



ALL AMERICAN POST 7909

JUNE/JULY 2024

"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"

COMMANDERS CORNER

Hello Comrades, Members, Volunteers and Helpful Associates;

As we move into the next year, I would like to thank you for placing your support and faith in the newly elected and appointed officers and staff of the VFW. This organization is only as successful as its members efforts and volunteerism.

"A volunteer is someone who is compassionate, kind, idealistic and more than anything, selfless - someone who puts the needs of others before one's own, someone who would not think twice about sharing what they have", Dr Bethany Beckett.

In the kitchen, on the roof, in the yard and in the community, I thank you all for your efforts and example.

JD Steichen, Commander

"If we all do a little, no one has to do everything."

Quartermaster

Hello Members,

I'm super excited for another year as Quartermaster. Our finances are continuing to move in the right direction. As always, we need volunteers to assist us in keeping this Post the best Post ever.

Kemp Harris, Quartermaster

Service Officer

This month the Department of Veterans Affairs expects to grant its 1 millionth PACT Act-related disability compensation claims to Veterans and survivors. The PACT Act expanded VA health care benefits to millions of Veterans, including adding "presumptive" service connection for hundreds of conditions linked to burn pits, agent orange, and other hazards while serving our country.

On April 25th the Department of Veterans Affairs posted a final rule amending its regulations regarding character of discharge determinations, expanding access to VA care and benefits for some service members discharged under the other than honorable conditions special court-martial. When former service members with other than honorable and bad conduct discharges (adjudged at special court martial) apply for VA benefits and services, the VA carefully reviews their records to determine if the VA can provide the requested care and benefits. This process helps to ensure deserving veterans who have faced discrimination, survived sexual assault or harassment, struggled with their physical or mental health, or faced other challenges while serving in the military.

Carol Markham, Service Officer

Cootie Corner

All of us Cooties would like to say, as we enjoy our Memorial Day weekend, we should take the time to remember, honor, respect and commemorate our fallen heroes of war. All of us who enjoy our freedom, know that "Freedom is not free". We give thanks to all who served.

We received a thank you letter from Lake City VA Hospital for our donation of pastries and support for our Veterans in the hospital.

This month we are donating \$300 to our Jacksonville National Cemetery to aid them in their project of upgrading, repairs and other niceties for their reception area.

Everyone enjoyed our last month's Poor Man's Dinner of hamburgers & beans. This coming month we are preparing to have hamburgers again but with a different side dish.

In closing, have a wonderful and enjoyable summer. We are meeting all summer on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:01 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and join us as a new member.

Carl Ocampo, Seam Squirrel, Catfish 23

EMPLOYMENT INFO

Jobs for Veterans

The following websites are provided:

Federal Jobs (USAJOBS) <https://my.usajobs.gov>

State Jobs (People First) <https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com/peoplefirst> for help (877)562-7287

Local Jobs (Career Source) <http://www.careersourcenortheastflorida.com> for help (904) 356-5627

VA jobs <http://www.va.gov/jobs>

Employ FL Vets <http://veterans.employflorida.com/portals/veteran/>for more info 1 (866) 352-2345

Transition & Employment Services <http://www.vfw.org> go to Assistance then Trans & Emp. Services

AUXILIARY NEWS

Aloha All,

I can't believe that we are at the end of another auxiliary year. I want to thank everyone for all your hard work and the support you have given me throughout the 2023-2024 year.

The new officers for the 2024-2025 year have been elected and installed and will begin their new positions at the July meeting. Your chosen officers are...

President- Leilani Jones

Conductor- Frank Royal

Sr. Vice- Kathy Danahoo

Guard- Lori Steichen

Jr. Vice- Donna Garrett

Patriotic Instructor- Debbie Jolley

Secretary- Fran Cramer

Trustee #3- Debbie Jolley

Treasurer- Debbie Tilley

Trustee #2- Margaret Latimer

Chaplain- Kathy Wright

Trustee #1 Machel Leverock

Our Department Convention will be June 12-16 at the Renaissance Orlando at Sea World. Hope to see you there. Conventions are a fantastic way to meet new people and find out what Auxiliaries in Florida are doing.

Kitchen help is ALWAYS needed and very much APPRECIATED!!! Let's make this the best year yet.

Leilani Jones, President

VFWRG 7909

The Riders Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. If you are interested in coming to a meeting, please do. We would love to have you join us. We go on many rides and have fun. If you wish to join the group, it is only \$25 per year. The Riders Group has quite a few fund raisers throughout the year for different organizations and we all enjoy the comradery. Our next meeting will be June 4th at 7 pm.

Hayden Faucett, President

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Jr. Vice	Hayden Faucett
Quartermaster	Kemp Harris
Chaplain	Ty Strong
Surgeon	Hayden Faucett
Judge Advocate	John Cornish
Adjutant	Scott Sutherland
1st Year Trustee	Robert Hernandez
2nd Year Trustee	John Daniels
3rd Year Trustee	Austin Von Loh

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