



# VFW POST 10066 JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

## Commander's Corner:

Wow! It's already 2019! Time is flying at VFW Post 10066, where we continue to support our veterans and community through donations and events.

Last month, we collected and delivered two large boxes of new unwrapped toys to the US Marine Corps Reserves "Toys for Tots" program donated to needy children in Martin County by the White Doves project run by the county's United Way Volunteers.

The Auxiliary hosted a Christmas party and luncheon for disabled veterans who visited our Post from the VA Hospital and Grand Oaks Assisted Living Facility, complete with entertainment from the ukulele band from Jensen Beach Elementary School.

The Post and Auxiliary donated \$800 in awards to two student scholarship winners, Caleb Chagnon and Alexandra Horton and Teacher of the Year Donna Vojcsik. Their awards and certificates were presented during the Post's annual Christmas Party, where we had a surprise visit from Santa himself!

This year, the Post will continue sending packages to active duty troops and collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for local homeless veterans.

On Jan. 26, we will remember VFW Post 10066 life member and former Service Officer Joe Celli who passed away at age 92 in November. We urge all members to attend his "Celebration of Life" that begins at 11 am in the Al Pond Hall and will be followed by a BBQ at the Tiki Hut with the Runaways band entertaining at the Tiki Hut stage.

Thanks once again to all members who have renewed their 2019 memberships. We look forward to welcoming more new members to our VFW family this year and I encourage all members to attend our next VFW Membership meeting at 6:30 pm Jan. 14, in the Al Pond Hall.

I wish everyone Happy New Year! In comradery, Commander Ron Ansara



Commander Ron Ansara



VFW Post 10066 Commander Ron Ansara and Auxiliary President Beverly Brier presented certificates and cash awards to the Post's winners of the VFW national student essay scholarship contests and Teacher of the Year during the Post's Christmas party in December. Winners were Caleb Chagnon, 8th-grade student at Stuart Middle School; Alexandra Horton, junior at Jensen Beach High School and Jensen Beach Elementary School music teacher Donna Vojcsik. Mrs. Vojcsik also won VFW District 11 competition for K-5 teachers and advanced to State competition.

## VFW Auxiliary News:



Beverly Brier  
Auxiliary  
President



As 2018 closes we recognized several members & volunteers at our December 13 meeting with certificates and a angel pin to thank them for their continued commitment and service to our Post and Auxiliary through the year. These people all go above and beyond and we are so lucky to have them.

On the 16th we hosted a Patriotic Rally/luncheon for veteran's who came up from the West Palm Beach VA and a local nursing home. Twenty-one children from our Teacher of the Year's class came and entertained us all with their Christmas songs and Ukulele's. What fun! The M.O.C. gave all the vets cards and a cash gift, volunteer Donna Winters made up goodie bags for all the kids & all our veterans. Pat Moore as our Patriotic Instructor hosted ceremonies and interviewing all our guests. Commander Ron Ansara led the pledge to the flag and greeted our guests. We were pleased to find out that among the guests were 4 WWII veterans.

In January, we will host a BBQ on the 26th and we plan to have our Flea Market on February 2nd and will need some donations for our Auxiliary table.

Our next meeting is 6 pm January 10th.  
Happy New Year to all!



VFW Auxiliary volunteers!