

August – September 2014

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.....Susie Martinez
 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: 5:30 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 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 Jeffrey

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..... Bill Turner
 Assistant Director...Steve "Snas" Nasrallah
 Secretary.....Vicki Fleming
 Treasurer.....Susie Pugh
 Historian.....Mary Jane Cobb
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn
 Sergeant-At-Arms.....Greg Ohlfs
 Asst. Sgt-At-Arms.....Wendy 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.....Steve Spears
 Judge Advocate.....Walt Ryan
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
 Paymaster.....Houston Tucker
 Sgt at Arms.....Larry Wescott
 Chaplain.....Dave Blizzard
 Jr. Past Commandant..Debra Steele

Physical address:

7240 US Highway 301
 Riverview, FL 33569



Mailing Address:

PO Box 507
 Riverview, FL 33568



Bus. Phone: 813-677-6529

Fax: 813-671-4764

E-Mail: Legion148@tampabay.rr.com

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Saturday: Open at 10: AM
 Sunday: Open at 11 AM

Website: www.americanlegionalafiaapost148.org

Webmaster & Newsletter Editor: Greg Ohlfs

Follow us on Facebook:

American Legion Alafia Post 148

THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings again, as your Commander for another great year at Alafia Post 148, I am looking forward to serving our members and all other Veterans of our great country. We have a number of new and returning Officers ready and willing to serve you this year. Our number one priority is to serve Veterans in any possible way we can. Congratulations to our new Officers of the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and our Legion Riders. We will all support the American Legion as a family together and make our Post one of the best Posts in the state. Membership is extremely important to all of us. Without all of you as members of this important organization, the membership could not support our Legion, SAL and Auxiliary programs. Just a few of these programs are our Boys and Girls State, ROTC programs and most important one is our Veterans Assistance for Veterans and their families in need. I would like to remind everyone that it is time to renew for 2015. New membership cards for Legion and SAL are available in our Post office seven days a week. As your Commander, I am normally in the Post home six days a week. If I am not here, just ask at our lounge and you will be taken care of. We are currently standing at 30% paid members in the first two weeks. For those who pay by mail, your new card will be sent out immediately. As we do every year, we look to make 100% goal by December 31, 2014. Please help us to obtain this goal. It would be greatly appreciated.

Over the past five years, we have completed a number of upgrades to our facility to improve our service to our members when they visit our Post home. We are now upgrading our kitchen in order to serve you better; we hope to have this project completed no later than the first of October, if not sooner. Some of this work is done by our own members, I would like to thank each and every one of them. Any member can step up and help.

Our lounge is open seven days a week and we have outstanding employees. Please come by and visit, have a cold beer or cocktail or maybe just a soda. Meet other members you have a common bond with. We are all Veterans who have served our Country at one time or another. We all understand each other and have a common goal, which is to continue to support each other. With that said, I will close with this – “WE ARE FAMILY”

For God and Country
Roger 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

James Peterson
Robert Wood
Betty Colquett

TRANSFERS

Tim Madden
Jeffrey Burstein
Robert Burkett

Forrest Perry
John Wallace
John Porter

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR



Well Hello Riders:

Here we are two months down the road of another hot summer and it has been one of those summers, we have had quite a bit of sickness in our ranks, with several riders and family members in and out of the hospital. As you all know TC was in with a pretty bad problem however he is on the road to recovery. Hans had heart surgery and has been in and out of the hospital, he really need a heart transplant to make him all better as for now he is holding his own. We have Gary Pugh who has not been doing very well, MJ and I have been helping Susie out while she was out of town. Last but not least we have Susie Martinez' daughter who has a very rare disease and is still in the T.G.Hospital. I would like to ask everyone to keep them in your prayers.

Now for some lighter stuff as you know the kitchen is under construction however we are going on with our dinners. These are our money makers so we can help Veterans and their families please invite your friends and family members. We really need the help as our funds are low so get out there and tell everyone to join us for our dinner on JULY 26 from 5 till 7.

We really had a couple of great weekend rides; one was a fun ride to St.Pete Beach area. Wow great time. The next one was a ride to Sleepy Hollow we went up to post 155 in crystal river then we went to a hole in the wall bar that had some of the best pizza I've had in a long time thanks TC...we had an average of 14 bikes + on both rides... great time and I think everyone enjoyed them.

Once again Hello to all our new Riders, I look forward to riding we you..

For GOD and COUNTRY

From the desk of the Director: BILLYBOB Bill Turner.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Hello Ladies

We have started off the New Year with a lot of new ideas. We will still be having our Bingo every Wednesday at 6:30 at the Post even with the renovation going on for the Posts new kitchen area.

August will be slow right now but coming in September it is going strong. On September 2nd we will be visiting the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital for Bingo with the veterans at 6:30 pm. If you would like to go with us please give me a call and I will give you all the information. Also we start off with a family event for Labor Day and will serve Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. Our remembrance for all those who gave so much for September 11th will begin at 8 am with waving the flags in remembrance with a prayer of silence at the time of hitting the Twin Towers. Then at we will be having a lunch for our 1st Responders to thank them.

On September 27 we will be helping The Sons of American Legion with the Food Handler's Certification Course. Please check emails if you are interested in this.

As normal we will be having our general meeting on August 21st and September 18th as always on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Always looking to see you there. If you need a ride or anything else please do give me a call.

For God and Country

Georgia Mackenzie

American Legion Auxiliary President Unit 148

813.230.4239

UPCOMING EVENTS

FLEA MARKET

Every Sunday
7 AM - Noon



*The SAL will offer a
limited breakfast menu
from 9-11 AM every Sunday
during August and September.*



BINGO
Every Wednesday
6:30 PM
By Auxiliary
& SAL



HELP CELEBRATE OUR
**AUGUST
BIRTHDAYS!**

FRIDAY,
AUG 8TH, 2014
7:00 PM

NOTICE:



DUE TO ONGOING
KITCHEN RENOVATIONS,
THERE WILL BE

NO FRIDAY FISH FRY
OR BAKE SALES

UNTIL FURTHERE NOTICE

Pinochle Anyone?

10:00 AM Mondays and Fridays -- At American Legion Post 148.

Anyone interested in playing Pinochle - Double Deck - partners, **come on down!!**



DRAGON'S BBQ CHICKEN

\$7.00



**AUG
30TH
5 PM**

**COME ON OUT AND JOIN US FOR CHICKEN
AND YELLOW RICE
AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 148
7240 US 301 SOUTH
RIVERVIEW, FL**



Monday, 1 SEP 2014, 12:00

MEMBERSHIP PICNIC // FREE Burgers & Hot Dogs

*Courtesy of the Sons of the American Legion, with Side Dishes
provided by American Legion Auxiliary*

*Have a great meal, enjoy the company of your friends,
and pick up your 2014 Membership Card
(Membership representatives will be Available)*

Patriot's Day Remembrance



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 - 8:00 AM

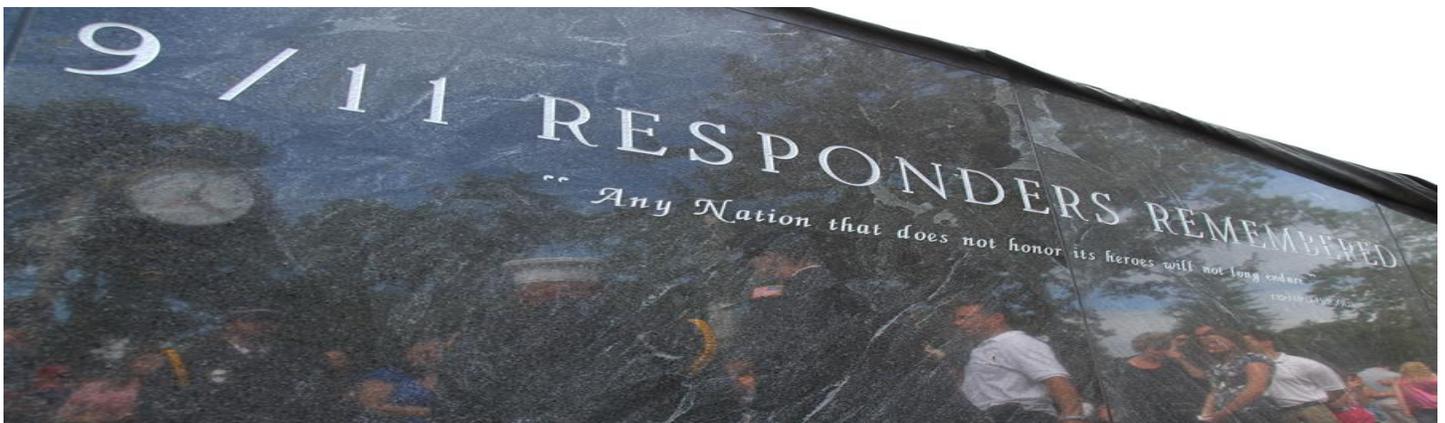
9/11 IS A DAY TO REMEMBER.

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR LEGION FAMILY AT THE POST TO PUT OUT A FLAG "LIVE" ON
HWY 301 TO SHOW THAT WE, AS VETERANS,
HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN OUR FALLEN.**

BE IT IN A WAR OR A FIRST RESPONDER, THEY ALL HELP US.

**PLEASE BE AT THE POST BY 8:00 AM
IF YOU WANT TO STAND AND HONOR OUR FALLEN.**

IF YOU HAVE A 3 X 5 FLAG, PLEASE BRING IT WITH YOU; IF NOT WE WILL SUPPLY SMALLER FLAGS FOR YOU.



**American Legion Auxiliary
Alafia Unit 148**

**2nd Annual 1st Responder's Lunch
In Honor of our September 11th 1st Responders
Thursday, September 11, 2014
American Legion Post 148
Riverview, FL
Noon till 2:00 pm**



Look forward to seeing you there.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!
FRIDAY, SEP 12TH, 2014 -- 7:00 PM



**Memorial Bike Rally
Honoring Gold Star Families**



9/20/2014

RALLY POINT:

AMERICAN LEGION POST 148
7240 US HWY 301 S
RIVERVIEW, FL 33578

KICKSTANDS UP AT 4:30PM

RIDE COORDINATOR:

LATIN SOLDIERS MOTORCYCLE ASSOC.

ROAD CAPTAIN: MISTERMAN1251@HOTMAIL.COM

DESTINATION:

2014 RUN FOR THE FALLEN
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL CEREMONY
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK, TAMPA, FL
5:00P.M. BIKERS ARRIVE TO OFFICIALLY KICKOFF EVENT
5:30-7P.M. BBQ FOR PURCHASE
AND TIME TO VISIT THE
FLORIDA FALLEN MEMORIAL
ON DISPLAY AT EVENT
7:30P.M. CANDLELIGHT VIGIL



REGISTRATION & EVENT INFORMATION:

WWW.USMCFAMILY SUPPORT.ORG
MARINEFAMILIES.R4F@GMAIL.COM
(813)965-2682



EVENT TSHIRTS \$10

DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO HELP OFFSET EVENT COSTS

**DRAGON'S BBQ
MOUTH WATERING RIBS**



PORK RIBS, MAC&CHEESE, CORN, POTATO SALAD
AND HUSH PUPPIES

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 148

7240 US 301 SOUTH
RIVERVIEW, FL

SEPTEMBER 27TH @ 5PM \$10.00

TO OUR MEMBERS OF AMERICAN LEGION ALAFIA POST 148

We would like to thank Kathy Dunn for her many years of producing the newsletter and website for our Post. As she is no longer able to do so, we will do our very best to continue the timely and professional service she provided. During this time of transition, we'd like to ask for your patience and cooperation in hopes that we are able to continue the excellent information dissemination that Kathy so expertly provided.

We look forward to being able to serve you and the interests of Post 148.

For God and Country
Greg and Wendy Ohlfs
greg_ohlfs@yahoo.com

UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment for August and September will be held every Friday night and will begin at 7PM unless otherwise stated.



Please call, check the Post, or visit the webpage for details.



BOOSTER CLUB

<i>02-14 Richard & Linda Pflug</i>	08-14 John Cormier	01-15 Lee Fritchman
<i>06-14 Fred & Rehtse</i>	11-14 Jim Golden	01-15 Bob & Bernita Benson
<i>06-14 Walt Ryan</i>	09-14 Annette Smith	02-15 Steve & Joyce Sapp
<i>07-14 Susie Martinez</i>	09-14 Sam Miller	03-15 George & Lynda Decker
<i>07-14 Salyнна Cox</i>	09-14 Kathy Boyle	06-15 Harry Johns
<i>07-14 John & Yvonne Boyle</i>	10-14 Robert Heuer	07-15 Dragon & Peachy
<i>07-14 Howie D'Agostino</i>	10-14 Jerry Letsinger	07-15 Bill Turner
<i>07-14 Jenna Cox</i>	11-14 Chris Steek	07-15 David Rutledge
<i>07-14 T.C. & M.J. Cobb</i>	11-14 Elsie Lay	07-15 Greg and Wendy Ohlfs
<i>07-14 Lee & Sonny</i>	12-14 Tom & Kelley Morris	07-15 Vickie Flemming
<i>07-14 Anthony Galimidi</i>	12-14 Dan & Jen McLean	02-16 Phyllis Crippen
08-14 Carlene Cannon	01-15 George Lux	03-16 Don Boyt
		12-16 Roger & Kathy Dunn

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

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. By becoming a Booster your small donation goes a long way with defraying the cost to keep our members informed of all the activities at the Post.

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

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.