don Borst
Sr. Vice Commander—Tom Zima
Jr. Vice Commander—Steve Carr
Quartermaster—"Doc" Hallada
Surgeon—Frank Scott
Chaplain—Bob Gastel
Judge Advocate—JW Walker
Adjutant—Steve Carr
OOD—Harry Pool

TRUSTEES:

1st Year—Howard Owens
2nd Year— Joe Clay
3rd Year—Duke Kenealy

LADIES AUXILIARY

President—Donna McDonald
Sr. Vice—Barbara Shaw
Jr. Vice—Diane Federette
Treasurer—Christie Poole
Conductress—April Holladay
Secretary—Jeanne Lozenski
Chaplin—Laura Gastel
Guard—Lois Zima

TRUSTEES:

1st Year—Jeanne Lozenski
2nd Year—Eve Broussard
3rd Year—Angie Owens

MEN'S AUXILIARY

President—Joseph "Butch" Ball
Sr. Vice—Scott Pratt
Jr. Vice—Tom Shaw
Treasurer—Gary Forester
Chaplain—Mark James

TRUSTEES:

1st Year—Tony Dewar
2nd Year—Russell Roberts
3rd Year—Craig Hunter

COOTIES PUP TENT

Seam Squirrel—Steve Carr
Blanket Bum—Rod Stoffer
Hide Gimlet—Joe Clay
Sky Pilot—Don Borst
Tightwad 1 yr.—Harry Pool
Tightwad 2 yr.—Steve Carr
Tightwad 3 yr.—JW Walker
CCBD—Doc Hallada





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(COMMANDER'S CORNER)

Greetings Comrades. The month of October flew by, Atta boys or girls go out to Pete, our steak chef and his help, along with Kenny P. and his crew for the Philly steak sandwiches. Not to be outdone was Donna and her Ladies with their delicious October Fest meal. Thanks to all for your work. Also, not to be forgotten was the great annual Halloween party orchestrated by Debbie and her help. Talk about busy, November is full of activities, starting with Veterans day on 11 Nov. The ceremony will take place at the Navarre Park Pavilion at 11AM followed by some food back at the Post immediately after the ceremony. Then on Thanksgiving, the 24th of Nov, the Ladies auxiliary will again sponsor the Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings. With all the activities going on the monthly steak dinner and the Cootie fish fry will be cancelled for November but will resume in December. Another new program starting in November will be a Saturday morning breakfast spearheaded by the Cooties, time 0800-1100. Chef Duke will be working his culinary magic for a breakfast to kill for. Come out and enjoy. Finally, as always please remember in your prayers our members that are in ill health, and all our service men and women who are serving to protect our Country and our way of life throughout the world.
See you at the Post. Don



(QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER)

VFW Post 4407 welcomes new members; Chad A. Kastle, newest life member (Desert Storm), and annual members Arthur Streeter (Nam), Tim Ryan (DS, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, and more), Ronald A. Petkovic (Nam), Thomas Dunn (Nam), Joe Derr (Iraq), David Sundie (DS), and John Boggs (Iraq). Welcome aboard Comrades. We presently have 213 life members, 5 new, 4 reinstated and 20 annual members who have paid their dues for the coming year. 242 VS 302 for the past year with an 80.13% membership. We need 60 new, reinstated or annual members to pay their dues to attain our 100% by year end. If we attain 100% by year end our post will again be an "All State Post" for the year 2012. It is with deep regret and sorrow to announce the passing of life member Donald L. Matheson, II aka "Bowtie" on 15 Oct. He will surely be missed by everyone. Our condolences go to his lovely wife "Nipps" and her family. October was a busy one at the Post and at meetings. Tommy and I flew to West Palm Beach to attend the Fall roundup C of A on the 14th. It was informative and we were brought up to all of the changes, aims and upcoming events of the Dept of Florida VFW. On 22 Oct the VFW District Meeting was held at Post 4833 in Milton. Commander Don Borst, Senior Vice Tom Zima, Jr. Vice Steve Carr and yours truly attended that meeting. Again it was an educational and informative meeting. We returned at 1430 just in time for Lois' birthday bash put on by hubby Tommy. The place was packed with free food, bar drinks, and Karaoke which Tommy treated everyone to. A great time was had by everyone. It is of great interest to see that the First Amendment will prevail at Houston VA National Cemetery. The cemetery no longer interferes with prayers or religious expression during burial services. Federal District Judge Lynn Hughes signed a consent decree ordering the US Dept of VA to: lift the ban on prayer and the word "God" at national cemeteries, revoke national policies hostile to religion and re-open the Chapel at the Houston VA National Cemetery. God Bless America and thanks to our VFW in action. In closing I reiterate that We are a VFW with a lounge and not a lounge with a VFW.
"Strength in Unity"/doc

MEN'S AUXILIARY

Special thanks to the VFW for providing the DJ for the men's auxiliary Philly cheese steak night, also thanks to Midge for baking the chocolate cake, and Barb and Donna for assisting in the kitchen, ya'll are the best and we appreciate all the help. For October the men's auxiliary finally got the antenna working for fox sports just in time for Mediacom to come to terms with channel 10. We want to remind everyone to come and bring a guest for the 10th anniversary Toys for Tots run. Shawna P will be playing for a new unwrapped toy as cover charge for all non -sponsors and non -riders. Thanks to her for donating her time for this worthy cause, and the VFW also for paying for her to play even longer than she intended. We will cancel the chili cook off as it conflicts with toys for tots and there are so many auxiliary members out of town. We will shoot for December to tickle your taste buds or possibly fire them up.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Hello Ladies

This month will be a little busy for our Auxiliary, if you can donate any of your time to help out it will be appreciated. On the 5th we will be hosting the Toys for Tots run, please bring a new unwrapped toy for the children. On the 11th there will be a service for our Veterans and free hamburgers and hot dogs at the Post. On the 12th we will be having our Yard-Bake sale, if you can donate any items please bring them up to the post for sale. Also, if you can bake some goodies, we would appreciate it. The proceeds will go to the families that we sponsor at Christmas. On the 16th Ladies Auxiliary dinner on the menu will be spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and dessert. On the 24th Thanksgiving dinner, I hope you can come and bring a dish, there will be a sign up sheet in the Post. Please let me know if you can help in any way. Thanks Donnas' phone number 936-7374.

Happy Birthday

4th Mary Shelly 5th Charlotte Auclair 8th Evelyn Schultz 19th Laura Barnhill
25th Dean Cross Also, last month Jamie Brooks had a birthday on Oct 5th, I forgot her
on the list....sorry Jamie

CANTEEN SIP

Don't forget to come out for the Toys for Tots 10th anniversary on November 5th. The 11th there will be a service in Navarre for our Veterans and free hamburgers and hot dogs at VFW Post 4407 afterwards. Thanksgiving dinner will be held on November 24th, bring a dish to share.
See you at the Canteen.

COOTIE'S CORNER

Greetings everyone-On 29 Oct 2011 we journeyed to PT 66 in Pensacola for the District Meeting. We were going to start our Cootie breakfast on 29 Oct but due to the meeting breakfast was cancelled. We will start the Cootie breakfast on Sat Nov 5th. Duke will be the chef for this event. The charge will be \$6.00 which includes eggs to order, sausage or bacon, potatoes, pancakes and Dukes specialty—SOS. Hours will be 8 to 11 AM so come on out and support the Cooties. Grand of FL Cooties will start a support project at our Children's National Home this year. The project consists of maintenance support for the NEW housing project currently being built at the home site. Cost is \$4,000 per year shared by both MOC and MOCA at \$2,000 each. As a result our yearly dues are now \$21.00. Membership for Pup Tent 98 stands at 80%. Lets all get the dues for 2012 paid before 31 Dec 2011 and attain our 100% in membership. To those that are ill we wish you a speedy recovery./doc/ccdb

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