



**ALL AMERICAN POST 7909
FEBRUARY / MARCH 2022
"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

COMMANDERS CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I want to thank everyone who assisted in the floor replacement. I know a lot of hard work went into the project so a special thank you from the bottom of my heart.

March is around the corner when we nominate our Post Officers, and in April we elect them. If you want a say who runs your post, come to the post meeting and be heard. Same goes for any issues you may have. I get asked who made that decision. Decisions are made at a monthly meeting when the membership meets, so if you do not attend, we cannot hear you and what your thoughts are about a certain subject. Meetings usually last 1.5 hours.

A big "Thank You" to Randy Baggett for improving our rear parking lot.

Thank you for all you do around the post and for our veterans.

**Robert Hernandez
Commander**

Service Officers

"I hear I don't qualify for any disability" or the spouse will come to me and say, "can you help my husband with his disability?" but you would be surprised what the VA gives. You will never know unless you try, even if you get a zero rating, that is still a good rating. You can get treatment and it is noted and you can always appeal it or do a claim later on down the road.

Spouses who lose their veteran can always come and see me and Scott. If the veteran passed away from a service connected disability, we can claim DIC and if they don't qualify for that, we can always claim Widows Pension.

**ROBERT & SCOTT
YOUR SERVICE OFFICERS**

QUARTERMASTER

The post finances remain in stable condition but our total net worth has dropped since the last newsletter. This drop was expected due to several large expenditures that did not come due until a few days ago. The post is still in good shape. Time to vent just a little on lack of volunteers assisting with meals. Every time we cancel a meal the post and the canteen loose revenue. Income from meals is not great but does provide additional operating income. The looser on cancelled meals is the canteen. NO FOOD no drink equals lost income. The post has approximately 1200 members between the VFW and the Auxiliary, YET, we cannot find enough volunteers to handle three meals per week that need help. We actually have four meals with the Auxiliary providing individuals for the meal and receives the income from this meal. Why is it so hard to find 4-5 individuals to handle one meal per week with 1200 members. Just for the record, we have several individuals that provide 18-30 hours per week volunteering to keep the post operating. If a few of these volunteers decide enough is enough and no longer volunteer, the post will go down hill quickly. From your short timer QM, have a wonderful week.

JOHN DANIELS

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

J.R. Wood

Hello VFW family! I hope the New Year is proving to be prosperous and safe for all. Pup Tent 23 of VFW 7909 was proud to support the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids Michigan this holiday season. The holiday party at the home has been a Military Order of the Cootie tradition for decades, and was attended this season by members of our Pup Tent. The families at the home who took part were provided with holiday meals and a visit from Santa himself. Going into 2022, Pup Tent 23 will continue to support our local veterans in need as well as our comrades in the care of Lake City VA Hospital. Stay tuned to the posts calendar of events to discover how you can support the MOC and MOCA in 2022!

Very Respectfully,

David Grodt
Seam Squirrel MOC PT23

AUXILIARY NEWS

Aloha All,

I hope that everyone has had a great start to their new year. I am thrilled to report that our Auxiliary is over 100% in membership. I want to thank everyone for all your hard work in making sure that our membership matters. I am proud to be a part of such an amazing Auxiliary.

We will be having a Valentines Dinner on **February 11th** at the post, come in and join us for a fun evening.

Our next district meeting is on **February 12th** at 10am at post 3270, located at 915 8th Avenue South, Jacksonville Beach, 32250.

The district meetings are a time to meet the Auxiliary members in our district and learn how we can make our department, district and post be more successful.

February 27th will be our annual Patriot's Pen bowling at Cassat Batt Bowl at 1pm.

This is always a wonderful day of fun spent with amazing people. Start getting your teams together now.

Veteran's Village in Ft, McCoy will be having their annual picnic on **March 19th**. This is always a fantastic day of food, friendship and fun.

Do you know an up and coming artist in grades 9-12? The deadline for the young patriotic art contest is fast approaching. All entries must be turned into the post by **March 31st**. Information can be found online at

<https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/>

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!!

**Remember to pray daily for our troops overseas and our veterans. They are the reason we are here.

Leilani

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