



# THE BUGLE CALL

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## 2010-2011 Officers

Commander – Mel Shinholster

Senior Vice – Bucky Walter

Junior Vice – Gordon Hearn

Quartermaster – Mike Zarichnak

Chaplain – Roger Salter

Adjutant – John Butler

## Commander's Greeting

*Mel Shinholster, Commander*



ATTENTION!!! MEMBERS NEEDED!!!! Greetings, comrades. The call is out to each and every one of you to step up and take your place along side your comrades. Each and every fourth Saturday of the month, Kelly Ingram VFW Post 668 conducts its business meeting with a faithful but small core group of members. I understand all the excuses for not attending a meeting once in a while, but to never find time in ones schedule to attend first hand and be a part of the Post's efforts to work on behalf of our veterans does not make sense. As a veteran's organization, we cannot be the voice of veterans without the help and attendance of veterans. As your commander, I have attended many functions on behalf of veterans where

someone who proclaims to be a member of Kelly Ingram often approaches me. When asked why I never see them at a meeting, they are at a loss for words. Some members who have never attended a meeting have even gone so far as to offer constructive criticism about observations made while driving past the Post. My response has been to invite them to our meetings where the membership would be glad to entertain any suggestions with regards to servicing our post or helping our veterans. We are all aware apathy is pervasive in our society. We have been conditioned to think if one waits long enough someone else will do it. As a veteran, this should not be a code of conduct in our day-to-day lives. Please remember what your service training taught you. LEAD, FOLLOW or GET OUT OF THE WAY. With that said, I am asking each and every one of you to make a New Years resolution to become an ACTIVE member of Kelly Ingram Post 668, not an ABSENT member. Let us strive to make our post a viable working post once more. Our veterans need your voice, your vote and your attendance. Thank all of you for your service.



Post 668 Members

**GROVER KILBY INGRAM, USN**

1919 – 2010

**MELVIN HARDWICK, USN**

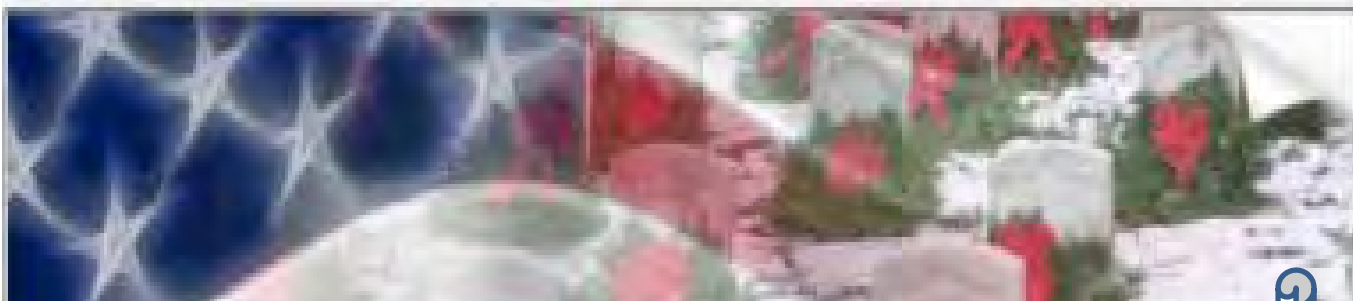
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## *In this Season of Giving*

Many thanks to everyone who contributed presents to be mailed to the Bethesda Naval Hospital. The package arrived right on time, and the nurses will be more than happy to personally distribute the gifts to our warriors.

Thanks also to the **Shaggers** for their gift of \$1,000 to Kelly Ingram VFW to be used to meet the needs of those currently deployed overseas.



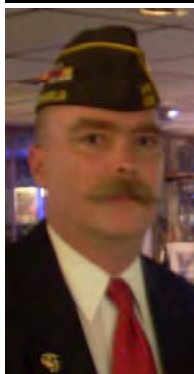


*Comrade Commander Mel Shinholster recently participated in the “Wreaths Across America” ceremony held at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo on 11 December. Over 800 wreaths were placed by family members and organizations in remembrance of those who served. Kelly Ingram donated 20 wreaths.*



## From the Junior Vice

*Gordon S. Hearn*



At the annual Veterans Day dinner at Howell American Legion, I told a Legionnaire that Kelly Ingram prided itself in being the only VFW post that participated in our incredible Veterans Day parade and complimented the Legion on their outstanding turnout. Next year, we'll have a much larger representation. We might finagle Bucky's ship. I enjoy making our presence known in Birmingham. and am proud to be an officer in a post that is making great strides in member recruitment. We have an awesome web site updated regularly, are getting excellent media and press coverage, and are very active in VFW programs; having met all our obligations for the year. A lot of hard work and determination by several members made this possible. American Legion Commander Joe Miner and fellow Legionnaires thanked us for our hospitality on Veterans Day. I gave them some VFW membership applications to distribute when they can. We're getting noticed by a lot of people!

## Chaplain's Corner

*Roger Salter, Chaplain*

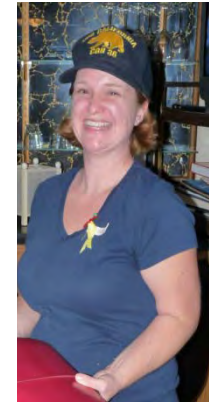
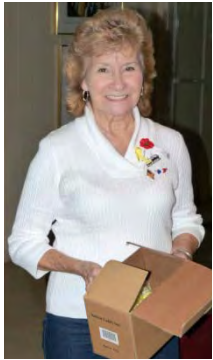


Ira West is back home in Alabama following stay with his son in Texas, and is doing quite a bit better. Bobby Lowry visited the post last week and gave us an update on Sue's rehab. She's making good progress. Let's keep Bucky Walter in our prayers. His Son-in-Law passed away. John Butler's son has made an incredible improvement following a car accident. Cheryl Carlsen is continuing to improve. Let's keep Trevor and Ben in our prayers.

### **January History Notes**

1950 – Mary T. Sproul commissioned as first female Navy doctor  
1962 – Navy SEAL teams established  
1968 – Tet offensive begins in Vietnam

1973 – Paris Peace Accords signed  
1981 – Era of enlisted Naval aviators ends  
1991 – Operation Desert Storm begins



January				
Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 New Years!
4 Shaggers	5 Boppers	6	7 Dinner	8 Archers
11 Shaggers	12 Boppers	13	14 Dinner	15 Archers
18	19 Boppers	20	21 Dinner Shaggers	22 VFW and Auxiliary meeting Archers
25 Shaggers	26 Boppers	27	28 Dinner	29 Archers

February				
Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Dinner	5 Archers
8 Shaggers	9 Boppers	10	11 Dinner	12 Archers
15	16 Boppers	17	18 Dinner Shaggers	19 Archers
22 Shaggers	23 Boppers	24	25 Dinner	26 VFW and Auxiliary meetings Archers



**Did you know?**  
*Our beautiful new flag was purchased from sales on our outstanding Veterans Day. Thanks to everyone who participated. Drive by and see YOUR new flag!*

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