



VFW POST 10066

SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Commander's Corner:

September is always a busy month at the VFW. We recognize the official end of WWII on VJ Day, Sept. 2; remember first responders who lost their lives on 9/11/2001 Patriot's Day; honor veterans killed and missing in action on POW/MIA Day, Sept. 20; celebrate the 120th birthday of the VFW and recognize Gold Star Mothers & Families on Sept. 29.

We will continue to support our community through donations to schools, homeless veterans and troops overseas. We also welcome back members of Girl Scout Troop 31005, which is sponsored by our VFW, as they resume meetings on the third Saturday of each month in the Al Pond Hall.

We delivered hundreds of school supply items to Jensen Beach Elementary and Felix A. Williams Elementary Schools in August and we are now distributing Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen scholarship applications to local middle school and high school students. The theme for both 2019-2020 essay contests is "What Makes America Great."

Scholarship applications are on the canteen bulletin board. I urge all our members to take applications to students in your families, neighborhoods and churches. Our VFW and Auxiliary offer financial awards to students entering at the Post level and scholarships amounts increase as they advance to state and national levels. A total of \$154,000 is offered in VOD scholarships with the national prize being \$30,000. The VFW offers \$55,000 to Patriot's Pen winners with the top national prize of \$5,000. Entry Deadline is Oct. 31.

We are seeking nominations for VFW Teacher of the Year in all grade levels - elementary, middle and high school. Please share the nomination forms with local schools. The forms are on the bulletin board.

Thank you to all who attend the VFW Commanders & Auxiliary Presidents Appreciation day on Saturday, Aug. 31, where we thank our leaders for their service and dedication to our VFW throughout the years.

The VFW and Auxiliary are sending care packages to PFC Tracy Farrow, grandson of member Donald Farrow and nephew of Auxiliary member Damond Farrow, who is serving with the Army's Alpha Battery 4-3 Unit in the United Arab Emirates. He shares items (a list is on the bulletin board) with 80 members in his unit.

The VFW is currently working on several projects, including replacing all the flooring in the canteen and repairing the marquee sign destroyed during a wind storm last month. Thank you to all who helped with these projects.

Finally, I encourage all members to attend the Post general meeting on Monday, Sept. 9, in the Al Pond Hall.

In Comradery, Commander Ron Ansara



Commander
Ron Ansara



Thanks you to everyone who donated school supplies this year. Auxiliary member Jill Burton delivered boxes stuffed with supplies to both elementary schools in Jensen Beach.

VFW Auxiliary News:



Its already September and we are gearing up for the upcoming season. On the 20th at 6 P.M. the Auxiliary will hold the annual POW/MIA table ceremony. It is a reminder to never forget our brothers and sisters who have never come home from the battlefields. We will continue to wait and never forget them by reminding people of the symbolizing of our table for one in the canteen.

We are beginning to work on our October Halloween bingo as I will be printing up tickets for sale very soon. Anyone who would like to donate new items for our door prizes can do so by contacting me or any member of the Auxiliary.

NOTABLE NOTE: I was very proud of our Auxiliary on Saturday August 24th in Sebring for our District Meeting and School of Instruction. There were ten members there to represent our Auxiliary. We had the most members there that day! Kudo's to us!!

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