



VFW POST 10066 AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER



Commander's Corner:

In our community, VFW Post 10066 members and the VFW Auxiliary are supporting schools by donating supplies and encouraging students to participate in the VFW's Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy scholarship contests. Please bring donations of school supplies appropriate for elementary students to the Post by Friday, Aug. 10. They will be distributed to Jensen Beach and Felix A. Williams elementary schools.

Far from home, our Post and Auxiliary are supporting US Army Reserves troops serving in our country's battle combating dangerous extremists at the armed drone US Air Base 201 in Niger, Africa. The troops, headed by Staff Sgt. Jacob "Jake" Lappin, are asking for donations to help children at an orphanage near the Air Base, which they have adopted as part of their plan to improve relations with the locals and the US troops. Lappin, 37, served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan, before his deployment to Africa. When not in a combat zone, he is a member of the Fire Department of New York, where he lives with his wife Kelly and daughter, Abby.

The Post and Auxiliary mailed two packages at the end of July to SSgt. Lappin's unit, containing baby formula, children's clothing, pasta, beans and rice to support the orphanage, which houses 17 children - the youngest a 10-months-old girl named

Hanna. The US troops are also building a school for the African children and would like donations of school supplies. We proudly are supporting his unit's military mission in Niger.

Remember to salute and honor veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart on National Purple Heart Day, Aug. 7. This military decoration, created by General George Washington in 1782, is awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

I'd like to thank everyone who attended the Post's Commanders Appreciation Day last month. We will be hosting our next BBQ on Labor Day



Commander Ron Ansara



Staff Sgt. Jacob Lappin with his wife, Kelly, and daughter, Abby, before his deployment to US Air Base 201 in Niger, Africa.

Purple Heart Day August 7



HONORING VFW POST 10066 COMMANDERS
Commander Ron Ansara was joined by Past Commanders Matt Bartold (left) and Harry Keat (right) as they presented a Certificate of Appreciation award to 2017-2018 Commander John Gardenier.

weekend, Saturday, Sept. 1. Watch for flyers!

New this month is the opening of the Tiki Hut Bar from 1—5 on Sunday afternoons. Come by and visit your favorite bartenders and enjoy our beautiful Tiki Hut.

I encourage everyone to join us on Friday nights for special dinners and live bands as well as all other events during the week. I also hope to see more members attend our next meeting at 6:30 pm Monday, Aug. 13, in the Al Pond Hall.

In comradery,
Commander Ron Ansara

VFW Auxiliary News:



Beverly Brier
Auxiliary President



We started our school supply drive. Boxes are put in the canteen as well as the Al Pond hall for donations. The deadline is August 10, so please bring in your school supplies for Jensen Beach Elementary and Felix Williams Elementary schools.

US Army PFC Jesse Manley (son of member Christine Misiaszek) and our deployed contact for sending care packages to Italy's 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team is coming home. We now have the grandson of another Auxiliary member, Zeldia Lappin-Bokelman, who is with the US Army Reserves Civil Affairs Team 203 in Niger, Africa to sponsor. (See above for information on what they are doing). We look forward to sending this worthy group items they need for their mission.

The BBQ on the July 14th for Commander Appreciation day was a success. We recognized our past & our new Commander.

Gearing up for a busy fall and winter. First thing on the agenda is our annual Halloween Sunday Bingo buffet. Our members will be selling tickets for that in September. Have a great August!

Beverly Brier
Auxiliary President