

# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

# The American Legion Alafia Post 148

# December 2022 - January 2023







### **AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022-2023**

Commander	Lynnette Stokes	
1st Vice	Ťerry Johnson	
2nd Vice	Bill Rivera	
Adjutant	Terry Johnson	
Treasurer		
Sergeant at Arms		
Chaplain		
Historian		
Judge Advocate		
Service Officer		
Executive Board:		

**Bob Benson** Russell Beasley Mark Finkbeiner **Claude Gates** 

Past Commander ......Lynnette Stokes

Acting Lounge Manager....Dee Hoffman





**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022 - 2023** 

Commander	Micah Seagar	
1st Vice	Anthony Galimidi	
2nd Vice	Elvis Cabot	
Adjutant	Anthony Galimidi	
Finance Officer		
Sergeant of Arms	Ryan Cansler	
Chaplain	· ·	
<b>Executive Board:</b>		

**Ted Martine Greg Wussow** Don DeBruin Ted Kasper Past Commander.....Steven Arndt

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

### **AMERICAN LEGION: EXECUTIVE BOARD-**

2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-

4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

### **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:**

3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-6:30 PM** GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-7:00 PM

# **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:**

1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM





### **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2022-2023**

President	Julia Arndt
1st Vice	Tammy O'Donnell
2nd Vice	Denise Bonnett
Treasurer	
Secretary	Lori Yeago
Chaplain	Vicki Linde
Historian	Margaret Blazer
Sergeant at Arms	Kathy Boyle
Ass't Sgt at Arms	Michele Smith

**Executive Committee:** Georgianna Bruno Patti Alley Jennifer Jeffery

Past President......Georgia Mackenzie





### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2022-2023**

Director	Angela Ritter
Assistant Director	George King
Adjutant	Lori Yeago
Treasurer	Ed Linde
Historian	Andy Davis
Chaplain	Tom Stone
Sergeant at Arms	Leeland Smith
Road Captain	Andy Davis
Membership	Tom Ritter
Safety Officer	





### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE **OFFICERS 2022-2023**

Commandant	Sal DiFonzo
Senior Vice	Bill Moore
Junior Vice	Peter Farren
Judge Advocate	Bruce Younggren
Adjutant	Jack Skelding
Paymaster	Larry Westcott
Sergeant at Arms	Hank Wolons
Chaplain	Walt Raysick
Past Commandant	,Ron Essick

### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday—Saturday: Open at 10 AM

Sunday:

Open at 11 AM

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### THE COMMANDER'S DESK

### FROM THE COMMANDER:

Greetings,



I am getting excited about our events and activities for 2023, and I hope that you all get a chance to review our calendars and join us for them. Do not forget to review your membership so you can get your new Key Card, we welcome your participation. As we approach into this blessed time of year, let us all remember to treat each other with kindness, consideration, and thoughtfulness, it goes a long way and is welcomed and appreciated.

Many thanks to Capt Jack Skelding and the Marine Corps League for your generous donation as well as your contributions to the Post. We accomplish so much with wonderful members such as yourselves—your support makes a difference and it shows.

I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers that assisted with Bobby Root's Celebration of Life Event, Veteran's Day, the Early Bird Dinner, Thanksgiving, and to those that will be assisting with all our Christmas and New Year's activities. Without your help, support and smiling faces, we could not accomplish all these activities at Home Post. My heartfelt thanks to you all, I am genuinely grateful...You all truly ROCK!

Once again, my sincerest thanks and hope to see you all soon.

For God and Country! Lynette Stokes / Commander Alafia Post 148

# DEADLINE FOR ALL GROUPS MEMBERSHIP DUES—DECEMBER 31ST

### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello,



Reminder—2023 Membership Dues are now due. SAL dues are \$30. Contact Anthony Galimidi with any questions.

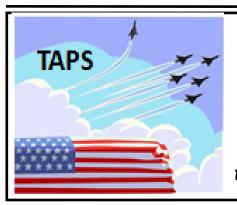
Come out and support our Post and activities! Annual Legion Adult Christmas Party—Friday, December 9th. Children's Christmas Party—Saturday, December 10th. New Year's Eve Party—Saturday, December 31st. See newsletter for all details.

Don't forget we have Bingo every Wednesday starting at 6:30PM. The Snack Bar is open before Bingo from 5-6PM.

We have fish fry, "Frying Friday", every Friday from 5-7PM, unless otherwise posted.

We have the SAL Taco Bar every Sunday (unless otherwise posted) from 12-4PM. May close earlier, dependent on how busy or slow. Come out and support the SAL. Perfect eats for watching the games on Sunday afternoons!

SAL Post 148



We are very sad to report that

David Rutledge Bobbi Milenkie
Bob Root

have been transferred to Post Everlasting. May God rest their soul, and provide comfort to their family and friends.

### **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

Hello Everyone,



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope the Holidays are good to you. Please don't forget those that aren't able to be with their families, whether it's during the Holidays or just now leaving.

With the New Year comes some great weather, perfect for riding or just enjoying the time. More and more motorcycles will be on the roads so watch your surroundings! We want all of our family to stay safe and healthy.

Come on out and support our Post and Post activities! Legion Annual Christmas Party, Friday, December 9th. See newsletter for details. Annual New Year's Eve Party—Saturday, December 31st. See newsletter for details.

"It's not about what you ride, but how you ride it."

Ride for the Cause not the Applause

Angela Ritter (TnA)
Director—ALR Chapter 148

### **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**



Dear Auxiliary,

Legion Annual Adult Christmas Party—Friday, December 9th. See newsletter for details.

Children's Christmas Party—Open to the public. Saturday, December 10th 12pm-3pm. Come meet Mr. & Mrs. Claus and get pictures with them, play games, decorate ornaments and Christmas Cookies. Each child goes home with a goody bag. Hot dogs and drinks available.

Jan. 7th District Meeting at Unit 111, 6918 N. Florida Ave, Tampa. Registration at 9am, meeting starts at 10am. Auxiliary Meeting- Jan. 19th. Executive Committee @ 6:30pm and General meeting @ 7pm.

Feb. 4th-Valentine's Day Dinner from 5pm-7pm.

Feb. 16th-Auxiliary meeting. Executive Committee @ 6:30am and General meeting @ 7pm.

Feb. 18th ABC School of Instruction-Unit 148, Registration @ 9am and meeting starts at 10am.

Breakfast and Lunch available. (If you are volunteering to help set up, serve and/or clean up, please be there by 8am. I hope to see all of you there to represent Unit 148.

@colormethere Julia Arndt-President

Maurice Sullivan

Julia Hernandez

Ronald Delama

# Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

# **NEW MEMBERS**

**Todd McLaughlin** 

Lew Layton
John Vance

William Butler Kivia Hammock

# **TRANSFFRS**

No new transfers



# **December Calendar**

1st—Civil Air Patrol Birthday (USAF Auxiliary)

7th—National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

9th—Post Adult Christmas Party

10th—Children's Christmas Party

13th—US National Guard Birthday

18th—Wreaths Across America

24th—Christmas Eve

25th—Christmas Day

31st-New Year's Eve

18th-26th—Hanukkah begins

26th-Jan. 1st-Kwanzaa

# **Meetings at a Glance**

- 5th—ALR at 7pm
- 6th—MCL at 7pm
- 8th—SAL at 7pm
- 12th—American Legion E-Board at 7pm
- 15th—ALA Officers at 6:30/General at 7pm
- 19th—Calendar meeting at 7pm
- NO—American Legion General Membership (Happy Holidays)

# **Christmas Hours**

Christmas Eve—10am-6pm Christmas Day—12pm-6pm

DEADLINE FOR ALL GROUPS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES—DECEMBER 31ST

# December Entertainment

Anywhere Karaoke-2nd & 16th

Jimmy Gillis—9th—Adult Christmas Party

Jukebox Night-23rd & 30th











# **Wreaths Across America**

Saturday, December 17, 2022

In 2021, more than 2.4 million sponsored wreaths were placed at 3,136 locations across the country





# **January Calendar**

- 1st—New Year's Day
- 16th—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

# **Meetings at a Glance**

- 2nd—ALR at 7pm
- 3rd-MCL at 7pm
- 9th—American Legion E-Board at 7pm
- 12th—SAL at 7pm
- 19th—ALA Officers at 6:30pm/General at 7pm
- 23rd—American Legion General Membership at 7pm

# January Entertainment

Anywhere Karaoke—6th & 20th

Jukebox Night—13th & 27th



# **New Year's Day**

Sunday, January 1st—10am-4pm Bloody Mary's—\$4







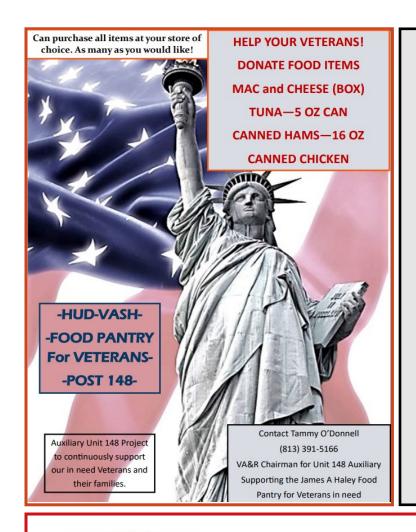


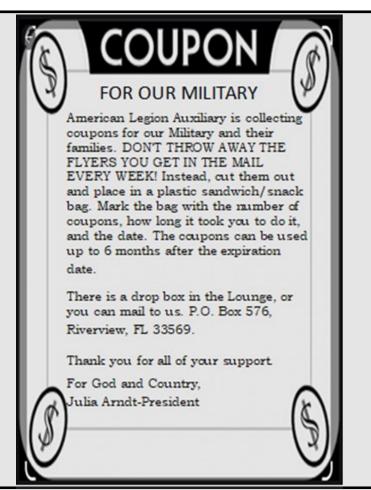
Do you make New Year's Resolutions? Did you know that typically only 10% of people stick with their resolutions?

2023 HAPPY NEW YEAR

# Tips for setting and keeping resolutions

- Write it down and periodically review
- Create goals for different areas of your life
- Set goals that are realistic and attainable
- Make goals that are measurable
- Make goals that can be accomplished with a partner
- Reward yourself for achieving your goals







# Rider Dinner

# Saturday, January 28, 2022 5PM

# Lasagna Dinner with salad, hot veggies and bread

# American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148



7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569

# REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 19 December, 7PM



# 9:30AM Mondays & Fridays

At American Legion Post 148 Double Deck / Partners

# FRYING FRIDAY

5:00-7:00PM every Friday

Fish, Shrimp, Chicken, Baked Potatoes, French Fries, Onion rings, Hush Puppies and Homemade Coleslaw



# Wednesday BINGO starting at 6:30pm!

(Snack Bar from 5:00 - 6:00pm)

You don't have to play bingo to come to the Snack Bar!! Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, 1/4 lb. Nathan's hot dogs, Corn Dogs, French Fries, Onion Rings, Cheese Sticks, Bottled Water **Prepared by The Sons of The American Legion** Stav and enjoy BINGO put on by The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion

ALA Bake Sale & Breakfast—1st Sunday of every month starting at 9am, during the flea market. Please come out and pick up some goodies and support the ALA, which supports

# "Flea Market"

**Every Sunday from 7am-12 noon** 

Managed by: Susie White

Thank you!



# Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)



- 2 Anywhere Karaoke
- 9 Jimmy Gillis (Christmas Party)
- 16 Anywhere Karaoke
- 23 & 30 Jukebox
- 31 Bert & Friends (New Year's Party)

# January



- 11 Bert & Friends
- 18 Anywhere Karaoke
- 25 Anywhere Karaoke



