



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

August – September 2016



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



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.....TBD
 Service Officer.....TBD

Executive Board:

Terry Johnson Bob Benson
 Steve Arndt Chuck Frietsch

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 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.....Javier Joglar
 Ass't Director.....Ryan Flaherty
 Secretary.....Angela Ritter
 Treasurer.....Robyn Russell
 Historian.....Wanda Jimenez
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant-At-Arm.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Susi Martinez
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Greg Ohlfs



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2016-2017

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday—Saturday:
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 Sunday:
 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings from the Commander,

Our new officers, including myself, were installed by our District Commander, Jay Allen, on Sunday, July 3rd, 2016, and we are all looking forward to carrying on the legacy of serving the membership and our Post . We are truly committed to living up to the confidence you have placed in us through the election process.

This is my very first Newsletter and I must admit, I'm a little nervous taking on the duties and responsibilities of my new position and putting together the words that will keep you the reader informed of the things I consider important to our membership.

To that end, I have made my first order of business to meet with each of our primary Post organizations to develop a good working relationship. I am scheduled to attend the monthly meetings of the Riders, Auxiliary and Sons during July, and hope that we may jointly arrive at some goals for the upcoming year. Although funds are tight without the benefit of proceeds from our game machines and similar fund raisers, I still hope that we can accomplish some improvements that will benefit the membership.

There are a number of activities on the horizon including Labor Day (Sep 5th), Patriots Day (Sep 11th), Auxiliary's Octoberfest (Oct 8th), Rider's Halloween Party (Oct 31st), an Early Bird Dinner (Nov 6th) and an All Day Event on November 11th celebrating Post 148's 70th Birthday. Please mark your calendars to attend as many of these events as possible.

I would like to remind all that our 2017 Membership Dues are due now, and I hope you can get your new cards as soon as possible to take advantage of the Early Bird Dinner on November 6th. We would like to see a full house for this event.

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our former commander, Richard Pflug, our current First Vice, Claude Gates, and one of our executive board members, Bob Benson, for their efforts in repairing our street sign out front that had been damaged by winds. They saw the need, and tackled the repairs without hesitation. Thanks to each of you!

Until next time, I look forward to seeing each of you at the Post and thank each of you for the vote of confidence you have placed in me.

For God and Country

George H. King

Commander, Alafia Post 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Hello!

We have started a new year and the family is starting out strong.

In August we have 2016 Department Workshop, August 12th-14th in Orlando and National American Legion Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

On September 2nd we will be having our area wide "Operation Stand-Down" at American Legion Seminole Post 111 in support of Veterans Affairs Homeless Coalition and other Veteran's Organizations and communities needs. If you have donations of any kind please give myself Georgia (813)230.4239 a call or deliver it to the Post 148 and mark it for Tammy O'Donnell. Items that are needed are: clothing for men, women and children, bottled water, juices, personal hygiene items, bug spray, blankets, hand towels, wash clothes and nonperishable can goods. Any and all items are greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer to help out the day of the event contact Tammy O'Donnell (813) 391.5166.

September 3rd will be our first District meeting held at American Legion Post 5, 9AM sign in and meeting to start at 10 AM. Please plan on attending. It is a great experience. If you would like to attend and need a ride please give me a call and we will get you to it.

On September 10th we will be having a Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit Cookson Hills Toy Run donation \$8.00 entertainment will begin at 6 pm music by "Del" (formerly of Del & Gary).

September the 11th we will be at the Post 148 between 7:30 AM to about 10 AM waving our flags to support our veterans, first responders, and law officers.

On the 13th we will be doing Bingo at the James A. Haley VA Hospital please let Tammy O'Donnell (813) 391.5166 know if you would like to join in on the fun we have with our veterans.

WOW what excitement now that is a lot happening and we have just began our new year.

As always remember we meet the third Thursday of each month Executive Committee at 6:30 and General at 7 pm. Each Wednesday we have Bingo at our Post.

Remember all we do is to benefit and help out all veterans and their families.

As you look around the Post you will see 2 large boxes that will be used to collect school supplies for local children. Regular school supplies are, as always, accepted but we are also looking for stuff such as hand wipes and cleaning wipes.

As always you meet up with a Veteran please be sure and Thank them for there service. With out them we would not have our Freedom.

For God and Country

Georgia Mackenzie

President Alafia Unit 148

Riverview, FL

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Riders and Friends,

I want to congratulate all of our Legionnaires who have been entrusted with the leadership of our post, our District and other critical areas. We the riders are here to support you and continue the cohesive relationship that has made our post strong. I look forward to working with our new Commander in creating new joint ventures for the betterment of our organization, as well as our community.

As always, we will uphold our commitment to our veterans, the Legion and to the community. Remember to ride safe, and hope to see you at one of our rides.

Keep the wind in your face and the rubber on the road!!

Very respectfully,

Javier R. Joglar

Director

American Legion Riders

NEW MEMBERS

TRANSFERS

**Thomas Hirt
Harry Smeley
Zachary Baay**

**William Schindlbeck
Chuck Oberst
David Long**

**Melvin Parker
James Moore
Daniel Stur
David Hieber**

**David Cliborne
Gary Challen
Dennis Lovelace**

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS



STEAK SHOOT
Every Saturday @ 2 PM



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



Every Sunday; 7 AM - Noon

Breakfast
Every
Sunday
7-11 AM

BINGO!
Every Wednesday
6:30 PM
By ALA & SAL

FISH FRY
EVERY FRIDAY

5-7 PM



Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

August

- 5 – Music by Ben Meyer
- 12 – Karaoke with Spirit Entertainment
- 19 – Music by Gene Cannon
- 26 – Silent Scream
- 27 – ALR Dinner
Stone Kold Karaoke



September

- 2 – Karaoke with Bridget
- 9 – Music by Ben Meyer
- 10 – Silent Scream
(after Cookson Hills Spaghetti Dinner)
- 16 – Music by Gene Cannon
- 23 – Music by Kevin Sergeant
- 24 – ALR Dinner
5th Gear Band





**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**

RIDER DINNER

**5:00 PM SATURDAY
AUGUST 27, 2016**



**CHICKEN ALFREDO PASTA
CAESAR SALAD WITH GARLIC BREAD
DESSERT**

**\$10 DONATION
PER PLATE**



**STONE KOLD KARAOKE
ENTERTAINMENT 7-11 PM
CELEBRATING
AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS**

Enjoy a traditional
LABOR DAY COOK-OUT @ 2PM
with your fellow Legion Members

SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

Celebrate
the work of our hands
Labor Day



**Burgers,
Hot Dogs,
Sides &
Deserts!!**

Also be sure to get your 2017 Membership Card!!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



BY POPULAR DEMAND,
BAR BINGO IS BACK!!



Join us at the Post
for **BAR BINGO!!**

Every
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
from 4-7PM

SATURDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

*Join us
at the Post
for a fantastic*



begins
at 5PM

\$8 Donation

Music by Del from 6-10

**Cookson Hills
Toy Run**



Down Home Make You Feel Good All Over

Courtesy of the
**AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY**

all proceeds benefit
COOKSON HILLS
to support the TOY RUN
for underprivileged children



**Sunday,
SEPTEMBER 11,
2016**



***Come join your Legion Family for
FLAG WAVING FROM 7:30-10:00 AM
along Highway 301 in front of the Post***

Thought you might like to know...

***AMERICAN LEGION DAY is celebrated
each year on SEPTEMBER 16TH***



The American Legion was granted its federal charter by Congress on this day in 1919. It was established to support and assist veterans returning from World War I. Since then it has grown and supported veterans of all wars, and veterans of peacetime as well.

The American Legion currently has over 3 million members, at more than 14,000 posts worldwide. They provide a social community and mutual aid to all members.

HAPPY AMERICAN LEGION DAY!

Origin of American Legion Day:

While the American Legion was formed in 1919, it wasn't until 2009 that this special day was created. On September 15, 2009, Congress proclaimed September 16 as American Legion Day.

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**



DRAGON'S SMOKED PORK RIBS

BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW

BREAD & DESSERT

\$10 DONATION PER PLATE

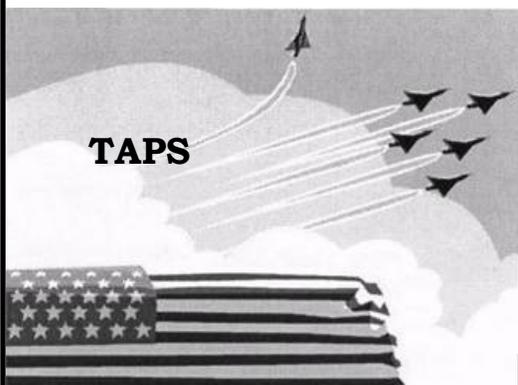


**5TH GEAR BAND
ENTERTAINMENT 7-11 PM**

**CELEBRATING
SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

5:00PM SATURDAY @ THE POST



It is with deep regret and heavy hearts
that we announce the transfer of
Tom Morris and Chuck Schlarbaum
to "Post Everlasting".

May God rest their souls, and
provide comfort to their family and friends.