



ALL AMERICAN POST 7909 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2021

"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving!

Talking about Halloween, the Post will be having a Halloween Party on 29 Oct 2021. Wear your most creative costumes and come out and enjoy the friendship and silliness. This year Student Veterans of America Jacksonville University will be attending, so let's show them how the VFW can Party. We have adopted Student Veterans of America Jacksonville University or should I say they adopted us?

Student Veterans of America is veterans who are attending various campuses throughout the nation that gather and support each other. The VFW has pledged to support the SVA helping these students through their course of study and by doing various events on and off campus. We have done a few events with our students and they really appreciate it and a couple of them have become VFW members.

13 NOV 2021 we will be having our Military Ball. Come all dressed up in your uniform or suit and tie. Tickets will be \$25. Our guest speaker is a young lady who has served in Iraq and Afghanistan. On this day there will be no smoking in the Post but we will have a covered place out back as our designated smoking area.

1700-1800 social hour

18-1900 Dinner

1900 Program

Reminder to all: **OUTSIDE FOOD IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE POST WHILE THE POST IS SERVING FOOD AND AT NO TIME ARE OUTSIDE DRINKS ALLOWED.**

There is not too much to say but please be careful and if you plan on driving, drive safely, wear your seat belts and watch for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Once again Have a Happy Thanksgiving

Robert Hernandez, Post Commander

From the Quartermaster

Nothing new this month!

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

What is that bug on your collar? The gold Cootie Bug is worn with pride on a members collar even while not in “uniform” for a meeting or “scratch”. It identifies members of our order to each other when not at our home post. To touch our beloved cootie bug means you must turn over \$1.00 to the wearer which will be forwarded as a donation to the National Home for Children. Over the years, a small fortune has since been collected to care for “our kids” in need! So NEVER.....EVER.....be afraid to tickle that Cootie! (It’s for a great cause)

Dave Grodt, Seam Squirrel PT-23

Service Officer Info

House Passes Automatic COLA increase. The Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living-Adjustment Act of 2021 was Passed. This bill would ensure that whenever there is a cost-of-living-increase in benefits for Social Security recipients, the VA would increase by the same percentage the amounts payable for veterans disability.

The VA has extended Gulf War Illness Presumptive issues due to the recent war in Iraq. The VA said the reason for this is they do not know what effect these Iraq Veterans may have from being in the litter box. There are 10 presumptive illnesses listed, so if you were in the Gulf War or in Iraq anytime and you are having any unexplained illnesses, come and talk to myself or Scott Sutherland. Agent orange veterans and blue water navy includes Thailand and Guam. There are 24 presumptive issues and should you have any unexplained illnesses, please talk to me or Scott.

Our office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointments. We usually start at 12 and secure around 15-1600.

Robert Hernandez

Scott Sutherland, Service Officers

AUXILIARY NEWS

Aloha All,

I can't believe we are marching in to cooler weather and the beginning of the holidays already. The older I get the faster time seems to pass by.

We have some upcoming events I want to make sure everyone is aware of. October 9th will be a silent auction and a last dollar auction. They are lots of fun and we have some great items. Our fall conference will be October 22-24 at the Florida Hotel in Orlando. These conferences are a fantastic way to meet new people and share our ideas with each other.

Start putting together those Halloween costumes for the party on the 29th and getting ready for our Military Ball in November.

We will also have our Christmas show right after Thanksgiving. That is another great opportunity to have some fun with your fellow kindred spirits. The Christmas show and dinner will be Dec, 4th. We are looking for more members to join in the fun. If you would like to be in the show, please contact Debbie Tilley at 460-9345.

HELP NEEDED!!!

We are always in search of kitchen help. Prep crews, cooks, dishwashers. We always have a place to use your talents.

Please remember, I am always a phone call, text or email away. I will always do my best to help with anything I can.

Mahalo,

Leilani Jones

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From the Auxiliary Treasurer

I have sent out all dues notices to our members. To pay your dues, please send your check or money order to Linda Seiler, 6602 Dove Creek Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32244. Make check out to "VFW Auxiliary 7909" in the amount of \$30. You also have the option to pay your annual dues online or Convert to a Life Membership by logging into your MALTA account. Visit the MALTA site at malta.vfwauxiliary.org. If you have any questions, please call me at 779-2550. You can also take a check to the post and leave it with the bartender and I will pick it up. Please put your member number on the check. Thank you!

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