



**ALL AMERICAN POST 7909  
DECEMBER 2020 / JANUARY 2021  
"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

We need to watch each other's back this time of year. Depression and suicide is usually on the rise during the holiday season. If you see someone who may be in distress, assist them. I belong to Florida Fire Watch where we assist veterans who need assistance or are suicidal. We have a special number that a veteran can call, and that number is 211. There is always someone manning the phones.

I am always here and always have time to talk. I have dealt a lot with suicides and talking people Down, so please if you need to talk, call me. My number is (904) 524-2714. This is my cell phone and always attached to my hip.

Even in the hospital I was taking care of veterans over the phone. Enough said.

The next thing is Corona Virus and COVID 19 (MEARS/SARS) are real. I spent a week in the hospital with COVID 19 SARS with bilat double pneumonia. The nurses thought they were going to lose me and at one point called in the rapid response team in because I couldn't breathe, and being the stubborn old Chief, I chased them away. They did say if I didn't improve they were going to take me to ICU and intubate me. But thanks to all of your prayers, I made it through. Still not 100%. I am living on O2 24/7 just to breathe.

The bottom line here is take care of yourself, mask up, wash your hands constantly, and practice social distancing.

On Dec. 10th, we will have our annual Bartender Appreciation Night. Please come in and show our wonderful bartenders how much we appreciate them all year long.

May God bless and keep you and your family safe.

**Robert Hernandez  
Commander**

## **QUARTERMASTER**

The post finances have hit a flat line and seems that they will stay this way for some time. We have lost income from the canteen and the operations of the post have had to make up the shortfall with bills. Our mandatory obligations to Department and National have not been set aside and must be paid in the very near future. Time for the gloves to come off!!!! We have the FEW taking care of the MANY. The FEW are getting tired and we miss out on income opportunities because we do not have enough volunteers to cover some of our income opportunities. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to step up and help the few. I understand that there are those that cannot assist due to age and medical conditions or work. We are only looking for some additional volunteers to do one meal each month. A normal meal requires 4-6 individuals to plan, cook, serve and clean-up. The post currently serves 4 meals each week that requires 4-6 hours of time for each volunteer. The few are doing double and triple meals and need help. We have a couple that spends 20-30 hours per week taking care of all of us. The quartermaster spends 20 hours and 100 miles weekly taking care of the post. ALL I AM ASKING IS HELP FOR THE FEW TAKING CARE OF THE MANY. Now that I have upset everyone, please remove me from office so I cannot bother the membership again. God Bless and remember we are 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**

### **NATIONAL PARKS**

Beginning on Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, Gold Star Families and U.S. military veterans receive free access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks, wildlife refuges and forests. The free access program is a way to thank America's veterans and Gold Star families for their support of our country and to encourage them to explore recreational opportunities on their public lands and waters.

For purposes of this program, a veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and is able to present one of the following forms of identification when entering a national park:

- Department of Defense Identification Card (CAC Card)
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- Veteran ID Card
- Veterans designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card

For more info go to <https://www.nps.gov>

## 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 my injury was not worse and I am on the path to healing and that I have been gifted with such amazing friends and family through my 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 this year. Our Auxiliary will end the year at over 100% in membership. 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 29<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> at The Florida Hotel and Conference Center 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!!

Happy Thanksgiving, 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, Auxiliary President**

Members,

Our auxiliary is now 100.78% in membership. That is great! Thank you to everyone who has paid their annual dues. If you have not paid your dues of \$30 yet, please drop it by the post and give to the bartender. They will give to me next time I am at the post which is quite frequently. I have sent out two dues notices now. You can also pay your dues online. Check out the information in the president's article. Set up your account in MALTA and pay your dues. It is so easy.

Also, instead of paying dues every year, why not change to a life membership. Talk to your friends and see if they are eligible to join. If I can help you with anything, please let me know.

**Linda Seiler, Treasurer**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
AND AUXILIARY**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee**

**Robert Hernandez**

**Joe Casey**

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**Harry Seiler**

**J R Wood**

**J R Owen**

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**J R Wood**

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**Sr Vice**

**Jr Vice**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Chaplain**

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