



**ALL AMERICAN POST 7909
DECEMBER 2023 JANUARY 2024
"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

COMMANDERS CORNER

Thanks to all who have volunteered at our Post! We appreciate all of the hard work in making each event successful, repairs and improvements made, meals prepared and served, hospital and nursing home visits, community service and helping one another throughout 2023! We look forward to continuing our combined efforts in 2024.

While we celebrate Christmas and the coming of the New Year, remember to keep our deployed Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Guard, Space Force, Reserves and their loved ones in our prayers. Their sacrifice is a gift to all Americans and we are eternally grateful.

See you at our Post!

Joe Casey, Commander

Service Officer

Dept of Veterans Affairs has launched a ground-breaking national advertising campaign to encourage Veterans to sign up for VA Healthcare and benefits they have earned. They are focusing on Veterans who are newly eligible for VA health care benefits and benefits under the PACT ACT. The campaign is designed to reach historically underserved Veterans to include Veterans living in rural areas. The ads will be in both English and Spanish.

The VA has announced it has permanently housed 38,847 homeless veterans through October 2023. This surpasses the goal of 38,000 by end of year- two months early.

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced that all WWII Veterans are eligible for VA Health care, medical services and nursing home care.

Kind regards,

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Quartermaster

I know I am repeating myself but at this time, I am still looking for an assistant. If you are interested, please contact me at the post.

We still need volunteers at the post. We have a cleaning day once a month and can use more help with that. We also need more volunteers in the kitchen. If we have no volunteers to cook meals at the post, we are losing money. If you can help, please let me know or let Kathy Wright know. If you can help in any way, that would be great!

Kemp "Lotto" Harris
Quartermaster

Cootie Corner

Comrades,

We want to take this belated opportunity to wish our post a Happy Thanksgiving as Thanksgiving will be gone by the time you are reading this message.

Everyone in the post appreciated our Poor Man's Spaghetti Dinner last month. We are looking forward to hosting more dinners this coming year for the post.

Let us remember and honor our soldiers who died during the Pearl Harbor attack this coming month, Dec. 7th.

We wish everyone in the post a Happy and Wonderful Holiday Season.

For God and Country
Seam Squirrel Catfish 23
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

Aloha All,

It is very hard to believe that the holiday season is already upon us. With the new year quickly approaching, I want each of us to remember our blessings. This year I am thankful that I have been gifted with such amazing friends and family through OUR Auxiliary. God is good ALWAYS!!

Did you know that each eligible veteran has up to twelve family members that are eligible for the Auxiliary? Joining is easy. Applications are available at the canteen from the bartenders. I recommend that every member check out the <https://vfwauxiliary.org/> website. Go to MALTA Member login in the upper right-hand corner and create an account. Here you will find that you can pay your dues, change your address and much more.

The Department of Florida Auxiliary website is <https://vfwauxfl.org>. Check it out for all the latest news.

Please join us for our Mid-Winter Conference January 19th- January 21st at the Westgate Lakes Resort in Orlando, Florida. Attending a conference is a fantastic way to see what the Department of Florida is doing and to make new friends.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!

HELP is ALWAYS needed in the kitchen. We have many chances for you to lend a helping hand. Wednesdays are poor man's dinner, Thursdays are pizza, Fridays are home cooked meals and Sunday mornings we have breakfast. There are many ways to help. Washing dishes, pizza prep, pancake flipper and so much more. Ask how you can help TODAY!!

Our Auxiliary has been blessed with the gift of growth again this year. I want to thank all of our members who have paid their dues and for continuing to support the Auxiliary. I invite each of you to bring a friend to become a part of our family.

ANNUAL DUES MUST BE PAID BY DECEMBER 31. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES, PLEASE DO SO NOW. If you create an account in Malta, you can pay your dues online.

Mele Kalikimaka & Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!!! (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year) to each and every one of you. I hope that you all continue to remain healthy and safe during the holidays.

With much Love,

Leilani Jones

Auxiliary President

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Jr Vice	Hayden Faucett
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Chaplain	Dani Hernandez
Surgeon	
Judge Advocate	Dani Hernandez
Adjutant	Scott Sutherland
1st Year Trustee	George Higginbotham
2nd Year Trustee	Robert Hernandez
3rd Year Trustee	John Daniels

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Leilani Jones
Sr Vice	Kathleen Danahoo
Jr Vice	Machelle Leverock
Secretary	Frances Cramer
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Chaplain	Kathy Wright
Conductor	Frank Royal
Guard	Lori Steichen
Patriotic Instructor	Robin Manzo
1st Year Trustee	Keith Epps
2nd Year Trustee	Linda Seiler
3rd Year Trustee	Margaret Latimer