



## **ALL AMERICAN POST 7909 JUNE/JULY 2021**

**"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"**

### **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

Well, it is good to see many of you coming back. It makes me feel good because of the comradeship and friendship we all share with one another. The Post elections were held and the officers elected were:

Commander: Robert Hernandez

Senior Vice: Joe Casey

Junior Vice: JR Owens

Quartermaster: John Daniels

Chaplain: Roger Gregory

Please give your support to these officers.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP AT A REGULAR MEETING.** I have had a few complaints of people taking drinks outside. This will stop immediately and should an officer or bartender see this, they will request that you return inside and if you give them any heartache, you will be asked to leave the premises. Any further questions about this issue, please see me or our House Committee Chairman.

#### 75th Anniversary

Our 75th anniversary is 04 August but we will be celebrating it on 14 August 2021. The Post is selling shirts to commemorate this special occasion. If you would like to order one, please see the bartenders. They have the order forms and the cost is \$25 each. We will have the meal catered and we are looking at Mission BBQ or PDQ. It could be someone else. Should you have any suggestions, please see our committee chairmen Joe Casey, or any sitting member Harry Seiler, Dani Hernandez, myself or Glenn Wright.

Don't forget the Department Convention 17 – 20 June 2021. We have five people running for office and we need as many members there to have their voices heard. The following people are running for office.

State Commander: Dani Hernandez

State Junior Vice: Mac McLucas

State Surgeon: Glenn Wright

State Judge Advocate: Robert Hernandez

State Chaplain: Harry Seiler

Well, I am done rambling.

May the Lord keep you all safe this summer.

**Robert Hernandez, Post Commander**

## **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**

Did you know that the VFW has an honor degree? The Military Order of the Cootie has been helping veterans in the community since 1920! Two former US Presidents, George H. W. Bush and Harry Truman were both Cooties! Our post, VFW 7909, is home to Pup Tent 23. The "Catfish". For decades now, the Cooties of Pup Tent 23 have been serving the communities veterans. One of our biggest responsibilities is visiting our brother and sister veterans in the hospital. Pup Tent 23 usually travels to the Lake City VA Hospital to spread some cheer and visit our veterans in need. By keeping them smiling in beds of white, we show our nations veterans that they are NOT forgotten. Want to know more? Ask a cootie.

"Keep Em' Smiling!"

Dave Grodt

Seam Squirrel: Pup Tent 23

## **SERVICE OFFICER**

A Supreme Court Judge has ordered the Veterans Administration to open and start accepting claims for the Blue Water Navy. If you were off the coast of Vietnam and you think you may have an Agent Orange Claim, please see myself or Scott Sutherland at the post. Anyone who had a previous claim will automatically have their claim reopened.

**Robert Hernandez, Service Officer**

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Aloha All,

Wow! What a crazy year we have had. I hope that everyone is continuing to remain safe and healthy.

I would like to send out a big THANK YOU to the 2021-2022 officers of our Auxiliary.

President- Leilani Jones

Sr. Vice- Michelle "Chelle Belle" Williams

Jr. Vice- Donna Casey

Chaplain- Kathy Wright

Treasurer- Linda Seiler

Secretary- Fran Salomon

Conductress- Lola Higgins

Guard- Jeanne Bailey

Patriotic Instructor- Machel Leverock

Trustees- Debbie Tilley, Margaret Latimer and Keith Eppes

I appreciate each and every one of you and all the hard work and dedication that you provide for our Auxiliary.

Please visit [www.vfwauxflorida.org](http://www.vfwauxflorida.org) for information on our programs and upcoming events.

Calling all students... It is time to start working on scholarships. This year's theme for the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay contest is "America: Where do we go from here". This is for students in grades 9-12.

The theme for this year's Patriots Pen essay contest is "How Can I Be A Good American". This is for students in grades 6-8.

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer your time at the post?? We are in need of kitchen help. There are many ways to help. Lead a crew, pizza prep, Friday dinners, Sunday breakfast or washing dishes. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

We need each other to be successful and with many hands we will have a fantastic year.

Remember I am only a phone, email or text away.

With much Love,

Leilani Jones, President

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I would like to thank Jody Wood for helping me with the newsletter for the last 15 years. She is retiring from this job. She is also retiring from her Auxiliary Secretary job. Jody has been the best Secretary. We love you and wish you the best in your retirement.

**Linda Seiler, Auxiliary Treasurer**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
AND AUXILIARY**

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**Joe Casey**

**J. R Owen**

**John Daniels**

**Roger Gregory**

**J R Wood**

**Dani Hernandez**

**Scott Sutherland**

**Austin Von Loh**

**Howard Maas**

**George Higginbotham**

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