



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

August - September 2023



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2023-2024

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Terry Johnson
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera
 Adjutant.....Terry Johnson
 TreasurerAndy Davis
 Sergeant at Arms.....Bob Claycomb
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Historian.....
 Judge Advocate.....
 Service Officer.....

Executive Board:

Mark Finkbeiner Mike O'Dell
 Angela Ritter Walt Nea

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 2023-2024

President.....Julia Arndt
 1st Vice.....Jeannie Dion
 2nd Vice.....Monica Kelley
 Treasurer.....Salynna Galimidi
 Secretary.....Teresa Ponce
 Chaplain.....Vicki Linde
 Historian.....Margaret Blazer
 Sergeant at Arms.....Sandra Souders
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Michele Smith

Executive Committee:

Georgianna Bruno Alice Del Rosario
 Jennifer Jeffery

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2023 - 2024

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

Executive Board:

Ted Martine Greg Wussow
 Ronin Smith Cliff Menting
 Past Commander.....Steven Arndt



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2023-2024

Director.....Angela Ritter
 Assistant Director.....Alice Del Rosario
 Adjutant.....Lori Yeago
 Finance OfficerEd Linde
 Historian.....Carol Johnson
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Andy Davis
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Terry Johnson



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2023-2024

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

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

Thanks to all who attended the 4th of July Bar-B-Que. We had quite a crowd and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves. My thanks and appreciation go to the various volunteers that assisted with the food, the sides, and all of the desserts, their assistance and contribution...we accomplish so much with wonderful volunteers such as yourselves...your support makes a difference.

Our Queen of Hearts is turning into a whole success, with a lot of our members attending our Saturday events and enjoying the evening...without your help and smiling faces, we could not accomplish these activities. My heartfelt thanks to you all!

Well summer is here, so look at our calendars to see our upcoming events and activities. Please join us for them. There is a lot of work and enthusiasm in putting these together. Your participation is truly appreciated and welcomed.

On a sad note, one of our Past Commanders of Post 148, Bob Underhill, has passed away, so perhaps take a personal minute of silence for him. He accomplished many things here at the Post during his tenure...he will be missed.

We are now accepting Membership dues for 2023-2024. Dues are \$45.

Again, my sincerest thanks and hope to see everyone here at home Post!

For God and Country!

Lynnette Stokes / Commander
Alafia Post 148

Membership dues for any of the American Legion Family may be paid online at [Legion.org](https://legion.org). Links to each are under the About tab.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hello,

We are ready to kick off the new 2023-2024 year. See the first page of the newsletter for our Officer list.

We are now accepting Membership dues for 2023-2024. The due have increased to \$35. Encourage eligible friends and family to join the Legion.

Please come out and support our weekly Fish Fry every Friday from 5-7pm.

SAL will be hosting our annual Labor Day cookout on Monday, September 4th, from 2:00-4:00pm. The Auxiliary will be providing sides.

SAL Post 148



We are very sad to report that

Bob Underhill

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings from the Riders,

It's been a hot summer, but the riding has been good. Our Road Captain has kept us moving with new locations and supporting our Veterans Organizations. Our monthly dinners are going well and with only 3 dinners left for this year, now's the time to join in.

October starts another large fundraising event, Merry-Go-Round or MGR. This year's event raises funds for children and youth programs within the American Legion Family. And, of course, compete for the coveted District trophy. 15th District won it last year and we'll give it a good shot this year. When you hear the bikes rumbling, you know we are riding for our programs. Laurence Fishburne said, "On a motorcycle, you can't really think about more than where you are. There's a freedom that comes with that—from stress, worry, sweating the small stuff." So, don't sweat the small stuff and enjoy life.

Your rider director wishes you well and "enjoy the ride".

Angela Ritter (TnA)
Director 2023-2024—ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

It's that time of year again. **RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP for 2023-2024**. You can pay your dues 3 ways: online at alafl.org, by mail at P.O. Box 576, Riverview, FL 33569, or drop off at the Post in an envelop marked Membership Renewal. The dues are \$40 for the year. Jeannie Dion is our membership chairman if you have any questions, or speak with any of our other Officers for assistance.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 17, 2023, 7:00pm at our Post—National Good Deed Award Ceremony will be presented to Delanie Dennis who has donated over \$70,000 to charitable animal organizations by selling lemonade at her parents café, Delaney Café. Along with Denise, 2 of our own Juniors, Rheya Smith and Kendall Swords, will be honored for their accomplishments as well. We will have many dignitaries in attendance, including our Department President and Past Department President, as well as our Past District President and our current District President, Tammy O'Donnell. If you plan on attending, please contact one of our Officers or indicate you are interested on our Facebook Group Page. (go to American Legion Auxiliary Post 148 Group-If not a member, click Join, scroll down to the Event and click Interested).

August 6th & September 3rd—Bake Sale/Breakfast. Please bring your homemade or store bought items either Saturday night (leave in the kitchen marked Bake Sale), or Sunday morning by 8:00am.

August 19th—School of Instruction at Unit 111. 9:00am sign-in, starts at 10:00am. 6918 N Florida Ave, Tampa 33604. Hope to see you there.

September 4th—Labor Day Cookout (Hosted by SAL—Sides provided by Auxiliary)

September 11th—Patriot Day—Flag Waving at the Post at 8:00am and delivery of Goodie Baskets to First Responders.

Thank you for your support! #ringyourbell
Julia Arndt-President

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS

Randy L. Julius	Kelly Green
John A. Chidlow	Justin P. Mathews
Victor Balonis	Raymond Gallop
Jeffrey Sorrentino	Paul Collins
Ryan Shaffer	Shayne Shaffer
Angelica M. Remington	Timothy J. Cassor

TRANSFERS

Timothy E. LaConte	Andy Demarisco
Jerald Mizen	Michael Slaga
Paula Shaffer	Robert C. Sopher

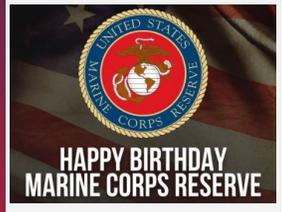
August Calendar at a Glance

- Antiterrorism Awareness Month
- 4th—Coast Guard Day
- 7th—Purple Heart Day
- 10th—US Department of Defense Birthday
- 10th—Agent Orange Awareness Day
- 14th—Navajo Code Talkers Day
- 16th—National Airborne Day
- 17th—Auxiliary Award Ceremony
- 26th—Rider Dinner
- 29th—Marine Corp Reserve Birthday



August Meetings at a Glance

- 1st—MCL at 7pm
- 7th—ALR at 7pm
- 10th—SAL at 7pm
- 14th—Legion eBoard at 7pm
- 17th—Auxiliary-Officers at 6:30pm-General at 7pm
- 21st—Calendar meeting at 7pm
- 28th—Legion General Membership at 7pm



August Entertainment

Anywhere Karaoke—4th & 18th
Sandra Rose Karaoke—11th & 25th



Jukebox Night
Every Saturday at 7pm



Queen of Hearts
drawing every
Saturday at 7pm



AWARDS CEREMONY

Presented by:

American Legion Auxiliary
7240 US Highway 301 S
Riverview, Fl. 33569

National Good Deed Award
Presented to Delanie Dennis
Color Wheel Patch Challenge Certificate
Presented to Junior Auxiliary Member
Rehya Smith
Certificate of Appreciation
Presented to Junior Auxiliary Member
Kendall Swords

Thursday, August 17, 2023

PRESENTATIONS AT 7:00PM
DINNER TO FOLLOW



QUEEN OF HEARTS

Tickets on sale
in the lounge

Weekly Drawing—Every
Saturday night at 7 pm
Last tickets sold at 6:45pm

Updated Rules

- 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
- Winning ticket holder will receive a drink chip
- \$25 paid to winning ticket holder IF the card drawn is a Joker or any other Queen suit.



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



5:00 PM Saturday
August 26, 2023

Rider Dinner

\$10.00 Donation

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

Don't Drink and Drive 

American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148

Mystery Dinner



September Calendar at a Glance

- National Suicide Prevention Month
- National Service Dog Month
- 17th-23rd—Constitution Week
- Sept 15th-Oct 15th—Hispanic Heritage Month
- 15th at sunset-17th—Rosh Hashanah begins
- 2nd—V-3 Day (Victory over Japan)
- 4th—Labor Day
- 11th—Patriot Day
- 15th—National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 18th—Air Force Birthday
- 18th—Air National Guard Birthday
- 24th—Gold Star Mother's Day
- 24th—Yom Kippur, begins at sunset
- 29th—VFW Day
- 30th—Rider Dinner

September Meetings at a Glance

- 4th—ALR at 7pm
- 5th—MCL at 7pm
- 8th—SAL at 7pm
- 11th—Legion eBoard at 7pm
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- 25th—Legion General Membership at 7pm

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SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH



you are
NOT
alone



BREAK
the
silence

NEVER
give up



YOU
matter



NATIONAL

SUICIDE PREVENTION

LIFELINE™

1-800-273-TALK

1-800-273-8255

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

HAPPY LABOR DAY

Monday, September 4th

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
and Sides**

2:00pm—4:00pm



Hosted by: SAL—7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview, FL 33578
Sides provided by the Auxiliary

Flag Waving—Monday, Sept 11
Join us at the Post at 8:00am for Flag waving along Hwy 301

9-11 Remembrance Party
on Sunday, Sept 10 (Time TBA)

Lottery board drawing—board has \$300 plus lottery tickets

Twin Tubs of Remembrance drawing—Bottle donations welcomed for the tubs.

We will have Wings—Feel free to bring sides or finger foods

Purchase Lotto Board and Twin Tubs tickets in the Lounge



9.11.01
PATRIOT DAY
We Will Never Forget



5:00 PM Saturday,
Sept 30, 2023

\$10.00 DONATION

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

American Legion Riders
Alafia Chapter Post 148
Rider Dinner



Fo Fo Girls plus Tommy "Gunny",
Spaghetti and meatballs Dinner,
Served with Salad and bread.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, August 21st at 7PM

Pinochle

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*

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**ALA Bake Sale & Breakfast—1st
Sunday of every month starting at 7am,
during the flea market. Please come out
and pick up some goodies and support
the ALA, which supports Veterans in
our area!!**

BAKE SALE

“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**

