



**ALL AMERICAN POST 7909
FEBRUARY MARCH 2023
"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.

We are currently at 91.76% membership. Annual members, check your cards and let's get to 100%

Auxiliary Appreciation Day is Sunday Feb 5th! 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. Come to the meetings and run for an office or nominate your choice and vote! Let your voice be heard!

We had some incredible children enter the VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contest in 2022. To honor them and all of our Post and Auxiliary Volunteers, we will be having a banquet at the Post on March 11th at 5PM. Come and enjoy an evening of free food and entertainment as we pay tribute to those who dedicate their time and money to make our Post great!

See you at our Post!

Joe Casey, Commander

Quartermaster

First, the post is in good financial condition at the present time. We have however, had many problems and expenses that were unexpected. We had to replace one of our air conditioning units which was an expensive setback. Also, there was an audit by our insurance company which resulted in a large additional premium that was totally unexpected. Our game income has seen a decline due to several problems with the machines, especially the instant bingo game. Other expense items were the replacement of one of our exhaust fans, walk in unit repairs, one of the small refrigerators for the bar and a state mandated pay raise for all employees. The pay raise was unexpected and not learned about for a few months which required back pay from the date of the raise. All is not bad news. The video games are working correctly again and the instant bingo game has new cards delivered today which will stop the tickets from hanging up in the machine. As noted earlier, the post in general is in sound financial condition. As we all know too well, all cost of goods continue to rise but our canteen manager is shopping smartly and looking for bargains when available. With all this being said, we do not have any worries about the post at the date of this letter.

John Daniels, Quartermaster

Service Officer

Veterans in acute suicidal crisis may go to any VA or NON-VA health care facility for emergency health care at no cost, including inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and outpatient care for up to 90 days. Veterans do not need to be enrolled in the VA system to use this benefit. The definition of acute suicidal crisis is: Veteran was determined to be at imminent risk of self-harm by a trained crisis responder or health care provider. Along with this a Veteran can also call 988 to get assistance.

The change to Service Officer Hours will be Tuesday from 1200 to 1500.

Any questions please see:

Robert Hernandez

Scott Sutherland

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 am thrilled to report that our Auxiliary is over 100% in membership. I want to thank everyone for all your hard work in making sure that our membership matters. I am proud to be a part of such an amazing Auxiliary.

February 5th is Auxiliary Appreciation Day!!!

Our next district meeting is on **February 11th** at 10am at post 8255. Located at 2296 Aster Avenue, Middleburg, FL 32068

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.

We will be having a Valentines celebration on **February 11th** at the post. Grab your sweetheart and join us for a fun evening with dinner made by Mark and Donna Lamb and dancing with Six Pack Sam.

February 26th 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 25th**. This is always a fantastic day of food, friendship and fun.

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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Commander	Joe Casey
Sr Vice	J. D. Steichen
Jr Vice	Bruce Lindsay
Quartermaster	John Daniels
Chaplain	Roger Gregory
Surgeon	J R Wood
Judge Advocate	Dani Hernandez
Adjutant	Scott Sutherland
1st Year Trustee	Howard Maas
2nd Year Trustee	George Higginbotham
3rd Year Trustee	Robert Hernandez

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Leilani Jones
Sr Vice	Donna Casey
Jr Vice	Kathleen Danahoo
Secretary	Frances Cramer
Treasurer	Linda Seiler
Chaplain	Lola Higgins
1st Year Trustee	Margaret Latimer
2nd Year Trustee	Keith Epps
3rd Year Trustee	Robin Manzo
Conductress	Machelle Leverock
Guard	Lori Steichen
Patriotic Instructor	Robin Manzo