



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

April - May 2017



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

AMERICAN LEGION:

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
EXECUTIVE BOARD—6:00 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP—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



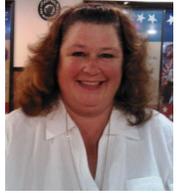
AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2016-2017

Commander.....George King
1st Vice.....Claude Gates
2nd Vice.....Gerry Bell
Adjutant.....Roger Dunn
Finance Officer.....Wendy Ohlfs
Sgt at Arms.....John Eskridge
Chaplain.....Roger Dunn
Historian.....TBD
Judge Advocate.....Rick Hewett
Service Officer.....Mike Moffitt

Executive Board:

Terry Johnson Bob Benson
Steve Arndt Walt Raysick

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2016-2017

President.....Georgia MacKenzie
1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell
2nd Vice.....Edie Sparks
Treasurer.....Salynna Cox
Secretary.....Susanne Pugh
Chaplain.....Annette Smith
Historian.....Missy Finkbeiner
Sergeant-At-Arms.....Kathy Boyle
Asst. Sgt-At-Arms.....Michelle Smith

Executive Committee:

Bernita Benson Jill Bower
Julie Arndt

Past President.....Georgie Bruno



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2016 - 2017

Commander.....David Rutledge
1st Vice.....Mark Getty
2nd Vice.....Carroll Weese
Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi
Finance Officer.....David VanPelt
Sgt at Arms.....Greg Wussaw
Chaplain.....Tom Stone

Executive Board:

Jerry Lettsinger Steve Nasrallah
Ted Kasper Greg Decker



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2016-2017

Director.....Steve Nasrallah
Ass't Director.....Ryan Flaherty
Secretary.....Angela Ritter
Treasurer.....Robyn Russell
Historian.....MJ Cobb
Chaplain.....Tom Stone
Sergeant-At-Arm.....Leeland Smith
Road Captain.....Vacant
Membership.....Tom Ritter
Safety Officer.....Greg Ohlfs



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2016-2017

Commandant.....Brian Frank
Sr. Vice.....Sal DiFonzo
Jr. Vice.....Vacant
Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick
Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
Paymaster.....Larry Westcott
Sgt at Arms.....Henry Wolons
Chaplain.....Roger Dunn
Jr. Past Commandant.....Ed Becker

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings from the Commander,

Wow, it is hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of yet another year. Our first nominations for new officers were held during our general membership meeting in March and the second nominations will be in April. I urge all of our members to come out and participate in the nomination process, as these will be the new officers leading the post in the future. Elections will be on May 20th from 10 AM to 7 PM.

We have a number of activities during April and May that are very worthy of mentioning. First is the Field of Honor Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on April 1st; the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on April 8th; and a Post Family Luau-themed Fun Day on April 22nd ...sponsored by the Rider's, Auxiliary, Sons and the Post.

We will be honoring Mothers on Mother's Day, May 7th with free breakfast (8-11) and a late lunch at 3 PM. There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on May 28th, and a Post Memorial Day ceremony followed by burgers/hot dogs courtesy of the Sons

Also, please mark your calendars for April 27th and May 29th to come out and enjoy the Rider's dinners...prepared by our famous barbeque specialist, Dragon. Great food and great company!

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the post that has supported me during the past year. It has been a pleasure serving you.

REMINDER: ELECTION OF YOUR NEW OFFICERS IS ON MAY 20TH FROM 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM.

For God and Country

George H. King

Commander, Alafia Post 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary Members,

Hello, the year is almost over and we have a lot of family events going on. Please be sure and read the Newsletter and get all the details on these events. The American Legion Family are here to help out our Veterans and their families during this year. We have a family event coming up in April that is to benefit our Post. We look forward to all being there. Each member of the Family will be a part of this event. Please come join us for a Luau.

We have had 1st nominations and April will be the second. Please plan on attending so that you can nominate your choice for new officers.

As usual we have Bingo every Wednesday night at the Post and remember every third Thursday we have our meetings at 7pm. If you would like to come but don't have a way to get there please give any of us a call and we would be glad to come and pick you up.

As always remember those that have giving the ultimate sacrifice to give us the Freedom we enjoy and Thank those Veterans who are still with us today and their families.

For God and Country

Georgia Mackenzie

President, Alafia Unit 148

Riverview, FL

From the Service Officer:

In recent times people have been questioned on if they are truly a Veteran or not. Did you know you can get a veteran designation on your drivers license? When renewing your drivers license pay a one time fee of \$1 and the word "Veteran" will be added. You will need a copy of your DD-214 showing honorable discharge. If you need a copy of your DD-214, go to www.archives.gov/veterans. To ensure you have all the documents you need go to www.gathergoget.com.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders

First I want to thank T C for a great job in getting the fund raiser together for Manny Ayala. We had a great turnout and want to thank everyone involved; great thanks to Post 138 and 72 as well. The Legacy Run kickoff is April 1 at Post 347 Lady Lakes and runs thru April 8 and ending in Orange City. This should be a great trip and I hope some of our Riders can make this.

We will be helping with the Family Event at the Legion on April 22, and ask the riders that make it please help in anyway.

Dragon is cooking the hog! It is a Luau Theme so everyone get dressed for the occasion!

We also will be hosting dinners on the 29 of April and May 27.

We have had some great rides and would like to see some more of our members participate.

Happy Easter and Mothers Day.

As always remember to ride safe respect others and ride free.

For God and Country

Steve Nasrallah

Director

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POST 148 SCOUTING PROGRAM

The past two months were exciting and busy for our Post 148 Scouting program! Here's some of the things YOUR program has accomplished: camping, hiking, fishing, learned survival skills, retired American Flags, supported the Oratorical Contest with color guard, participated in Scout Sunday, attended a STEM lock-in at MOSI, held a pinewood derby, and had our annual Blue & Gold Banquet. By February, the majority of our Scouts earned their next rank and was promoted. We also served the community by collecting over 500lbs of food with our annual Scouting for Food drive.

The post's program received national Boy Scouts of America (BSA) recognition by earning the Journey to Excellence (JTE) Gold Award for achieving the highest marks for the 2016 program year. JTE is the BSA equivalent to the Legion's Consolidated Post Report (CPR). Both are reported annually to Congress. Likewise, the Post 148 Charter Organization Representative (Post 148 BSA Chair) received a BSA national award, the James E. West Fellowship Award as well as receiving local BSA Timucua District recognition with a Key Leader award. A long-term adult volunteer member of Pack 606, Kristen Inzerillo, a pillar of the unit, received a BSA Shield of Service Award.

They said it couldn't be done, but we did it! We led the way in the Department by changing our BSA unit numerals from Pack "606" to Pack "1481" and Troop "1482". Because we charter the BSA units, it is like adoption. We "own and operate" the BSA unit, that includes financially and administratively. It only makes sense to change their last names to ours. From this point forward, our BSA units will have "148" after them the same as SAL 148, ALR 148, and ALA 148.

Not only is our Post 148's BSA program leading the way in District 15, it is being recognized at the Department and National level as well. Our Post's Scouting program was briefed to the National Vice Commander and a member of the National Membership Committee on March 4th. They wanted to know what our secret sauce was and how we were using Scouting to grow membership and improve the CPR. It is simple: go back to our roots and have fun. It was the American Legion that led the way in the Scouting movement for decades since the great wars. It was veterans that led our young me in service. That is the legacy we are continuing.

On May 17th at 6:30pm at the Collins Elementary School cafeteria in Panther Trace, we will conduct a first-of-its-kind ceremony for BSA and the American Legion. We will retire Cub Scout Pack 606 and stand-up new Legion units Pack 1481 and 1482. It is a Legion family event and all are encouraged to attend in their uniforms to support the families who are out in the community representing you.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Scouts, retiring flags, going fishing, teaching a skill, or just sitting around a campfire, contact Rick or Julie Hewett.

For God & Country

Julie Hewett

Post 148 Boy Scout Chair

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NEW MEMBERS

Dennis Allen

Jimmie Wakeland

Whirley Metheny

Edward Miller

Sylvester Mack

Jarron Webster

Roger Davis

Christopher Malone

Brian Frank

James Brock

Laverne DeForest

TRANSFERS

Walter Horn

Roberg Martin

Arthur Avery

Michael Zellner

Charles Newman

David Osadcuk

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Please note: Next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for 25 APRIL 2017

STEAK SHOOT

Every Saturday @ 2 PM



Pinochle



9:30AM Mondays & Fridays

At American Legion Post 148

Double Deck / Partners

Every
Sunday;
7 AM -
Noon



FLEA MARKET

Breakfast
Every
Sunday
8-11 AM

BINGO

Every Wednesday

6:30 PM

By ALA & SAL



EVERY FRIDAY

5-7 PM

Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

April

7 - Music and Karaoke
with Bridget



14 - Music with
Boardwalk Baby

21 - Karaoke with Sandy Lamm

28 - Music with Gene Cannon

May



5 - Music and Karaoke
with Bridget

12 - Music by Del

19 - Karaoke with
Spirit Entertainment

26 - Music with Gene Cannon

SECOND NOMINATIONS ***for OFFICERS are in APRIL***

3rd (Riders), 10th (Legion), 13th (Sons), 20th (Auxiliary)



Field of Honor Ceremony
APRIL 1, 2017 @ 1100
Veterans Memorial Park



Sunday, 2 APRIL
9AM—12 PM
Help support the
AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY!!!



DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

Legacy Ride

April 2 – 8, 2017

Kick-Off on April 1, 2017 at Post 347, Lady Lake, FL
Ending at Post 6, Deland, FL

Info and Registration:

<http://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services/legion-riders/legacy-ride/>

Each year, the Legion Riders conduct a ride within the state of Florida to raise funds and awareness for the LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND, a National American Legion program. Hundreds of Riders participate, and millions of dollars have been raised over the years.

POW / MIA
REMEMBERANCE DAY
National Former
POW
Recognition Day

April 8, 2017
11:00 am



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



Help Support Cub Scout Pack 1481 and Troop 1482;

Saturday, April 8th, 1-3PM

American Legion Post 148

Parking Lot

7240 US Highway 301 S, Riverview

Donations welcome!!



CAR WASH

FUNDRAISER

Have a **HAPPY** and **BLESSED**

EASTER DAY

SUNDAY, 16 APRIL





JELLO SHOTS
BASKET DRAWINGS

POST 148 SPRING LUAU
APRIL 22
PUBLIC IS INVITED

50/50 RAFFLE
BOTTLE RAFFLE

LUNCH 11:30 - 12:30 \$5 DONATION
MEATBALL SUBS WITH CHIPS

ENTERTAINMENT 1-5

5:30 - 7:00 PM \$10 DONATION
DRAGON'S FAMOUS BAR-B-QUE
PIG ROAST WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

BEST DRESSED PRIZES FOR 1ST 2ND & 3RD

RIDER DINNER DRAGON'S FAMOUS RIBS

SATURDAY 29 APRIL,
5PM \$10.00 Donation



*American Legion Family of Alafia Post 148
presents*

 *Mother's
Day Dinner*

Sunday, 14 May

Dinner served at 3 PM

Lasagna, Green Beans, Fresh
Salad, Dinner Rolls and Desert

FREE FOR the MOTHERS of Alafia Post 148, \$8.00 for all others

*2017
Memorial Day
Ceremonies: & Activities*

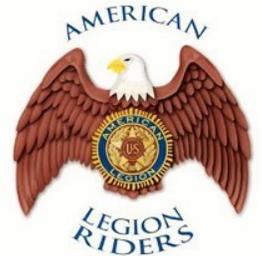


Sunday, May 28;
1100-Veterans Memorial Park

Monday, May 29;
0930-Serenity Meadows
1400-Burgers & Hot Dogs at Post



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**



RIDER DINNER

DRAGON'S SMOKED BRISKET



**Saturday,
May 27th, 5PM**

\$10 Donation per plate

AMERICAN LEGION POST 148 (7240 US 301 SOUTH, RIVERVIEW)