



**ALL AMERICAN POST 7909
DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022
"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

COMMANDER'S CORNER

I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for all of the time you spend in helping our Veterans and their families live a better life. We could not do this without the help of all of our VFW members.

All too often I hear a member say, "I'm just a member." No one is just a member. Every member of the VFW is important and we must remind our Veterans of this. A kind word of encouragement will go a long way in making a member feel included.

As we approach the holiday season, please remember that many of our members are alone and struggle to get through the season. Suicide rates typically climb during the holiday season and we need to be mindful of those members who keep to themselves. Reach out a helping hand to them, lend them your ear, remember them with a gift, invite them to your Post or house for a dinner or simply give them a hug. We all want to feel that someone cares about us.

I am thankful that Post 7909 is made up of great members like you. Members who daily put service above themselves.

Enjoy the day with your families and again thank you for all that you do for Veterans each day.

If you plan on traveling, please be safe. I want to see each and every one of you next year. Cheers.

God Bless,

Robert Hernandez, Commander

Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

Please don't trash our post!! Please don't throw empty beer/soda cans or bottles in the ditches alongside our rear parking lot or anywhere else. You know someone else has to pick up your trash!! Let's show respect for our post home and grounds. Please don't litter!! Also, we want your aluminum cans but please bring them in plastic bags and set them by the sheds in the rear of the parking lot. Our aluminum can cage is no longer being picked up.

**Thank you!
House Committee**

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

From Pup Tent 23, your Military Order of the Cootie members want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season! Now is the time to be of good cheer and enjoy your friends and family! It is this time of year that the Military Order of Cootie does just that for the children at the VFW National Home for Children in Michigan. Originally founded in 1925 to assist veterans widows and their children, the present day home has flourished into a sprawling site featuring housing, child care facilities, a gym, parks and playgrounds. The services provided to veterans and their children by the National Home have been invaluable and stand as a testament to our organizations dedication to those who served. For over 90 years, members of our Cootie order have traveled to Eaton Rapids to spread good cheer to the children living there. Singing, food, and of course.....the "Big Man" himself delivering presents.....Santa!...are all part of the festivities. So as you enjoy your Holidays, remember that you...just like those kids in Eaton Rapids.... are part of one big family....the VFW family!

All the Best!

David Grodt, Seam Squirrel PT23

Service Officer Info

The service office will reopen on 04 January 2022 so we can visit family, but I will still take phone calls to answer questions (904) 524-2714.

Talking about questions, there is a number that the VA has to answer questions and direct you to the right department you need to talk to. 1-800-MY-VA-411 or 1-800-698-2411

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Robert Hernandez

Scott Sutherland, Service Officers

VFWRG

VFW Riders Group

We now have a VFW Post 7909 Riders Group. This is a motorcycle enthusiast group. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at the post.

For more information, please contact VFW Post 7909 at 778-7909.

AUXILIARY NEWS

Aloha All,

It is very hard to believe that the holiday season is already upon us. This has been a difficult year for most of us and I want each of us to remember our blessings. This year I am thankful that I have been gifted with such amazing friends and family through OUR Auxiliary. God is good ALWAYS!!

Did you know that each eligible veteran has up to twelve family members that are eligible for the Auxiliary? Joining is easy. Applications are available at the canteen from the bartenders or you can log onto <https://vfwauxiliary.org/join-us/become-a-member/>.

I recommend that every member check out the <https://vfwauxiliary.org/> website.

Go to MALTA Member login in the upper right hand corner and create an account. Here you will find that you can pay your dues, change your address and much more.

We have been blessed with the gift of growth again this year. I want to thank all of our members who have paid their dues for continuing to support the Auxiliary and invite each of you to bring a friend to become a part of our family.

Please join us for our Mid-Winter Conference January 20th– January 23rd at the Westgate Lakes Resort in Orlando, Florida. Attending a conference is a fantastic way to see what the Department of Florida is doing and to make new friends.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!

HELP is still needed in the kitchen. We have many chances for you to lend a helping hand. Wednesday's are poor man's dinner, Thursday's are pizza, Friday's are home cooked meals and Sunday mornings we have breakfast. There are many ways to help. Washing dishes, pizza prep, pancake flipper and so much more. Ask how you can help TODAY!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you, I hope that you all continue to remain healthy and safe during the holidays.

With much Love,

Leilani Jones

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From the Auxiliary Treasurer

I have now sent out two dues notices to all members who haven't paid their dues. If you do not pay your dues by Dec. 31st, you will no longer be a member in good standing. 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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AND AUXILIARY
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