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"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Spring is here, it is time to get out and take care of the gardens and plant new flowers. This year when you plant a new flower, plant one for those who did not make it home.

We are currently planning our 75th Anniversary which will happen on 14 August 2021. Our Post was established on 02 August 1946, and I know there is a lot of history out there about our Post. What I am asking is if anyone has any pictures, publications, news articles or anything about our Post, please bring to us so we can make a copy and put it in a photo album for others to see and the future Post members to remember us by when they have their 100th Anniversary.

When a Post Officer (CDR, SVC, JVC or QM) ask you to do something, please do it. They are not trying to be mean but to enforce Post, Department or National by-laws and instructions that may have come down, as well as City and State regulations. A good example is if one of the officers asks you to move your seat to comply with distancing regulations (hopefully this will end soon), just do it. On the other hand, if you feel that an Officer was unjust, let me know and I will deal with it after some investigating. This is true for the bartenders. If they ask something of you or say you have had enough, please don't argue.

Election of Officers will be held at our April 13th meeting so come out and elect your next year's officers.

June 17 – 20 is the Department Convention and our own Dani Hernandez will be going in as Department Commander, Mac McLucas will become our Department Junior Vice Commander, Harry Seiler our Department Chaplain and if elected, Glenn Wright will be going in as Department Surgeon. The election will be held Saturday 19 June 2021. If you can, come out and support these fine VFW 7909 Post members.

God Bless you and your families.

**Robert Hernandez,
Post Commander**

QUARTERMASTER

There is not much to report since the last newsletter was sent out. The canteen continues to lose money on a weekly basis. Some of this loss is due to the virus and the fact that many members have opted to not come out during this time. The main reason for loss is the simple fact that our costs continue to go up. Our suppliers are passing all of their business product cost on to each of their customers and we are not immune from these price increases. Please understand that we are not in trouble just not gaining the ground back that has been lost during these trying times. Hopefully with some restrictions being lifted and many members are getting their virus shots, things will improve for the better. We still need folks to volunteer to assist in the kitchen with our weekly meals. Meals are great but volunteers are the ones that make the meals happen. Like the old saying, "There is light at the end of the tunnel". Only problem is none of us know just how long the tunnel is. Remember that we are always Veterans taking care of Veterans.

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

MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES

Good Day Brothers and Sisters!

Did you know that there is a group amongst our ranks that cares for our veterans in need? The Military Order of the Cooties! And we deliver! We take pride in our efforts to make each and every veteran feel special when we show up by their bedside. One example of how we accomplish this is the Cooties and Cootie Auxiliary heading to the Lake City VA Hospital to do just that! We deliver puzzles, games, or much needed toiletries. But it's not just a re-supply mission. Our duties also include direct engagement with the veterans themselves. Aside from organizing Bingo games, we also visit patients, when authorized, at their bedside to cheer them up! It's all part of "Keep em' smiling in beds of white!"

All the Best,

David Grodt

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Aloha All,

I'm so excited to say that spring is in the air and with that comes change. We can look at this one of two ways. We have longer daylight hours and beautiful flowers blooming again or we have pollen and love bugs everywhere. I choose to see the positive side and enjoy the extra sunshine in my life.

This Auxiliary is a huge part of the sunshine in my life and watching our Auxiliary blossom makes my heart soar. I want to thank all of our members that have stepped up and helped make our Auxiliary successful this year. Remember that even small things make a big difference.

Our April 13, 2021 meeting will be the nomination and election of officers for the upcoming 2021-2022 year. If you would like to run for a position or make sure your choices are reflected in our Auxiliary, come out and vote. NOW is the time to make sure your voice is heard.

We are at our year end which means we have to report, report, report. Have you been taking care of a veteran or their family members by grocery shopping, taking them to appointments, mowing the lawn or things of this nature? It needs to be reported as soon as possible. If you need assistance with this, please ask for help. These reports and the things we do are how the VFW and VFW Auxiliary remain a nonprofit organization.

Always remember, I am only a phone call, text or email away.

Mahalo,

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MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIES AUXILIARY

Our next Cootie meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:01 pm. If you have been a member of the VFW Auxiliary for 6 months, you are now eligible to join the Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary. We have a fun time and we would love to have you as a new member. We do a lot of work for the VA Hospital in Lake City and nursing homes in our area. Please join us. It is very rewarding.

Linda Seiler, Treasurer
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