

# VFW POST 10066

## JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER



### Commander's Corner:

As the incoming Commander of VFW Post 10066 in Jensen Beach I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all VFW and Post Auxiliary members.

Our Motto for the 2018-2019 Fiscal year is: "United as One"

What is the significance of this motto as set forth by the Department Commander and echoed by the Auxiliary President, we must be joined together as an organization, must work for the benefit of all veterans and families of veterans in need.

Now for a little background about me. I joined the VFW in Lake Elsinore California in 1980, then became a life member in 1982 before I was transferred to Illinois by my employer.

I served in Vietnam from the fall of 1964 till Christmas 1965 providing information to Aviators flying from the Aircraft Carrier to sorties in Vietnam. I joined the US Navy in 1959 was trained in computers and had the privilege to have the first fully operational military intelligence computerized information gathering system on an aircraft carrier. It was state of the art for its time. I was discharged in August 1966 with the rank of first class petty officer (E-6). I also was in the Marine Corps reserve for two years and the Ohio National Guard for two years.

I've held many offices with VFW Post 10066, beginning in 1991 as the Assistant Quartermaster for Bob McLaughlin, then became Quartermaster (a position held for a total of 6 years), not consecutive. Then was Service Officer, Surgeon, Trustee, Senior Vice Commander (three years), Judge Advocate, Junior Vice Commander and Adjutant. I had also served on the House Committee for several years in the 1990's.

It is my pleasure to commend outgoing Commander John Gardenier for all he has accomplished during his term in office, I wish John well and know he will continue to provide support to the post by serving on the House Committee as Past Commander. He has worked diligently to ensure the VFW in supporting veteran's programs, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pin for students at our Jensen Beach schools.



Auxiliary President Bev Brier and Post Commander John Gardenier presented VFW Buddy Poppy Awards to Norval and Gisela Williams for collecting more than \$2,500 in Buddy Poppy donations this past year.

A new year, new goals. I am looking forward to working with Auxiliary President Beverly Brier. By working together for the betterment of our post great things can be accomplished. Our motto as a post for this year is "Moving Forward." The past is what we learn from, the present is how we live and prepare for the future. As an organization we must always be moving forward.

Our post has many events planned for the upcoming year, please watch the calendar for updates for coming events. Join us for a great time at all the events posted on the calendar.

Thank you again for your confidence in voting me in as your Commander, please let me know if there is anything you would like to discuss.

For God & Country, Commander Ron Ansara



Commander Ron Ansara



### VFW Auxiliary News:



Beverly Brier  
Auxiliary  
President



We just returned from the Department Convention in Orlando. Jackie, Barney and I attended this year. It was great to see Governor Rick Scott there on Friday to speak.

Our Auxiliary was honored with the "Circle of Champions" award again this year. This award is given to Auxiliaries that meet certain criteria. It is a title that our Auxiliary will keep as we were told that from now on. Auxiliaries awarded this will always be a "Circle of Champions Auxiliary."

We also received the Silver award for President's Special Project (Paws for Patriots), an award for membership and one for having a "Healthy Auxiliary." These awards are usually given the President, but to achieve this, it is definitely a team effort. So thank you and **congratulations** to our officers and members who are committed throughout the year to do an excellent job for our veterans.

I am so proud of this Auxiliary and look forward to another year of serving our Nations finest!

On Saturday, July 14, we will be hosting a BBQ from Noon to 3 pm, recognizing outgoing Commander John Gardenier and welcoming new Commander Ron Ansara. We will need side dishes from our members. Please sign up when its posted on the board in the canteen. Our next meeting will be July 12th. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully,  
Beverly Brier  
Auxiliary President



VFW Auxiliary President  
Bev Brier accepted the  
"Circle of Champions"  
Award at the VFW State  
Convention in Orlando.