



**ALL AMERICAN POST 7909  
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024  
"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

**COMMANDERS CORNER**

*Our newsletter inputs come at a very busy week. For those of you that were able to come out for recent events, I thank you for your support.*

*This past month we have had a couple big events: Independence Day and Riders Group Bike Night. In both cases we have had a great turnout and wonderful support from the kitchen volunteers to the cleanup crews. Bike Night is a membership event for our post and we have typically had 2-5 new members sign up. Thank you all for your support.*

*We had a bit of excitement one Wednesday when a tree fell across the power lines and we had to make a decision to cancel bingo. We do apologize but certainly want to put safety first. The returning Bingo crowds have been very supportive and we thank you for your patience and hope you continue to come and enjoy the game and comraderie.*

*We have several volunteers looking into Post improvements to include tree removal. If you see a need and can volunteer, please come to the house committee meetings and join our discussion.*

*Steak night is the last Friday of every month. Come out and enjoy the meal and entertainment.*

**JD Steichen, Commander**

**Quartermaster**

*Hello Everyone,*

*Our financial status is still moving in the right direction, even though we spent a substantial amount of money on expenditures and bills for the couple of quarters this year. As always, we could use some volunteers to help out even if its every now and then.*

**Kemp Harris, Quartermaster**

## ***Service Officer***

***On July 1, 2024 the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs awarded \$26.8 million in legal services grants to a total of 108 public and non-profit organizations to increase access for eligible Veterans who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. If you are in need of these services, contact Jacksonville area Legal Aid, Inc. at [appy@jaxlegalaid.org](mailto:appy@jaxlegalaid.org), 904-356-8371. The counties served in our area are Baker County, Clay County, Duval County, Nassau County and St. Johns County.***

***Veterans no longer need to pay for their first three outpatient mental health care and substance use disorder visits each calendar year through 2027 to assist in lowering out-of-pocket costs. This copayment exemption benefit goes back to June 27, 2023 and will end Dec 29, 2027. To be eligible, the outpatient visit must be with a qualified mental health professional at VA or VA's network of community care providers. The VA will automatically refund Veterans for any copays paid to VA on or after June 27, 2023 for these appointments, with no further action required by the Veteran.***

***Carol Markham, Service Officer***

## ***Cootie Corner***

***Hello VFWA Members! MOCA Puptent 23 (Military Order of The Cootie Auxiliary) would like to invite members of the VFW Auxiliary to join us.***

***Who are we and what do we do? We make visits to those Veterans in nursing homes, hospitals or even those that may be home bound. We provide Bomba socks, games, pillows for heart patients, puzzles, crafts, books, and smiles.***

***Our name may be a clue that we have fun and look for ways to put a smile on the face of our dear Veterans. Come to a meeting and find out how you can put a smile on a Veterans face! We meet the third Tuesday of the month at Post 7909 at 7:01 pm. Our next meeting will be August 20, 2024. Come join us!***

***Patricia McQuaig, President MOCA Catfish 23***

## ***AUXILIARY NEWS***

***Aloha All,***

***I would like to begin by saying Mahalo "Thank You" to each of you for having faith in me to be your Auxiliary President for the 2024-2025 year.***

***We are already off to a running start. I am excited to see all the things we can accomplish with our programs. Please make sure that you are recording all that you do for our programs (mileage, hours you have worked and money spent, etc.) Reporting is one of the ways the Auxiliary keeps our not-for-profit status.***

***School of Instruction "Boot Camp" will be August 16-17 at the Florida Hotel in Orlando. This is a terrific time to meet new people and learn about this year's Auxiliary programs.***

***We are calling all volunteers. We are always in need of kitchen help. Helping out can be washing dishes, prepping for pizza, making salads or cooking the entire meal. All help is appreciated.***

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

*Greetings,*

*I wanted to take some time and say thank you for helping my mother Jennifer to send us all these wonderful care packages out to the Joint Training Center in Zarqa, Amman! The Soldiers of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division are grateful for your generosity and wanted to say thank you for the gesture. I have attached some photos of our unit and myself with the care packages for you to use for your newsletter, if you like. We are over halfway done with our deployment so the gifts from home really helped our Soldiers feel the love from back home. Again, thank you so much for your generous donation and support of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's deployment in the Middle East!*

*Respectfully,  
Captain Jared Hendler*



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