

JARHEAD SCOOP



RIVERVIEW DETACHMENT 1226

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Poker Run Results

\$ 14,000.

The seventh annual Haley House Poker Run took place March 1st and more than doubled last years donation earning fourteen thousand dollars. As in the past this was a joint effort with the American Legion Riders who stepped up & took the lead. Tommy Reichard, the Riders and all who volunteered to work this event are commended for doing such an outstanding job. Thank-You all.



Nominations & Election of Officers



The first nominations for officers was completed at the March membership meeting. Nominated were: Commandant – Bernie Kotrady, Sr. Vice – Sal DiFonzo, Jr. Vice - Tommy Reichard and, Judge Advocate – Walt Ryan. The floor will be open for a second nomination followed by

the election at the April membership meeting (April 1). If there is someone that you would like to see as an elected officer you need to be at the meeting to submit your nomination.

Below is a summary of our By-Laws relating to officer nominations/election.

Section 12. 1. Eligibility. Only regular members in good standing of the detachment shall be eligible for elected office in this detachment. Associate members in good standing may hold an appointed office.

No elective officer will be allowed to serve more two consecutive terms in each office. The newly elected Commandant shall appoint, with Staff approval, a Chaplain, an Adjutant / Paymaster, and a Sergeant-at-Arms.

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OFFICERS

- Commandant - Bernie Kotrady
- Sr.Vice -Sal DiFonzo
- Jr. Vice - Steve Spears
- Adj—Jack Keeling
- Judge Advocate— Walt Ryan
- Paymaster - Houston Tucker
- Chaplain —Dave Blizzard
- Sgt. At Arms -Larry Westcott

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Commandants Message

I and several officers and members attended the District 7 Commandants meeting this past February. I felt privileged to stand up and report on the events and successes that you all have accomplished over the past year. There were many: 41 Honor Guard events, 7 Rose Fund drives, monthly VFW breakfasts, weekly BINGO hot dog sales, yard sales, approximately 50 Eagle Scout awards, Run for the Fallen, Veterans Day parade, detachment picnic, National Wheel Chair games, our birthday celebration, Toys for Tots, etc. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the commitment and effort you all have put forth to make these events a success.

We will have new challenges ahead which I feel you can also turn into award winning activities. We are now exploring establishing a shooting club, a monthly detachment luncheon/breakfast, baseball outings, re-establishing this news letter, etc. If you have a project idea or wish to get involved in an existing one, feel free to bring it to the attention of one of your officers or committee chairperson, we are not clairvoyant The detachment belongs to no individual or group, **WE ARE ONE** and this is your detachment. **S/F**

Detachment Shirts Available

Detachment three button red polo shirts are now available at the monthly membership meetings. A limited supply of sizes from s to xxl is being kept on hand. Special orders are accepted and delivery is usually the next membership meeting. Contact Jack Skelding for more information. Shirts are \$20 w/o pocket, \$21



with pocket.; Name embroider is \$5.

Detachment to host Fall Conference

Pending Departmental approval, we will be hosting the 2014 Fall Conference. The conference will be Oct 10 through the 12th, at the Hilton Garden Inn located at 4328 Garden Vista Drive, Riverview, FL. This is an exciting time and an opportunity to replenish our bank account but, the Detachment needs your assistance to make this task successful. Jack Skelding & Peter White will be coordinating this event and looking for your support. Details will be forth coming in the mean time feel free to contact either Jack or Peter if you can assist in anyway.

Auxiliary Presidents Message

Our Marine Corps League Auxiliary has had a very good year. We have been busy helping the League with the flea market at American Legion Post # 148 and the monthly breakfast at VFW post 8108 on Riverview Drive along with various ceremonies at the Veteran's Park. Our Haley House Poker Run was well attended and financially strong for Haley House. This past Saturday a number of us enjoyed lunch at the Colonade restaurant then we visited the VFW in Hyde Park. I think everybody had a wonderful time and we plan to continue our excursions at least on a monthly basis. Our April meeting is second nomination and election of officers for the coming year. We will continue to be a productive and helpful unit.

Semper Fi.

Kamela Ryan , President

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Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

At 11:00 am on Saturday, March 29, 2014 the Veterans Memorial Park and Museum Committee, Inc. along with The Veterans Council of Hillsborough County, Inc. will be conducting the annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony located at Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 US Highway 301 North, Tampa, Florida. This annual event is to honor all the Veterans who have served in Vietnam, including a special remembrance for those who did not make it back. The Rolling Thunder, Florida Chapter 11 Color Guard will present Colors and the National Anthem will be sung by Hillsborough County Firefighter and Retired U. S. Marine Thurnell (Chip) Shields. The invocation and benediction will be offered by Ordained Minister Linda Pugsley, former U. S. Air Force Nurse and Vietnam Veteran. Featured speakers will discuss the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War and the Department of Defense Announcement of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Program. We were recognized by the DoD for our willingness to assist and support a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families.

Keynote speakers for this program are Major General David J. Scott, U. S. Air Force, Retired, former Deputy Director of Special Operations Command's Special Operations and Dr. Richard M. Swier, Ed.D., LTC, U. S. Army, Retired. Rolling Thunder, Florida Chapter 11 will conduct the POW/MIA Missing Man Ceremony and Medal of Honor Remembrance followed by a rifle salute and TAPS by the Riverview Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Following the ceremony, The Suncoast Vietnam Veterans Chapter will conduct a reenactment of the Last Patrol in the closing days of the Vietnam War. It is a powerful performance presented as a living history with patrol members, a K-9 war dog, smoke for special effects and music from the 60's..

This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend to show your support for America's service members. The James A Haley VA Hospital Mobile bus will be on site for the program on the 29th. Our Veterans & families need to

know that assistance is at hand in the community, at our beloved park. All Veterans will be directed to sign in at the bus as this support COUNTS for the on site visit and whether the VA bus will return for future events.

Refreshments will be provided by the Women and Men's Auxiliaries of the VFW Post 8108, Riverview, FL at the main Pavilion next to the Museum Bldg. For further information contact Walt Raysick, Immediate Past President of the Hillsborough County Veterans Council at 813-653-4924 or wraysick@vertzon.net.

Detachment Picnic

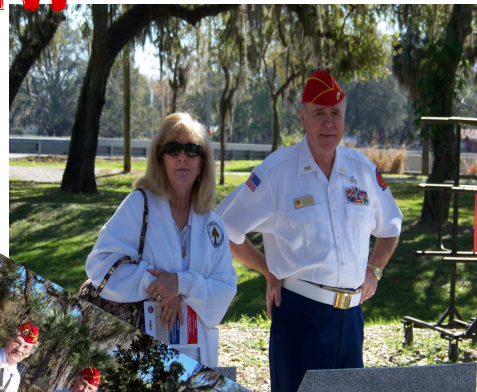
Our annual picnic is scheduled for Saturday April 26 at Fred's house 10101B Tucker Jones Rd, Riverview **How do I get there?** Driving south on US 301 from Riverview it is the first

right hand turn after Symmes Road. There is a Ladies Fitness Center on the corner of 301 and Tucker Jones Road. You turn just before the fitness center. Follow Tucker Jones road for about

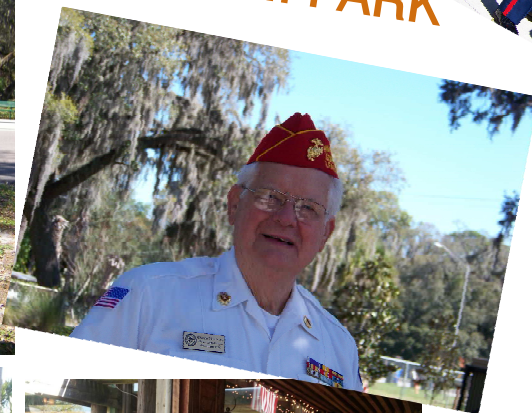


two miles until you come to a bend in the road. Do not make the turn. Go straight into the driveway and you are there. Burgers, hot dogs, brats, drinks, etc. provided. You may bring a covered dish to share & any special drinks. This is a family event; bring your family & friends for a fun day of food, games, and fellowship.

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Social Outing
@
Colonnade Restaurant



Chow Down & Support Your Detachment

Breakfast is served on the third Sunday of each month at the VFW Post 8108. Bring the family & friends for an all you eat meal for just \$7.00. Profits from this event go into our general fund.





VETERANS PARK EVENT SCHEDULE 2013-2014

Jan 4, 2014	Saturday		
Jan 11, 2014	Saturday	Field of Honor Ceremony	11:00 AM
Jan 18, 2014	Saturday		
Jan 25, 2014	Saturday		
Jan 29, 2014	Wednesday	Park Museum Meeting/County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
Feb 1, 2014	Saturday	SPANISH AMERICAN WAR DEDICATION	11:00 AM
Feb 8, 2014	Saturday		
Feb 15, 2014	Saturday		
Feb 22, 2014	Saturday		
Feb 26, 2014	Wednesday	Park Museum Meeting/County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
Mar 1, 2014	Saturday	Committed Forces Memorial Dedication	11:00 AM
Mar 22, 2014	Saturday		
Mar 26, 2014	Wednesday	Park Museum Meeting/County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
Mar 29, 2014	Saturday	Welcome Home Vietnam Day	11:00 AM
April 5, 2014	Saturday		
April 12, 2014	Saturday	Field of Honor Ceremony	11:00 AM
April 18, 2014	Saturday		
April 26, 2014	Saturday		
April 30, 2014	Wednesday	Park Museum Meeting/County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
May 3, 2014	Saturday		
May 10, 2014	Saturday		
May 17, 2014	Saturday		
May 25, 2014	Sunday	Memorial Day	11:00AM
May 28, 2014	Wednesday	Park Museum Meeting/County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
May 31, 2014	Saturday		
June 7, 2014	Saturday		
June 14, 2014	Saturday		
June 21, 2014	Saturday		
June 25, 2014	Wednesday	Park Museum Meeting/County Ctr. Brandon	5:00PM
June 28, 2014	Saturday		
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