



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

April – May 2018



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2017-2018

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Tom Cobb
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera
 Adjutant.....Greg Ohlfs
 Finance Officer.....Vacant
 Sergeant at Arms.....John Eskridge
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn
 Historian.....Bob Underhill
 Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick
 Service Officer.....Mike Moffitt

Executive Board:
 Terry Johnson Chuck Frietsch
 Keith Regenhard William VanDyke

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

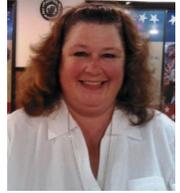
AMERICAN LEGION:
 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
 EXECUTIVE BOARD—6:00 PM
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP—7:00 PM

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 AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2017-2018

President.....Georgia MacKenzie
 1st Vice.....Edie Sparks
 2nd Vice.....Bernita Benson
 Treasurer.....Salynna Cox
 Secretary.....Susanne Pugh
 Chaplain.....Annette Smith
 Historian.....Missy Finkbeiner
 Sergeant at Arms.....Kathy Boyle
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Margaret Sanders

Executive Committee:
 Pat Schenk Tammy O'Donnel
 Julie Arndt

Past President.....Georgie Bruno



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2017 - 2018

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

Executive Board:
 Jerry Lettsinger Steve Nasrallah
 Ted Kasper Greg Decker



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2017-2018

Director.....Steve Nasrallah
 Assistant Director.....Bill Turner
 Secretary.....Angela Ritter
 Treasurer.....Robyn Russell
 Historian.....Vicki Linde
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Bill Turner
 Membership.....Ed Linde
 Safety Officer.....Terry Johnson



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2017-2018

Commandant.....Brian Frank
 Senior Vice.....Rob Becker
 Junior Vice.....Ron Essicks
 Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott
 Sergeant at Arms.....Henry Wolons
 Chaplain.....Jim Johnson
 Jr. Past Commandant.....Ed Becker

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Saint Patrick's Day dinner, especially since it was prepared by two excellent cooks, Richard and Linda Pflug. Thank you both very much for donating your time and expertise...it is truly appreciated.

I also want to thank Ms Michele Simmons, our Lounge Manager for putting together and hanging up the wonderful military banners that are hanging up in the hallway that leads to the kitchen, and if you all have the opportunity, please go and admire them and pass on our thanks to our wonderful Lounge Manager....an outstanding job!

Please remember about our upcoming events and activities and please join us for them. There is a lot of work and dedication in putting these together and your participation is appreciated and welcomed.

Again my sincerest thanks and hope to see everyone here at Home Post.

For God and Country

Lynnette Stokes

Commander

Alafia Post 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Greetings from the Auxiliary Membership Desk.

As the American Legion Auxiliary approaches its Centennial year, I find myself reflecting on 'Why' I joined when I did. Patriotism and love of Country weighed heavy into my decision. I love this Nation and I know you all do too! Alafia Unit 148 has over 200 dues paying members, yet we struggle to draw 10 ladies to our monthly meeting. Yes, I realize some of you girls have many years in the Auxiliary and the meetings and such don't appeal to you...been there, done that and got the tee shirt, right? We're still supporting Active Duty Servicemen and Women, their families, our Community and as always our Veterans.

Right now, the unit's membership is lagging a bit behind at about 70%. It isn't terrible, but could be SO MUCH BETTER with your help! I also know that there have been problems with receiving your cards in a timely fashion. I apologize sincerely for that and am working diligently to correct the problem.

So please, consider coming back and sharing all you know about the Auxiliary. You've already been where we want to go as an organization. With you and all your Auxiliary Sisters helping, there's nothing to stop us.

Serving America since 1982.

For God and Country,

Edie Sparks

Membership Chairman, Unit 148

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders

Life is precious and fragile at the same time and can change in a SECOND!

As many of you all know one of riders, Jen Jeffery, was in an accident. All of our prayers are needed for her. At our March meeting I asked T C Cobb to Chair a fundraiser on her behalf and for John Snay to help. We will keep everyone informed for the date.

Happy Easter April 1st

Field of Honor is April 14th and lets see if we could have a great support from the Riders for our Veterans.

The riders are doing an overnight stay in Mt. Dora. April 21st and coming back the 22nd. and visiting Post101. Information was sent out by email from the Secretary March 12th.

April 28th Riders Dinner come on out and support the Riders and the Post.

May 13th is Mothers Day

May 26th Riders Dinner come on out and support the Riders and the Post.

Happy Memorial Day !

As always we need help in the kitchen.

Any suggestions for rides bring them up at the meeting or drop off in our box at the Legion office.

Ride Safe Ride Free
For God and Country
Steven Nasrallah
Director
ALR Post 148

NOMINATIONS for new Officers are in APRIL

Please ...

**COME TO THE MEETINGS to
*VOICE YOUR CHOICE!!***

Riders	-	2nd
Legion	-	9th
Sons	-	12th
Auxiliary	-	19th

Have a **HAPPY** and **BLESSED**
EASTER DAY
SUNDAY, 1 APRIL





Sunday, 8 APRIL:

During the Flea Market



**FIELD of
HONOR
Ceremony**

14 April, 10AM

**Hillsborough County
Veterans Park**

**5:00 PM Saturday,
April 28, 2018**

**American Legion Riders
Alafia Chapter Post 148**

Rider Dinner



Dragon's famous BBQ Ribs

Alafia Post 148
American Legion Family

Mother's Day
DINNER

3-5 PM

Sunday, 13 May

*Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetables, Dinner Roll and Desert*

Free for All Mothers with Current Membership
in Our American Legion Family
Only \$8.00 per Plate for All Others



There are a number of dishes and utensils that have been left in the kitchen after various events. Please remove any personal items at your earliest convenience, as they will be disposed of in the very near future.



SALUTING THE VETERANS MEMORIAL DAY

Join us at the Post at 2:00 PM for a traditional cookout with burgers and hot dogs, while honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day, and it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.



American Legion Riders
Alafia Chapter Post 148
Rider Dinner

Dragon's BBQ Chicken

5:00 PM Saturday,
May 26, 2018



SHOOTERS — This is for your info:

DISCUSSION: The base commander has authorized the episodic use of the small arms range by individuals with base access on a designated day whereby privately owned firearms may be brought to the Combat Arms Range and fired under the supervision of Range Control Officers (RCO's) and Range Safety Officers (RSO's).

POC: For more information, and additions to the email distribution list, please call Mike Lyons, GS13, COM: 813-828-7963.

Upon entering the gate(s) at MacDill AFB notify the Security Force personnel you are attending the RECFIRE on the CATM range and that your weapons and ammunition are secured and stored separately in your vehicle.

The range control officers may cancel the range due to severe weather (Tropical Storms and Hurricanes), airborne operations (parachuting), if the Wing places priority on the range or requires the range to be shut down.

The range will not/not be cancelled due to intermittent rain, thunderstorms or lightening; standing water is no longer a criteria for range cancellation. Range operations will be suspended if lightening is in the area but will resume once "All Clear" is given.

The North Tower range phone number is 813-828-6333 if you have questions for the RCO on range day. Be advised that if range operations are ongoing the RCO may not be available to take your call.

LOCATION: North Range, Combat Arms Training & Maintenance (BLDG_1882).

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NEW MEMBERS

Devita Wilson
Tamika McCoy
Sherry Myrick

Leonard Davis
Robert Vanetten
Calvin Gowins

TRANSFERS

Mark Sperry
Salvador Salazar
Gregory Adams
Larry Weber

Anthony Gardner
Mark Richman
Stephen Parker



It is with deep regret and heavy hearts that we announce the transfer of Eugene Hughes (Poppa Smurf) to "Post Everlasting".
May God rest his soul, and
provide comfort to his family and friends.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Please note: Next *CALENDAR MEETING* is scheduled for *24 April 2018*

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



Every Wednesday

6:30 PM

By ALA & SAL



EVERY FRIDAY

5-7 PM

Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

April

6 – Music with Sandy Lamm

13 – Music with Ben Meyer

20 – Karaoke with
Spirit Entertainment



27 – Suncoast Band

May

4 – Music with Sandy Lamm

11 – Music with Gene Cannon

18 – Karaoke with
Spirit Entertainment



25 – Music with Ben Meyer