



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### April - May 2019



**AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2018-2019**

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes  
 1st Vice.....Richard Pflug  
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera  
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman  
 Finance Officer.....Vacant  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Terry Johnson  
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn  
 Historian.....Vacant  
 Judge Advocate.....Vacant  
 Service Officer.....Vacant

**Executive Board:**

Keith Regenhard                      Van VanDyke  
 Les Oakman                              Russell Beasley

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

**AMERICAN LEGION:**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD-**

2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-**

4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:**

3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—6:30 PM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-7:00 PM

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:**

1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:**

1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2018-2019**

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

**Executive Committee:**

Georgie Bruno                      Ruth White  
 Bernita Benson

Past President.....Georgie Bruno



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2018 - 2019**

Commander.....Mark Getty  
 1st Vice.....Steve Arndt  
 2nd Vice.....Carroll Weese  
 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 2018-2019**

Director.....Mary Jane "MJ" Cobb  
 Assistant Director.....Ryan Flaherty  
 Secretary.....Angela Ritter  
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde  
 Historian.....Susie Pugh  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith  
 Road Captain.....Tom "TC" Cobb  
 Membership.....Vicki Linde  
 Safety Officer.....Lucky Smith



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2018-2019**

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

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## THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

Thanks to all who came to the American Legion 100th Birthday! It was such a joy to see all of the raffles that were donated and I want to thank our Alafia Legion Family for providing those. It just goes to show how we can accomplish great things together.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Saint Patrick's Day dinner, especially since it was prepared by some excellent cooks and volunteers. My sincere thanks to all for donating your time and expertise...it is truly appreciated.

Please remember 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 most sincere thanks, and I hope to see everyone here at Home Post.

For God and Country  
Lynnette Stokes  
Commander  
Alafia Post 148



### ***NEW MEETING DATE and TIME!!***

- The **American Legion GENERAL MEMBERSHIP** meetings have been moved to the **4th Monday** of each month, and will still be conducted at **7PM**.
- The **American Legion EXECUTIVE BOARD** meetings will remain on the **2nd Monday** of each month, but the time has been changed to **7 PM**.

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Hello Ladies,



It is coming close to the end of another year and I would like to thank each of you for all the hard work you have done so far.

We do have several things coming up that you need to think about. We have a bake sale on the 1st Sunday of the next two months. Remember to help support our Veterans during these times. We will be having our 2nd Nomination for Officers, so please do come to our meeting and give your thoughts to whom you would like to be in office.

Again as always we are a family and we all work for one cause Our Veterans.

Please keep an eye on the board for upcoming announcements and our Facebook page.

For God and Country  
Georgia Mackenzie  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Alafia Unit 148

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greeting Fellow Riders,

Several of our Riders attended the 3rd Annual Summit in Cocoa Beach in February. This Summit consists of training and classes during the day. We learn new procedures that are being enforced by the Department of Florida, as well as, hearing how other Chapters support our Veterans and their Community. It is a wonderful experience.

April will be a busy month for all the Riding Chapters in the state of Florida. We will be participating in events designated by the Florida Dept and all money raised will go to Vet Relief Suicide Prevention. The rides will consist of participating in the Round Robin and those wishing to attend the Unity Ride. There are rules and regulations that need to be followed. This will be our first year participating. Wish us luck in perhaps bringing home a trophy!!!!

We made donations to two Posts this year in the panhandle due to the hurricane. One Post lost its roof and the other Post lost its entire building.

Two memorial bricks have been purchased. One for Chuck Frietsch and one for Larry Butler. ALR148 purchases these bricks in memory of a fallen rider. Their bricks will be placed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park on Rt. 301.

The Riders dinner is the last Saturday of each month. Our dinners are open to the public! Please come out and support us so we may continue to support our Veterans and the Community. You will also see us at Boots and Badges at Brandon Harley-Davidson serving beer. Come enjoy some good food the third Thursday of each month.

Warmer weather is here! More bikers will be on the road. Please be considerate and pay attention. Please put your cell phone away when driving. It may save a life!

Ride Safe,  
For God and Country  
"MJ" Mary Jane Cobb  
Director  
ALR Chapter 148

**Patrick Nannery** has offered to assist any member needing a ride to the VA Hospital, doctor appointments, to visit someone in the hospital, rides to chemotherapy or any type of medical appointment. Just give him a call at **(813) 613-4767**.

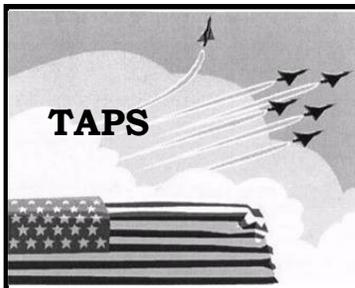


## NEW MEMBERS

Leopold Renz	Vincent Peel
Theodore Mahala	William Geyer
Patrick Biereman	Steven Pierce
Miguel Luico	

## TRANSFERS

James Nagel	E. Gordon Rice
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It is with deep regret and heavy hearts that we announce the transfer of Frank Lescanec, Robert Cusamano and Gordon Sheets to Post Everlasting.  
May God rest their souls,  
and provide comfort to their family and friends.



**NOMINATIONS for  
LEGION FAMILY OFFICERS**  
*will continue*  
during the **APRIL MEETINGS:**

- ALR - 1st
- SAL - 11th
- ALA - 18th
- Legion - 22nd

WE'RE HAVING A



Come support the wonderful women of the  
**AMERICAN LEGION  
AUXILIARY**

by enjoying some of their delicious fresh baked goods!

**SUNDAY, 7 APRIL**

The bake sale will be held during the flea market. Baked goods are available for purchase (donation) inside the Legion Hall.



**Field  
of  
Honor  
Ceremony**  
**10:00hrs**  
**April 13th**  
**2019**



**Veterans Memorial Park  
and  
Rear Adm. LeRoy Collins  
Veterans Museum**  
**Hwy 301n,  
Tampa, FL 33619**



**21  
APRIL  
2019**

**CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION**

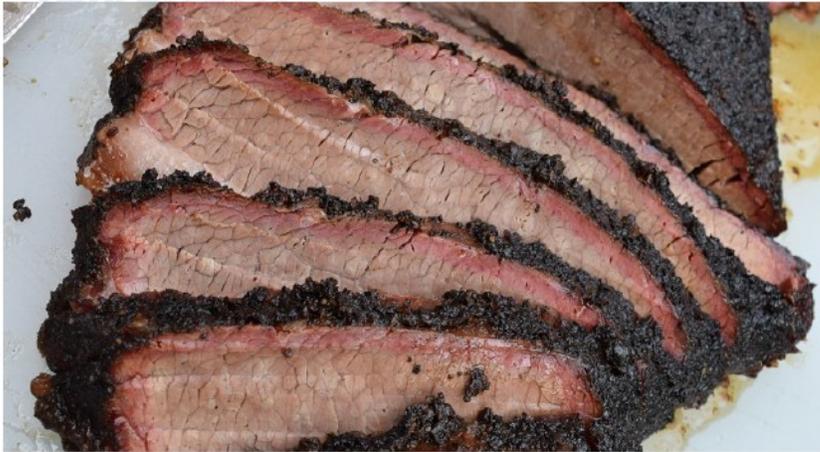


# American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148

## Rider Dinner

5:00 PM Saturday,  
April 27, 2019

# \$10.00 DONATION



## Dragon's famous Brisket with Baked Potato and Veggie.

American Legion Alafia Post 148 7240 US Hwy  
301 S, Riverview, FL 33569

Don't Drink and Drive



If you can't visit the  
**ALA Bake Sale**  
in April, that's okay.

Your next opportunity is  
**May 5th**

Please come show your support  
for these wonderful ladies  
who truly do so much  
for our Post!

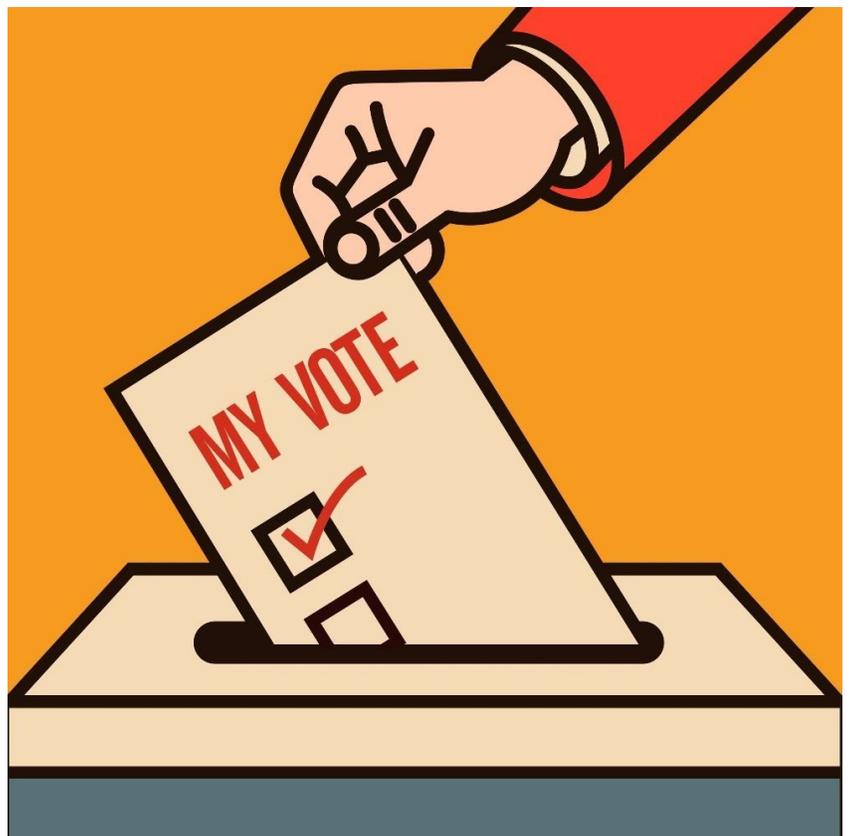


# ELECTION of POST OFFICERS

will be held on

## MAY 11, 2019

from 10AM-6PM





# FREE DINNER for Mothers

(\$8 for others)

**12 MAY 2019**

**SERVED FROM 3-5 PM**

**Brisket, Sides  
and Cupcakes**

MOTHERS ARE LIKE GLUE.  
EVEN WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE THEM,  
THEY'RE STILL HOLDING  
THE FAMILY TOGETHER.



## The 15th District Constitutional Conference

Will be held at **Post 111**  
on **May 18th**

**Registration begins 9AM and  
the Meetings will start at 10AM**

### ARMED FORCES DAY

Armed Forces Day is a day to pay tribute to the men and women who serve the United States Armed Forces. Armed Forces Day, which is celebrated on the third Saturday in May, is part of Armed Forces Week.

- It was with the idea for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country that President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish this single holiday. The one-day celebration then stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense. It was on August 31, 1949, that Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and Air Force Days.

- Parades, open houses, receptions and air shows were held to celebrate the first Armed Forces Day held on May 20, 1950. President John F. Kennedy established Armed Forces Day as an official holiday in 1962.





# American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148

## Rider Dinner

5:00 PM Saturday,  
May 25, 2019

# \$10.00 DONATION



## Dragon's famous Pork Butt with Fries and Beans

Don't Drink and Drive

### ***Did you know?***

Much of the 20th century's definition of patriotism - love of country - was either conceived or greatly amplified by The American Legion. A committee to tackle this sprawling interest was formed in November 1919 at the 1st American Legion National Convention in Minneapolis to:

- 1: Combat all anti-American tendencies, activities and propaganda
- 2: Work for the education of immigrants, prospective American citizens and alien residents in the principles of Americanism
- 3: Inculcate the ideals of Americanism in the citizen population, particularly the basic American principles that the interest of all the people are above those of an any special interest or any so-called class or section of the people
- 4: Spread throughout the people of the nations information as to the real nature and principles of American government
- 5: Foster the teaching of Americanism in all schools.

## MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS



Sunday, 26 MAY at 10AM - Ceremony at Veterans Park

Monday, 27 MAY at 2PM - Cookout at American Legion Post 148

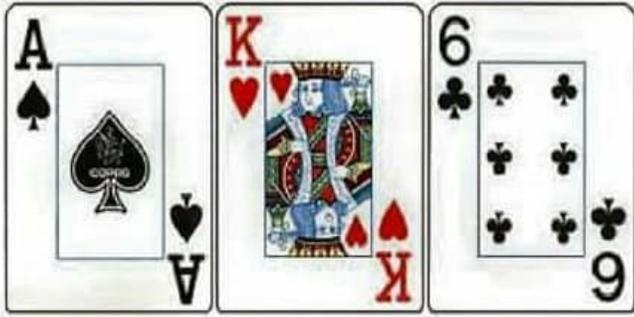
(Burgers, dogs and sides)



Beginning with the July 2019 American Legion membership renewal cycle, dues will be increased to \$45 annually (effective for the 2020 Legion Year).



# REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS *Subject to Change*



**STEAK SHOOT - Every Saturday @ 2 PM**  
(hosted by SAL)



**9:30AM Mondays & Fridays**  
At American Legion Post 148  
*Double Deck / Partners*

## **Frying Friday**

**5:00-7:00 every Friday**

(except during Convention & Fall Conference)

*Fish, Shrimp and Chicken  
served with French Fries, Hush Puppies  
and Homemade Cole Slaw*

Presented by:

**The Sons of The American Legion**

## **Come join the "Breakfast Club"**

**8am – 11am Every Sunday**

(except during Convention & Fall Conference)

*Eggs, Bacon, Patty Sausage, Link Sausage, Toast,  
Grits, Hash Browns, Fresh Home Fries, Pancakes,  
Biscuit or Potatoes with Gravy, Omelets, Sandwiches,  
Orange Juice & Bottled Water*

Prepared by:

**The Sons of The American Legion**

## **Bingo Snack Bar** (Wednesdays 5 - 6:30pm)

***You don't have to play bingo to come to the Snack Bar!!***

*Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, French Fries, Nachos,  
Onion Rings, Cheese Sticks, Pretzels with Cheese, 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, 6:30pm-till it is all done!*

# Entertainment Schedule

**All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)**

## *April*

- 5 - Spirit Entertainment
- 12 - Flowin Whiskey Band
- 19 - Spirit Entertainment
- 26 - Billie Dee and the Double Shot Band



## *May*

- 3 - Motown Dave
- 10 - Spirit Entertainment
- 17 - Anthony Barcello
- 24 - Spirit Entertainment
- 31 - Motown Dave