



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### April - May 2022



**AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2021-2022**

Commander.....Lynette Stokes  
 1st Vice.....  
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera  
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman  
 Treasurer .....Dee Hoffmann  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Terry Johnson  
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell  
 Historian.....Mike O'Dell  
 Judge Advocate.....Larry Westcott  
 Service Officer.....Jim Fraboni

**Executive Board:**  
 Mark Finkbeiner      Russell Beasley  
 Greg Ohlfs              William Turner  
 Past Commander .....Ed Christman

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

### **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 2021-2022**

President.....Julia Arndt  
 1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell  
 2nd Vice.....Denise Bonnett  
 Treasurer.....Salynna Galimidi  
 Secretary.....Darcy Fak  
 Chaplain.....Alma Hilton  
 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



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2021 - 2022**

Commander.....Steve Arndt  
 1st Vice.....  
 2nd Vice.....Carroll Weese  
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi  
 Finance Officer.....Kevin O'Donnell  
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

**Executive Board:**  
 Ted Martine              Greg Dodge  
 Ted Kasper              Ronnie Pimentel  
 Past Commander.....Carrol Weese



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2021-2022**

Director.....Angela Ritter  
 Assistant Director.....Scott Hortman  
 Adjutant.....Andrew Davis  
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde  
 Historian.....Susan King  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith  
 Road Captain.....  
 Membership.....Tom Ritter  
 Safety Officer.....Terry Johnson  
 Past Director .....Bill Turner



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2021-2022**

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

**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,

Once again, I am here serving as the Commander, and I want to thank the Legion Officers and E-Board and to all of you for your support. I want to thank Ms. Bonnie Koon and Ms. Dee Hoffman, who were our wonderful cooks for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner the Post had on March 17th. Your handiwork was so appreciated, and it was clear everyone was having a fantastic time, again Thank you so much!

Thanks as well to Mr. Ryan Cansler, one of our SAL brothers, for taking over the Friday Night Fish Fry, as well to the wonderful list of volunteers assisting in the kitchen. Our customers are happy with the food, service and smiles, and Post 148 could not have accomplished this without your help!

Please do not forget to look at our newsletter and info-TV in the lounge for upcoming events and entertainment. I am so happy to be a member of an organization that continues to work with each of our units in order to make our post an amazing place for all to come and visit, great job!

Hope to see you all at Home Post!

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

**REMINDER—Officer Nominations for 2022-2023 will take place in April.  
If interested in a position feel free to reach out to an officer.**

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello,

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Our next meeting will be on April 14th at 7pm. First nominations of new officers will be held. If you are interested in holding a position, please let one of the current officers know.

**HACKNEY CEMETERY CLEANUP:** The Hackney Cemetery cleanup will be on April 16th starting from 9am-12 noon. Please bring battery powered weed-wackers, blowers, rakes, and brooms. Flags, garbage bags, water, and snacks will be provided. Your participation is appreciated

See you at the Legion  
Steven Arndt-SAL Commander



***We are very sad to report that  
Joe Dion***

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

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello All,

Wow what a whirlwind start to the year and we are only 4 months into it! The Riders have been working and riding strong supporting great fundraisers o include our own. Our event held on March 19th was a huge success! The totals are not available for this publication but all will know as soon as those results are finalized.

**April** is our big riding month, **Round Robin**, where we ride for PROJECT: Vet Relief Suicide Prevention. This initiative lasts the entire month of April culminating with the district with the most points, wining the coveted Round Robin District trophy. 15th District won it last year and we want to continue that streak. We have our **Central Area Ride-In**, April 2nd where chapters from the 15th District raid American Legion Post 152 for fun and comradery. We end April on a high-note with the **Florida In-State Unity Ride** riding the Gulf Coast and the Atlantic Coast ending up at OCC Roadhouse/Bert's Harley Davidson on April 30th. All proceeds raised also benefit PROJECT: Vet Relief Suicide Prevention.

With so much going on and lots of bike events and bikes out, please be cautious and aware of your surroundings and watch out for our bikers. As always, ride safe and keep the rubber on the road!!!

**Ride for the Cause not the Applause**

Angela Ritter (TnA)  
Director—ALR Chapter 148

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

**April 3rd & May 1st—BAKE SALES**—Made or store bought items should be delivered to the Post on Saturday and left in the kitchen marked ALA Bake Sale or on Sunday the 3rd by 9am in the Hall. **Hackney Cemetery** cleanup on April 16th-9am-12. **ALA Meeting April 21st**: Executive Committee at 6:30-General at 7pm. **INITIATION CEREMONY** of new members at 7:30pm with food to follow after the meeting. Also, 2nd nominations for officers for 2023. If interested, please let one of our officers or Georgie Bruno know.

**May 12th-National Auxiliary President** visit-Luncheon at Post 148-time to be posted on our FB page. Your presence is greatly appreciated. This is the National President's 2nd visit to Florida, so please mark your calendars. We should all be there to hear about all the wonderful programs and activities that we do for our Military and their families and our community.

**May 16th-Constitutional Conference for District 15.** Please attend and show your support for both our outgoing and incoming District President and Officers for the upcoming year, (2023).

**May 30th-Memorial Day Cookout**-SAL hosts—Auxiliary to bring sides please

For God and Country,  
Julia Arndt-President

### *Please welcome the following Members to Post 148*

#### NEW MEMBERS

<b>Phil E Grooms</b>	<b>Michael E Strong</b>
<b>Eric Kaczmarocyl</b>	<b>Zachery S Rosenthal</b>
<b>Rachel M Rosenthal</b>	<b>Todd Vanderbilt</b>
<b>Robert G Robinson, II</b>	<b>Frey Luis Ramirez</b>

#### TRANSFERS

<b>David Holloway</b>	<b>Charles E Briggs</b>
<b>Michael A Pickard</b>	<b>Roland Schwagerlet</b>



IN HONOR OF KIRK MILLER



# Central Area RIDE IN

HOSTED BY  
*Chapter 152*

**Saturday April 2**

**Post 152 - 2PM - 7PM**  
11211 Sheldon Road  
Tampa, FL 33626

Menu: Choice of Big Bird's  
Homemade pulled pork or pulled  
chicken, homemade mac & cheese,  
baked beans, and dessert (\$10)

**JOIN US FOR**  
**FOOD - LIVE MUSIC - RAFFLES**  
**50/50 - GAMES - VENDORS**

All funds benefit:

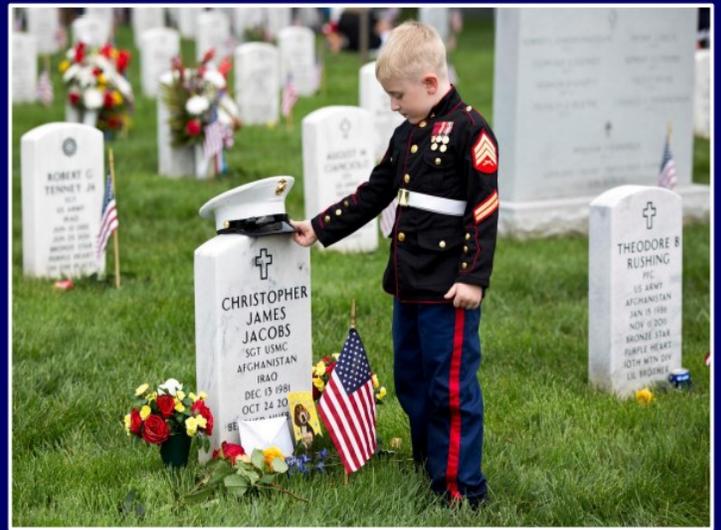


Suicide Prevention Initiative

*Each Chapter that brings a basket to raffle will  
compete for the Central Area Traveling trophy!*

For Inquiries contact "Tank":  
813-541-3452 | mwshermanjr@gmail.com





# Field of Honor Ceremony

**April 9, 2022 - 10:00 hrs**

**Veterans Memorial Park and  
Rear Adm. LeRoy Collins  
Veterans Museum  
Hwy 301n,  
Tampa, FL 33619**




I AM RESILIENT  
I AM RESOLUTE  
I AM RELENTLESS  
I AM A MILITARY CHILD

**April**  
The Month of  
the Military  
Child

Purple Up! to celebrate these unsung heroes for who they are:  
unique, brave, resilient future history makers

May your *Easter*  
be filled with blessings of  
*love, peace and joy!*

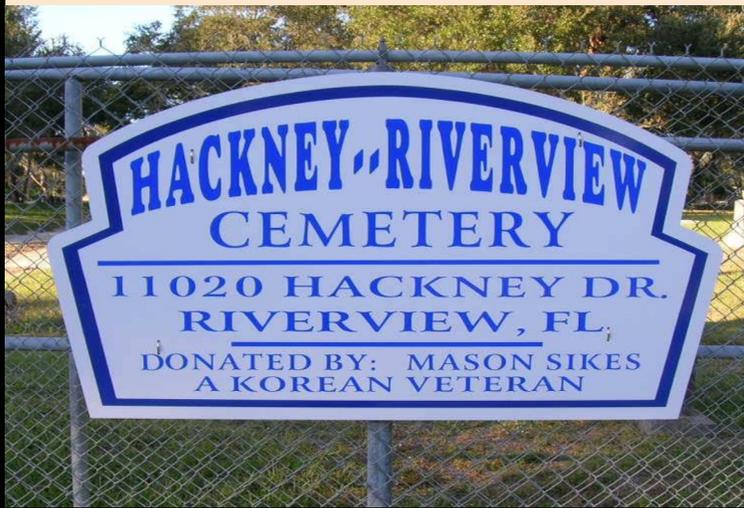
# Happy Easter



## Hackney Cemetery Clean-Up

Saturday, April 16th, 9am—12 noon

Please bring battery powered weed-wackers, blowers, rakes, and brooms. Replacement flags, garbage bags, water, and snacks will be provided. Your participation is greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Steven Arndt—SAL Commander



**HELP YOUR VETERANS!**  
**DONATE FOOD ITEMS**  
**MAC and CHEESE (BOX) - \$1.00**  
**TUNA—5 OZ CAN—\$1.00**  
**CANNED HAMS—16 OZ—\$3.18**

Can purchase all items at Walmart or Big Lots. As many as you would like!

**-HUD-VASH-  
-FOOD PANTRY  
For VETERANS-  
-POST 148-**

Auxiliary Unit 148 Project to continuously support our in need Veterans and their families.

Contact Tammy O'Donnell  
(813) 391-5166  
VA&R Chairman for Unit 148 Auxiliary  
Supporting the James A Haley Food Pantry for Veterans in need



## American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148

**Beef Brisket—Sides yet  
to be decided**

**Rider Dinner  
\$10 Donation**

**5PM Saturday  
April 30, 2022**

American Legion Alafia Post 148  
7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569

Don't Drink and Drive



## May Military Dates

- Month of the Military Caregiver
- National Military Appreciation Month
- **First Full Week in May**—Public Service Recognition Week
- **First Full Week in May**—National Correctional Officers Week
- **May 1**—Silver Star Service Banner Day
- **May 6-May 12**—National Nurses Week
- **May 6**—Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- **May 8**—Mother's Day
- **May 13**—Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- **May 15**—Peace Officers Memorial Day
- **May 21**—Armed Forces Day
- **May 30**—Memorial Day



CELEBRATE MOM!

*Mother's Day Dinner*

*Sunday, May 8th 2pm-4pm*

*Pork Loin, Potatoes, Veggies,  
Roll and Dessert*



**Rider Dinner  
\$10 Donation**

**American Legion Riders  
Alafia Chapter Post 148**

**5PM Saturday, May 28, 2022**

**Stuffed Cabbage—Sides yet  
to be decided**

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# VETERANS PARK MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION MAY 29, 2022

**MEMORIAL DAY  
MAY 29  
2022**



**10:00AM**

Veterans Memorial Park & Rear Admiral Leroy  
Collins Jr. Museum  
3602 Hwy 301 North  
Tampa, FL 33619

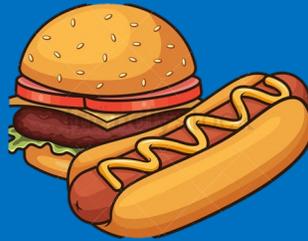


## Memorial Day Cookout

Monday, May 30th 2PM-4PM



Hosted by SAL



Sides provided by ALA

# REMEMBER



# & HONOR

# REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

*The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 18 April*



**9:30AM Mondays & Fridays**  
At American Legion Post 148  
*Double Deck / Partners*

## FRYING FRIDAY

**THE LEGION IS NOW HOSTING THE FISH FRY. VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED FROM ALL UNITS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS AT THE BAR. THANK YOU!**



## Wednesday BINGO

(Snack Bar from 5:00 - 6:30pm)

***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*

Stay and enjoy BINGO put on by *The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion*, starting at 6:30pm!

The ALA holds a bake sale on the first Sunday of each month, during the flea market. Please come out and pick up some goodies and support the ALA, which supports Veterans in our area!!



## "Breakfast Club"

**BREAKFAST TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THANK YOU!**

*Prepared by:*  
The Sons of The American Legion

# Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

## *April*

- 1 - Spirit Karaoke
- 8 - Bob Higgins
- 15 - Spirit Karaoke
- 22 - Taylor & Taylor
- 29 - Spirit



## *May*

- 6 - Spirit Karaoke
- 13 - Jimmy Gillis
- 20 - Spirit Karaoke
- 27 - Bert & Friends

