



ALL AMERICAN POST 7909

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"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Welcome to a New Year!

With this new year we are hoping to incorporate various events such as theme nights, a prom night, or a different theme night you and the membership would like to see. Just bring up to myself, the Auxiliary President, House Committee Chairman or our Canteen Manager. Other events we have had in the past were Sock Hops, MASH Night, and various decades such as 60s and 70's.

This year is our 75th Anniversary and will have a celebration. We are currently putting a committee together to plan this event. The committee team leader is our Senior Vice Commander Joe Casey. Any suggestions you may have or information on our Post history, please let us know. More to follow.

March is officers nominations with elections in April. This is Your Post! Come to Your Post and elect the officers of your choice to lead the post into the next year.

One last thing! This is our Post and a few cannot do everything. Volunteers are needed around the Post, especially the kitchen. If you would like to help or put a team together for a meal, please let the House Committee Chairman, Glenn Wright know as soon as possible. .

God Bless you and your families,

**Robert Hernandez,
Post Commander**

QUARTERMASTER

Well the time has come to get down and dirty. Currently our expenses are exceeding our income. Understand that we do have income coming into the operations account but the expenses of the canteen exceed income. Bottom line is we have to constantly transfer dollars from operations to the canteen account to meet expenses. As your quartermaster, I fully understand the current situation with covid-19 and the problem individuals have with getting out for entertainment, a drink or a great meal at the VFW. Since no one is able to look far into the future for what will or will not happen, my best guess is that we will start to see red ink in 8-9 months and be forced to start cashing in our money market certificates. We can only hope and pray that things will take a turn for a more positive situation. As your quartermaster, I will do everything in my limited power to ensure the post survives this rough time. Thanks to all for your support. Hopefully the future will become clear and positive.

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

MOC PT23

Did you know? VFW Post 7909 is home to the Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent 23! Established in 1920, the Military Order of the Cooties was founded as an addition to the VFW with the intent of caring for the widows and children of military veterans. And Since 1925, nearly a century, Cooties have come together in comradeship and fun to raise millions of dollars for “our kids” at VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids Michigan. But it doesn’t stop there! The Cooties of Pup Tent 23 have visited, entertained, and provided some basics for veterans in need at VA Hospitals and other locations in our local community. “Keep Em’ Smiling in Beds of White” is the motto that keeps our members focused on the brothers and sisters in need. We say it with pride! Want to know more? Ask a Cootie!

All the Best!

Dave Grodt : Seam Squirrel Pup Tent 23

AUXILIARY NEWS

Aloha All,

I cannot believe how quickly this year is already passing by. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day in no time at all. I hope that everyone is doing well and has remained safe during these strange times.

I know that I sound like a broken record yet I MUST ask once again for kitchen volunteers. We are in need of a Thursday pizza crew and another Sunday breakfast crew.

Our current crews can ALWAYS use help. Washing dishes, serving food and prepping for meals are some of the ways to assist. Watch the post happenings weekly for chances to volunteer.

The money raised from our dinners are the way the VFW and Auxiliary keep our post running and the way that we are able to assist our veterans and their families. Without more volunteers we will not be able to help those families that need us and we will not have a full schedule of dinners.

Please always remember if you have any questions or concerns I am here for you and will do all that I can to assist. Teamwork makes the Dream work.

Together we are stronger,

Leilani

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MOCA PT23

At Post 7909, we have an organization called Military Order of the Cooties Auxiliary. If you are a member of the VFW Auxiliary, you are welcome to join the MOCA. We have a fun meeting the third Tuesday of every month at 7:01 pm. The Cooties are here to support Veterans in the Hospitals or Nursing Homes. Currently because of Covid-19 we cannot go to the hospitals or Nursing Homes for socials but we can take items and drop them off. Do you sew? Do you crochet? Can you make cards? If so, we need you to help make our Veterans smile!

You are invited to come to one of our meetings and check it out. If you have any questions, please call me at 904-779-2550.

**Linda Seiler, Treasurer
MOCA PT23 Post 7909**

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AND AUXILIARY

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POST OFFICERS

Commander	Robert Hernandez
Sr Vice	Joe Casey
JR Vice	Dani Hernandez
Quartermaster	John Daniels
Chaplain	Harry Seiler
Surgeon	J R Wood
Judge Advocate	J R Owen
Adjutant	Merrill McCray
1st Year Trustee	J R Wood
2nd Year Trustee	Austin Von Loh
3rd Year Trustee	Howard Maas

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Leilani Jones
Sr Vice	Keith Eppes
Jr Vice	Michelle Williams
Secretary	Jody Wood
Treasurer	Linda Seiler
Chaplain	Kathy Wright
1st Year Trustee	Kathy Wright
2nd Year Trustee	Debbie Tilley
3rd Year Trustee	Frances Salomon
Conductor	Donna Casey
Guard	Joey Ciarcia
Patriotic Instructor	Bobby Jones