



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

April - May 2023



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022-2023

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Terry Johnson
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera
 Adjutant.....Terry Johnson
 TreasurerDee Hoffman
 Sergeant at Arms.....William Turner
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Historian.....Mike O'Dell
 Judge Advocate.....Larry Westcott
 Service Officer.....Mike O'Dell

Executive Board:

Bob Benson Russell Beasley
 Mark Finkbeiner Claude Gates

Past CommanderLynnette Stokes

Lounge Manager.....Dee Hoffman

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 2022-2023

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

Executive Committee:

Georgianna Bruno Patti Alley
 Jennifer Jeffery

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

Commander.....Micah Saegar
 1st Vice.....Anthony Galimidi
 2nd Vice.....Elvis Cabot
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi
 Finance Officer.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

Executive Board:

Ted Martine Greg Wussow
 Ted Kasper Don DeBruin
 Past Commander.....Steven Arndt



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2022-2023

Director.....Angela Ritter
 Assistant Director.....George King
 Adjutant.....Lori Yeago
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde
 Historian.....Andy Davis
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Andy Davis
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Terry Johnson



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2022-2023

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

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



FROM THE COMMANDER:

Greetings,

Thanks to all who came to the Saint Patrick's Day dinner. I hope that everyone enjoyed the food and the camaraderie, especially since it was prepared by some excellent cooks and volunteers. My sincerest thanks to all for donating your time, and expertise...it is truly appreciated.

As you all know, membership is very important in the continuance of the Post. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so soon, and if you have a friend and/or a family member eligible to join, please ask them, it would be truly appreciated. This also extends to the Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, Legion Riders, and the Marine Corps League, all wonderful members of our beloved Post.

Please remember about our upcoming events, activities and functions and do not forget to join us for them. There is a lot of work and dedication in putting these together and your participation is valued and embraced. Again my sincerest thanks and hope to see everyone here at Home Post.

For God and Country!
Lynnette Stokes / Commander
Alafia Post 148

Membership can be paid online, by mail, or at the Post. We encourage everyone to visit the American Legion website and create an account.

<https://www.legion.org/>

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hello,

If you haven't yet paid your 2023 annual membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. The fee is \$30.

2nd Round of Officer nominations for 2023-2024 to be held during the April meeting. 3rd Round and voting to be held during the May meeting.

Join us for our weekly Fish Fry on Fridays from 5-7pm.

The SAL Taco Bar is the first Sunday every month from 12pm-4pm.

We will be hosting the annual Memorial Day cookout on Monday, May 29th at 2pm. A few special guests will be joining as well, Veterans that reside at The Crossings in Riverview.

SAL Post 148



We are very happy to report that

No Members

have been transferred to Post Everlasting. May God rest their soul, and provide comfort to their family and friends.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Happy Spring everyone.

The Riders are continuing to take advantage of the great weather and participate in events all benefiting veterans and their families. Our Road Captain has put together great rides and we are experiencing new sites every week. Nothing better!!

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April starts our Round Robin month. All riding this month raises funds for Project Vet Relief. Riders from Post 148 along with other chapters from the 15th District traveled to American Legion Post 8 for the Central Area Ride-In where that Easter Basket you've seen in the Post Lounge was raffled off.

Our monthly dinners have been a sell-out this year and April and May's will not disappoint!!! Dinners are on the last Saturday of the month.

May ends with our Poker Run on May 20th where funds raised will be split between the Legion and the Riders. This will be a fun event with basket raffles, dessert raffles, bottle raffles, and 50/50 sales. Come on out and support your Riders and the Legion. With that, "No Road is Too Long if you have good company." See you on the streets!!!

Ride for the Cause not the Applause

Angela Ritter (TnA)

Director 2022-2023—ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

Members please renew your dues for 2023-2024 year. Close of books is coming soon. Please help us reach our goal of 100% membership by renewing as soon as possible. Remember you can pay on-line; by mail or at the Post.

Dates to Remember:

April 1st-District meeting. Registration at 9am and meeting at 10am held at Post 111.

April 20th-Auxiliary meeting. Executive Committee at 6:30pm and General at 7:00pm. 2nd Nominations to be held.

May 18th-Auxiliary meeting. 3rd nominations and voting for 2023-2024 new Officers.

May 20th-Department Constitutional Conference at Post 111. Registration at 9am; meeting at 10am. Voting for new District President and Delegate to National Convention.

May 29th-Memorial Day Cookout. Auxiliary to provide sides. We will have some veterans as guests that reside at The Crossings in Riverview.

@colormethere

Julia Arndt-President

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS

Luciel Thomas
Tony Zipperer
Raymond Johnson
Christian Scharfenberg

James Straus
Frank Feder

TRANSFERS

Bill Ryles
Sherinita Rush
Jose Medina Ramos

Victor Spridik



April Calendar at a Glance

- Month of the Military Child
- Military Saves Month
- 1st—ALA District Meeting at Post 111
- 5th—Gold Star Spouses Day
- 7th—Good Friday
- 9th—Easter
- 14th—Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 15th—Purple Up! Day
- 12th—Earth Day
- 12th—ALR State Rally
- 21st—Army Reserve Birthday
- 30th—National Military Brats Day

April Meetings at a Glance

- 3rd—ALR at 7pm
- 4th—MCL at 7pm
- 10th—American Legion E-Board at 7pm
- 13th—SAL at 7pm
- 17th—Calendar Meeting at 7pm
- 20th—ALA—Officers at 6:30pm—General at 7pm
- 24th—American Legion General Membership 7pm

April Entertainment

Anywhere Karaoke—7th, 14th & 28th
Sandra Rose Karaoke—21st



**Jukebox Night—Every
Saturday at 7pm**



**Queen of Hearts
drawing every
Saturday at 7pm**

April 2023

Month of the Military Child

While military members serve around the world, we often forget the challenges faced by their children. **Military families move** on average **every two to three years**, impacting military children through changing schools and support networks.

**Saturday, April 15,
2023 is Purple Up!
Day. Wear purple to
honor and support
military children from
all branches of the
military.**

**Saturday,
April 15, 2023**

**PURPLE
UP!
DAY**

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Final nominations for the Legion will be during the meeting on Monday, April 24th. Voting for Legion Officers to be held on Saturday, May 6th from 10am-6pm.

The 2nd round of nominations for SAL, Auxiliary, and the Riders will be held during meetings in April. 3rd round nominations and voting will be held during each meeting in May.

Legion Officer Voting to be held on Saturday, May 6th, 2023 from 10am-6pm



*Happy Easter
to all of our
American
Legion
members and
families!*



American Legion Riders

Alafia Chapter Post Rider Dinner

**5:00 PM Saturday,
April 29, 2023**

\$10.00 Donation



Lucky's Taco's

with Mexican Rice and Refried Beans

American Legion Alafia Post 148 7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569

May Calendar at a Glance

- Month of the Military Caregiver
- National Military Appreciation Month
- 7th-13th—Public Service Recognition Week
- 7th-13th—National Correctional Officers Week
- 6th-13th—National Nurses Week
- 13th-20th—Armed Forces Week
- 1st—Loyalty Day
- 1st—Silver Star Service Banner Day
- 4th—National Day of Prayer
- 13th—Military Spouse Appreciation Week
- 13th—Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 14th—Mother's Day
- 15th—Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 20th—Armed Forces Day
- 20th—ALA Dept Constitutional Conference at Post 111
- 22nd—Maritime Day
- 29th—Memorial Day

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- 1st—ALR at 7pm
- 2nd—MCL at 7pm
- 8th—American Legion E-Board at 7pm
- 11th—SAL at 7pm
- 18th—ALA—Officers at 6:30pm—General at 7pm
- 22nd—American Legion General Membership 7pm

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SATURDAY, MAY 6TH—4PM

**Free Wings—50/50 tickets
Hat contest!!**

Feel free to bring sides/finger foods



Mother's Day Dinner
Sunday, May 14th—2:00pm

**MOMS EAT FREE!
ALL OTHERS—\$10**

*Meatloaf, Mashed
Potatoes, Veggies,
Salad, Roll and
Dessert*



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**American Legion Riders
Post 148
Poker Run
Saturday May 20th**

\$15 Entry Fee

Bottle and Dessert Raffles

Prizes for Best and worst hand

Registration Starts and Stops at Post 148

Registration starts at 9am

KSU 11am

Last bike in at 3pm

Proceeds to help our post and raise funds to support our Veterans and their Families



American Legion Riders

Alafia Chapter Post Rider Dinner

5:00 PM Saturday,

May 27, 2023 \$10.00 Donation



**Pork Loin, served with Baked Beans,
and Potato Salad**

American Legion Alafia Post 148 7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569

Don't Drink and Drive

Memorial Day Cookout

Monday, May 29th—2pm



**If you cook it,
they will come.**



**Hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the toppings.
Sides provided by the ALA**

American Legion Alafia Post 148
7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview, FL 33578

Hosted by: SAL



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 17 April, 7PM



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

S.A.L. FRYING FRIDAY
5:00-7:00PM every Friday

*Fish, Shrimp, Chicken,
Sweet Potato Fries, French Fries,
Onion rings, Hush Puppies and
Homemade Coleslaw*



S.A.L.



1st Sunday of each Month

Taco Sunday
Soft & Hard
12 noon—4 pm
\$1.50 each



All the Fixing
Self Serve Toppings Bar



QUEEN OF HEARTS

Tickets on sale
in the lounge

Weekly Drawing—Every
Saturday night at 7 pm

- Tickets \$2—No Limit
- If present, winner receives 60% of the pot. Legion receives 40%
- Not present, Legion receives 60%. Winner Receives 40%
- See Bartender for full rules/details
- Pot rolls over to next week if Q of Hearts not drawn

Hosted by: American Legion Alafia Post 148, 7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview FL 33578

ALA Bake Sale & Breakfast—1st Sunday of every month starting at 9am, during the flea market. Please come out and pick up some goodies and support the ALA, which supports Veterans in our area!!



“Flea Market”

Every Sunday from 7am-12 noon
Managed by: Susie White



BINGO

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

All night packs—Cards per sheets
\$10 for 3 / \$20 for 6 / \$30 for 9

Hot Balls—50/50—2 Specials

Intermission Special—Letter “I” -
\$1 per sheet

Coverall—\$2 a sheet

Hosted by:
The American Legion Auxiliary and
The Sons of the American Legion

