



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

December 2018 - January 2019



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2018-2019

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Richard Pflug
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera
 Adjutant.....Roger Dunn
 Finance Officer.....Vacant
 Sergeant at Arms.....Terry Johnson
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn
 Historian.....Vacant
 Judge Advocate.....Vacant
 Service Officer.....Vacant

Executive Board:

Keith Regenhard Van VanDyke
 Les Oakman Russell Beasley

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

AMERICAN LEGION:
 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
 EXECUTIVE BOARD—6:00 PM
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP—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 2018-2019

President.....Georgia MacKenzie
 1st Vice.....Edie Sparks
 2nd Vice.....Julia Arndt
 Treasurer.....Salynna Cox
 Secretary.....Susie Pugh
 Chaplain.....Annette Smith
 Historian.....Missy Finkbeiner
 Sergeant at Arms.....Kathy Boyle
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Michelle Smith
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Margaret Blazer

Executive Committee:

George Bruno Ruth White
 Bernita Benson

Past President.....Georgie Bruno



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2018 - 2019

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

Executive Board:

Jerry Lettsinger Steve Nasrallah
 Ted Kasper Greg Decker



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2018-2019

Director.....Mary Jane "MJ" Cobb
 Assistant Director.....Ryan Flaherty
 Secretary.....Angela Ritter
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde
 Historian.....Susie Pugh
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Tom "TC" Cobb
 Membership.....Vicki Linde
 Safety Officer.....Lucky Smith



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2018-2019

Commandant.....Brian Frank
 Senior Vice.....Rob Becker
 Junior Vice.....Ron Essick
 Judge Advocate.....Jim Manes
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott
 Sergeant at Arms.....Hank Wolons
 Chaplain.....Jim Johnson
 Jr. Past Commandant.....Ed Becker

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 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you Happy Holidays and a Joyful New Year. Take this time to enjoy it with your family and friends, and do not forget about our many activities taking place here at the Post as well. I am also looking forward to 2019, and I hope that it too brings you and your family many blessings.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the following: To Mr. T.C. and the Legion Riders for their remarkable work on the Legion Patio and dedication, you all did such wonderful work and now it is a superb location to sit and socialize....great job! To the SAL for your continuous contribution, service and work that you do to support our Legion, most Post activities would have not taken place if it weren't for your efforts. To the Auxiliary for your tireless labors, support and total dedication, as well as the endless times that you all step to the plate for our Legion Family, I am proud and honored of your achievements in making our Home Post a splendid place to visit. Last but not least: To Capt Jack for the Service flags and poles that are flying so proudly in front of our Legion Post. They are a beautiful sight and it really make my heart swell. And I cannot forget Ms. M. J. Cobb for the superb work...Thank You!

Once again, thanks to all and hope to see each of you at our Home Post!

For God and Country
Lynnette Stokes
Commander
Alafia Post 148

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders,

The last two months ALR 148 has been very busy!

The Central Area Ride In on Saturday, October 13, 2018 was a huge success. Six chapters participated with a "basket of cheer". Total collected from the six chapters combined was \$10,455! ALR 148 collected from our "boat of cheer" \$1,778.00 of the total! Although we did not win the traveling trophy we can be very proud to be able to support the very important cause of Veterans HOPE- Suicide Prevention.

On Veterans Day, November 11th our Riders with the help of the Legion, Auxiliary and Sons hosted the Veterans Day Cook-Out at the Post. It was also our Lotto Board Drawing and the winner was our very own Debbie and Scott Gibson! Funds received from the Lotto Board, to help Veterans and our Community was \$2,783.00!

November 11th, we as a Legion Family, celebrated the life of Chuck Frietsch. Chuck wanted a Party and his family gave him his final wish. Chuck was so loved by all of the American Legion Family. He was a great asset to our Post! He will be missed by ALL! The Riders dedicated a sign in his memory for the outdoor patio. Until we all meet Chuck again someday, we will be able to feel his presence on the "Swoop's Patio"!

With the help of the Post Family we were able to provide 12 complete Thanksgiving Dinners to families in need in our local community.

If not for the generosity of our Post Family, none of the above would have been possible. When we all work together greatness is accomplished. A special thank you to our bartenders for putting up with the Riders and going over and beyond in doing double duty with helping to sell tickets!

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ride Safe,
For God and Country
"MJ" Mary Jane Cobb
Director 2018-2019
ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Hello Ladies,

We are coming to the end of year 2018. I hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving. WE are looking forward to another fun filled year as a family.

We have our Bake sale on Sunday December 2nd. We do look forward to seeing what our wonderful bakers have instore for us. Also we will be having our Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 22nd for our Veterans children and community. Please come out and enjoy the festivities with us. The event will start at noon for the kids. We want to thank all those who are helping out on this event. Thank you, Susie for all your hard work in getting this put together this year.

As we go through the holiday season please keep in mind the Veterans and their families. Remember those who are deployed and hope for there safe return home soon. Also be sure and remember those who are POW/MIA and their families. As you all know we could not do what we do if you all did not help out in so many ways. I want to Thank each one of you for all you do in supporting our Veterans. We are very blessed in so many ways.

Remember we have our Meetings every 3rd Thursday of the month but for December there will not be a General meeting office will meet though. Next regular meeting will be January.

I wouldlike to take tis time and Wish each and everyone of you a very Blessed and Safe Holiday.

For God and Country,

Georgia Mackenzie

President

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 148

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Please note: Next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for 18 DECEMBER

Frying Friday

Fish, Shrimp and Chicken

Served with French Fries, Hush Puppies and

Homemade Cole Slaw

Presented by:

The Sons of The American Legion

5:00-7:00 every Friday

**(except during Convention
& Fall Conference)**

Come join the "Breakfast Club"

*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

8am – 11am Every Sunday

(except during Convention & Fall Conference)

Bingo Snack Bar

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

**Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, French
Fries, Nachos, Onion Rings, Cheese Sticks, Pretzels with
Cheese, Bottled Water**

Prepared by:

The Sons of The American Legion

5pm- 6:30pm

Stay and enjoy BINGO put on by;

The American Legion Auxiliary and

The Sons of The American Legion

6:30pm-till it is all done!

STEAK SHOOT

Every Saturday @ 2 PM



Pinochle

9:30AM Mondays & Fridays

At American Legion Post 148

Double Deck / Partners

Sunday, 2 December
(during the flea market)



Come Support the
American Legion Auxiliary,
and all the wonderful things
they do for the Post!!



The DISTRICT METING

will be conducted on

DECEMBER 8th, 2018

at Post 186.

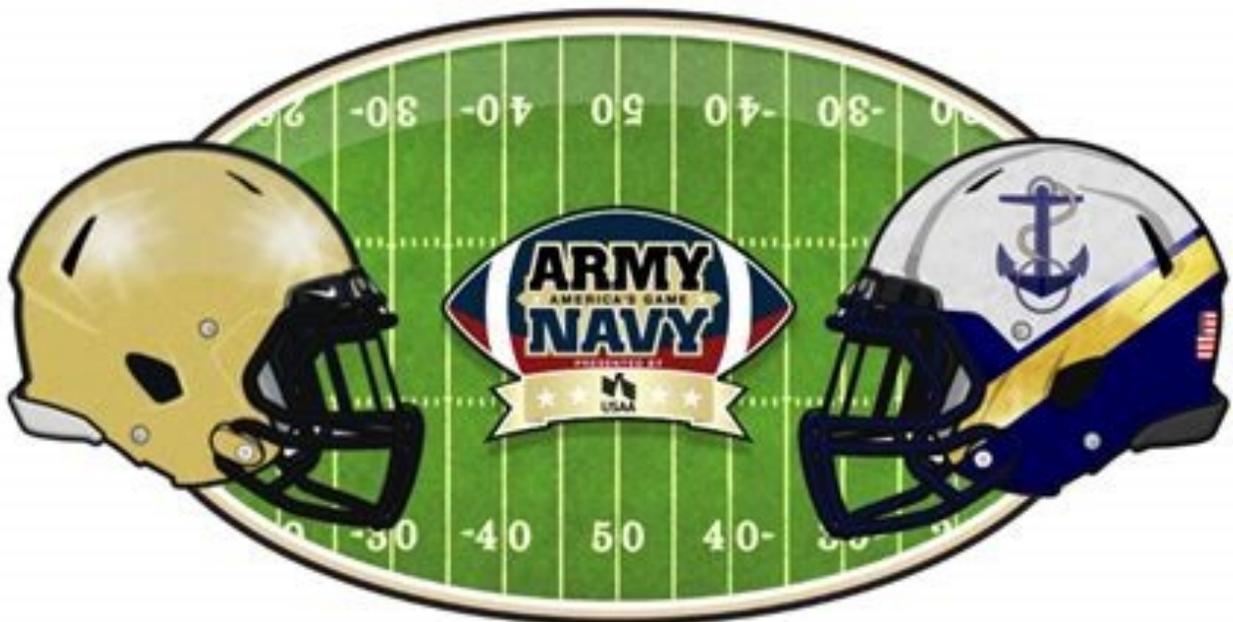
Registration begins at 9AM

ARMY and NAVY Football Fans!!

**Come cheer your team to victory
with your fellowsupporters**

DECEMBER 8th, 2018

Kickoff is at 1500





The **American Legion**
Post 148

Christmas Party

will be held on

14 DEC 2018

and will feature

the wonderful music
and entertainment of

Bert and Sassy

from **7-11PM!**

Finger Foods and Appetizers
will be Provided



Join Us in Our Mission to
REMEMBER ♦ HONOR ♦ TEACH



Join us on

DECEMBER 15, 2018

NATIONAL WREATHS
ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Local ceremonies will be conducted at:

Hillsborough County Veterans Park

Bushnell National Cemetery

Sarasota National Cemetery

American Legion Post 5 (USS TAMPA)

FYI

Please note
the modified
lounge hours
during
Christmas:

24 DEC:
10AM-6PM

25 DEC:
12PM-6PM



American Legion Post 148
Children's Christmas Party

will be held on

December 22

from

12-2PM



**Come celebrate,
and help us
welcome the**

NEW YEAR

of

2019



**and hang with the BEN MEYER BAND,
playing from 8 PM—12 AM !!**



Finger Foods will be available
throughout the night, and a
Champagne Toast
will be held at midnight !!

Wristbands will be available for a \$10 donation

**Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!**



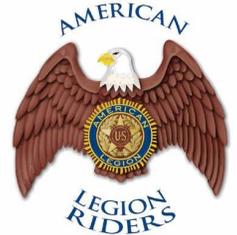
SATURDAY, 13 JANUARY —
Field of Honor Ceremony
Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park

This Quarterly ceremony recognizing military lives lost. The public is invited to gather at the park shelter next to the Field of Honor & Fallen Heroes Memorial for a Remembrance Ceremony, which begins at 1000.

FYI: There will be a
DEPARTMENT VISIT on 14 JANUARY

Maximum participation by Legion Membership is greatly appreciated.

American Legion Riders
Alafia Chapter Post 148
Rider Dinner



5:00 PM Saturday,
Jan 26, 2019



Dragon's famous Pork Butt
with Fries and Beans

\$10.00 DONATION

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

Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

December

- 7 - Karaoke with Sandy Lamm
- 14 - Bert and Sassy
(Legion Christmas Party)
- 21 - Karaoke with
Frankie Allen
- 28 - Jukebox Night
- 31 - Ben Meyer Band
(New Year's Eve Party)

January

- 4 - Spirit Entertainment
- 11 - Billie Dee
Double Shot Band
- 18 - Spirit Entertainment
- 25 - Hot Flash

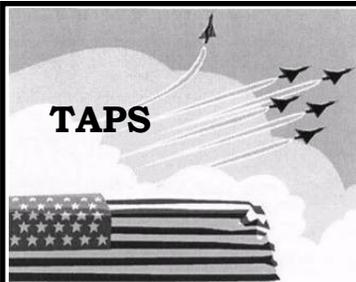


NEW MEMBERS

Michael Hawkins	Ronald Messer
Michael Nolan	Ralph Lograsso
Bruce Schwab	Charles Hill
Arthur Quinons	Patrick Roberts
Norman Bonnett	Randy Brooks

TRANSFERS

Robert Wescott
Thomas Johnson
Michael Hummel
Herman Palmer
Michael Morris



It is with deep regret and heavy hearts that we announce the transfer of Chuck Frietsch and Annie Schreppe to Post Everlasting. May God rest their souls, and provide comfort to their family and friends.