

YEARBOOK OF
TOWN AND COUNTRY MEMORIAL
POST 152



THE AMERICAN LEGION
TAMPA, FLORIDA
FOR 2021-2022

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Years

VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

Introduction



Town and Country Memorial Post 152
Tampa, Florida

Post 152 History

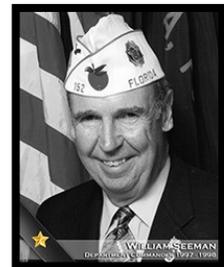
- April 27, 1981: Post 152 received its temporary charter.
- July 10, 1981: Post 152 received its permanent charter.
- Post 152 namesake: Town and Country Memorial
- First Commander: Robert Springsteen

- 1997-1998: Post 152 member, Bill Seamen is the Department of Florida commander.

- 2010-2011, 2011-2012: Post 152 member, Jim Zipler, is the District 15 Commander.
- 2012-2013: Post 152 member, Jim Zipler, is the Central Area Commander.



Robert Springsteen



Bill Seamen



Jim Zipler

Tampa Bay's Military History

- **American Civil War:** Fort Desoto and Fort Brooke had important roles during the Civil War. Fort Desoto ran a blockade of Edgemont Key, while Fort Brooke was involved in the battle of Tampa at the mouth of the Hillsborough river in 1862. During the Battle of Tampa, Union boats tried to shell Fort Brooke and Tampa without success. Months later, Union soldiers attacked on foot and succeeded in burning down moorings located near modern day Lowery Park Zoo. Later that year, in May 1864, the Battle of Ballast Point took place. It was this battle, in the area of modern day Bayshore Blvd and Gandy, that Fort Brooke was overtaken by Union troops. A few months later, the Civil War ended.
- **Spanish-American War:** The Tampa Bay area was the training site for Colonel "Teddy" Roosevelt and the Rough Riders previous to leaving for Cuba to help fight for Cuba's independence in 1898. More than 66,000 troops had gone through the ports of Tampa during the Spanish-American War which began an increased relationship between the military and the Tampa Bay area.
- **World War II:** Tampa became the site for a new Air Force base in 1939. MacDill Air Force Base and Drew Field were among a number of new airfields picked to be built that year. As World War II unfolded, these bases trained thousands of troops in land, air and sea drills to prepare for battle overseas. Over 125,000 troops circulated through MacDill Air Force Base and Drew Field during this time. After the war, MacDill Air Force Base and Drew Field became "prisoner of war" facilities, interning over 1000 German POWs.
- **Viet Nam War and Beyond:** MacDill AFB in Tampa became a training base for F-4 Phantoms during the Viet Nam War and F-16 Falcons during the first Gulf War. Fighter training stopped in 1993, transferring the F-16 fighter wing to another site. In 1994, MacDill became home to the 6th Air Base Wing, which included U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Ops Command. As well, MacDill is home to the 6th Air Mobility and 927th Air Refueling wings. These wings have been instrumental, providing refueling and transport duties during the Iraq war.

Capsule History of the American Legion

A group of officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) in France during World War I is credited with founding the American Legion. AEF headquarters asked the officers to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lt. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr., proposed an organization of veterans.

In February 1919, the group formed a temporary committee and selected several hundred officers who had the confidence and respect of the whole army. About 1,000 officers and enlisted men attended the Paris Caucus in 1919. They adopted a temporary constitution and the name The American Legion.

The group also elected an executive committee to complete the organization's work. It considered each member of the AEF a member of the Legion. The executive committee named a subcommittee to organize veterans at home in the United States.

Two months later, in May 1919, the Legion held a second organizing caucus in St. Louis. It completed the constitution and made plans for a permanent organization, setting up headquarters in New York City and beginning its relief, employment and Americanism programs.

Congress granted the Legion a national charter in September 1919. The first national convention convened in Minneapolis, adopting a permanent constitution and electing the officers to head the organization.

Post 152 Relationship with The American Legion

+Department of Florida+

+Central Area+

+District 15+

Temporary Charter: April 7, 1981

Permanent Charter: July 10, 1981

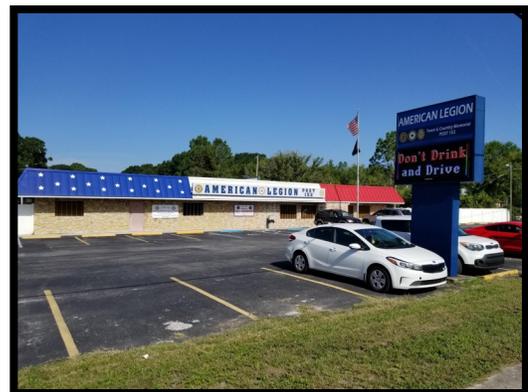
Town and Country Memorial

Post 152 Home

Address: 11211 Sheldon Road, Tampa, Florida 33626



Post 152 with Old Sign



Post 152 with New Sign

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Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion



“For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations of the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

Current Post 152 Commander

Michael W. Sherman, Jr.

Military Service

US Marine Corps
Honorable Discharge

Membership

American Legion since 2009
Post 152 since 2014
Sons of the American Legion Squadron 152 since 2014
American Legion Riders Chapter 152 since 2019

Post 152 Positions Held

Post Commander: 2021-2022
Post Finance Officer: 2014-2018
SAL Adjutant: 2020-2022
SAL 1st Vice Commander: 2020-2022
ALR Assistant Director: 2020-2021

15th District Positions Held

District 15 Vice Commander: 2021-2022
SAL District 15 Sergeant at Arms: 2021-2022
ALR District 15 Chairman: 2021-2022

Current Post 152 Historian

John T. Cannon

Military Service

US Army 1974-1976

Honorable Discharge

US Army Reserve 1986-1987

Honorable Discharge

Membership

American Legion Post 152 since 2011

Sons of the American Legion since 2012

Post 152 Positions held

Post 152 Adjutant –3 times

Post Historian– 4 times

Lounge Committee– 1 time

Disciplinary Committee-1 time

Acknowledgement of Contributions

Photographs:

Cliff Zimmerer

Brandon Zylstra

Mike Sherman

Michiko Hathaway

Lon Hathaway

John Cannon

Historical Information:

South Tampa Magazine

The American Legion

Doug Fivehouse

Post 152 Officers 2021-2022



American Legion
Post 152



Commander
Mike Sherman

1st Vice Commander
Michael Heller

2nd Vice Commander
Mark Diandriole

Finance Officer
Doug Fivehouse

Chaplain
Cathy Cornish

Historian
John Cannon

Sgt, at Arms
Lon Hathaway

Adjutant
Doug Fivehouse

Service Officer
Open

Executive Committee

3 Year Member
Bruce Smith

2 Year Member
Cliff Zimmerer

1 Year Members
Brandon Zylstra
Jon Davis

Immediate Past Commander
Theresa Zipler



American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 152



President
Sheryl Kinsler

1st Vice President
Andrea Sherman

2nd Vice President
Phyllis Roman

Treasurer
JoAnn Lathers

Chaplain
Carol Bauer

Sgt, at Arms
Michiko Hathaway

Secretary
JoAnn Lathers

Executive Committee

Carolyn Copenhaver
Monya Fivehouse
Donna Pomeroy

Immediate Past President
Lisa Anseeuw

Membership Chair
Vicki Irby



Sons of the American Legion
Squadron 152



Commander
Michael Thorpe

1st Vice Commander
Mike Sherman

2nd Vice Commander
Bob Lehmilller

Finance Officer
Gary Graves

Chaplain
Jose' Molina

Historian
Ben Freeman

Sgt, at Arms
Jon Davis

Adjutant
Mike Sherman



American Legion Riders
Chapter 152



Director
Open
(Previously Bob Lehmilller)

Assistant Director
Jon Davis

Road Captain
Michael Thorpe

Secretary
Donna Pomeroy

Treasurer
Bonnie Lehmilller

Sgt, at Arms
Earl Gloster

Chaplain
Jose' Molina

Asst. Chaplain
Lisa Anseeuw

Historian
Andrea Sherman



**Post 152
Officer
Installation
2021-2022**

July 10, 2021

Post 152 Officer Installation 2021-2022

July 10, 2021



(l to r) Post 152 Chaplain Cathy Cornish, Commander Theresa Zipler and Adjutant Doug Fivehouse open the meeting.



Sgt. At Arms Lon Hathaway installs the POW-MIA cover on the empty chair.



Commander Zipler introduces District 15 President Eileen Wilson.



The 2021-2022 Unit 152 Auxiliary Officers line up to take the oath of their office.



District 15 Auxiliary President Wilson introduces 2021-2022 Post 152 Auxiliary President Sheryl Kinsler.

Post 152 Officer Installation 2021-2022

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District 15 SAL Commander Mark Getty



2021-2022 SAL officers are sworn in.



New 2021-2022 Sons of the American Legion officers.



District 15 SAL Commander Mark Getty (rt.) introduces 2021-2022 SAL Squadron 152 Commander Michael Thorpe



SAL Squadron 152 Commander Michael Thorpe



Past Squadron 152 Commander Michael "Cowboy" Vaughn receives achievement award from Commander Thorpe.

Post 152 Officer Installation 2021-2022

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Dist. 15 SAL Commander Getty introduces District 15 American Legion Commander Stephen Tyler.



Dist. 15 Commander introduces Central Area American Legion Riders Chairman Wayne Nooten.



Chairman Nooten introduces 2021-2022 Chapter 152 American Legion Riders officers.



New 2021-2022 Chapter 152 American Legion Riders officers.



Chairman Nooten introduces 2021-2022 Chapter 152 Chairman Bob Lehmill.



Outgoing Chapter 152 ALR Chairman Mike Thorpe receives an award of appreciation from incoming Chairman Lehmill.

Post 152 Officer Installation 2021-2022

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Bonnie Lehmill receives an award.



Mike Sherman receives an award.



Armond LaFromboise receives an award.



2021-2022 post 152 officers are sworn in.



2021-2022 American Legion Post 152 officers.



(l to r) 2020 Post 152 Commander Zipler, 2021 Post 152 Commander Sherman and Dist. 15 Commander Tyler.

Post 152 Officer Installation 2021-2022

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2020 Post 152 Comdr. Theresa Zipler receives an award from 2021 Post 152 Comdr. Mike Sherman.



Aux. Unit 152 2nd Vice President Phyllis Roman receives an award from 2020 President Anseeuw.



Aux. Unit 152 Executive Committee member Vicki Irby receives an award from 2020 Pres. Anseeuw.



Aux. Unit 152 Secretary JoAnn Lathers receives an award from 2020 Pres. Anseeuw.



Aux. Unit 152 2020 President Anseeuw is presented with a gift from Unit 152 2020 1st Vice President Patty Pritchard.



2021 Post 152 Commander Mike Sherman concludes the 2021-2022 Post 152 installation.



Post 152
40th
Anniversary
Celebration

July 31, 2021

Post 152 40th Anniversary Celebration

July 31, 2021



Post 152 40th Anniversary Celebration

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Post 152 Patriot Day Flag Waving

September 11, 2021

Post 152 Patriot Day Flag Waving

September 11, 2021



Post 152 Patriot Day Flag Waving

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**Post 152 Hosts:
Tampa Bay All
Airborne
Chapter's
All American
Picnic**

**Benefiting the Fort Bragg Holiday Meals for the Troops
September 11, 2021**

Post 152 Hosts: Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter's All American Picnic

September 11, 2021



Post 152 Hosts: Tampa Bay All Airborne Chapter's All American Picnic

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**Post 152
POW/MIA
Rededication
Ceremony**

September 17, 2021

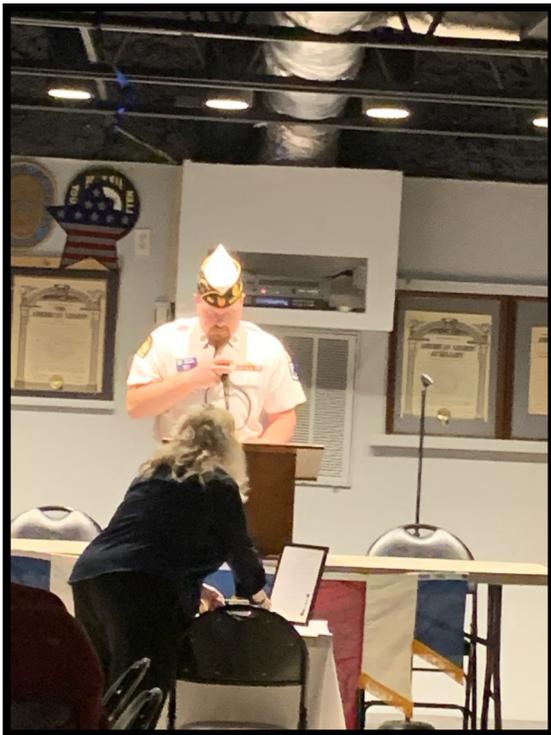
Post 152 POW/MIA Rededication Ceremony

September 17, 2021



Post 152 POW/MIA Rededication Ceremony

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**Post 152
JROTC
Veterans Day
Flag
Ceremony**

November 11, 2021

Post 152 JROTC Veterans Day Flag Ceremony

November 11, 2021



Post 152 Executive Committee member and
JROTC liaison Brandon Zylstra



Post 152 JROTC Liaison Zylstra (I) and
Commander Mike "Tank" Sherman



Post 152 JROTC Veterans Day Flag Ceremony

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Post 152 JROTC Veterans Day Flag Ceremony

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The Home Depot Donation to Post 152

December 2021

The Home Depot Donation to Post 152

December 2021





**The
American Legion
National Commander's
Visit To
Post 152**

February 8, 2022

The American Legion National Commander's Visit to Post 152

February 8, 2022



The American Legion National Commander's Visit to Post 152

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Post 152 Hosts the Central Area Ride In

April 2, 2021

Post 152 Hosts the Central Area Ride In

April 2, 2021



Post 152 Hosts the Central Area Ride In

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