



Donald A. Ross

VFW Post 9610

354 Tenth Street
Lake Park, FL 33403



July/August, 2017

From The Commander

Greetings Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,

Wow! What an amazing membership year this has been. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Post officers and Auxiliary, Post 9610 has been honored as an All-State Post. We currently are the 3rd ranked post in our category nationally, which most likely will result in our small post being honored as an All-American Post for the first time ever! These amazing recognitions are a direct result of your dedication to your fellow Auxiliary and VFW as well as your dedication to the Core Values of the VFW.

We have rolled out our new web page, vfw9610.org this page links us to the Department of Florida and the VFW national site. There is a member's only area, which is still under construction and an ability to publish and distribute our newsletter electronically. Welcome to the 21st Century!!!!

Part of digitizing our communications is collecting your email address so that we know who you are and where to send communications. Over the next few months we need you to send your email address so I can create an account for you on the website and make sure you receive the digital newsletter. You will notice an updated calendar that can change as often as needed, so stay connected with us and know exactly what's going on.

If you would rather keep things like they are, there is no problem, we will continue sending your newsletter out every other month and welcoming you at the canteen with a cold beer and a big smile!

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication in our support of Veterans and Veteran issues!

Robert McQuaid, Commander

From The President

Dear Members,

I am very excited to have been elected as President of the Auxiliary for VFW Post 9610 for 2017-2018 year. I want to thank you all for your support and assure you that I will work hard to make you proud and work to ensure continued success of this great organization. Over these past few years, we have seen some amazing improvements in our Auxiliary and our Post. Our numbers have grown tremendously but more importantly our participation has grown by leaps and bounds.

With a greater number of members attending meetings, we are able to organize better, coordinate recruiting, and fundraising. As a result, this Auxiliary has been able to directly assist multiple Veterans and their families in the West Palm Beach area. We have given back to our Post to ensure improvements on the building and we are the premier Auxiliary in the District.

I would like to thank the past Presidents for their support and guidance and I would like to ask you all for your support going forward. Let's continue on the path to greatness, be involved and make a difference!

Thank you,

Colleen McQuaid
Auxiliary President

Memorial Day 2017

A huge thank you to all of the VFW members, Auxiliary members, Riders, family and friends who came out to the Memorial Day Service held at Kelsey City Park. If you weren't there, you missed something special. We were honored to have Colonel Whitesell, US Army retired from an area Nursing Home assist in laying the wreath at the monument. This Veteran's wish was to be a part of a patriotic ceremony or parade and the members of our Post and Auxiliary made that happen. Also taking part in the ceremony was the Mayor of Lake Park, the JROTC from Palm Beach Gardens, and Nicholas Bruder who practiced an entire year in order to play taps on the trombone to honor America's greatest heroes, our Veterans.

Quartermaster/Adjutant

Donald A. Ross Post 9610 Officer Roster

Commander	Robert McQuaid
Sr. Vice Commander	Cliff Haas
Jr. Vice Commander	Patrick Muller
Quartermaster	Jack McDermott
Judge Advocate	John Liguori
Chaplain	Alex Milton
Surgeon	Ken Rich
Trustee #1	Jon Cook
Trustee #2	John King
Trustee #3	Allen Sutton
Service Officer	
Adjutant	Jack McDermott
Officer of The Day	

Auxiliary

President	Colleen McQuaid
Sr. Vice President	Steve Bazadola
Jr. Vice President	Lisa Stevens
Secretary	Danielle Fedorko
Treasurer	Jackie Bruder
Chaplain	Lea McBride
Conductress	Claire Smith
Guard	Doug Kessler
Trustee #1	Claire Smith
Trustee #2	Anne Williamson
Trustee #3	Jennifer Simmons

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Kathryn Junkelman	May 2017
Albert Singer	May 2018
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George Karlquist	Jul 2017
Roy Kunnerman	Oct 2017
John & Gail Ingram	Nov 2017
William Doherty	Jan 2018
Norman Ingram	Oct 2018
Gleason Moore	Nov 2019
(In Memory)	

Where's your name?

Contact the Newsletter Committee at vfw9610@att.net or call the Post at 842-9110

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The date shown is your expiration date. To renew, please send your \$10.00 to the Post or drop it off at the Post.

Thank you all for your contributions!

First, I would like to congratulate the Commander and the Post for making "All State" status at the Department Convention. As this Newsletter goes to press, we are awaiting word as to the Post making "All American" which requires the Post to be 118% in membership along with several other requirements that have been met.

I would like to thank the members for your continued support at our dinners and Post functions. Attendance at dinners continues to improve and our Bartenders have some parties planned for the summer (See Calendar). Supporting Post functions goes a long way towards paying for the overhead of our Post.

Generally speaking the Post is financially sound right now. There are several projects still "in the works". The concrete pad for bike parking is back on the board and should be completed this summer. The ceiling tiles for the Canteen, Pool room and kitchen have been ordered and paid for by the Auxiliary and we will be looking for volunteers to help install the new the tiles. If you can lend a hand, please contact the Commander.

We are waiting on the City to get the status on the repair work to the street on the side of the building. After that, the parking lot will be repaired and resealed which leaves the kitchen floor as the only other project to be completed.

There have been several other projects that have been completed over the few months, if I have not thanked you, I thank you now because it takes all the members working together for the Post to be successful.

P.S. Don't forget about wings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

About the Newsletter

Assistance is needed in order to keep the information in our Newsletter up-to-date. Please keep us informed of members who are ill, members who have passed away, or if your address has changed. In the coming months, we hope to change up a few things and we need your help. If you are interested in working on the Newsletter in any way, please contact the Newsletter Committee at: vfw9610@att.net.

CANTEEN

Daily Hours of Operation

Monday-Saturday

11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am-8:00 pm

...or later, when there is an evening function...

VFW Riders

Since the new Officers are transitioning to their new roles, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Cliff Haas and his newly elected Officers.

Don't forget the Riders meet on the 1st Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m. and have a dinner on the last Saturday of the month.

Stay tuned for additional information.

Scheduled Monthly Events

- 1st Friday — Fish Fry
- 1st Saturday—VFW Riders Meeting
- 2nd Wednesday—Wings & Fries
- 2nd Thursday—Auxiliary Meeting
- 2nd Saturday—Steak Night & Karaoke
- 3rd Thursday—House Committee & Post Meetings
- 3rd Friday—Fish Fry
- 3rd Saturday—American Legion Meeting
- 4th Wednesday—Wings & Fries
- Last Saturday—VFW Riders Dinner & Karaoke
- 1st Sunday—Auxiliary Breakfast
(Breakfast will start again in October)
- Auxiliary Philly Cheesesteaks (Check Calendar)

May/June Building Fund Donations

**If you name has been inadvertently omitted,
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American Legion Post 371

Carl Pridemore is doing much better. Irwin Bromley participated in the JROTC Outstanding Cadet Award in April. Tom Cieslinski participated in the Palm Beach Gardens Elementary School Awards in June. Our post participated in the Honor Guard on Memorial Day in Palm Beach Gardens.

The Officer4s of the post participated in the following Memorial Day Ceremonies:

Ed Skolkin.....	in Boca Raton
Irwin Bromley.....	in Jupiter
John Liguori.....	in Lake Park
Tom Cieslinski.....	in Lake Park and Palm Beach Gardens

We will be observing:

Independence Day.....	July 4th
Korean War Armistices Day.....	July 27 (1953)

And we will be celebrating the 227th Birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard August 4, 1790.

Have a great 4th of July and a great summer. Our next meeting will be on September 16th.

For additional information or comments, please email
AL371PBG@yahoo.com or call 312-2981.

Bill Doherty, Commander

TAPS



If you know of a member who has passed or is in the hospital, please notify us at vfw9610@att.net

Hospital/Extended Care:

Sick at Home:

Please let us know how our Veterans are doing



Deacon Al Wesley is available to all religious denominations and can be reached at the following number:

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VFW Membership

It's not the price you pay for membership, it's the price you paid to become eligible.

The fundamental difference between our organization and other veterans organizations, and one in which we take great pride, is our eligibility qualifications.

VFW welcomes all who meet our eligibility criteria. It's through service to this country that all our membership has earned their elite status.

If you have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay, then you're eligible.

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