



## **ALL AMERICAN POST 7909**

### **AUGUST SEPTEMBER 2023**

**"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

#### **COMMANDERS CORNER**

Remember what month you became a VFW Member? I don't either! That's why I became a Life Member! Our new Department of Florida Commander (and Post 7909 Life Member), Mac McLucas, has rolled out a new program for life membership. Half price for new Life Members! It's a limited time due to the funding available so first come, first served!

Our Post has started monthly Post Cleanup days. We have been cleaning and making some improvements. Watch for the Post Happenings and the calendars for dates and times. Come help improve our Post! The House Committee meeting is the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. Post and Auxiliary meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Come on down and help us make things better for all of us.

Thanks to all of our volunteers for helping prepare meals, cleaning and post improvements!

**See you at our Post!**

**Joe Casey, Commander**



## Quartermaster

Hi. My name is Kemp "Lotto" Harris. I just took over as Quartermaster for John Daniels. I look forward to serving all of you.

There is a new program out for members wanting to convert to Lifetime Membership at an incredible savings rate of 50% off. This program will last until funds are exhausted. So, if you are considering becoming a life member, this is the best time. Please come to the post and see me. I will be happy to help you get started.

"Lotto" Harris  
Quartermaster

## Cootie Corner

Comrades,

I am happy to announce that I am the new Seam Squirrel of Catfish 23 Pup Tent. My goal is to have close comradeship, working together and good communication for us and our post. But first, let me introduce myself as I have only been a Cootie for 2 years. I am an Air Force veteran; from 1964 to 1968 as a crew chief on a jet fighter in New York stationed with an interpreter squadron protecting New England and ended up in Vietnam stationed at Tam Sun Nhut, Saigon, with a reconnaissance squadron during Tet Offensive.

I used the G. I. Bill for education, had a family of 3 children, worked as a public servant as a Mechanical Engineer and retired at 58 years old.

I heard from the Division Surgeon, good news, that our Lake City Hospital will be opening soon.

Have a pleasant summer.

Carl Ocampo

### 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 Svcs

## AUXILIARY NEWS

All,

We have begun another new Auxiliary year and I am very excited to begin this journey with all of you. This year our national president's theme is "Banding Together for Veterans", and our department president's theme is "Stand Up, Speak Out". Our department president will be raising funds to support "Women Veterans Health Care" so please be sure to buy your raffle tickets to support our cause.

Calling all students! We have many opportunities for our youth ranging from patriotic art, singing, and to essay contests.

- Patriots Pen Essay for grades 6-8. Get with the teachers and encourage them to get their students to participate in this. By doing this we let the young know we care about their views on "How Are You Inspired by America".

- Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay Contest for grades 9-12. We again need the full cooperation of the teachers to get their students to participate. We want all students to understand we are interested in their views on "What Are the Attributes of Our Democracy". We all know every class has that student with the fire and grit to want to enter.

The October deadlines will be here before you know it. Let's get the word out. Tell your children, grand-children, and friends. Check out [vfwauxfl.org](http://vfwauxfl.org) for more information.

**KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!** If we do not have more hands to help, we will continue to have weeks with no dinners or breakfasts. You do not have to be a cook to help. Prep work, washing dishes and delivering food are all other ways to lend a hand.

Let's make this a fantastic year.

Mahalo,

Leilani Jones, President [vfwleilani@outlook.com](mailto:vfwleilani@outlook.com)

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AND AUXILIARY**

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Dani Hernandez  
Scott Sutherland  
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