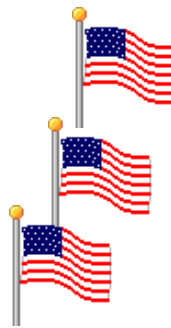




April – May 2015
THE 148'r NEWSLETTER
The American Legion
Alafia Post 148



**AMERICAN LEGION
OFFICERS 2014-2015**

Commander.....Roger C. Dunn
1st Vice..... Richard Pflug
2nd Vice.....Gerry Bell
Adjutant.....Greg Ohlfs
Finance Officer.....Wendy Ohlfs
Sgt at Arms.....Lee Fritchman
Chaplain.....Randy Everhart
Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick
Service Officer.....OPEN

Executive Board:

T.C.Cobb **Bill Turner**
Jeff Koch **Chuck Frietsch**

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

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

**AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY MEETINGS**
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 MEETINGS
1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
7:00 PM

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETINGS
1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
7:00 PM



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
OFFICERS 2014-2015**

President.....Georgia MacKenzie
1st Vice.....Edie Sparks
2nd Vice.....Vicki Fleming
Treasurer.....Salynna Cox
Chaplain.....Annette Smith
Historian.....Missy Beaver
Secretary.....Susanne Pugh
Sergeant-At-Arms.....Kathy Boyle
Asst. Sgt-At-Arms.....Jennifer Jeffery

Executive Committee:

Georgie Bruno, Mary Jane Cobb
,Jeannie Dion
Past President.....Bobbi Milenki



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
OFFICERS 2014 - 2015**

Commander.....David Rutledge
1st Vice.....Carroll Weese
2nd Vice.....Mark Getty
Asst. 2nd Vice.....Steve Nasrallah
Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi
Finance Officer.....David VanPelt
Sgt at Arms.....Greg Wussaw
Chaplain.....Tom Stone

Executive Board:

Jerry Lettsinger **John Cormier**
Ted Kasper **Greg Decker**
Steve Nasrallah



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
OFFICERS 2014-2015**

Director..... Steve "Snas" Nasrallah
Assistant Director.....
Secretary.....Dianna Shannon
Treasurer.....Susie Pugh
Historian.....Mary Jane Cobb
Chaplain.....Randy Everhart
Sergeant-At-Arms.....Greg Ohlfs
Road Captain.....T.C. Cobb
Membership.....Jennifer Jeffery
Safety Officer..... Jeff Koch



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
OFFICERS 2014-2015**

Commandant.....Bernie Kotrady
Sr. Vice.....Sal DiFonzo
Jr. Vice.....Ed Becker
Judge Advocate.....Walt Ryan
Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
Paymaster.....Houston Tucker
Sgt at Arms.....Larry Westcott
Chaplain.....Dave Blizzard
Jr. Past Commandant..Debra Steele

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Hours of Operation:

Monday - Saturday: Open at 10 AM

Sunday: Open at 11 AM

THE COMMANDER'S DESK



GREETINGS FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Well its' that time for another newsletter to keep all of our members updated on the important events going on in your American Legion Post 148.

We are now into nominations of new officers to guide your post for the new Legion year for 2015-2016. This is extremely important to our members and your post, so that we can continue to carry on our important activities and our Legion programs. We have already had our first nomination at our March meeting. Our second nominations will be April 13 at our General Meeting and our election will be held on Saturday May 9 from 10AM to 7PM. Each member has a voice and a vote in your American Legion. Please don't let a handfull of members make your choice. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our ROTC programs are gearing up for their award presentation for the end of the school year. Your post supports five high schools in our area. We present awards for Scholastic Achievement, Military Excellence, and a number of other awards. We are sponsering five boys to attend the American Legion Boys State program in Tallahassee. We are here to assist veterans and their families when they need help. There are so many prorams that we support that it is hard to list them all. The bottom line is that we are here for our fellow brothers and sisters in arms. We are family and try our best to take care of them.

For God and Country,
Roger C. "Duffy" Dunn
2014-2015 Post Commander

HONOR GUARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Alafia Post 148 is looking to start a Post Honor Guard. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Walt Raysick at wraysick@verizon.net or Roger Dunn at legioneagle@verizon.net. This Honor Guard is needed for Memorial services, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and other Veterans ceremonies. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

NEW MEMBERS

Gregory Harris
Clifford Mayo
Arnold Harvey
Thomas Ritter

Derrick Smith
Louis Watson
Ronald Cole
Angela Ritter

TRANSFERS

Richard Kratochull
Stanski Zdzislaw
John Townsend

James Gardner
David Wilkie

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Riders

When you get the newsletter some events have past. Bike week is over and for those of you that attended I hope you had a great time! The Haley House Poker Run... at this time I would like to thank all the supporters and volunteers that help to put on a great event! Thank You! Leesburg Bikefest and Panama City is coming up. If you get a chance visit the local Posts in that area.

April we have a Field of Honor ride to Veterans Park on Saturday the 11th, which our Road Captain will talk about at our next meeting. Would like to see a big showing of the riders there and support. I would like to mention that there has been some changes for entertainment at the Post for Saturday night and if we can schedule our rides ending there and showing support for our Post. Don't forget about nominations in April and May and cast your vote. Mother's Day is May 10 and Memorial Day May 25 so come on down to the Post and have dinner with family and friends.

As always remember to ride safe respect others and ride free.

For God and Country
Steve Nasrallah
Director
ALR

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



From Auxiliary President, Georgia Mackenzie

It has been such a busy start to 2015 and there's no stopping us now! During April and May, we'll continue doing Bingo every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. With more people playing and having a great time that winning is going through the roof! Come on down, see your friends and play a fun game of Bingo. We'll also be doing a bake sale on April 12th from 9 a.m. to noon offering tasty goodies to complement your Sunday brunch or dinner. As you know, all proceeds go to support various veterans' programs in the community.

Ladies, be sure to put our monthly Auxiliary general meeting on your calendars. 1st Nominations of Officers for next year was conducted at our March 19th meeting. But if you missed it, don't worry because 2nd Nominations will be held at our meeting on April 16th at 7PM. Come and let your voices be heard. I have been privileged to serve you this year as your President and this is your Auxiliary and we want your input.

Yours in Service,

Georgia Mackenzie
American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 148, President

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - MEMBERSHIP



From the desk of the Auxiliary Membership Chairman

Greetings, girls! The Easter Bunny is just around the corner and another exciting couple months is about to begin so we need to *Hop To* with membership. As of the last reporting from Department, Unit 148 is a little behind on renewals and rejoins. There is still time to get those 2015 renewals submitted in time for Convention. We're all on the same team and working toward the same goals...supporting, appreciating and honoring our veterans. Any of you girls that haven't sent in your renewal for 2015, please do! If you are considering not renewing, please call me. I'd love an opportunity to change your mind. Some of us may have been a part of the Auxiliary for a good long while and you may be thinking that there's nothing new and exciting about membership. Trust me when I say there are still LOTS of veterans out there that need our help. To make that happen, Unit 148 needs YOUR support. If you have any questions about renewing your membership or just want to chat, I am available at the Post during bingo on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday during Bingo. Come by. I'd love to put some faces to names.

Serving America since 1982,

Eddie Sparks
Unit 148, 2015 Membership Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS

FLEA MARKET



Every Sunday; 7 AM - Noon

Breakfast
Every
Sunday
9-11 AM

BINGO!

Every Wednesday
6:30 PM
By ALA & SAL

FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY

5-7 PM



Pinochle



9:30 AM Mondays & Fridays

At American Legion Post 148

Double Deck / Partners

Reminder!

Officer Nominations and Elections
are ongoing!!

Please COME TO THE MEETINGS
and VOICE YOUR CHOICE!!



SECOND NOMINATIONS

are in APRIL

6th - Legion Riders

9th - S.A.L.

13th - Legion

16th - Auxiliary

ELECTIONS

are in MAY

4th - Legion Riders

9th - Legion

14th - S.A.L.

21st - Auxiliary

Are you looking for something more to do?

When Friday's musical performances just aren't enough,

join us **EACH SATURDAY**

in APRIL and MAY for

ADDITIONAL musical ENTERTAINMENT!!

(schedule is located on the back page)



A SPECIAL THANK YOU –

To all who supported the recent Parkinsons Disease and Haley House Poker Run Fundraising events.

Contributions, raffle items, your time and energy were so greatly appreciated, and helped to make each event an overwhelming succes. We appreciate your help!!

Have a
HAPPY and BLESSED
EASTER DAY
SUNDAY, 5 APRIL 2015



Blue Star & Gold Star Mothers of Tampa Bay

BLUE to GOLD Ceremony



★ A Family Member is Serving in The War

★ A Family Member Was Injured in The War

★ A Family Member Was Lost in The War

APRIL 11, 2015 - 11:00am

Veterans Memorial Park
 & Rear Admiral
 LeRoy Collins Jr.
 Museum

3602 SFC Paul Ray
 Smith Memorial
 Hwy (Hwy 301n)
 Tampa, FL 33619



S. A. L.

15th District Dinner
Everyone is welcome!!

Saturday,
April 11th
5 – 7 PM

Cost - \$8.00



Beef Milanesas,
Oven Roasted Potatoes,
Salad and a Roll

Please join us at
American Legion Post 148
Riverview
(Corner of Hannaway & 301)

All proceeds go to S.A.L. 15th District

American Legion Auxiliary

April 12th

9:00 am - 1200 noon

Cookies

Brownies

Assorted Baked Goods



Attention to all American Legion Members if you have served In The Republic of Korea(ROK) for six months during the period of 1954 to present.

Welcome...!

Please attend the first Defense of The Republic of Korea(DOROK).

Date and Time: April 14, 2015 starting 1830-2030

Location: American Legion Post 5
3810 W Kennedy Blvd
Tampa FL 33609



Please contact
Mr. T. Devilin Parrish
813-369-3733



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148



RIDER DINNER

5 PM SATURDAY
APRIL 25, 2015

DRAGON'S FAMOUS

BEEF BRISKET

2 SIDES & DESSERT

\$10 DONATION PER PLATE



FOLLOW US TO:

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7240 US HIGHWAY 301 SOUTH, RIVERVIEW FL 33569

In order to continue having a strong voice and survive as a beneficial organization, we need 100% membership!

Please help our Post and the National Legion by doing the following simple steps;

- pay your dues
- remind others to pay their dues
- get into the community and find new members!



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Happy
MOTHER'S
DAY



2015

Sunday,
May 10th

2:00 PM

WANT TO HONOR YOUR FAVORITE MOTHER?
BRING YOUR MOTHER TO POST 148
FOR A FABULOUS FREE DINNER!

FREE FOR POST MEMBER MOTHERS



SERVED BY THE MEN OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

\$7.00 FOR ALL OTHERS



A Mother
can take the place of anyone
but no one can take her place

American Legion Family
**JOIN US TO
CELEBRATE
MEMORIAL DAY**

Monday May 25th



1 PM until gone



BAR-B-QUE
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Prepared courtesy of
Sons of the American Legion



Sides courtesy of
American Legion Auxiliary



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148

RIDER DINNER

5 PM SATURDAY

MAY 30, 2015

DRAGON'S FAMOUS

PORK RIBS

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Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Tampa Bay

Operation Bigs is seeking mentors who wish
to serve youth with a parent on active duty,
in the reserves, in the National Guard,
or has died in the line of duty

If you wish to be a mentor please

reach out to us at

(813) 769-3600

or complete an application at

www.BBBSTampabay.org

Upcoming Entertainment

All entertainment starts at 7PM unless otherwise noted

April 2015

- 03 – Calvin O
- 04 – Entertainment TBD
- 10 – Kris Pierce
- 11 – Karaoke TBD
- 17 – Karaoke w/ Tequila Sheila
- 18 – Entertainment TBD
- 24 – You 2 Kan Karaoke w/
Donna Wheeler
- 25 – Ben Meyer Band

May 2015

- 01 – Double Density
- 02 – Karaoke w/ Bridget
- 08 – Kris Pierce
- 09 – Karaoke TBD
- 15 – Karaoke w/ Tequila Sheila
- 16 – Entertainment TBD
- 22 – Calvin O
- 23 – Karaoke TBD
- 29 – You 2 Kan Karaoke w/
Donna Wheeler
- 30 – Entertainment TBD

BOOSTER CLUB

06-15 Harry Johns	09-15 Fred & Rehtse Regenhard	01-16 Frederic & Mary Ruiz
07-15 Dragon & Peachy MacKenzie	09-15 Kathy Boyle	01-16 Bob & Bernita Benson
07-15 Bill Turner	09-15 Annette Smith	01-16 Gerry Bell
07-15 Greg and Wendy Ohlfs	10-15 Tom Howell	01-16 Steve & Teresa Carmody
07-15 Vicki Fleming	11-15 John & Yvonne Boyle	02-16 Phyllis Crippen
08-15 Richard & Linda Pflug	12-15 Jerry Letsinger	03-16 Don Boyt
08-15 Susi Martinez	12-15 John Cormier	12-16 Roger & Kathy Dunn
08-15 Howie D'Agostino	12-15 Tom & Kelley Morris	
08-15 MCL Detachment 1226		
08-15 American Legion Riders #148		
08-15 T.C. & M.J. Cobb		
08-15 Jack and Patt Skelding		

**IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST, YOUR BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS PAST DUE
PLEASE CHECK YOUR RENEWAL DATES**

Our Booster membership helps Post 148 provide our newsletter via the website. Membership is \$5.00 per person per year. The date shown is your renewal date. Call 813-677-6529 to join or to ask any questions. We need you to be a booster.

We would like to thank everyone for their donations and to all those who help get the newsletter out.

As we all know, it takes money to put out the newsletter and we need everyone's help.

Becoming a Booster helps to defray the cost of keeping members informed of activities at the Post.

Receive the newsletter by viewing our website, www.americanlegionalafiapost148.org