



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

August - September 2019



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2019-2020

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Van VanDyke
 2nd Vice.....Mikki VanDyke
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman
 Finance Officer.....Vacant
 Sergeant at Arms.....Terry Johnson
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Historian.....Vacant
 Judge Advocate.....Richard Pflug
 Service Officer.....Joe Bonnett

Executive Board:

Keith Regenhard Bill Rivera
 Les Oakman Russell Beasley

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

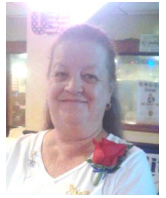
**AMERICAN LEGION:
 EXECUTIVE BOARD-**
 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-
 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

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 2019-2020

President.....Julia Arndt
 1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell
 2nd Vice.....Denise Bonnett
 Treasurer.....Salynna Galimidi
 Secretary.....Susanne Pugh
 Chaplain.....Leslie Gross
 Historian.....Margaret Blazer
 Sergeant at Arms.....Kathy Boyle
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Michele Smith

Executive Committee:

Jill Bower Ruth White
 Bernita Benson

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie

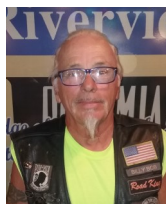


SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

Commander.....Mark Getty
 1st Vice.....Steve Arndt
 2nd Vice.....Carroll Weese
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi
 Finance Officer.....Dave Van Pelt
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler
 Ass't Sergeant of Arms.....Greg Wussaw
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

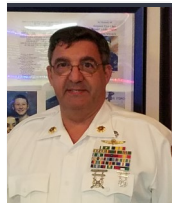
Executive Board:

Ted Martine Ronnie Pimental
 Ted Kasper Greg Dodge



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2019-2020

Director.....Bill "Billy Bob" Turner
 Assistant Director.....Terry Johnson
 Adjutant.....Andrew Davis
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde
 Historian.....Angela Ritter
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Greg Ohlfs
 Membership.....Vicki Linde
 Safety Officer.....Robert "Dragon" Mackenzie
 Past Director MJ Cobb



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2019-2020

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

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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-Que here at the Legion and a heartfelt thanks as well to all who volunteered with the cooking and the sides, it was truly appreciated.

Special thanks to Ms Linda Pflug who spearheaded the going away party for Ms Phyllis Benski and to everyone else that helped. It was an outstanding day.

We also had an outstanding day for our Installation of Officers. I look forward to our new year.

Please check our newsletters for our Post activities as well as our wonderful entertainment. Furthermore, take the opportunity to pay your 2020 Dues, it really helps 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



Hello Riders,

It is with great pleasure and an honor to serve as your newly elected Director. I hope that this next year brings us great joy in serving our Veterans.

We are very lucky to be able to get out there in our community and help those that need our help. I truly believe that as we all work together we can come together and make ALR 148 a name that people look up to.

I hope that more of you join in on our rides so we can show everyone what a great group of riders we have at 148. If you have any suggestions to raise money or help in any way, please don't hesitate to come forward with them.

Looking forward to serving you.

For God and Country
Bill "Billy Bob" Turner
Director
ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Hello!

The following are your new Officers for the year 2020:

President-Julia Arndt	1st Vice Pres.-Tammy O'Donnell
2nd Vice Pres.-Denise Bonnett	Treasurer-Salynna Galimidi
Chaplain-Leslie Gross	Sgt. at Arms-Kathy Boyle
Asst. Sgt. at Arms-Michele Smith	Historian-Margaret Blazer
Secretary-Susanne Pugh	Past President-Georgia Mackenzie
Exec. Committee- Jill Bower; Ruth White; Bernita Benson	

Congratulations to all the new officers. I look forward to working together towards our goals for our veterans, military families and community.

Some dates to remember:

- Aug. 4th-Bake Sale
- Aug. 9th-11th-Dept. Workshop (all are welcome) Windham@Lake Buena Vista, Orlando
- Sept. 7th-School of Instruction & District Mtg. @ Post 111
- Sept. 8th-Bake Sale
- Sept. 11th-Patriot Day-Flag waving at Post 148 @ 7am

I look forward to working with all the members of our Legion/Post Family.

God Bless our Active Military and Always in our Hearts, those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Freedom.

Julia Arndt
ALA President

NEW MEMBERS & TRANSFERS

Caryll Miller
Kenneth Minton
Steven Cowan
James Huff
Michael Frizzell
Paul Salazar
Christopher Wellington
Jerald Egger



**It is with great sadness that we announce the transfer
of Bruce Litke to Post Everlasting.
May God rest his soul,
and provide comfort to his family and friends.**

Please welcome our new Veteran Service Officer —Joe Bonnett

The Veteran Service Officer (VSO) is your lifeline to VA benefits. You must ensure that the VA is providing everything you deserve. As an American Legion service officer, one of the duties is to assure wholesome and professional service to veterans who have honored us by allowing us to represent their interests with VA. If you have any questions regarding your VA benefits, please make arrangements with Joe. He's happy to help!



Cookies, brownies, doughnuts and assorted pastries.
They are all delicious! You can get yours when the **American Legion Auxiliary of Alafia Post 148** conducts bake sales on **4 August and 8 September** during the flea market. **Please come help the ladies in supporting our local Veterans!**



National Purple Heart Day : Wednesday, August 7th

Purple Heart Day is an observance that commemorates the creation of the Purple Heart Medal in 1782. The holiday also encourages people to pay their respects to fallen soldiers, to listen to the stories of soldiers and veterans, and to thank them for their service to the nation. The Purple Heart was first created on August 7, 1782 by the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army, General George Washington. Then known as the Badge of Military Merit, it was awarded to 3 Revolutionary soldiers in 1783.

Purple Heart Medals were to be awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces as a result of enemy action on or after April 5, 1917.

National Senior Citizens Day

Date When Celebrated : August 21

National Senior Citizens Day honors our elderly population. On this day, we are encouraged to recognize and show appreciation for the value and contribution of elderly people to home, family and society.

On **National Senior Citizens Day**, we should:

- Spend some time with senior citizens
- Show our appreciation for senior citizens
- Do volunteer work in support of the elderly



If you are a senior citizen, enjoy your day any way you desire. After all, this is your day! Make sure to take advantage of senior citizens specials and discounts. There's bound to be plenty offers today.

The American Legion Department of Florida

Welcome! We are The American Legion Department of Florida; the Nation's Oldest, Largest and Most Active Veterans Organization. We pride ourselves in taking care of our Active Duty Service Members as well as Veterans who defended the American way of life in the past. You may not be aware of all that the American Legion does, not only in communities like yours across the state of Florida, but across the country and around world. "How?" you may ask. Well, let's look a little closer.

The American Legion represents over 2 million members, and there's strength in our numbers. We fight on Capitol Hill everyday to ensure that our troops not only get the equipment and training they need to fulfill their duties, but also to ensure they are treated properly and receive the benefits they deserve upon returning home. We know what it takes, being prior service members ourselves. You may have heard of the Montgomery G.I. Bill – but did you know that it was penned by The American Legion.

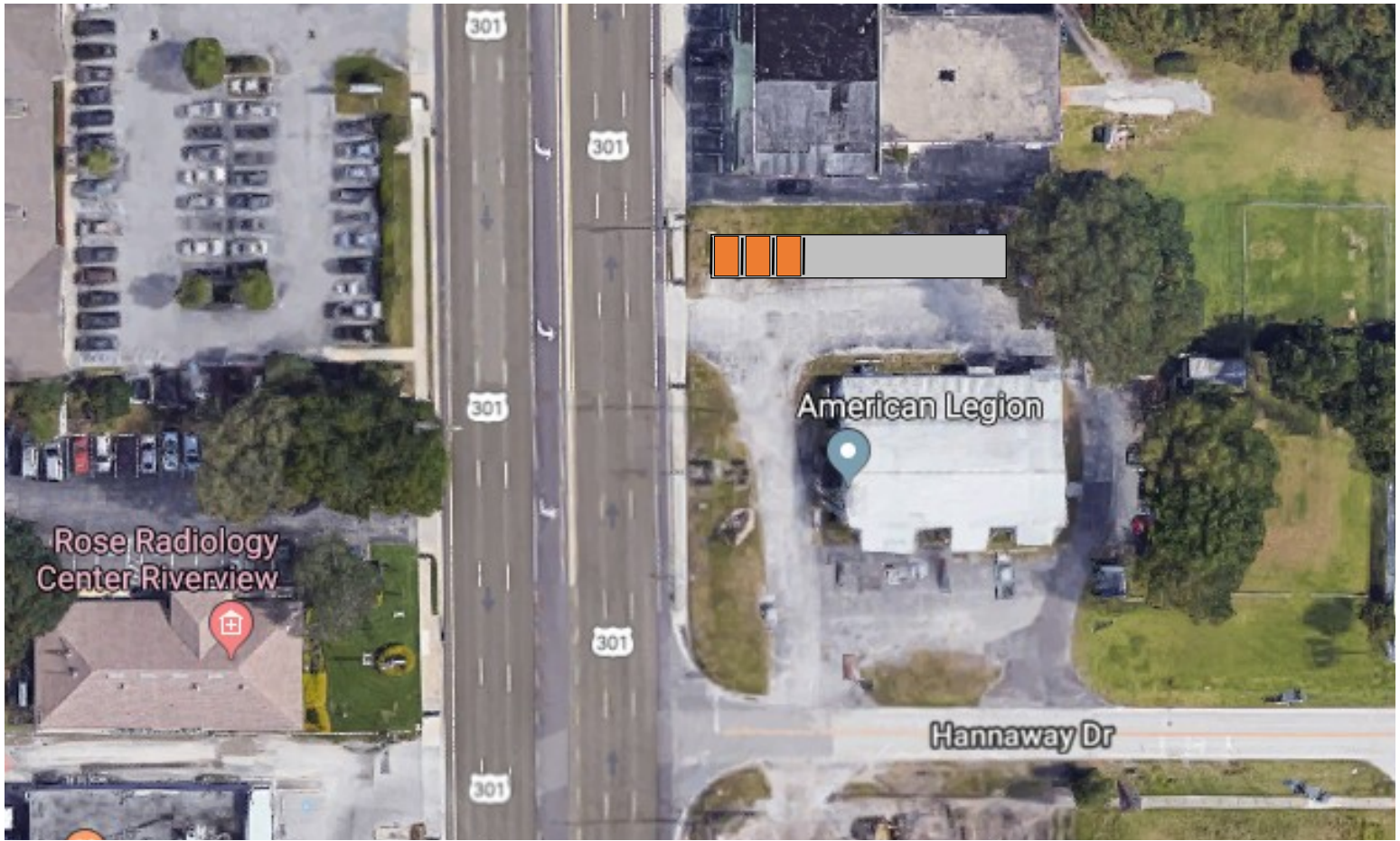
For more information, please visit FloridaLegion.org.



Please note:

The three parking spaces on the left side of the North parking lot indicate that they are reserved for Vibez Vapor Smoke Shop. However, during busy times when American Legion Post 148 is having events with an anticipated large crowd, patrons of the Post are welcome to use those three spots, and will not be towed.

The spaces are annotated below by the orange rectangles.



American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148
Dragon's famous BBQ Ribs,
with French Fries and Beans

5:00 PM Saturday,
Aug 31, 2019

Entertainment from 6-10PM, provided by

"PURE COUNTRY GOLD"

Rider
Dinner



\$10.00 DONATION

Labor Day in the United States of America is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the development, growth, endurance, strength, security, prosperity, productivity, laws, sustainability, persistence, structure, and well-being of the country. It is the Monday of the long weekend known as Labor Day Weekend. It is recognized as a federal holiday.



**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**

In observance of Labor Day, a cookout will be conducted at American Legion Alafia Post 148 on 2 September beginning at 2PM.

Join us for burgers, hot dogs, traditional sides and deserts!



Steve Arndt, 1st Vice Commander of the Sons of the American Legion, will lead a cleanup event at the Hackney Cemetery on 7 September beginning at 9AM. Steve conducts this event approximately once per quarter, with the goal of replacing old flags, cleaning tombstones, and providing general tivation of the grounds. There are many veterans buried in this cemetery who have been members of American Legion Post 148. Steve does a fantastic job making sure that the final resting place of these veterans is cared for on a regular basis. If you are able, please support this beneficial project by giving an hour or two of your time. Additionally, U.S. Navy sailors recently selected for advancement to the rank of Chief Petty Officer are expected to be present for this cleanup. It would be great to show them, and others, the community involvement of the American Legion Family!

The 15th District Constitutional Conference (DCC) will be held on 7 September 2019 at American Legion Post 111.



15th District, Florida

Registration begins at 9AM, and the meetings begin at 10AM.



Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. Many Americans refer Patriot Day as 9/11 or September 11.

Patriot Day should not be confused with Patriot's Day, which is annually held on the third Monday of April. Patriot's Day commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, which were two of the earliest battles in the American Revolutionary War.

On the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United

States government buildings in the whole world. The flag should be flown at half-staff as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Many people observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (Eastern Daylight Time). This marks the time that the first plane flew into the World Trade Center. Some communities, particularly in the areas directly affected by the attacks, hold special church services or prayer meetings. People who personally experienced the events in 2001 or lost loved ones in them, may lay flowers or visit memorials.

To honor and respect those lost, and to memorialize the tragic events of September 11, 2011, the Family of American Legion Alafia Post 148 will conduct a ceremonial flag waving along Highway 301 North, just in front of the Post beginning at 7AM.



American Legion Riders

Alafia Chapter Post 148

Rider Dinner

5:00 PM Saturday,

Sept 28, 2019

\$10.00 DONATION



Dragon's famous Brisket

with Baked Potato and Veggie



Fall begins on September 23, 2019



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for 20 AUGUST



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

Frying Friday

5:00-7:00 every Friday

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

Presented by:

The Sons of The American Legion

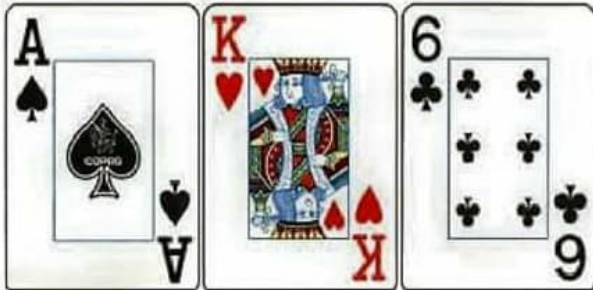
Bingo Snack Bar (Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:30pm)

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!*



STEAK SHOOT - Every Saturday @ 2 PM
(hosted by The Sons of The American Legion)

Come join the "Breakfast Club"

8am – 11am Every Sunday

*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*

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Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

August

- 2 – Spirit Entertainment
- 9 – Double Density
- 16 – Spirit Entertainment
- 23 – TBD
- 30 – Spirit Entertainment
- 31 – Pure Country Gold



September

- 6 – Spirit Entertainment
- 13 – Flowin' Whiskey
- 20 – Spirit Entertainment
- 27 – Double Density Band

