



## **ALL AMERICAN POST 7909**

**OCTOBER NOVEMBER 2023**

**"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

### **COMMANDERS CORNER**

Whew! Thank goodness the 100+ heat index has passed! Time for us to welcome the Autumn events. The Voice of Democracy Golf Tournament kicks off on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Riders have a fundraiser for Team Easton on the 7<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Down Syndrome Association of Jax. We have our Octoberfest Dinner by Donna & Mark Lamb on the 20<sup>th</sup>, Bike Night on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Chili Cook-off, Florida/Georgia game and Halloween contest on the 28<sup>th</sup>. November, we have our annual Military Ball on Veterans Day the 11<sup>th</sup> and of course Thanksgiving Dinner at the Post on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Take a moment as we enter and exit the Post to reflect on the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action table set up by the entrance. Reflect on their sacrifice and our obligation to never forget. Thanks to Ricky Dean and our Canteen Staff for keeping the table presentable on a daily basis. Thanks to all of our hardworking volunteers for keeping our Post going!

See you at our Post!

Joe Casey, Commander

### **Service Officer**

Currently, in the House of Representatives, there are two resolutions they are looking at. One is for Vietnam Veterans and cancers to the ducts of the gallbladder. The next deals with radiation. When you become ill with radiation, the VA measures your lifetime exposure and just treats your symptoms. If the bill should pass, this would mean you could get care for your radiation sickness and file a claim.

The VA has been tasked by Congress to look into the various illnesses flight crews and flight deck crews are getting. Discussion and investigation of the aircrafts will be taking place. We shall see what happens.

I am always asked about different bases that possibly made people sick. They want to claim it and I have to tell them I cannot, due to the VA not adding that base or illness. The VA has to look into the issue.

One last note! This will be my last newsletter article. Carol Markham will be taking over as Service Officer. I have to leave due to health reasons. Carol's number is 904-710-6172.

God Bless,

Robert Hernandez & Scott Sutherland

## Quartermaster

Our post is in good financial condition. At this time, I am looking for an assistant. If you are interested, please contact me at the post.

We really need volunteers at the post. We have a cleaning day once a month and can use more help with that. We also need more volunteers in the kitchen. If we have no volunteers to cook meals at the post, we are losing money. If you can help, please let me know or let Kathy Wright know. If you can help in any way, that would be great!

Kemp "Lotto" Harris  
Quartermaster

## Cootie Corner

Comrades,

We are heading into a very busy part of the year as our summer comes to a close. Autumn is approaching; we have our holidays and school starts, plus the weather will be cooler.

In July we honored our Korean War Veterans in downtown Jacksonville at the USS Orleck where Dr. Henry Moreland is the Commander of the Korean War and Korean Defense Veterans Chapter 200. We were able to tour the ship after the ceremony. For me, it was my first time on a USS Naval Ship as I was in the U.S. Air Force.

We made a donation to our Lake City VA Hospital. The hospital is still closed or visitation limited due to the Covid Virus.

We bought our yearly VFW raffle ticket and made a donation to our National Home. One of our members had a liver transplant. It was successful and he is home recovering.

We give thanks to our VFW for helping us with the Poor Man's dinner on our scheduled 3rd Wed. of every other month.

For God and Country  
Seam Squirrel Catfish 23  
Carl Ocampo

### 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,

Welcome to the beginning of the holiday season. This is always a very busy time of year for all of us.

Our fall conference will be October 20-22 at the Florida Mall. If you have never attended a conference, this is a fantastic time to meet new people and discover what is going on around the state.

The post will be having a trifecta day on October 28. We will have the annual Chili cookoff, the Florida Georgia game and our Halloween party. Come out and enjoy a full day of fun with us.

November 4 is our district 6 meeting at post 10095 in Hilliard at 10am. District meetings are a great way to find out what is going on in our local area. Come out and meet some amazing people.

Our military ball is November 11. Grab your sweetheart and join us for a night of dinner, dancing, and camaraderie.

We will finish off November with Thanksgiving dinner on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Remember we ALWAYS need kitchen help. If we do not have volunteers, we will have to cancel dinners.

I hope everyone is excited for all our events and ready to enjoy each other's company. I am always a phone call, text, or email away.

Mahalo,

Leilani Jones, President [vwleilani@outlook.com](mailto:vwleilani@outlook.com)

## MOCA Catfish 23

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:01 pm is our Cootie meeting. This is a fun meeting but we work hard for our veterans in the nursing home or the VA Hospital in Lake City. We also make items and take them to Shands Hospital. We love our Veterans and work hard to make them happy. Once a month we go to a nursing home in Orange Park and they play Bingo and we give out snacks for the winners. They enjoy the games.

If you are an auxiliary member of our post, you are eligible to be a Cootie. You can talk to other members to see if they would be interested in joining. Come to our next meeting and see if you like it. We would love to have you join.

Linda Seiler  
Treasurer

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| <b>Quartermaster</b>               | <b>Kemp Harris</b>         |
| <b>Chaplain</b>                    | <b>Roger Gregory</b>       |
| <b>Surgeon</b>                     | <b>Tony Echols</b>         |
| <b>Judge Advocate</b>              | <b>Dani Hernandez</b>      |
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**AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

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| <b>President</b>                   | <b>Leilani Jones</b>     |
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