



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

December 2021 - January 2022



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2021-2022

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

Executive Board:

Les Oakman Russell Beasley
 Greg Ohlfs William Turner
 Past CommanderEd Christman

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

AMERICAN LEGION:

EXECUTIVE BOARD-

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-

4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:

3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—6:30 PM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-7:00 PM

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:

1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

1ST 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.....Steve Arndt
 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.....Carroll 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 DirectorBill 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:
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 Sunday:
 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



FROM THE COMMANDER:

Fellow Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, & Marine Corps Members, I want to extend a “Heartfelt Thank You” for your continued support to this Post and Lounge through these trying times.

The Hackney Cemetery Cleanup was a great success, led by our current SAL Commander, Steve Arndt. If you should see Steve, give him an “ATTA BOY” or a pat on the back. The Early Bird Dinner was a good event & the Thanksgiving Day Dinner was a huge celebration with a tremendous turnout. A heartfelt “Thank You” to all who contributed. My final request for EVERY member is to take an active interest in our Post: attend a meeting, stop in the Lounge (smoke free), pick up a newsletter/calendar; because, your support benefits us ALL!

I know this has been a VERY trying year for ALL of us. As we enter this holiday season, I want to remind you all to stay positive & practice safe acts & kindness to all. We are our BEST support; one another! I pray that we all have a safe Holiday season and I want to see you ALL next year. Do not do anything to put yourself in harms way. Happy Holidays and God Bless from your Commander and all the Staff associated with this fine organization.

For God and Country!
Edward D. Christman
American Legion Alafia Post 148

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hello,

We have had a change of officers for the SAL due to the resignation of Mark Getty and David VanPelt moving. Your new commander is Steven Arndt and Kevin O'Donnell is the new Finance Officer. With the changes, we now need a new 1st and 2nd Vice-Commander. If you are interested in either of those positions, please contact Steven Arndt or attend our next meeting on December 9th.

We would like to start the Sunday breakfasts again, but are in need of volunteers. We could also use some help for the Bingo Snack Bar on Wednesdays, and for Friday Fish Frys. If interested please let the Commander know when you are available.

I look forward to working with all of you! Wishing you and your family a Safe and Happy Holiday season.

See you at the Legion
Steven Arndt-SAL Commander



We are very sad to report that

Sam Underhill

Fred Regenhard

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello All,

What a year we've had! The Riders excelled in supporting some great fundraising events and was part of District 15 winning the Merry-Go-Round trophy! This season we all should reflect on the good in our lives and count our blessings. There will be more traffic on the roads so pay closer attention to your surroundings. The Riders dinners start back up January 29th and we're planning a new and great dinner, so I look forward to seeing everyone there. Happy New Year!

Ride for the Cause not the Applause
Angela Ritter-Director
ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

Our next bake sale will be on December. 5th. You can bring your baked goods on Saturday and leave in the kitchen, clearly marked Bake Sale, or bring on Sunday by 9am.

Kids Christmas Party is Saturday, December 11th from 12pm-2pm. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be visiting to take pictures with the kids and give Goody Bags. There will be Food, Games and Crafts, and LOTS of fun!

NEW YEARS EVE CHALLENGE! I have challenged the Post Family to raise \$2,000 by midnight New Year's Eve for the ALA Emergency Fund and for My Warrior's Place. \$1,000 will be donated to each. There is a jug in the Lounge at the bar to make your donations. Let's all work together to achieve this goal. IF WE DO I WILL CUT MY HAIR & DONATE IT TO WIGS FOR KIDS!

There will not be a December Auxiliary meeting, so everyone can enjoy the holidays. The Auxiliary wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

For God and Country,
Julia Arndt-President

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS

Ardelia Lamkin **Bruce Younggren**
John Maddeloni **Kevin Wise**
Peter Depa **Daniel Boyer**

TRANSFERS

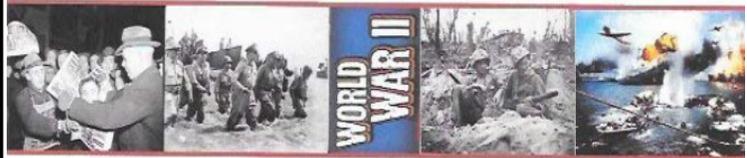
Tara Dixon **Kenneth Dodge**
Dallas Galvan **John Malone**
Nelson Bentancourt





WORLD WAR II SEPT 1st, 1939 - SEPT. 2nd, 1945

**REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD
DECEMBER 7TH, 2021 10:00AM**



**Veterans Memorial Park and
Rear Adm. LeRoy Collins
Veterans Museum
Hwy 301n
Tampa FL 33610**



Kids Christmas Party!!
Saturday, December 11th 12-2PM
**Goody Bags, Food, Games &
Crafts, LOTS of FUN!**
**Get your picture taken with
Santa & Mrs. Claus**



Adult Christmas party

Friday, December 10th 7PM-11PM

*Finger
Foods*

Entertainment: Motown Dave

*Ugly Sweater
Contest*



Lotto Board-See bartender for tickets

Drop off boxes are located in the lounge. Please be sure all toys are new and unopened. Must be at least a \$10 value.

Thank you!

 MARINE CORPS RESERVE

TOYS FOR TOTS



Wreaths Across America Saturday, December 18th

Our units at the Legion all sponsor wreaths every year. Anyone wishing to sponsor additional wreaths may do so by visiting the website at...

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>



New Year's Eve Party!

Friday, December 31st 7PM-12AM

Entertainment—Anthony Barcelo

APPETIZERS

MIDNIGHT
CHAMPAGNE
TOAST!

PARTY FAVORS



Wagon of Cheer-See bartender for tickets



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Do you make New Year resolutions? Did you know that typically less than 10% of people stick with their resolutions.

Did you know the New York City Time Square ball drop has been held almost every year since 1907! The ball started as a 700 pound iron and wood orb. It is now 12 feet in diameter and nearly 12,000 pounds.

The American Legion family wishes everyone a very safe and happy NEW YEAR!



NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday, January, 1 2022

Bloody Mary's—\$2.50

10AM-4PM

Cornbread



Black-Eyed Peas

Collard Greens



Field of Honor Ceremony January 8, 2022

Veterans
Memorial Park
and Rear Adm.
LeRoy Collins
Veterans Mu-
seum

Hwy 301n,
Tampa, FL
33619



**Saturday 5PM
January 29, 2022**

Meal—To Be Determined

**Rider Dinner
\$10 Donation**

**American Legion Riders
Alafia Chapter Post 148**

7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569

Don't Drink and Drive



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 20 December

Pinochle



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

Frying Friday
5:00-7:00 every Friday

*Fish, Shrimp, Chicken,
Baked Potatos, French Fries, Onion Rings,
Hush Puppies and Homemade Cole Slaw*

Presented by:
The Sons of The American Legion



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!*

*For your information —
The ALA conducts bake sales
during the flea market
on the first Sunday of each month.
The money they raise
helps to support Veterans in our area.
Please help support them!!*

“Breakfast Club”

**BREAKFAST TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDED—PENDING E-
BOARD REVIEW**

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Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)



December

- 3 - Anywhere Karaoke
- 10 - Motown Dave
- 17 - Spirit Karaoke 
- 31 - Anthony Barcelo (New Year's Eve party)

January

- 7 - Spirit Karaoke 
- 14 - Bob Higgins Music
- 21 - Spirit Karaoke
- 28 - TBA