



ALL AMERICAN POST 7909

JUNE JULY 2023

"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"

COMMANDERS CORNER

Entering the final month of my first year as Post Commander, I would like to thank each of you for your support. I have learned a lot and counted on many to help our Post succeed.

A special thanks to John Daniels as he is finally able to "retire" as our Post Quartermaster! Wish him well and thanks for his unwavering support of this Post! Thanks also to Robert Hernandez who will be helping our new Service Officer. Thanks for your many years of service with the numerous hats you've worn. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to our newest Officers: Kemp Harris is our new Quartermaster. Tony Echols is our new Jr Vice Commander and Carol Markham is our new Service Officer. We welcome them and know they will excel in their new roles. See you at our Post!

Joe Casey, Commander

VFWRG 7909

There will not be a VFWRG 7909 meeting in July. Our meeting is always on the first Tuesday of the month which this year is 4th of July. We will resume our meeting in August. If you are not a member of the Riders Group and would like to join, please contact me or another member.

We will be having a raffle at the post to support the Riders Group. We will be raffling a pistol FXS-9 9mm. The tickets will be \$10.00 each. The winning ticket will be drawn at Bike Night on July 25th. The band will be "Blistur". They are very good and we hope to have a good turn-out again.

JD Steichen, President

Quartermaster

Since this will be my last newsletter as the post Quartermaster, I want to thank all of the folks for their support during the early days with the problems we inherited. We basically were broke and owed money to one of our early gaming companies. BUT we have come from having \$47.00 in the bank and owing \$5000. The members of the past early days, and since, have shown that VETERANS can and will overcome obstacles. The post finances are in excellent shape and am looking for this to continue under new leadership. I have worked hard to put programs in place that will, hopefully, prevent the problems of the past. I was going to fade into the background and only to be seen once a month for meetings. Our commander asked me to be the new 3yr trustee with the following statement, "who better to look at the books than a former Quartermaster and of course I told him no. Since the commander was having trouble with this position, JR Owen said he would step in. On the way to the post yesterday, Joe's words came to mind and I told him that if he still agreed, I would be the new trustee. JR THANKED ME. I will be making a motion at the next meeting to add some additional safeguards. I believe these will enhance the post greatly. As your new trustee, rest assure that I will make regular inspections of the books and ensure that current safeguards are ongoing. It has been a real pain, at times, and a pleasure to serve the past 14 years. Will not say goodbye.

John Daniels, Quartermaster

Service Officer

I am constantly being asked how I get a VA card and care in the VA system.

- Service-connected disability is automatic.
- Non-service-connected disability is a little more challenging.
 1. First you must fill out a VA form 10-10ez requesting care.
 - Fill out your demographic information.
 - You will need to provide your financial information.
 - + This is how the VA makes their determination if you qualify for VA care.
 2. Mail or Fax form 10-10ez to VA once you completed it.
- Another option is to report to Jefferson Street. They can assist you along with myself and Scott. When you enter the main doors at the Jefferson VA Clinic, look to your left and you will see a set of stairs. Go up the stairs and report to that desk. If you take the elevator, as you step out, turn left and go to the desk in the corner at the very far right corner of the second floor.

Carol Markham
Robert Hernandez

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 would like to send out a big THANK YOU to the newly elected and installed 2023-2024 officers of our Auxiliary.

President- Leilani Jones

Sr. Vice- Kathleen Danahoo

Jr. Vice- Machel Leverock

Chaplain- Kathy Wright

Treasurer- Kimberly Smith

Secretary- Fran Cramer

Conductress- Lynn Sweeney

Guard- Frank Royal

Patriotic Instructor- Robyn Manzo

Trustees- Margaret Latimer, Keith Eppes and Debbie Tilley

I appreciate each and every one of you and I know we will have a good year working together.

Please visit www.vfwauxflorida.org for information on our programs and upcoming events.

Calling all students... It is time to start working on scholarships. This year's theme for the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay contest is "What are the Greatest attributes of Our Democracy". This is for students in grades 9-12.

The theme for this year's Patriots Pen essay contest is "How are you Inspired by America". This is for students in grades 6-8.

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer your time at the post? We are ALWAYS in need of kitchen help. There are many ways to help. Lead a crew, pizza prep, Friday dinners, Sunday breakfast or washing dishes. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

We need each other to be successful and with many hands we will have another fantastic year.

Remember, I am only a phone, email or text away.

With much Love,

Leilani Jones

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Sr Vice	J. D. Steichen
Jr Vice	Tony Echols
Quartermaster	Kemp Harris
Chaplain	Roger Gregory
Surgeon	Tony Echols
Judge Advocate	Dani Hernandez
Adjutant	Scott Sutherland
1st Year Trustee	George Higginbotham
2nd Year Trustee	Robert Hernandez
3rd Year Trustee	John Daniels

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