



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

August - September 2020



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2020-2021

Commander.....Ed Christman
 1st Vice.....Lynnette Stokes
 2nd Vice.....Miller Bennett
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman
 Finance Officer.....Terri Dolphin
 Sergeant at Arms.....Mark Getty
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Historian.....Mike O'Dell
 Judge Advocate.....Larry Westcott
 Service Officer.....Vacant

Executive Board:

Les Oakman Russell Beasley
 Greg Ohlfs Angela Ritter
 Past CommanderLynnette Stokes

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



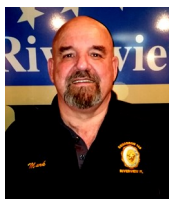
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2020-2021

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

Executive Committee:

Georgianna Bruno Ruth White
 Bernita Benson

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2020 - 2021

Commander.....Mark Getty
 1st Vice.....Greg Dodge
 2nd Vice.....Stewart Goldberg
 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 Carroll Weese
 Ted Kasper



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2020-2021

Director.....Bill "Billy Bob" Turner
 Assistant Director.....Scott Hortman
 Adjutant.....Andrew Davis
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde
 Historian.....Susan King
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Greg Ohlfs
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Steve Nasrallah
 Past Director MJ Cobb



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2020-2021

Commandant.....Ron Essick
 Senior Vice.....Sal DiFonzo
 Junior Vice.....Peter Farren
 Judge Advocate.....Bruce Younggren
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott
 Sergeant at Arms.....Hank Wolons
 Chaplain.....Walt Raysick
 Past Commandant.....Brian Frank

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 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

As you all know, this is my last Commander's Notes. I want to thank all of you for the support, assistance, and friendship that I have received as your Post Commander.

I especially want to thank the Legion Riders, Marine Corp League, Sons of the Legion, Auxiliary, the Lounge Manager and her outstanding crew and of course Post 148 Veterans for your help, advice and guidance and I hope you know you were my source of guidance and confidence, and for that I am truly grateful.

I also hope and pray that you will support the new Commander and his Team just as much as you have supported me during these trying times.

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

For God and Country
Lynnette Stokes
Commander
Alafia Post 148

I wish to thank all of you that have put your faith in me to lead this great organization, American Legion Alafia Post 148 for the next year. I have been a member here for 11 years; spending over a year as your Adjutant. I wish to thank the outgoing Commander Lynnette Stokes for her time and courage that she has displayed in the 2+ years as the Commander, working above & beyond to keep us afloat through all the trying times that we have encountered. Since taking over as the Adjutant (when Roger Dunn had to stand down due to health issues), I have watched this organization and listened to you as you have voiced your opinions/concerns/ideas/beliefs & jokes which makes us one of the biggest families in Riverview, which I hope continues to grow.

I want to thank the following individuals: Bob Benson (our invisible Finance Officer) for his tireless effort, guidance, work ethic and behind the scenes work that contributes to our day to day operation. Claude Gates and Richard Pflug for their continuous support over many, many years to be the backbone of this post and their tutoring of me to keep me on the straight and narrow which I tremendously appreciate. William "Billy Bob" Turner, the Director of the Legion Riders, whose positive attitude and professional work ethic provides the post with more support, than most of you know. Greg Ohlfs, a member of this years Executive Board, (wife Wendy, who was Bob Benson's backup) who maintains our vast media presence: The Post's Web Page, Our Facebook account & our Newsletter and the untold hours of work required to do those tasks. I have one more name to list on my list of "The Good Ole Boys"; Roger Dunn, whom we lost to where the "Good Ole Boys GO" in November of 2019. Roger is a household name here, a Great Mentor/Leader/Father/Husband/Friend and all around great "GUY"! and he will be always a part of this family because of his Heart, Soul and commitment to this Organization.

So in closing, I want you all to understand "The Good Ole Boys" are essential to every organization/family; they are the glue that keeps it together. Roger went quietly into the night; but, I feel that he did not want to. A few of the "Good Ole Boys" are tired and stepping down (but in a pinch will step back in); but, I need some new "Good Ole Boys" to STEP UP! I encourage every member to be a part of this family; don't judge, lest ye be judged! I am approachable at all times; if you have an issue talk to me or one of the officers in this chain. We need to help one another, because good families GROW!

God bless the USA, the American Legion and all the members of this POST.

For God and Country
Ed Christman
Commander
Alafia Post 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Congratulations to our New Officers for the 2020-2021 Year.

Julia Arndt-President
Tammy O'Donnell-1st Vice President
Denise Bonnett-2nd Vice President
Salynna Galimidi-Treasurer
Darcy Fak-Secretary
Margaret Blazer-Historian
Executive Committee:
Ruth White, Bernita Benson, Georgianna Bruno
Past President-Georgia Mackenzie

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all my Officers for the 2019-2020 year. In working together we have accomplished many wonderful goals and outcomes. I look forward to working with the New Officers for the 2020-2021 Year, to continue in the progress we have made for our community, military and their families.

Bingo is estimated to start on September 2nd if we are at 100% capacity. If we are allowed to be at 100% sooner, we will start Bingo sooner. Please check the Auxiliary facebook page for updates.
Installation of New Officers-Please check the facebook page for the date.

For God and Country
Be Safe,
Julia Arndt-President

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Well Riders, here we go again. Another year in the books for the 2019-2020 officers. Man has it been a mess these past six months or so. We have been through some trying times here lately, and now with all this mess with the protestors and such. It makes you look back and say just what the hell happen to this world. There are a lot of bad things and bad people making the world a messed up place here lately, however if we keep our faith in God and country I'm sure it's going to work out.

Here lately it's been a hot one there, so hot you really don't want to get out and ride, but if you do please be aware of the heat and the trouble that is brewing in today's times.

I hope to see all of you in the coming year of the Riders please know that I'm here for you and if you need me just give me a call or text.

Thank you.

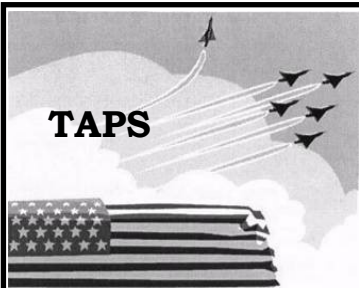
Ride Safe,
For God and Country
William "Billy Bob" Turner
Director
ALR Chapter 148

NEW MEMBERS

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| Reese Pichette | Christopher Lynch |
| Robert Kadubec | Terresa Riedel |
| Justin Allen | Mark Scimitarra |
| James Montgomery | Ronald Essick |
| Troy Sikes | |

TRANSFERS

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|---------------|-------------------|
| Pamela Conley | John May |
| Robert Houdek | Russell Seabright |



It is with great sadness to announce the transfer of Herman Tom Palmer and Bob Richardson to Post Everlasting. May God rest their souls, and provide comfort to their family and friends.

Coast Guard Birthday : 4 August

The Coast Guard traces its founding to August 4, 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of federal revenue. Responsibilities added over the years included humanitarian duties such as aiding mariners in distress.



The service received its present name in 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the U.S. Life-Saving Service to form a single maritime service dedicated to the safety of life at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws.

The Coast Guard is a multi-mission, maritime, military service and the smallest of the Armed Services. Its mission is to protect the public, the environment and U.S. economic interests in the nation's waterways, along the coast, on international waters, or in any maritime region as required to support national security.



National Purple Heart Day : Friday, 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.

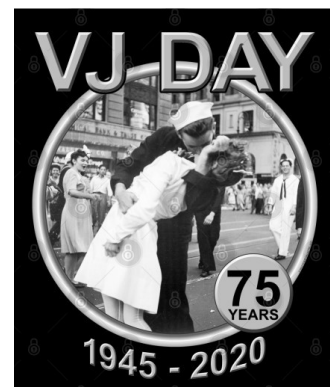
Purple Heart Medals were to be awarded to those wounded or killed while serving in the United States Armed Forces as a result of enemy action on or after April 5, 1917.

Recipients of the Purple Heart Medal are entitled to a free drink at American Legion Post 148 on this day



Victory over Japan Day (also known as V-J Day, Victory in the Pacific Day, or V-P Day^[1]) is the day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect bringing the war to an end. The term has been applied to both of the days on which the initial announcement of Japan's surrender was made – August 15, 1945, in Japan, and because of time zone differences, August 14, 1945 (when it was announced in the United States and the rest of the Americas and Eastern Pacific Islands) – as well as to September 2, 1945, when the surrender document was signed, officially ending World War II.

15 August 2020 is the 75th anniversary of VJ Day. We will be asking the nation to remember the impact that leaving, missing and returning home has on service men and women and their loved ones. As such, we will conduct a short tribute followed by a moment of silence at 8PM.





Alafia Chapter Post 148 Rider Dinner

5:00 PM Saturday,
Aug 29, 2020

\$10.00 DONATION



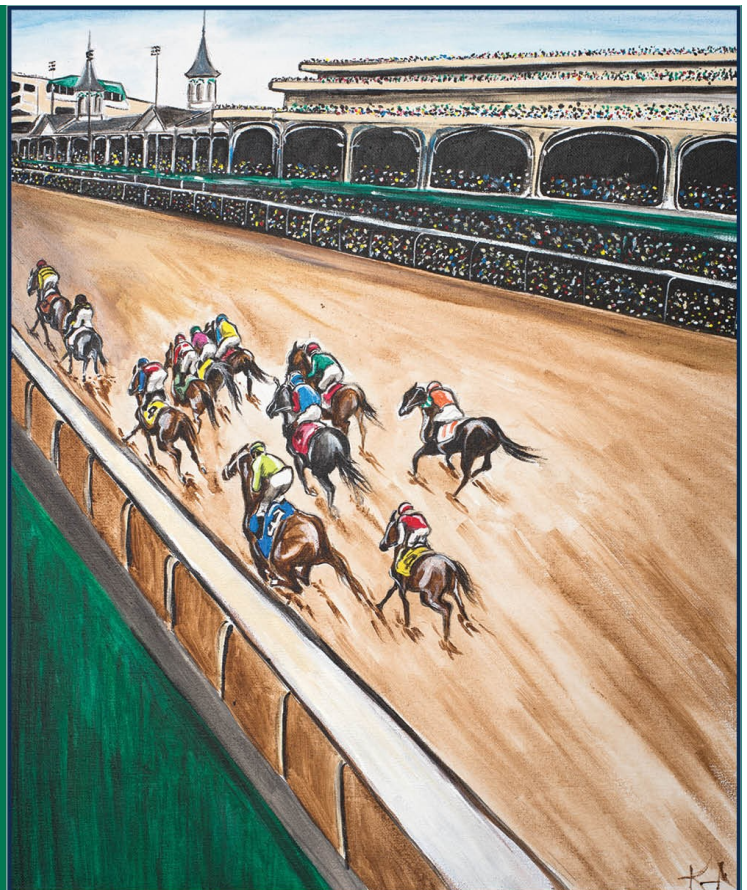
Dragon's famous BBQ Ribs French Fries and Beans.

The American Legion
Alafia Post 148

Kentucky Derby Party
September 5,
Starting at 2:00PM

Come to the Post and enjoy some
finger foods and specialty drinks.

We'll also have prizes for the best
Kentucky Derby hat!!



KENTUCKY DERBY
CHURCHILL DOWNS • LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY • MAY 2, 2020

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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 7 September beginning at 2PM.

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



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 8AM.

American Legion Day : SEP 16

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.

**The Lounge will have happy hour pricing and goulash from 5-8PM.
Additionally, a cake cutting ceremony will be held at at 7:30PM**

U. S. Air Force Birthday : 18 September

The U.S. Air Force was officially founded on 18 September 1947, and in the decades since it has established itself as an air force second-to-none.



Yet the Air Force's history and heritage goes back the turn of the twentieth century.

Between 1909 -- when that the US military purchased its first aircraft -- and 1947, the 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), and United States Army Air Forces (1941).

WWII illustrated the value of airpower, and the need to change the basic organization of the U.S. 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 U.S. Army and U.S. Navy.



Fall begins on
September 22, 2019



**American Legion Riders
Alafia Chapter Post 148**

Rider Dinner

5:00 PM Saturday,

Sep 26, 2020

\$10.00 DONATION



**Lucky & Leeland's Trailer Trash Tacos
with Mexican Corn and Refried Beans**

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for 18 August

Pinochle



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

Frying Friday

5:00-7:00 every Friday

*Fish, Shrimp, Chicken,
Baked Potatos, French Fries, Onion Rings,
Hush Puppies and Homemade Cole Slaw*

Presented by:

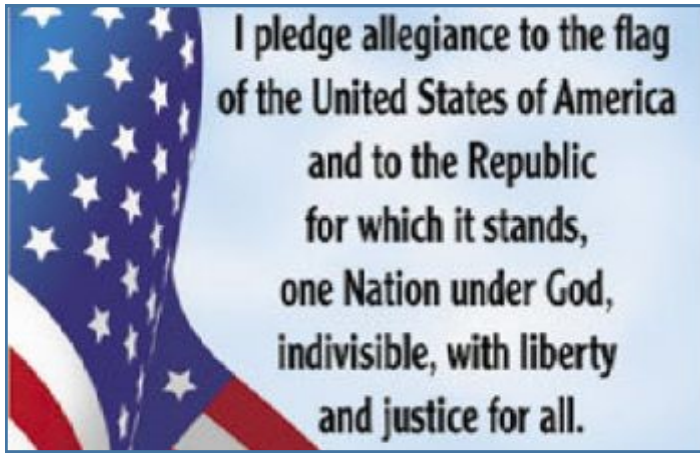
The Sons of The American Legion



BINGO and STEAK SHOOT

are suspended during August.

Please watch for updates
regarding the September schedule.



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*

Prepared by:

The Sons of The American Legion

Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)



*Entertainment for
August is TBD*



*Please watch the
scroller in the Post,
Facebook and the
webpage for updates*

September

4 – Spirit Karaoke

11 – Taylor and Taylor

18 – Spirit Karaoke



25 – Pure Classic Gold