



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### December 2016—January 2017



#### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



**AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2016-2017**

Commander.....George King  
 1st Vice.....Claude Gates  
 2nd Vice.....Gerry Bell  
 Adjutant.....Roger Dunn  
 Finance Officer.....Wendy Ohlfs  
 Sgt at Arms.....John Eskridge  
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn  
 Historian.....TBD  
 Judge Advocate.....Rick Hewett  
 Service Officer.....Mike Moffet

**Executive Board:**

Terry Johnson                      Bob Benson  
 Steve Arndt                         Walt Raysick

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

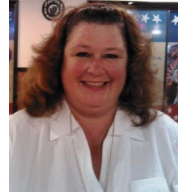
**AMERICAN LEGION:**  
 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
 EXECUTIVE BOARD—6:00 PM  
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP—7:00 PM

**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 2016-2017**

President.....Georgia MacKenzie  
 1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell  
 2nd Vice.....Edie Sparks  
 Treasurer.....Salynna Cox  
 Secretary.....Susanne Pugh  
 Chaplain.....Annette Smith  
 Historian.....Missy Finkbeiner  
 Sergeant-At-Arms.....Kathy Boyle  
 Asst. Sgt-At-Arms.....Michelle Smith

**Executive Committee:**

Bernita Benson                      Jill Bower  
 Julie Arndt

Past President.....Georgie Bruno

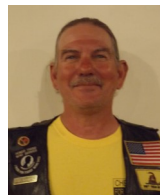


**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2016 - 2017**

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

**Executive Board:**

Jerry Lettsinger                      Steve Nasrallah  
 Ted Kasper                             Greg Decker



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2016-2017**

Director.....Steve Nasrallah  
 Ass't Director.....Ryan Flaherty  
 Secretary.....Angela Ritter  
 Treasurer.....Robyn Russell  
 Historian.....Susi Martinez  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone  
 Sergeant-At-Arm.....Leeland Smith  
 Road Captain.....Vacant  
 Membership.....Tom Ritter  
 Safety Officer.....Greg Ohlfs



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2016-2017**

Commandant.....Brian Frank  
 Sr. Vice.....Sal DiFonzo  
 Jr. Vice.....Vacant  
 Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick  
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding  
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott  
 Sgt at Arms.....Henry Wolons  
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn  
 Jr. Past Commandant.....Ed Becker

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

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# THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings from the Commander,

Here we are, smack in the middle of the holiday season, and looking forward to many positive things coming in the new year. As many of you know, in October we had several outstanding events...the Auxiliary sponsored Octoberfest celebration, and the Rider sponsored Halloween party; both of which were well received by one and all. Many thanks to Susi Martinez and the Rider's for their efforts in making the Halloween Party a resounding success again this year.

November has also proven to be just as enjoyable for the members, with our huge Veterans Day and Post 70th Birthday celebration on November 11th. This was a joint program celebration with the Sons providing burgers and hot dogs in the early afternoon and Auxiliary sponsoring the dinner. A flag pole re-dedication was also conducted by the Auxiliary. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Greg Ohlfs, Steve Arndt and Bob Benson for their assistance in getting the flag pole rock garden area cleaned up for the granite rededication plaque provided by the Auxiliary. If you haven't had the opportunity to check it out, I would urge you to please do so. The area is looking very nice.

The Auxiliary also sponsored the Thanksgiving dinner this year, and we thank them for their efforts. It was great!

December promises even more great events: Pearl Harbor Remembrance on December 7th, Rider Rib Cook-Off on December 10th, Adult Christmas Party on December 16th, Wreaths Across America and Children's Christmas Party on December 17th, Christmas on December 25th and a super New Year's Eve party on December 31st. Members are urged to take advantage of as many of these events/activities as they can squeeze into their calendars. Also, please note the abbreviated hours on Christmas Eve and Christmas day.

January also promises to be interesting with an Auxiliary sponsored Male Review on the 13th, Field of Honor Ceremony at Veteran's Park on the 14th, and the monthly Rider Dinner on the 28th---Dragon's famous Brisket is on the menu.

I would like to remind all that our 2017 Membership Dues are due now. We had a great turn-out for the Early Bird Dinner on November 6th. But please note, your 2016 cards expire on December 31st, so renew as soon as you can, if you haven't already done so.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very special Christmas and Happy New Year.

For God and Country,  
George H. King  
Commander, Alafia Post 148

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Greetings,

I hope the holiday season is going good for you.

We have had several great items happen in the last two month. We just had our 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday here at our Post. I hope you were able to make it.

Coming up in December we start the month off with our 15<sup>th</sup> District Meeting, Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> that will be held at Post 5 registration 9 am and meeting to start at 10am.

On Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a bake sale for the Christmas holiday; be sure to bring your Christmas favorite. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> we have the VA Bingo at the James Haley Hospital. If you have not been to one of these you need to come and share with our Veterans.

Please remember in December we have our Department President visiting our District on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Please come and join in on the visit. We have the Children's Christmas party coming on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Santa Clause will be there along with the Mrs. Clause and all the Elf helpers. Then we ring in the New Year with a party at the Post. We will have a great year coming in.

January things slow down a little on January 13<sup>th</sup> we have Magic Mike Show- Ladies Night out. Please give me a call if you need tickets.

As always we have our meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month our next meeting will be December 15, Executive Board at 6:30 and regular Meeting at 7pm. We also have Bingo every Wednesday of the month.

I look forward to seeing you all,

For God and Country,  
Georgia Mackenzie  
President  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 148

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Thank You Riders for the vote of confidence you have given me again.

We had a great turn out for the Veterans Memorial Day at Veterans Park.

I would also like to thank the riders for their help in the rededication of the Flag Pole at our Post.

I set up a ride to the Jacaranda Hotel for brunch and had a great turn out and good food..We also stopped at Post 69 in Avon Park and Post 3 in Bartow.

We had an officers meeting Nov 15 which will be discussed at the next meeting.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and wish all a joyous Holiday Season.

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

For God and Country

Steve Nasrallah

Director

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## CUB SCOUT PACK 606



October and November are in the rearview mirror. It was a blur for Cub Scout Pack 606, but amazing! We went camping, executed our major fundraising event for the year (popcorn sales), participated in the Veteran's Memorial Park celebration and parade for Veteran's Day, taught flag etiquette, and much, much more! We are having lots of fun and more importantly, imparting OUR Legion values into these young men. This is where the real work happens!

These families crave squared-away adult men in their lives. They are looking for a program to help train their children in the way they should go for a lifetime. We are answering that call and filling the void. As a direct result, the word is spreading and our unit continues to grow every week! What is more, our Cub Scout Pack continues to recruit and produce active members within the Post 148 family – every month!

Like the Riders who are out-and-about in the community, we are another highly visible extension of Post 148. Pack 606 conducts community service on a regular basis that credits to Post 148, which then grows our pack and then the post.

I am pleased to announce that Post 148 unanimously voted to create and charter a new Boy Scout Troop (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). This will allow our Cub Scouts to graduate into another Post 148-chartered unit. We look forward to a few years down the road when Post 148 is producing more Eagle Scouts than any other unit around! We are also aiming to “case the colors”/deactivate Cub Scout Pack 606 and then dually stand-up/reactivate “Cub Scout Pack 148” and “Boy Scout Troop 148” this summer. We want this to be a huge BBQ celebration with Post 148 Legion family support. This will be a ground-breaking event to change unit numbers to the post and we will lead the way in the Florida Department!

While not directly tied to Scouting, we are kicking-off our very first American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest in January 2017. This is a tremendous opportunity to motivate high schoolers to learn about the US Constitution and their role as a citizen. We are synchronizing this event to coincide with Scouting activities and building important relations with the local school leadership and Hillsborough County School District. This will translate to more community service and involvement for Post 148 and drive membership increases as well.

As always, all Legion Family members are invited to attend our meetings and even volunteer to help. In December-January, we are marching in the Outback Bowl Parade, camping, having a Christmas party, participating in Wreaths Across America, and community service projects. For our end of month awards nights, we ask that you wear your Legion hat or Rider vest at a minimum when you arrive. Contact me if you are interested.

Julie Hewett

Post 148 Boy Scout Chair

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### NEW MEMBERS

Shawn Cowan	Eric Bremmer
Bernard Smith	Richard Williams
Dandy Ockman	Alias Dylan
Norman Smith	Kelley Latham
Matthew McBride	Tashonia Brown
David Im	Chad Char
Roy Marrero	Arturo Betty

### TRANSFERS

Shawn Hannah	Stephen Elliott
Emmanuel Ayala	Robert Kirby
Mel Walz	Donal Cobleigh
Ryan Goos	Patrick Modglin
John Hopeck	

# REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Please note: Next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for 20 DEC 2016

## STEAK SHOOT

Every Saturday @ 2 PM



## Pinochle



9:30AM Mondays & Fridays

At American Legion Post 148  
Double Deck / Partners

Every  
Sunday;  
7 AM -  
Noon



## FLEA MARKET

**Breakfast**  
Every  
Sunday  
8-11 AM

## BINGO

Every Wednesday  
6:30 PM  
By ALA & SAL



**EVERY FRIDAY**  
5-7 PM

# Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

## December

- 2 - Music by the Double Shot Band
- 9 - Music with Silent Scream
- 16 - Bert and Sassy Adult Christmas Party
- 23 - Karaoke w/ Sprit Entertainment
- 30 - Jukebox Night
- 31 - 3-DOM Band New Year's Eve Party



## January

- 6 - Music and Karaoke with Bridget
- 13 - Las Vegas Style *MALE REVUE* (sponsored by ALA)
- 20 - Music with Silent Scream
- 27 - Music by Gene Cannon





Upcoming Modified Business Hours:

**Christmas Eve: 10AM-6PM**

**Christmas Day: 12-6PM**

**New Year's Day: Normal Business Hours**



Sunday, 4 DEC  
9AM—12 PM

**Support the ALA!!**



AMERICA'S  
GAME



SATURDAY, 10 DECEMBER  
KICK-OFF @ 3 PM



*Come enjoy the game with your Legion Family  
at our HOME POST 148!!*

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS  
RIB COOK OFF**

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 10th**

Contact Steve Nasrallah  
or Ryan Flaherty  
no later than  
*December 4th*  
to register



**Entry Fee is \$30  
(includes ribs)**

**Prizes for 1st, 2nd  
and 3rd place**

**Serving Competition Ribs  
for Dinner @ 5PM;  
\$10 Donation includes Ribs,  
Baked Beans, Coleslaw  
and Potato Salad**



# American Legion Family Christmas Party

Friday, December 16, 2016

Bring your Favorite Dish for Sharing 5:00-7:00 PM



1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes

**UGLY** Sweater Contest

Bert & Sassy Performing 7:00-11:00 PM



WREATHS  
— across —  
AMERICA

**SATURDAY,  
17 DECEMBER**

**National  
Wreaths  
Across  
America  
Day**



**Join us at the Post  
for our Annual**



# AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



2017  
NEW YEAR'S EVE

*Saturday, Dec 31, 2016*

**\$10 per Person Available Friday Dec 9**

**Cocktails 6:00 PM**

**Hall Open at 7:30 PM**

**Hors d'oeuvres**

**Party Favors**

**Midnight Toast**

**3 DOM Band 8:15 - 12:15**

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## HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

**Oratorical Contest Date:**

January 7, 2017

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Eligibility:

FL High School Students  
in the Riverview, Gibsonton,  
Lithia, Brandon areas

### State Scholarship Prizes:

1st Place – \$2,500 scholarship  
and opportunity to compete in  
the National Oratorical Contest  
2nd Place – \$1,500 scholarship  
3rd Place – \$1,000 scholarship  
4th Place – \$500 scholarship  
5th Place – \$500 scholarship

Volunteers are needed for  
the day of the contest.

Please contact Mr. Richard Hewett  
([hrick2001@hotmail.com](mailto:hrick2001@hotmail.com))  
for more information

**Oratorical Contest Location:**

**Riverview High School  
11311 Boyette Road  
Riverview, Florida**



**Support the  
Legion  
Auxiliary!**



**Sunday  
8 JAN  
9am-12pm**

The Men of the Magic Mike Show Live will be performing **Friday, January 13**

Get here early for best seating.

The show starts at 7 pm.

Bring your roll of dollars!

The Men will also be offering special VIP onstage seating the night of this event.

*This is a fun,  
exciting, classy show!!!*

Tickets are \$25.00 in advance , \$35.00 day of the show.

Call 302-373-3901, go online

(<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/magic-mike-show-live-riverview-fl-american-legion-148-tickets-28200365051>), or

call Georgia Mackenzie at 813.230.4239.



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**



**RIDER DINNER**

**#10 DONATION**

**DRAGON'S SMOKED BRISKET**

**HOMEMADE GERMAN COLESLAW**

**BAKED POTATO, BREAD & DESSERT**

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS  
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**

**5:00 PM**



**ALAFIA POST 148 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
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**THANK YOU — To the entire Legion Family for the great support over the past year. We look forward to a prosperous and enjoyable 2017!!**

