



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

August - September 2018



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2018-2019

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Richard Pflug
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera
 Adjutant.....Roger Dunn
 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

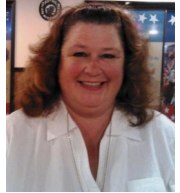
AMERICAN LEGION:
 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP—7:00 PM
 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH
 EXECUTIVE BOARD—6:00 PM

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 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:
 George Bruno Ruth White
 Bernita Benson

Past President.....Georgie Bruno



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2018 - 2019

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 2018-2019

Director.....Mary Jane "MJ" Cobb
 Assistant Director.....Ryan Flahert
 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 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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Monday—Saturday:
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 Sunday:
 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful 4th of July, and thank you to all who attended our Bar-B-Q here at the Legion and a heartfelt thanks as well to all who volunteered with the cooking and the sides, it was truly appreciated.

Also thank you to all who attended the Installation of Officers. It was great to hear all of the speakers and to once again get reminded about what the Legion stands for and to know who all the new officers are. One word that kept coming up during this ceremony was the word Family. I thought about that word and I really believe that is what all of us here at the Legion are, and to remember that as a Family we all should work together to make our Legion successful, fulfilling and an enjoyable place to come in and support.

Please check our newsletters for our Post activities as well as our wonderful entertainment. Furthermore, take the opportunity to pay your 2019 Dues, it really help the Legion to meet our 100 percent goal.

Again my sincerest thanks and hope to see you all at Home Post this year!

For God and Country
Lynnette Stokes
Commander
Alafia Post 148

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders

Greetings Fellow Riders,

We are at the beginning of another year and I would like to thank our past officers for their dedication to our outstanding American Legion Riders Chapter 148! I am looking forward to working with our incoming officers and together we will strive to continue to support our Post and community. Our membership is the core of our organization. We would like to hear from you and what you would like to support. We will be open for any suggestions you may have.

As a reminder your 2019 dues are now due. Before renewing your ALR dues you must pay your LEGION, SAL or ALA dues. Each year you are required to complete a new application for the ALR. This allows us to have your updated information for several reasons. You may have moved, got a new phone number or changed your emergency contact in the event of an accident. Dues for the ALR are \$15.00.

Please come on out and support our monthly Rider Dinners the last Saturday of the month. Your support helps us to support those in need and the programs of the Post.

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

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Hello!

Hello Ladies,

It's a new year and the newly elected Department President motto is "We are all in".

I feel this is going to be a good year for the family.

We started out with our installation and all the family was there. Fantastic!

We have a couple of things coming up. In August 3-5, 2018 we will be having a workshop. Let me know if you would like to attend it, it is going to be in Orlando.

Be sure and watch for events of things taking place at the Post to be posted in the Lounge for upcoming events.

Remember we have BINGO every Wednesday and our meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month.

If you would like to come but have no way of getting there please feel free to give me a call and we will work something out.

Would love to see all of you at our meetings.

As always I look forward to being your Unit President in the new year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

For God and Country,

Georgia Mackenzie
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Alafia Unit 148
President
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Please note: Next **CALENDAR MEETING** is scheduled for **20 August**

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

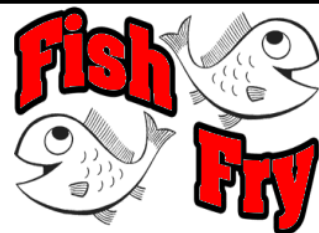
Breakfast Every Sunday 8-11 AM

BINGO

Every Wednesday

6:30 PM

By ALA & SAL



EVERY FRIDAY

5-7 PM



General Knowledge: American Legion Baseball

American Legion Baseball is a national institution, having thrived through a world war, several national tragedies, and times of great prosperity as well as great despair.

The league still stands behind the traditional values upon which it was founded in 1925. American Legion Baseball has taught hundreds of thousands of young Americans the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship. The program is also a promoter of equality, making teammates out of young athletes regardless of their income levels or social standings. American Legion Baseball has been, and continues to be, a stepping stone to manhood for millions of young men who have gone on to serve their country or community, raise families or play the sport at the highest level.

In 1926, posts in 15 states began to make Griffith's vision a reality. They organized and sponsored teams, drafted local schedules and conducted championship tournaments. Postseason tournaments at the state, sectional and regional levels culminated with a national championship. Only a few changes have been made to the format over the years. The tournament still has a similar setup: 64 teams play at eight regional sites, with eight teams going on to the World Series. The winning team receives a trip to Major League Baseball's World Series, a tradition dating back to 1926.

This year, the regional tournaments will take place August 8-12, followed by the 2018 American Legion World Series in Shelby, NC August 16-21.





American Legion Riders
Alafia Chapter Post 148
Rider Dinner

\$10.00 DONATION
5:00 PM Saturday,
Aug 25, 2018



Dragon's famous Pork Butt with Fries and Beans



ALL-AMERICAN
COOKOUT

Monday,
3 SEP
2—4 PM

JOIN YOUR LEGION FAMILY FOR FLAG WAVING AT 7AM



**Tuesday,
September 11,
2018**

American Legion Day

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 member veterans, at more than 14,000 posts worldwide. They provide a social community and mutual aid to all members.

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.

Happy American Legion Day !!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. AIR FORCE !!

**The official date of the founding of the
US Air Force is 18 September 1947.**

It was a momentous event that over six decades later has demonstrated the achievement of an Air Force second-to-none, yet the Air Force's history and heritage goes back a lot further.

From the time that the US military purchased its first aircraft in 1909 up to 1947, the US Air Force did not exist as a separate and independent military service organization. It went through a series of designations: Aeronautical Section, Signal Corps (1909); Aviation Section, Signal Corps (1914); United States Army Air Service (1918); United States Army Air Corps (1926), United States Army Air Forces (1941).

WWII illustrated the value of airpower, and the need to change the basic organization of the US Military Forces. The result was the creation of a single Department of Defense with a strong Joint Chiefs of Staff with Army, Navy, and Air Force chiefs. In 1947 President Truman signed the National Security Act which established this new defense organization, and along with it the creation of the US Air Force as an independent service, equal to the US Army and US Navy. The official birthday of the US Air Force is 18 September 1947.

Through the years history has shown the wisdom and foresight of the creation of a separate Air Force. The US Air Force emerged quickly from its cradle and began to create its own history and heritage.



21 SEPTEMBER : National POW/MIA Recognition Day

In the United States, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.

This day was established by an Act of Congress, by the passage of Section 1082 of the 1998 Defense Authorization Act. It is one of six days that the POW/MIA Flag can be flown. The POW/MIA flag was first recognized by Pub.L. 101-355 and made into 36 U.S.C. § 189 in 1990.

The POW/MIA Flag should fly below, and not be larger than, the United States flag. It is generally flown immediately below or adjacent to the United States flag as second in order of precedence. On September 15, 2017, President Donald Trump proclaimed National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148 Rider Dinner

\$10.00 DONATION



**5:00 PM
Saturday,
Sep 29, 2018**

Dragon's famous BBQ Chicken, Yellow Rice & Veggies

Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

August

- 3 – Karaoke with Franky Allen
- 10 – Misty Hall
- 17 – Karaoke with Spirit Entertainment
- 24 – Double Shot Band
- 31 – Karaoke with Franky Allen

September

- 7 – Karaoke with Franky Allen
- 14 – Misty Hall
- 21 – Karaoke with Spirit Entertainment
- 28 – Motown Dave

NEW MEMBERS

Robert Lutz

TRANSFERS

Harold Everett
James Axon



It is with deep regret and heavy hearts that we announce the transfer of Floy-Della “Petey” McNeely to Post Everlasting.
May God rest her soul,
and provide comfort to her family and friends.