



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### August - September 2017



#### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



**AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2017-2018**

Commander.....Lee Hemmerich  
 1st Vice.....Richard Pflug  
 2nd Vice.....Lynette Stokes  
 Adjutant.....Roger Dunn  
 Finance Officer.....Bob Benson  
 Sergeant at Arms.....John Eskridge  
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn  
 Historian.....TBD  
 Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick  
 Service Officer.....Mike Moffitt

**Executive Board:**  
 Terry Johnson            Chuck Frietsch  
 Keith Regenhard        William VanDyke

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

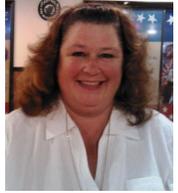
**AMERICAN LEGION:**  
 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
 EXECUTIVE BOARD—6:00 PM  
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP—7:00 PM

**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 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

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday—Saturday:  
 Open at 10 AM  
 Sunday:  
 Open at 11 AM

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## THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

As your incoming Commander, I would like to thank everyone for this opportunity. I commit to do my best. I will be involved in the Post and ask for your commitment as well. The success of this post is our responsibility. Your input is always welcome.

Come out and support the activities such as the Sunday Flea Market, Wednesday Bingo, Friday Fish Fry, Saturday Steak Shoot, and upcoming ALR Dinners. Also don't forget the POW/MIA Remembrance at Hillsborough County Veterans Park on September 11th.

For God and Country,  
Lee Hemmerich  
Commander,  
Alafia Post 148

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Hello Ladies,

We have come to the end of another outstanding year. I thank you for all the hard work you have done to make this year great. As a Unit we have made the Family better and stronger.

The New Year is starting with our Installation of officers for all family members, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, The Sons of American Legion and the American Legion Riders.

After installation this July we will embark on another great year with the Legion family of working together and caring for each other when needed.

We have several things coming up in August and September. August 18<sup>th</sup> thru 25<sup>th</sup> is National Convention in Reno, NV we have several officers that will be representing Post 148. School will be starting for Hillsborough County on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. So watch out for the young kids around.

In September it will be a busy month we start off with Standown at Post 111 on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Then on September 15<sup>th</sup> we have VA Bingo taking place at James A. Haley Hospital at 6:30 pm. Please give me a call if you are able to help out on this we could use extra help. Then on Saturday September 16, 2017 will be the 15<sup>th</sup> District Meeting location TBA registration at 9 am and joint meeting at 10am then break out. This will be a great opportunity to find out about the committees in the Auxiliary. Please try to attend! If you will need a ride just give us a call and we will get you to it.

On Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 5:00 pm we will be hosting a fund raiser for Cookson Hills Toy Run at the Post. Please try and attend and help out.

Always remember we have Bingo every Wednesday at 6:00 pm and our monthly meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. If you need a ride or anything else please give me a call.

For God and County,

Georgia Mackenzie  
President  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 148  
Riverview, FL  
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## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders

Just a reminder; we will be doing renewals at each of our meetings until December 4, 2017 which is the last meeting of the year.

The Haley House event is approaching fast, and will be held on October 7th. Please remember we need donations, and we are going to need volunteers. The band and auctioneer are already booked.

If anybody has rides that they would like to recommend, please let me know by bringing them up at the meetings or dropping them off in the Riders box in the office at the Post.

Installation of officers was held at the Post on July 22. I would like everyone to respect and help in anyway to make this new board run smoothly.

Our dinners continue with the next two being August 26 and September 30. We need all of our fellow riders to help out.

Have a safe Labor Day weekend!

For God & Country  
Steve Nasrallah  
Director  
ALR

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### POST 148 SCOUTING PROGRAM

Our Post 148 Scouting mission is to FORTIFY THE FAMILY! The family is twofold: the family unit in the community and the American Legion Post 148 family. Post 148 now has 3 Scouting units (Pack 1481, Troop 1482, Girl Scout Juliette Co-op 148) with over 80 members. These units work in concert with each other and with the Post 148 family to fulfill the 4 American Legion pillars: 1) National Security, 2) Americanism, 3) Veteran Service, and 4) Children and Youth.



This summer, Post 148's Scouting units conducted joint activities with Post 389's units. The leaders of all three units have been busy planning, coordinating, and training for the upcoming program year. While our Boy Scouts meet every week, the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts break during the summer. They start back in August with a "Back to the Pack" welcome back party. We have a series of campouts ranging from camping 101 gradually increasing in the skills required and then into fun at Disney's Frontierland and then finally a service and conservation campout. We have our entire program year planned and synchronized with American Legion Post and District activities.

One of our own was appointed to be the Department of Florida Scouting Chairman for 2017-2018. He will be backfilled by another Legionnaire Eagle Scout from Ruskin's Post 389 for 15<sup>th</sup> District. These two will thrust American Legion programs into the community and schools and drive membership into our Posts. SCOUTS OUT!

For God & Country,  
Julie Hewett  
Post 148 Scouting Chair  
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#### NEW MEMBERS

Martin Priska  
Lorenzo DeJesus  
Arthur Ryan

Randall Holman  
James Todd  
Charles Simpson

#### TRANSFERS

Jason Bird  
James Wheatley  
Kevin Ray

Kevin Kilgore  
David Peacock  
David Emules

# REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Please note: Next *CALENDAR MEETING* is scheduled for 29 AUGUST 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



Every Wednesday

6:30 PM

By ALA & SAL



EVERY FRIDAY

5-7 PM

# Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

## August

- 4 – Music and Karaoke with Bridget 
- 11 – Music with Motown Dave
- 18 – Karaoke with Spirit Entertainment
- 25 – Music with Gene Cannon

## September



- 1 – Music and Karaoke with Bridget
- 8 – Music with Black Velvet
- 15 – Karaoke with Spirit Entertainment
- 22 – Music with Motown Dave
- 29 – Music with Gene Cannon

26 AUGUST,  
5 PM



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**  
**ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**

**RIDER DINNER**

**LASAGNA**  
with  
**GARLIC BREAD**  
and  
**SALAD**

**\$10 Donation**



**Celebrate**  
*the work of our hands*  
**Labor Day**

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

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2017**



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

Also be sure to get your 2018 Membership Card

**SEPTEMBER 9, 1100am—5pm**

**10th Annual AMVETS 44**



**9-11 National Former POW Recognition Day and Ride**

**Veterans Memorial Park and Museum**

-This is a family friendly, patriotic event. Festivities will include a 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony with keynote address, as well as food and refreshments.

-Live Music donated by Jacked Up; Merchandise Vendors; Raffles; Auction; 50/50; Grand Prize give away.

-Entry into the park for the Patriot Day Celebration is free and all are welcome. Tickets must be purchased for food, beverages, and to enter the drawing.



There will be 4 starting points for those riding into our event.

Starting spots are as follows: **1. Harley-Davidson of Brandon: KSU 1030; 2. Harley-Davidson of Lakeland: KSU 1000; 3. Jim's Harley-Davidson: KSU 0945; 4. Peggy's Corral: KSU 1000.**

Registration at all spots begins at 9am.

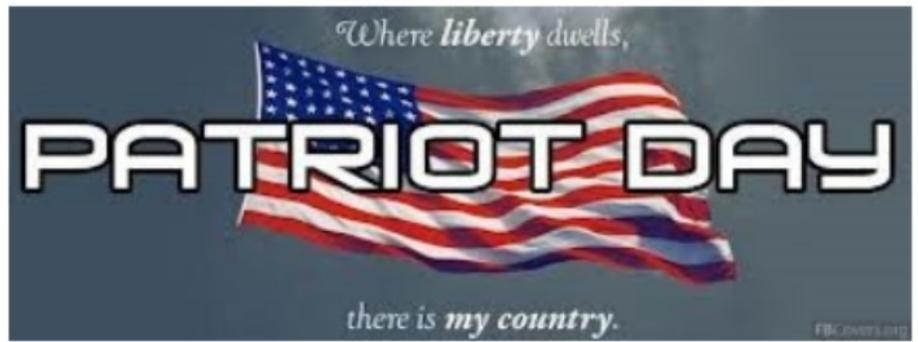
## **American Legion Auxiliary**



**SEPTEMBER 10, 9AM –12 PM**

**American Legion Post 148, Riverview**

**Monday,  
SEPTEMBER 11,  
2017**



*Come join your Legion Family for  
**FLAG WAVING**, beginning at 7:00AM  
along Highway 301 in front of the Post*

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**SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER**



**Spaghetti  
Dinner**

*Fundraiser*

*\$8.00 Donation  
All proceeds benefit  
the annual  
**COOKSON HILLS  
TOY RUN***

**BEGINS AT 5PM**

Courtesy of the  
**AMERICAN LEGION  
AUXILIARY, Post 148**

7240 US Highway 301 South  
Riverview FL 33569





# American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148 Rider Dinner

**5:00 PM SATURDAY,  
30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Dragon's BBQ Chicken  
*and sides***



**\$10.00 DONATION**

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## SAVE THE DATE:

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual**

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS  
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148



Poker Run benefitting the

# HALEY HOUSE FUND

**Saturday, October 7, 2017**

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*PLEASE NOTE: The Veteran's Assistance Fund is currently in need of donations. Anything is appreciated. Please see any of the Officers if you would like to help contribute to this very worthy cause.*