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"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

**COMMANDERS CORNER**

*The post has been a busy place: we have entertained events such as Class of 72 reunion to a Military Ball. Visitors and Dignitaries have been in and out of our post several times over the last month or so. All of our visitors have been very complimentary when talking about their experiences during their visits. Thank you all for supporting a warm welcoming and fun environment.*

*Merry Christmas. Please keep those less fortunate in your prayers and be kind to each other.*

*JD Steichen, Commander*

**Spiritual Salute**

*Comrades and friends,*

*As we enter the months of December and January, we find ourselves in a time of reflection, renewal, and hope. December brings us the warmth of the holiday season, a time to gather with loved ones and remember the blessings we've received. It's a time to be thankful for the gift of life, the service we've given, and the brotherhood we share.*

*Let us take a moment to honor those no longer with us, remembering their sacrifice and dedication to protecting the freedoms we hold dear. May their legacy inspire us as we enter a new year, and may we lift up the families enduring their absence.*

*We are reminded of the hope for new beginnings as we approach the new year. May we walk forward in strength and unity, supporting one another and finding purpose in our continued service. Let the spirit of love, peace, and gratitude guide us through these cold months, and may our fellowship be a source of warmth to each other and those we serve. In all things, may we find strength through faith and hope through each new day.*

*God bless you all, and may we step into the new year with faith in our hearts and strength in our souls.*

*Ty Strong, Chaplain*

## Quartermaster

*Our finances are still moving in the right direction. We've spent a lot of money these past couple of months trying to upgrade the exterior of our building.*

**Kemp "Lotto" Harris, Quartermaster**

## Service Officer

TRICARE open season enrollment ends Dec 10<sup>th</sup> for those that are considering changing their plan.

**Note:** TRICARE Open Season doesn't apply to you if:

- You're an active duty service member.
- You have [TRICARE For Life](#) coverage. TFL coverage is automatic if you have [Medicare Part A](#) and [Part B](#).
- You have a premium-based plan ([TRICARE Reserve Select](#), [TRICARE Retired Reserve](#), or [TRICARE Young Adult](#)). You can buy these plans any time during the year.

## Natural Disasters

With the number of natural disasters we have been faced with this year, I believe it is important to know there are benefits for veterans and want to share a couple of the Disaster Assistance and resources for Veterans. You can also go to <https://news.va.gov/132965/disaster-assistance-and-resources-for-veterans/> for more information.

Housing Assistance: The National Center for Homeless veterans, available 24/7: 1-877-4AID VETS (1877-424-3838).

VA contact information: MyVA411 main information line 24/7 : 1-800-698-2411.

## Fraud

Fraud has been on the rise and affecting everyone, especially the elderly. QR code scams are just one of the various types of fraud making the rounds across the U.S. It may be difficult to spot fraudulent QR codes scams, but here are a few key items to look for before scanning any type of QR code:

Misspellings and grammatical errors in the hyperlink address, company name or text accompanying the code.

- A shortened URL link.
- Unsolicited QR codes from unexpected or unknown senders.
- Discoloration or changes in the company logo.
- QR stickers placed on top of ads.
- Overseas investment opportunities requesting payment by Bitcoin.

**Carol Markham**

### **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's website is. Check out [http\[s\]://vfwauxfl.org](http[s]://vfwauxfl.org) for all of the latest news

Please join us for our Mid-Winter Conference January 24th- January 26th 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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## **MOCA News**

The Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary meets the third Tuesday of every month. We go to the nursing home in Orange Park and we send cards to members who are sick. We have fun at our meetings. If you would like to join us, please come to the next meeting. We would love to have new members.

**Patricia McQuaig, President**

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