



ALL AMERICAN POST 7909

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"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"

COMMANDERS CORNER

How are we doing? If you have concerns, comments or suggestions, our House Committee meets the 2nd Monday each month at 6:30 PM and the Post and Auxiliary meetings are the 2nd Tuesday each month at 7 PM. This is your Post. Come and be part of the solution.

Auxiliary Appreciation Day is Sunday Feb 4th! Our Auxiliary is Awesome! As a token of our appreciation, Auxiliary members enjoy a free breakfast courtesy of our Post VFW members.

VFW Officer nominations are in March, elections in April. We need youth and enthusiasm to continue our success. Come to the meetings and run for an office or nominate your choice and vote! Let your voice be heard!

Volunteers make our Post succeed. Thanks to all who help! We will be having our annual Volunteer Appreciation Day soon. Watch for updates in the Post Happennings. See you at our Post!

Joe Casey, Commander

Quartermaster

From the Quartermaster desk: we are doing extremely well financially, and our membership is continuing to grow. Please remember when you come to the Post, please have your membership card with you. Have a wonderful day!

Kemp Harris, Quartermaster

Service Officer

Starting in January 2023, Veterans in acute suicidal crisis were able to go to a VA or non-VA medical facility for emergency healthcare at no cost; this includes residential care for up to 30 days and outpatient cards for up to 90 days. In the first year 49,714 Veterans used this benefit. The Veteran does not need to be enrolled in the VA to receive this benefit.

The VA started offering guaranteed acceptance life insurance through VALife in Jan 2023. In the first year more than \$950,000 in coverage and 31,400 veterans were issued the insurance that now provides up to \$40,000 in coverage. Apply online at VA.gov to see if you qualify and make sure your family has financial support when you pass away.

January 12 Blood drive was a success with a goal of 7 and a result of 9 donors. Thanks to all who donate!

Carol Markham, Service Officer

Cootie Corner

We Cooties would like to take this opportunity to say to everyone in the Post to have a good, healthy and prosperous New Year. And, it's going to be a busy year since we have a very important presidential election.

We are hoping that Lake City Veterans Hospital eased the restrictions for us to help our Veterans in the hospital.

This past month we donated money and gave it to our VFW Auxiliary for Christmas stockings to give to local organizations.

In closing, enjoy the Super Bowl and Future Holidays. Salute our veterans!

Happy trails for 2024 Seam Squirrels

Pup Tent 23, Catfish, Carl Ocampo

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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,

I hope that everyone has had a great start to their new year. I want to thank everyone for all your hard work in making sure that our membership matters. We are at 96% in membership so if you haven't paid your dues, please do so now. I am proud to be a part of such an amazing Auxiliary. Let's keep up the great work.

February 5th is Auxiliary Appreciation Day!!!

Our next district meeting is on February 10th at 10am at post 1689. Located at 3409 St. Augustine Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32207.

The district meetings are a time to meet the Auxiliary members in our district and learn how we can make our department, district and post be more successful.

February 25th will be our annual Patriot's Pen bowling at Cassat Batt Bowl at 1pm. This is always a wonderful day of fun spent with amazing people. Start getting your teams together now.

Veteran's village in Ft, McCoy will be having their annual picnic on March 23rd. This is always a fantastic day of food, friendship and fun. This will also be our Department Commanders Homecoming.

Do you know an aspiring artist or singer? The deadlines for the young patriotic art contest and the get excited for the red, white and blue singing contest are fast approaching. All entries must be turned into the post by March 31st. Visit www.vfwauxfl.org for more information.

Loyally,

Leilani Jones

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Hello VFW and Auxiliary,

I have been doing the Post Newsletters and Calendars for almost 15 years and I need to take a break. If anyone is interested in taking over, please let me know.

It is not hard, just a little time consuming. If interested, please let me know.

Thanks, Linda Seiler

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Judge Advocate	Dani Hernandez
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AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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