



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

December 2022 - January 2023



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022-2023

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

Executive Board:

Bob Benson Russell Beasley
 Mark Finkbeiner Claude Gates

Past CommanderLynnette Stokes

Acting Lounge Manager...Dee Hoffman

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 2022-2023

President.....Julia Arndt
 1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell
 2nd Vice.....Denise Bonnett
 Treasurer.....Salynna Galimidi
 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



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

Commander.....Micah Seagar
 1st Vice.....Anthony Galimidi
 2nd Vice.....Elvis Cabot
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi
 Finance Officer.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

Executive Board:

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



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.....Terry Johnson



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

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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

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS

Maurice Sullivan	Todd McLaughlin
Julia Hernandez	Lew Layton
Ronald Delama	John Vance
William Butler	Kivia Hammock

TRANSFERS

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



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 9th—7pm~11pm
Entertainment—Jimmy Gillis



**Sandwich Trays
Finger foods**



**Ugly Sweater
Contest**



**Jello & Pudding
Shots**



Merry Christmas!

Children's Christmas Party

Open to the Public

Saturday, December 10th
12-3PM

Pictures with Santa
& Mrs. Claus

Games

Decorate Christmas Ornaments
& Cookies

Goody Bag for each child

Hotdogs & Drinks
Available



Hosted by: American Legion Auxiliary

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



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Saturday, December 31st 7pm-12pm

Tickets \$10

Midnight
Champagne
Toast



Finger Foods
and Appetizers

Party Favors



See bartender for New Year's
AND Wagon of Cheer tickets

Hosted by: American Legion Alafia Post 148



January Entertainment

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

**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

Can purchase all items at your store of choice. As many as you would like!

HELP YOUR VETERANS!

DONATE FOOD ITEMS

MAC and CHEESE (BOX)

TUNA—5 OZ CAN

CANNED HAMS—16 OZ

CANNED CHICKEN

**-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



COUPON

FOR OUR MILITARY

American Legion Auxiliary is collecting coupons for our Military and their families. **DON'T THROW AWAY THE FLYERS YOU GET IN THE MAIL EVERY WEEK!** Instead, cut them out and place in a plastic sandwich/snack bag. Mark the bag with the number of coupons, how long it took you to do it, and the date. The coupons can be used up to 6 months after the expiration date.

There is a drop box in the Lounge, or you can mail to us. P.O. Box 576, Riverview, FL 33569.

Thank you for all of your support
For God and Country,
Julia Arndt-President



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

Stay 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)

December

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



January

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

