



ALL AMERICAN POST 7909 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2021

"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"

COMMANDER'S CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS! To all Post Members! Because of you, our Post once again made ALL-STATE and ALL-AMERICAN. Give yourselves a pat on the back for achieving these great milestones. 01 July 2021 started the new VFW year, so let's continue working and volunteering and we will achieve these milestones again.

Reminder! Our Post's 75th Anniversary is approaching fast. Our Post was established 04 August 1946. Because most of us will be at the National VFW Convention, we will hold our celebration on 14 August 2021. The schedule is as follows:

5 – 6 Social Hour

6 – 7 Dinner

7pm - The program

We will have a special poppy on each table. The poppies are silver for 75 years.

One last note! The temperature is beginning to rise and we need to be careful. Drink plenty of water and avoid prolonged heat exposure. Should you see someone in distress due to the heat (heat prostration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke), get them in a cool space, put ice behind their neck, in their armpits and in the groin region. If they are able to drink, give them water and for the latter two, Call 911.

I hope to see you all at our 75th Anniversary.

God Bless America and God Bless you and your loved ones.

Robert Hernandez, Post Commander

From the Quartermaster

Currently the post is in an excellent status with finance. Our expensive insurance and all current obligations have been paid at this time. We currently transfer dollars to the canteen which is a direct problem from the virus and smaller than normal member turnout for events from Thursday thru Saturday. I expect that as more individuals are vaccinated and begin to feel more comfortable about being in closer quarters than when we were shutdown, we will see an increased income. The post still needs additional volunteers to assist with the various meals at the post. LACK OF VOLUNTEERS causes the post to cancel meals. Our income from games will decrease due to a city ordinance which makes our video games to be in a non-compliance status and have been turned off. This issue is being addressed by a third party with the city and state codes. Hopefully this will be resolved in favor of all organizations that have video games in their location. Remember, we are Veterans taking care of Veterans and your support for events allows us to continue this support. Thanks for all the support in the past.

John Daniels

EMPLOYMENT INFO

Jobs for Veterans

Jobs

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

J.R. Wood

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES

So what is a Cootie anyway? During WW1, armies of the world were massed together in the cold dirty trenches of France. Their warm bodies attracted many species of common lice. It was said that these lice would agitate the soldiers particularly in the moments just before incoming artillery fell upon the unsuspecting soldiers position. Many soldiers swear these Cooties bites caused them to seek the aid station just before an attack. These soldiers said they owed their lives to the helpfulness and prognostication of the Cootie. The VFW Honor Degree Cooties of Pup Tent 23 keep up this reputation of taking care of our military men and women by visiting them throughout the local community and at the VA Hospital in Lake City. Our visits provide that extra compassion and optimism to veterans in their time of need. We truly do "Keep Em Smiling in Beds of White"!

Dave Grodt
Seam Squirrel, Pup Tent 23

Service Officer Info

Greetings Comrades and Sisters! A few words to introduce myself: I'm Scott Sutherland, retired Veterans Service Officer (Minnesota VFW), and relocated from Minneapolis to Jacksonville November 2020. I am extremely happy to be here in Florida and affiliated with Post 7909. What a great Post and Auxiliary! I am assisting Post Commander Robert Hernandez with VSO duties. (As well, I am excited to take on the appointment as Post Adjutant.) We are happy to help and are presently working by appointment only. My own email and phone # are as follows: fssutherland246@gmail.com, 651-755-6444. Give us a shout!

"Working together to accomplish our mission..."

AUXILIARY NEWS

Aloha All,

I would like to begin by saying Mahalo “Thank You” to each and every one of you for having faith in me to be your auxiliary president for the 2021-2022 year.

We are already off to a running start and I am excited to see all the things we can accomplish with our programs. The pamphlets for our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarships are on the table by the front door. The Patriot's Pen theme is “How can I be a good American” and the theme for the Voice of Democracy audio-essay is “America: Where do we go from here?”

On August 14th we will be celebrating our Silver Anniversary. That is 75 years for post 7909. Be sure to come in and enjoy the comradery.

School of Instruction “Boot Camp” will be August 20-22 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 and remember, I am always a call, text or email away.

Leilani Jones, President

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From your Treasurer

I am in the process of sending out dues notices for the 2022 year. The dues are \$30 per year. If you would like to be a life member, please let me know or if you have any questions, please call me at 904-779-2550. I will be happy to help you.

Please come to our meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. We go over all of our programs which is very important and we have fun, too. Please come join us and learn all about the many things we do for our Veterans and their families.

Linda Seiler, Auxiliary Treasurer

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