



# VFW POST 10066 ALL-AMERICAN POST JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

## Commander's Corner:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

As VFW Post 10066 prepares to supporting our veterans and our community in 2018, I proudly mention the accomplishments by our Post and Auxiliary during the past month. We awarded \$200 in scholarships to the winner of our "Patriot's Pen" Essay Scholarship Contest, collected hundreds of Toys for Tots, sent care packages to the troops, distributed food and shoes to homeless veterans in Jensen Beach and hosted a Christmas party and luncheon for disabled veterans from the VA Hospital.

January promises to be just as busy as we honor one of our own - VFW Post 10066 Service Officer Joe Celli - who recently was named to the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame by Gov.



**VFW Post 10066 Service Officer Joe Celli named to the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame by Gov. Rick Scott.**

Rick Scott. Please join us for "Joe Celli Day" on Jan. 20. The Auxiliary will host a Tiki Hut BBQ from noon to 3 pm with live music by Mr. Motown from 1 -4 pm. We will recognize Joe for his leadership as former chairman of Martin County's Local Planning Agency, his assistance to several local veterans organizations and the VA Hospital over the years, his contributions to the White Dove's Project and Big Heart Brigade charities and his service in the US Army in the China -Burma-India Theater during World War II. Donations of side dishes and desserts are requested for this event.

Our Post will continue to distribute non-perishable food items to local homeless veterans and send care packages to PFC Jessy Manley, a "Sky Soldier" at the US Army 173rd Airborne Combat Brigade in Vicenza, Italy. Donation boxes are located in the canteen.

The Post's sponsored Girl Scout Troop 31005 will soon be offering Girl Scout cookies for sale.

Watch for an order form on the canteen bulletin board. We plan to send cookies again this year to the troops.

Looking ahead, VFW Post 10066 is planning another golf tournament at Shores of North River Golf Course in February and a BBQ benefit with live music and vendors for Southeast Honor Flight on March 24. Mark your calendars for these great events.

Finally, I want to thank all Post members and Auxiliary members who have already renewed their 2018 memberships. We welcome members to our VFW family and remind our annual members to renew memberships before they expire.

I wish everyone prosperous and Happy New Year!  
Commander John Gardenier



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**Post Commander John Gardenier and Auxiliary President Beverly Brier presented Stuart Middle School student Pearl Van Zyl with a certificate and \$200 in scholarships for winning the Post's VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.**

## VFW Auxiliary News:



**Beverly Brier Auxiliary President**



A great time was had by all on December 17th for the disabled veteran's who made their annual visit from the VA Hospital in West Palm Beach. A good crowd joined in with a mix of Christmas and Patriotic songs. The Auxiliary prepared dinner and served our guests and our Post veterans. Jensen Beach Elementary school's ukulele band played and sang the Armed Forces songs much to the delight of all who attended. Gifts were given to each of our guest veterans by the MOC and the Auxiliary. Already looking forward to next year's celebration.

Congratulations to Pearl Van Zyl who won the Patriots Pen contest. She is also one of the Girl Scouts who meet here at the Post on Thursdays.

Coming up on January 7th will be our first winter Sunday bingo. The kitchen will be open for lunch. Bingo starts at noon. See you there!

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!  
Beverly Brier  
Auxiliary President



**The Jensen Beach Elementary School ukulele band played and sang Christmas Carols for disabled veterans from the VA Hospital . The students also sang the Armed Forces Medley for our proud visiting veterans.**