



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### December 2020 - January 2021



#### AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2020-2021

Commander.....Ed Christman  
 1st Vice.....Lynnette Stokes  
 2nd Vice.....Miller Bennett  
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman  
 Finance Officer.....Terri Dolphin  
 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                        Angela Ritter  
 Past Commander .....Lynnette Stokes

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons



#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2020-2021

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

#### Executive Committee:

Georgianna Bruno                      Ruth White  
 Bernita Benson

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie

### 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



#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2020 - 2021

Commander.....Mark Getty  
 1st Vice.....Greg Dodge  
 2nd Vice.....Stewart Goldberg  
 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                      Carroll Weese  
 Ted Kasper



#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2020-2021

Director.....Bill "Billy Bob" Turner  
 Assistant Director.....Scott Hortman  
 Adjutant.....Andrew Davis  
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde  
 Historian.....Susan King  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith  
 Road Captain.....Greg Ohlfs  
 Membership.....Tom Ritter  
 Safety Officer.....Steve Nasrallah  
 Past Director ..... MJ Cobb



#### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2020-2021

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

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 Open at 11 AM

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## THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Fellow Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, & Marine Corps Members, I want to extend a “Heart Felt Thank You” for your continued support to this Post and Lounge.

I want you all to know that we are appreciated. The Post received 2 separate visits by two different children’s’ groups this past Veterans Day. First, Girl Scout Brownie Troop 33518 left us a surprise outside of our South Entrance (see photo below). Second, elementary students from Lamb Elementary wrote letters that were distributed to our members for reading (see photo below). A few of our members kept them, others posted them on our wall in the Lounge.

I know this has been a VERY trying year for ALL of us! As we enter this holiday time, I want to remind you all to stay positive and practice safe acts and kindness to all. We are our BEST support; one another! I pray that we all have a safe Holiday season and I want to see you all NEXT year. Do not do anything to put yourself in harm’s way.

Happy Holidays and God Bless from your Commander and all the Staff associated with this fine organization.

Edward D. Christman  
American Legion  
Alafia Post 148  
Commander



## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hello Riders,



Here we go into our Holiday months, where we have cool nights and great riding days. I hope to see a lot of you out there riding and joining us on our rides.

I want to thank the Riders for donating the turkeys for our Veterans and their families for Thanksgiving and I want to say to the six + Gerri and I for getting the rest of the food for their dinners. Thank you all so much.

You know the ALR of 148 always comes thru when we are called upon for a task for our Veterans, we always step up and do what is needed to be done.

Thanks to all of you for coming out for the Trophy Transfer to 148, we did a great job this year. Hope to do better next year.

Remember, ride smart and safe. Hope to see you on the ride.

For God and Country  
William “Billy Bob” Turner  
Director  
ALR Chapter 148

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



The Auxiliary would like to welcome our new members to our Unit and look forward to working with them in the near future.

Judy Racek  
Kathryn Boyer  
Debra Bracewell

Patricia (Patty) Alley  
Yiana Boyer (Jr.)  
Pamela Bain

Mercy Ford  
Pamela Bottolfson  
Doloris Richardson

Transfer-Kathleen Goodman

Congratulations to Vicki Linde for becoming our new Chaplain. Vicki has graciously volunteered to become our Chaplain and is doing a wonderful job. The Auxiliary extends its heartfelt appreciation for taking this Officers role and accepting the duties that it requires.

The Post Family Kids Christmas Party will be held on December 19th at Post 148 from 12:00pm-2:00pm. There will be games, refreshments, crafts and a gift bag for all children attending, and of course, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause will be there too. If you would like your child/grandchild to attend, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Lounge at the Bar.

Hoping everyone has a Safe and Healthy Holiday Season!

For God and Country  
Julia Arndt-President

## *Please welcome the following Members to Post 148*

### NEW MEMBERS

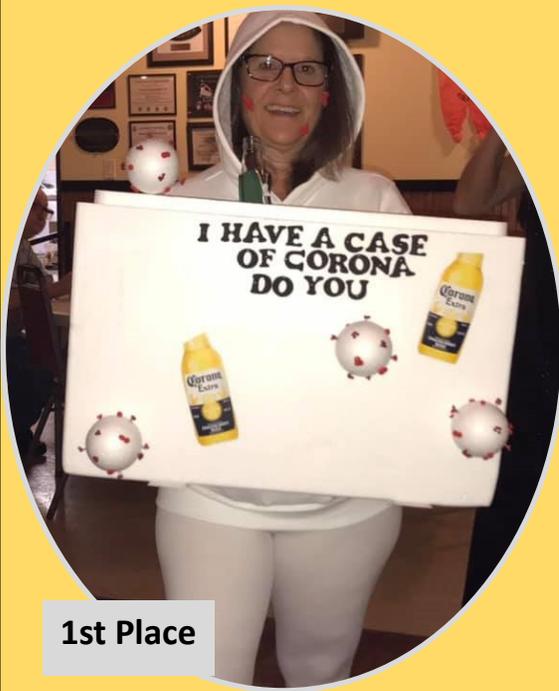
Michael Purdy	David Eaves
William Miller	James Crocket
Leo McDonald	Terry Crippen
Catherine Crippen	Steven Loori
Hermico DelAngelo	Teddy Lively
Robert Zombro	Charles Getz
Karen Springman	James Harkins
Troy Schmidt	Jake Owens
Doug Thien	Charles Pendry
RubyLee Redbrook	Brandon Koonce
Robert Fiorito	Alice Crawford

### TRANSFERS

Ralph Sylvester	Rhea Traipoom
Prasone Traipoom	Richard Vee
Ricardo Beckford	Darryl Smith
Jennifer Delgado	Brandon Robarge
Joseph Nodarse	Keith Kordonsky
Margaret Raines	William Dearinger
George Riffel	Paul Butala
Gary Melchin	



*We are very sad to report that  
George Decker and Ruth Fisher  
have been transferred to Post Everlasting.  
May God rest their souls,  
and provide comfort to their family and friends.*



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

**Congratulations to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners** of the 2020 Halloween Contest!! All of the costumes were incredible and the entertainment was fantastic!



The Hackney Cemetery Cleanup on 7 November, organized and led by Legionnaire and Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Member Steve Arndt, was a huge success. In addition to placing nearly 180 flags for Veterans, over 100 volunteers from many groups mowed, raked, bagged, cleaned head stones, and weed wacked for one great cause. **THANK YOU to all!!**

### 15th District Meeting

**5 December 2020 at Post 111**

Registration begins at 9AM,  
and the meeting begins at 10AM.

**All Members are welcome and encouraged to attend!**





REMEMBRANCE DAY



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.

A short remembrance will be conducted at 6PM, followed by a moment of silence.

DECEMBER 12, 2020

Kickoff @3PM



- Happy Hour prices starting at 2PM
- Finger Foods and "10-Liner Strip Cards" during the game

*American Legion  
Alafia Post 148*

**ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
will be held on 18 DEC 2020,  
beginning at 7PM

Entertainment provided by  
**TAYLOR AND TAYLOR**

Please bring a dish to pass,  
and wear your favorite  
"ugly sweater" for the contest!



**Legion Family!!**  
Bring the kids to meet  
**Santa and Mrs. Claus!!**  
**DECEMBER 19th,**  
**12-2PM!!**

There will be games, crafts  
and goody bags!!

*Merry Christmas!*

# Happy new year • hello

# 2021

Let's end this crazy year with a bang!

Entertainment by  
**CALE MOON @7PM**

Wagon of Cheer

ALR 148 Lotto Board  
Drawing @9PM

12AM Champagne  
Toast & Party Favors!!



## A word about the American Legion Oratorical Contest ...

... which will be held in the Post 148 Hall on 9 and 23 January

**-Since 1938, the contest has developed knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students.**

“A constitutional speech contest”

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation’s laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former presidential candidate Alan Keyes, national television commentator and talk radio host Lou Dobbs, and Vice-President of the United States Mike Pence.

Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Over \$203,500 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest’s first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion’s National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.

High school students under age 20 are eligible. Competition begins at the post level and advances to a state competition. Legion department representatives certify one winner per state to the national contest, where department winners compete against each other in two speaking rounds. The contest caps off with a final round that decides the three top finishers.

Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to 10 minutes long; three- to five-minute speeches on an assigned topic also are part of the contest.

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**Spaghetti, Dinner Salad and Toast**



**RIDER DINNER**

**5:00 PM Saturday,**

**January 30, 2021**

**\$10.00 DONATION**

# REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

*The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for MONDAY, 21 December*

## 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 Potatoes, 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!*

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
**Steak Shoot**  
**has been**  
**discontinued.**



### 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

- 4 – Spirit Karaoke 
- 11 – Pure Classic Gold
- 18 – Taylor and Taylor  
*(Legion Family Christmas Party)*
- 31 – Cale Moon  
*(New Year's Eve Party)*

### January

- 1 – No entertainment 
- 8 – Spirit Karaoke
- 15 – Pure Classic Gold
- 22 – Taylor and Taylor
- 29 – Starlight Entertainment