



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### August - September 2021



#### AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2021-2022

Commander.....Ed Christman  
 1st Vice.....Lynnette Stokes  
 2nd Vice.....Terry Johnson  
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman  
 Treasurer .....Dee Hoffmann  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Mark Getty  
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell  
 Historian.....Mike O'Dell  
 Judge Advocate.....Larry Westcott  
 Service Officer.....Jim Fraboni

#### Executive Board:

Les Oakman                      Russell Beasley  
 Greg Ohlfs                        William Turner  
 Past Commander .....Ed Christman

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

### **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

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

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:**  
 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—6:30 PM  
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-7:00 PM

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:**  
 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:**  
 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:**  
 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM



#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2021-2022

President.....Julia Arndt  
 1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell  
 2nd Vice.....Denise Bonnett  
 Treasurer.....Salynna Galimidi  
 Secretary.....Darcy Fak  
 Chaplain.....Alma Hilton  
 Co-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 2021 - 2022

Commander.....Mark Getty  
 1st Vice.....Steve Arndt  
 2nd Vice.....Carroll Weese  
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi  
 Finance Officer.....Dave Van Pelt  
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

#### Executive Board:

Ted Martine                      Greg Dodge  
 Ted Kasper                        Ronnie Pimentel  
 Past Commander.....Carroll Weese



#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2021-2022

Director.....Angela Ritter  
 Assistant Director.....Scott Hortman  
 Adjutant.....Andrew Davis  
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde  
 Historian.....Susan King  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith  
 Road Captain.....  
 Membership.....Tom Ritter  
 Safety Officer.....Terry Johnson  
 Past Director .....Bill Turner



#### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2021-2022

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

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday—Saturday:  
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 Open at 11 AM

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## THE COMMANDER'S DESK



FROM THE COMMANDER:

What's A Guy (Post) To Do?

I have several questions for you; the members of Post 148.

- 1)How do we stay solvent/open for business? By putting money in the bank.
- 2)Do you want Post 148 to remain open?
- 3)Why are you not participating?
  - A. Attend a meeting of:
    - I. Legion
    - II. Riders
    - III. Sons
    - III. Auxiliary
  - B. Stopping by the Lounge in support of same and picking up a newsletter (which can be viewed on our website [www.americanlegionalafia148.org](http://www.americanlegionalafia148.org)). The newsletter contains the current 2 months of events and functions going on with the Post.

Your support of our own Patriotic organization is crucial to the success of our installation.

Your support of each other's organizations shows teamwork/family unity and helps to promote a sense of belonging. Please make a conscious effort to get more involved in our activities throughout the year.

For God and Country!

Edward D. Christman  
American Legion  
Alafia Post 148



*We are very sad to report that  
**Jerry McCallister**     **Harry Leinbach**  
**Frank Riffle**  
have been transferred to Post Everlasting.  
May God rest their soul,  
and provide comfort to their family and friends.*

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Dear Riders,

Hello all. My name is Angela Ritter and I am honored to be the new Director of the American Legion Riders. We have a lot of plans for the upcoming year to include our main fundraiser, Wheels for Independence. This event will help fund vehicle modifications for handicapped personnel. Our first gun raffle is happening now with proceeds going to this event; see your mixologist (bartender) or ALR 148 Officer for tickets. We will continue to uphold the values of the American Legion and I look forward to a great year.

Angela Ritter  
Director—ALR Chapter 148

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

I would like to Thank all the Auxiliary members for all you have done to help support our programs and our military, their families and our community. This past year, with the pandemic, has been challenging, but we have worked even harder to find a way to accomplish our goals and to further help those who were struggling, because of the pandemic. We were recipients of three (3) awards this year at Department Convention, and for that we should all be proud. As your Past President, I Thank all of our members for all your support and making my year an easier one. God Bless you all. As your incoming President (LOL) I say, LET'S DO IT AGAIN!! Let's get back to doing a more "one on one" experience, for both our veterans and their families, and ourselves. There is no greater reward than to put a smile on someone's face or hold their hand when they need comfort. The smile you see on their faces is enough gratification to make your YEAR. Let's work together to do just that! Congrats to our Officers for the 2021-2022 year.

God Bless You All  
For God and Country  
Julia Arndt—President

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*Please welcome the following Members to Post 148*

### NEW MEMBERS

**Connor D. Howell**  
**Earl Bartolomeo**  
**Tony Cervený**  
**Richard Weinberg**

**William S. Karaffa**  
**Joseph Lujeunesse**  
**Mark P Heffron**

### TRANSFERS

**Miriam Weiss**



**4 AUG 1790**

**Semper Paratus**

**Happy 231st Birthday**

**US Coast Guard**

The Coast Guard is one of America's five armed forces and traces its founding to Aug. 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.

Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Ruben Reed

**COUPON**

**FOR OUR MILITARY**

American Legion Auxiliary is collecting coupons for our Military and their families. **DONT THROW AWAY THE FLYERS YOU GET IN THE MAIL EVERY WEEK!** Instead, cut them out and place in a plastic sandwich/snack bag. Mark the bag with the number of coupons, how long it took you to do it, and the date. The coupons can be used up to 6 months after the expiration date.

There is a drop box in the Lounge, or you can mail to us. P.O. Box 576, Riverview, FL 33569.

Thank you for all of your support.

For God and Country,  
Julia Arndt-President



**August 7 Purple Heart Day**

### **Free drinks all day for Purple Heart Holders**

Each year, August 7th is dedicated to honoring service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives on the front lines. It also honors military personnel who have suffered a life-altering injury due to combat.

As one of the most recognizable combat badges — its bright purple ribbon is hard to miss — this badge isn't one service members hope to receive. Additionally, this medal is bestowed upon those who are injured, wounded or died while a prisoner of war (POW). Civilians can no longer receive the medal.

**August 21st**  
**National Senior Citizens Day**

Did you know—President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5847 on August 19, 1988 declaring the day.

Quote from George Burns—"By the time you're 80 years old you've learned everything. You only have to remember it."

The day encourages supporting senior citizens to live their lives to the fullest and as independently as possible. They deserve the respect and dignity their achievements earn them.

Let the senior citizens in your lives know they are loved and appreciated. Their wealth of knowledge, skill, and experience offer so much to the next generation.

Be sure to check local businesses for special discounts and promotions.

**JOIN US**

FOR A MAGIC SCIENCE SHOW



**BACK TO SCHOOL  
KICK OFF**

GET A CHANCE TO DO SOME  
AWESOME SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS  
WITH YOUR FAMILY. LEARN  
TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME FUN AT  
THE SAME TIME.

AMERICAN LEGION  
8/8 4-6 P.M.  
ALL AGES WELCOME  
SEE BARTENDER OR TEXT  
863-899-8051 TO SIGN UP.  
INCLUDE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND  
AGES, PLEASE.

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**Rider  
Dinner**

**5 PM Saturday,  
August 28, 2021**

**The Director's Stuffed Cabbage with  
Fried Potatoes and Onions, and Bread**

**\$10 DONATION**

**American Legion Riders  
Alafia Chapter Post 148**

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Don't Drink and Drive



Stop in and check out the patch collection on loan from, Ed Linde. Located in the hallway.



Please join us for our annual **AMERICAN LEGION ALAFIA POST 148** Labor Day Cookout

Enjoy burgers, dogs, and sides starting at 2 PM!

**LABOR DAY**

**9.11 PATRIOT DAY**  
★ WE WILL NEVER FORGET ★

On Dec. 18, 2001, President George W. Bush officially designated Sept. 11th as Patriot Day.

This marks a tragic day in U.S. history, but it is also a day to honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Join us at the Post for Flag waving starting at 8 AM.

OneBlood will be there from 10AM-12PM for blood donations.

## Hackney Cemetery Clean-up

We will be doing a clean-up and Flag replacement of Hackney Cemetery on Saturday, September 11th at 9:00 am. Please bring rakes, brooms, battery operated weedwackers and blowers (whatever you can bring).

Anyone can participate, even children. We have a job for everyone.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Flags will be provided.

Thank you for supporting those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in serving our Country.

Thank you for your support,  
For God and Country,

Steven Arndt—Legionnaire  
SAL 1st Vice Commander

**Saturday, September 18**



**Join us at the Post  
for Happy Hour  
from 3-7 PM.**

**Cake Cutting at 4 PM.**



**Rider  
Dinner**

**5 PM Saturday,  
September 25, 2021**

**Meatloaf with Mashed  
Potatoes, Corn, and Bread**

**\$10 DONATION**

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# REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

*The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 16 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**



## Wednesday BINGO

(Snack Bar from 5:00 - 6:30pm)

***You don't have to play bingo to come to the Snack Bar!!***

*Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, 1/4 lb. Nathan's hot dogs, Corn Dogs,  
French Fries, Onion Rings, Cheese Sticks, 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, starting at 6:30pm!*

*For you information —  
The ALA conducts bake sales  
during the flea market  
on the first Sunday of each month.  
The money they raise  
helps to support Veterans in our area.  
Please help support them!!*

## 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)**



## August



- 6 – Spirit Karaoke
- 13 – Pure Classic Gold
- 20 – Spirit Karaoke
- 27 – Double Density

## September

- 3 – Spirit Karaoke
- 10 – Pure Classic Gold 
- 17 – Spirit Karaoke
- 24 – No Troubles Band