



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### December 2019 - January 2020



**AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2019-2020**

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes  
 1st Vice.....Van VanDyke  
 2nd Vice.....Vacant  
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman  
 Finance Officer.....Vacant  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Terry Johnson  
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell  
 Historian.....Vacant  
 Judge Advocate.....Richard Pflug  
 Service Officer.....Joe Bonnett

**Executive Board:**

Keith Regenhard                      Bill Rivera  
 Les Oakman                              Russell Beasley

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 2019-2020**

President.....Julia Arndt  
 1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell  
 2nd Vice.....Denise Bonnett  
 Treasurer.....Salynna Galimidi  
 Secretary.....Susanne Pugh  
 Chaplain.....Leslie Gross  
 Historian.....Margaret Blazer  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Kathy Boyle  
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Michele Smith

**Executive Committee:**

Jill Bower                                      Ruth White  
     Bernita Benson

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2019 - 2020**

Commander.....Mark Getty  
 1st Vice.....Steve Arndt  
 2nd Vice.....Carroll Weese  
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi  
 Finance Officer.....Dave Van Pelt  
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler  
 Ass't Sergeant of Arms.....Greg Wussaw  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

**Executive Board:**

Ted Martine                              Ronnie Pimental  
 Ted Kasper                                      Greg Dodge



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2019-2020**

Director.....Bill "Billy Bob" Turner  
 Assistant Director.....Terry Johnson  
 Adjutant.....Andrew Davis  
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde  
 Historian.....Angela Ritter  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith  
 Road Captain.....Greg Ohlfs  
 Membership.....Vicki Linde  
 Safety Officer.....Robert "Dragon" Mackenzie  
 Past Director .... MJ Cobb



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2019-2020**

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

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

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## THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

The holidays are fast approaching and I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a joyous New Year and pray that all of you can spend some wonderful time and good wishes with your families and friends.

Please come and join us for our Legion Christmas Party as well as for the Children's Christmas party. A lot of work from our volunteers goes into organizing this and we do appreciate seeing all of our members participate in these wonderful activities.

Don't forget our New Year's Eve Party. Let us all get together to say good-bye to 2019 and celebrate another successful year for our Legion.

Again my sincerest thanks to everyone for your support and participation and hope to see each of you here at Home Post.

For God and Country  
Lynnette Stokes  
Commander  
Alafia Post 148

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Hello!

During this Holiday Season we gather together with Family and Friends to celebrate the joy of the Holiday, but, remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Let us help make their Christmas Merry and Bright, filled with Good Cheer. To put a smile on a child's face on Christmas morning.

For the New Year, let's count our Blessings. For the Love of Family and Friends, for the food on our tables, for the roof over our heads, and our Health. Pray for those less fortunate than ourselves and make a New Year's Resolution to Help those in Need as best as we can.

Most of all, let us not forget those Family and Friends, who are not with us this Season, and our Military Troops who protect us both at Home and Abroad. We ask God to watch over them and protect them from harm. But, most of all, we ask God to keep them Safe and bring them Home.

May this Holiday Season bring everyone Peace and Joy.

Remember our Children's Christmas Party is December 14th from 12-2PM.

For God and Country,  
Julia Arndt-President ALA 148  
President  
American Legion Auxiliary Alafia Unit 148

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## SERVICE OFFICER'S CORNER

Hi fellow Vets. Did you know? **SGLI** must be converted to **VGLI** within 2 years of discharge or 2 years after you get a new rating.

For Appeals (Vet claims):  
**Clerk of Circuit Court**  
625 Indiana Ave. NW Suite 900  
Washington D.C. 20004-2950

OR

[HTTP://www.uscourts.cave.gov](http://www.uscourts.cave.gov)  
Phone: 202.501.5970  
Fax: 202.501.5848

Also please note, the VSO at Hillsborough County Veterans Park and Resource Center is available M-F during business hours.

Your Service Officer,  
Joe Bonnett

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Dear Riders,

Here we go into our Holiday Season and I hope everyone has a great time with family and friends.

As you know we had our Central Area Ride In on Oct. 26th and we had our basket of cheer that we were selling tickets for, well I'm here to tell you that I really appreciate everyone who participated in the effort to raise money for the cause. We came in 3rd place in the amount of money we raised \$1007.00 + a \$200.00 donation from the SAL. So in all we donated \$1207.00. awesome guys you all rock. I would like to say a Big thank you to Michele and all the bartenders who help sell tickets, I would like to say Thank You to all the Legion family members who bought tickets also and everyone who donated to the basket. I want to say Thanks to all the riders who showed up for the ride in hey we came in First Place and that is an awesome feeling to show how much that we are a great family, Thank You Riders. You know that we are the riders but we are just a part of the system there are four parts to our family we have the Legion, the Riders, the SAL and the Auxiliary each group is good in it's own self but when we work together we can be unstoppable as a family Unit. I would like to give a big thank you to Gerri aka TATTOO who even tho she is not officially a member of the riders yet but who is always there to help us at all our events and was a big help during our Central Area Ride In being I was under the weather Thank you Gerri.

I'm proud to be the Director of a great bunch of Riders I hope your Holidays are awesome.

THANK YOU.

Ride Safe,  
For God and Country  
Bill "BillyBob" Turner  
Director  
ALR Chapter 148

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## IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE:

The American Legion Alafia Post 148 General Membership Meeting  
for December has been rescheduled.

*The meeting will be held 16 December 2019 at 7PM*

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### NEW MEMBERS

Brandon Brandaur  
Teresa Dolphin  
Edcy Lebron  
Thomas LaLumiere

Miller Bennett  
Jose Lebron  
Eric Tragesser

### TRANSFERS

Norman Smith  
Gregory Floyd  
James Boyle  
Donald Cook  
Justin Galvin  
Jonathan Sharkey



It is with great sadness that we announce the transfer  
of Edgar R. Hackett, Mary Ann Raysick and Roger Dunn  
to Post Everlasting.

May God rest their souls,  
and provide comfort to their family and friends.



**Volunteers at the Hackney Cemetery in Riverview on 7 SEP 19**

Organized and managed by Steve Arndt, the Hackney Cemetery Clean Up held in September was a huge success. This was the largest group of volunteers to date. A fantastic morning of community service was accomplished by Legion members, a group of US Navy Chiefs, and families from the Riverview community. Another very successful clean up was conducted on 10 November, and was attended by approximately 50 volunteers. Great job Steve and all involved!!

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The Legion Halloween Party held on Friday, 24 October was a great success.

Entertainment was provided Double Density and prizes for the costume contest were awarded to:

- Cluck You Chicken Farm (1st),
- Cousin It (2nd)
- Steampunk Couple (3rd).

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**The ALA will host a Bake Sale on 1 December during the Flea Market. Please support the ladies who do so much to support the veterans of our community!!**



**National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, also referred to as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day or Pearl Harbor Day, is observed annually in the United States on December 7, to remember and honor the 2,403 citizens of the United States who were killed in the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.**



**On Pearl Harbor Day, the American flag should be flown at half-staff until sunset to honor those who died as a result of the attack on U.S. military forces in Hawaii. Pearl Harbor Day is not a federal holiday – government offices, schools, and businesses do not close. Some organizations may hold special events in memory of those killed or injured at Pearl Harbor.**

The American Legion Alafia Post 148  
**Adult Christmas Party**  
will be held on  
**Friday, 13 December**  
beginning at **7PM** with  
entertainment provided by  
**Taylor and Taylor**



## Saturday, 14 December 2019



There are a number of local ceremonies you are welcome to attend:

- American Legion Post 5
- Serenity Meadows Cemetery
- Hillsborough County Vets Park
- Bay Pines VA Cemetery
- Sarasota National Cemetery
- Bushnell National Cemetery

All ceremonies begin at 12PM, with the exception of Vets Park which begins at 11AM.

## KIDS!! Come meet **SANTA CLAUS!!**

Saturday, 14 December from 12-2PM during the  
Legion Family **Children's Christmas Party**



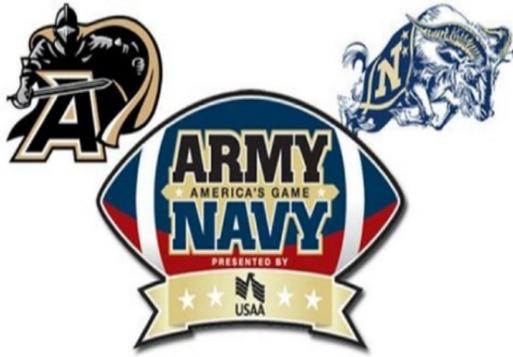


AMERICA'S  
GAME



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**

**Kickoff is at 3PM**



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



**Modified Business Hours:**

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

**Christmas Day: 12-6PM**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Our celebration this year on 31 December  
will feature the entertainment of  
**FLOWIN' WHISKEY!**

**Wagon of Cheer Drawing!!!**



**Midnight Toast!!**



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## FIELD OF HONOR, 11 JAN

Quarterly ceremony recognizing military lives lost (The Fallen) during the previous three months.

The public is invited to gather at the park shelter next to the Field of Honor & Fallen

Heroes Memorial for a Remembrance Ceremony **beginning at 1000.**



**The 15th District Meeting**

**will be held at**

**Post 111 on 25 January.**

*Registration @ 9AM*

*Meetings begin @ 10M*



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS  
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**

**RIDER DINNER**



**Dragon's famous**

**BBQ Chicken,**

**Yellow Rice &**

**Veggies**

**5:00 PM Saturday,**

**Jan 25, 2020**

**\$10.00 DONATION**

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

*The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for 17 DECEMBER*

# Pinochle



**9:30AM Mondays & Fridays**  
At American Legion Post 148  
*Double Deck / Partners*

### **Frying Friday**

**5:00-7:00 every Friday**

*Fish, Shrimp and Chicken  
served with French Fries, Hush Puppies  
and Homemade Cole Slaw*

Presented by:

**The Sons of The American Legion**

### **Bingo Snack Bar** (Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:30pm)

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

*Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, French Fries,  
Onion Rings, Cheese Sticks, Pretzels with Cheese, 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, 6:30pm-till it is all done!*



**STEAK SHOOT - Every Saturday @ 2 PM**  
(hosted by The Sons of The American Legion)

### **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)**

## *December*

- 6 – Spirit Karaoke
- 13 – Legion Christmas Party  
*featuring Taylor and Taylor*
- 20 – Pure Country Gold
- 27 – Spirit Karaoke
- 31 – New Year's Eve Party  
*featuring Flowin' Whiskey*



## *January*

- 3 – Spirit Karaoke
- 10 – Karaoke with Bridget
- 17 – Anywhere Karaoke
- 24 – Taylor and Taylor
- 31 – Pure Country Gold

