



ALL AMERICAN POST 7909

APRIL/MAY 2022

"NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS"

COMMANDERS CORNER

Nominations have been made. All that is left is electing our next set of officers, so if you want a say in who runs your post next year, please come to the April meeting which is 12 April 2022, at 1900. The positions being elected are Commander, Senior and Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain and Three-Year Trustee, all other positions are appointed or volunteered.

Talking about volunteers, no organization can survive without volunteers, so whoever is the next elected commander, if staff members or committee members approach you and ask for your help, don't be shy. Do what you can do. On that note I want to **THANK EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO VOLUNTEERED THIS PAST YEAR.** With your unselfishness, this Post is the Best in the State and very successful, and I know, because I have traveled throughout the State.

I am in my office at home looking at a picture of a frigate battling rough seas and it reminds me of our post. My second year (1998-1999) the post had issues too numerous to list. Commander Dani Hernandez (1999-2000), the post had \$37 in the bank but she kept the doors open by passing the hat to pay the bills and the bartenders. By the time she left office the post had money in the bank and thriving thanks to a sharp Quartermaster John Daniels who was tight with the money. Commander Glenn Wright (2000-2008) tied up the loose ends and kept the post running.

The post came full circle. I am back for my third-year total of five years and the post is running on all eight cylinders with no hiccups. But like the frigate in the picture, we are going to have smooth sailing and I am sure there may be some rough seas but through it all we shall survive.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Robert Hernandez, Commander

Service Officers

The big push with the VA right now is to get veterans who were part of the following operations enrolled into the burn pit rolls:

**DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM,
NEW DAWN, PERSIAN GULF WAR, VIETNAM**

All have a large presumptive list for disabilities so, should you have any questions, please stop by and see myself or Scott.

Office hours are Tuesday's and Thursday's by appointments only.

**ROBERT & SCOTT
YOUR SERVICE OFFICERS**

QUARTERMASTER

Not much has changed since the last newsletter was published. Our finances are currently on a roller coaster ride. Our largest source of income for the post is our game machines. Our income, in the past, was fairly consistent but lately has decided to take a different ride with income changing weekly. Games still provide good income but cannot be counted on to remain the same each week lately. The post will be renewing the post insurance in a couple of months with an outlay of funds around \$8,000.00. This will be followed shortly with the bond for employees coming due around \$2500.00. The post newest employee has generated 5 new life members and over 1700 dollars in donations. We have the Department and National conventions in the next few months. The post will submit a registration form for any individual that plans to attend these events. You will need to inform the quartermaster that you plan to attend with your name and membership number. The registration form for Department will be submitted on 1 May and National on 1 June. This only registers you for the event with all other cost paid by the individual.

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

Spring is almost upon us! And the Cooties of Pup Tent 23 are charging ahead raising funds and supporting our veterans in need. Whether it's a dinner at the post, or a last dollar auction, each and every dollar we raise is special! For example, our Pup Tent has used its funds to purchase toiletries, crossword puzzles and sudoku books, picture puzzles, commissary credit "chit books", and a multitude of other needs for our comrades at the Lake City VA Hospital. We also support local veterans here in Jacksonville as well as the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids Michigan. And we're not just about helping the veterans, but their families as well. Our Pup Tent has also supplied food for the family and visitor lounge in the Lake City hospice ward so that friends and family can also have comfort in THEIR time of need. Our order was created to "Keep Em' Smiling in Beds of White". So as your posts crummiest of the crummiest Seam Squirrel, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you at the post for your efforts in supporting our Order. Thank You! And as always, if you want to know more.....ask a Cootie.

All the Best,

David Grodt, Seam Squirrel Pup Tent 23

AUXILIARY NEWS

Aloha All,

Wow! I can't believe that we are almost at the end of another year. I would like to thank all of the officers that gave their time to our Auxiliary this year.

Sr. Vice- Debbie Tilley

Jr. Vice- Donna Casey

Treasurer- Linda Seiler

Secretary- Fran Cramer

Chaplain- Kathy Wright

Guard- Michelle "ChelleBelle" Williams

Patriotic Instructor- Machel Leverock

Trustees- Debbie Tilley, Margaret Latimer, Keith Eppes

We will have our District Testimonial on May 13, 2022 at Post 8255 @6pm

The District Convention will be May 14, 2022 at Post 8255 @ 10am

Department Convention will be June 16-19, 2022

Every member is invited to come to all the District and Department meetings and Conventions.

I want to thank everyone for all of your hard work with our programs and at the post activities. Keep up the good work.

Loyally,

Leilani Jones, President

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SR Vice	Joe Casey
JR Vice	J R Owen
Quartermaster	John Daniels
Chaplain	Roger Gregory
Surgeon	J R Wood
Judge Advocate	Dani Hernandez
Adjutant	Scott Sutherland
1st Year Trustee	Austin Von Loh
2nd Year Trustee	Howard Maas
3rd Year Trustee	George Higginbotham

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2nd Year Trustee	Margaret Latimer
3rd Year Trustee	Keith Epps
Conductress	Lola Higgins
Guard	Michelle Williams
Patriotic Instructor	Machelle Leverock