

**December 2014 – January 2015**

**THE 148'r NEWSLETTER**  
**The American Legion**  
**Alafia Post 148**



**AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2014-2015**

**Commander.....Roger C. Dunn**  
**1st Vice..... Richard Pflug**  
**2nd Vice.....Gerry Bell**  
**Adjutant.....Greg Ohlfs**  
**Finance Officer.....Wendy Ohlfs**  
**Sgt at Arms.....Lee Fritchman**  
**Chaplain.....Randy Everhart**  
**Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick**  
**Service Officer.....OPEN**

**Executive Board:**

**T.C.Cobb**                      **Bill Turner**  
**Jeff Koch**                    **Chuck Frietsch**

**Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons**

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

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETINGS**  
**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 MEETINGS**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**7:00 PM**

**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETINGS**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**7:00 PM**



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2014-2015**

**President.....Georgia MacKenzie**  
**1st Vice.....Edie Sparks**  
**2nd Vice..... Vicki Fleming**  
**Treasurer.....Salynna Cox**  
**Chaplain.....Annette Smith**  
**Historian.....Missy Beaver**  
**Secretary.....Susanne Pugh**  
**Sergeant-At-Arms.....Kathy Boyle**  
**Asst. Sgt-At-Arms.....Jennifer Jeffrey**

**Executive Committee:**

**Georgie Bruno, Mary Jane Cobb**  
**,Jeannie Dion**  
**Past President.....Bobbi Milenki**



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2014 - 2015**

**Commander.....David Rutledge**  
**1st Vice.....Carroll Weese**  
**2nd Vice.....Mark Getty**  
**Asst. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice.....Steve Nasrallah**  
**Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi**  
**Finance Officer.....David VanPelt**  
**Sgt at Arms.....Greg Wussaw**  
**Chaplain.....Tom Stone**

**Executive Board:**

**Jerry Lettsinger**            **John Cormier**  
**Ted Kasper**                 **Greg Decker**  
**Steve Nasrallah**



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2014-2015**

**Director..... Bill Turner**  
**Assistant Director.....Steve "Snas" Nasrallah**  
**Secretary.....Vicki Fleming**  
**Treasurer.....Susie Pugh**  
**Historian.....Mary Jane Cobb**  
**Chaplain.....Randy Everhart**  
**Sergeant-At-Arms.....Greg Ohlfs**  
**Road Captain.....T.C. Cobb**  
**Membership.....Jennifer Jeffery**  
**Safety Officer..... Jeff Koch**



**MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2014-2015**

**Commandant.....Bernie Kotrady**  
**Sr. Vice.....Sal DiFonzo**  
**Jr. Vice.....Ed Becker**  
**Judge Advocate.....Walt Ryan**  
**Adjutant.....Jack Skelding**  
**Paymaster.....Houston Tucker**  
**Sgt at Arms.....Larry Westcott**  
**Chaplain.....Dave Blizzard**  
**Jr. Past Commandant..Debra Steele**

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American Legion Alafia Post 148

**Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Saturday: Open at 10 AM

Sunday: Open at 11 AM

## THE COMMANDER'S DESK



### GREETINGS FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Well, it's that time again to let our members know what has been done in your American Legion and what is coming up in the next two months. Our kitchen is up and running and looks great. There is plenty of room for more volunteers to move around and is more efficient to work in. In the past five years or so we have renovated our lounge, restrooms, hall and kitchen, with a lot of hard work done by our members. I want to thank all of our members who have been involved in all of these projects. Without the members all of this could not have been accomplished. Come down and visit your Post Home and see what these volunteers have done for you.

The Sons of the American Legion have started the Friday night fish fry and Sunday morning breakfast at our Flea Market. Come out and enjoy the good cooking. There's plenty of it. In the month of December, our American Legion Auxiliary will be sponsoring our Children's Christmas party. There will also be an adult Christmas Party. Let's not forget the New Year's Eve Party also. We have entertainment every Friday night and a whole lot of TV's in the lounge to watch football, NASCAR races and other sporting events. Look for times and dates in our flyers and calendars in your newsletter.

Let's talk membership...We are now at 67% on our members paid for 2015. We need everyone's help in achieving our 100% goal as soon as we can. Just a reminder; your 2014 membership card expires on December 31, 2014. As of January 1, 2015, you will need your 2015 card to receive an access card for the doors to enter the Post. Membership is the life blood of our organization. When our Congressmen go before the House or Senate to fight for our rights and benefits, each membership counts. The stronger the members, the stronger our vote is.

I wish to thank our American Legion Riders and our Marine Corps League for their donations to our new cabinets in our kitchen. Their help is truly appreciated.

We, as members, can accomplish many projects and support our Boys State, ROTC and our programs. Especially support our Veterans and their families in need of assistance if we all work together as one. I look forward to seeing everyone visit at your Post Home.

Kathy and I wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours in Service,  
Roger Dunn

2014-2015 Post Commander

### NEW MEMBERS

**Glenn Strzalka**  
**Joshua Schichtl**  
**Shane Jackson**  
**David Johnson**  
**Lynn Dee Wach**  
**Todd Taylor**

**William Hogan**  
**Ralph Jabot**  
**Brenden Kelly**  
**Michael Carter**  
**Rin Turner**

### TRANSFERS

**Bob Vohar**  
**Gerry Bertucci**  
**Frank Novotny**

**Jerry Rayborn**  
**Kenneth Thoman**

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Riders,

Here we are headed into the Holiday Season, and as your Director I hope that you and your family have a wonderful time. We know it is family time however we hope that you will join us on the rides that TC has put out there for all of us to enjoy.

The last few rides have been great. We've had a lot of you joining us on them and it really felt great to see each and every one of you out there.

The Haley House event is quickly approaching again and I'm looking forward to having it here again. I hope we can go above and beyond our last total. Wow, wouldn't that not just make you feel great to be able to help the Haley House that way.

Well in closing I just would like to say that it is a great pleasure to serve you and the community as your Director and I am looking forward to the New Year. Please get out and ride but ride safe. The snow birds are in town so there is a lot more traffic out there.

I hope to see you soon either at the Legion or on some of our rides.

For God and Country,  
Bill "Billy Bob" Turner  
Director

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Hello Ladies,

It is the holiday season and we have a lot to be thankful for. We had Thanksgiving, now Christmas is right around the corner. We have planned a Christmas Party for our children of our Veterans. If you would like to help out or donate to the party please contact Susie Pugh 727.510.3604. Donations are always accepted.

I would like to take this time to thank ALL of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 148 for being such an outstanding group of woman who have so much to give and give they do. I could not do the things that are required without each and every one of them. I count my blessings having them in my life.

Please take this time and let a veteran and their families know we have not forgotten them and that we appreciate all they have given and are still giving.

Be safe during this holiday season and your travels. May each of your days be filled with God's Blessing.

Thank a Veteran,  
For God and Country  
Georgia Mackenzie  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 148 Pre sident

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - MEMBERSHIP



From the desk of ALA Membership Chairman

1919 was a very good year for the American Legion Auxiliary! It is the year of our inception as an "individual organization" of women supporting the work of the American Legion. Why is this important you may be wondering...In the years since our formation as the largest women's patriotic organization, the American Legion Auxiliary has grown to 800,000 members in units numbering more than 1,300. Wow! What an accomplishment!

Many have benefited over the years from our membership in the American Legion Auxiliary. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the Legion as peers and as Family. Both the Auxiliary and the Legion play a part in supporting reintegration and comfort for our veterans, their families and our communities. Your continued membership and active participation are so very important to the perpetuation of those long ago but still relevant ideals.

For those who have already renewed your 2015 ALA membership, THANK YOU! The good news is that your Early Bird renewals have brought Unit 148 to almost 50%! That's great! All of you ladies ROCK! But we haven't reached safe harbor yet so we all need to get the word out about Renewing. Talk to your Auxiliary friends and if they haven't been to a meeting lately, invite them. We're really a great bunch of girls. ☺

Yours in Service,  
Edie Sparks

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FLEA MARKET



Every Sunday; 7 AM - Noon

**Breakfast**  
Every  
**Sunday**  
**9-11 AM**

### BINGO!

Every Wednesday  
**6:30 PM**  
By ALA & SAL

### FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY

**5-7 PM**



# Pinochle



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



# "Please Note"

The Post will be open

**10AM - 6PM Christmas Eve**  
**and 12-6PM on Christmas Day**



**1ST ANNUAL ALR 148**

## RIB COOK-OFF

**Saturday**  
**Dec 6th, 2014**



**1st-\$50**  
**2nd-\$30**  
**3rd-\$20**

Entry Fee: \$30 Includes RIBS & 1 Rib Dinner

POC RIBS: Ryan Flaherty Sign up in Lounge

Competition Ribs Supplied By ALR 148

All Cooking & Judging at Alafia Post 148

Details & Info Call: Susi 813-842-4460



**Rib Cooking begins at 8 AM Saturday**  
**Judging at 4PM with Awards at 4:45 PM**  
**\$10 Rib Dinners served at 5PM**

**Includes Your Choice of 4 RIBS Additional Ribs \$2 each**  
**Homemade Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Dessert**



**Celebrating Life!**

**\$2 Hot Dogs & Chips**

PROUDLY HOSTED BY  
**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**  
**ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**

7240 US HIGHWAY 301 SOUTH RIVERVIEW 33569

# American Legion Auxiliary

## Bake Sale

Cookies  
Brownies  
Assorted Baked Goods

**December 7th**  
**9 am to 12 noon**





# Cookson Hills Toy Run

Down Home Make You Feel Good All Over



Fundraiser providing  
"FORGOTTEN" children,  
special need individuals,  
seniors and Veterans  
with Merry Christmas Memories  
21st year toy run event  
Veterans Memorial Park  
Dec 7, 2014; 10 AM-5 PM

# Pearl Harbor

# Remembrance



**SATURDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>,**  
**11 AM**  
**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**  
**WWII Memorial Site**



**Saturday, December 13, 2014**

**Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell**

6502 SW 102nd Ave  
Bushnell, FL 33513

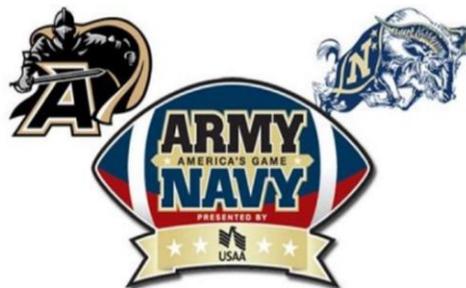
**Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota**

9810 State Rd 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241

**(ALR KSU - 10 AM)**



AMERICA'S  
GAME



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**

**KICK-OFF @ 3 PM**



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

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 19TH, 7 PM

featuring entertainment by

**"Bert & Sassy"**

**8 PM - 12 AM**

HAPPY HOUR PRICES AT THE BAR : 7-8 PM

POT LUCK DINNER begins at 7PM

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST!

50 / 50 RAFFLE!!



KISSING BOOTH!

GIFT EXCHANGE (UP TO \$10)



## CONTEST

UGLIEST CHRISTMAS SWEATER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2014

AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY



Go Simple



Go Wild

*Join your Legion Family for a night of fun, food and friendship. Look forward to seeing you and all your ugly sweaters !!!!*

American Legion  
Alafia Post 148  
**Children's  
Christmas Party**

December 20, 2014  
12 - 2 PM

American Legion Post 148  
7240 US Hwy 301 Riverview

Pictures will be taken with  
Santa and Mrs. Claus. Come  
for fun, food, games, prizes  
and special treats.

RSVP with your child's name  
and age  
(Birth to 10 Yrs.)  
to:

Susie Pugh  
727/510-3604  
By 12/10/2014



# "Please Note"

The Post will  
be open for  
normal business hours  
on New Year's Day

Happy New Year 2015

WEDNESDAY | 31 DEC | 2014

live entertainment featuring the

**HAROLD JONES BAND**

8 PM - 1 AM

**RESERVED SEATING**

\$20 advanced purchase // \$25 at the door

50/50 RAFFLE!

PARTY FAVORS!

"WAGON OF CHEER"



Happy Hour Prices: 7 - 8 PM!!

Buffet Dinner Begins at 7PM

Champagne Toast at Midnight

**Wagon of Cheer**



DRAWING  
NEW YEARS EVE  
Wednesday  
December 31, 2014

Need Not  
Be Present  
To Win

Tickets Available in Lounge

\$1.00 Each or 6 For \$5.00

ONE FREE TICKET FOR BOTTLE DONATION



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

**Monthly Dinner**

**31 JAN at 5 PM (Menu TBD)**

**THANK YOU!**



To the entire Legion Family

for the outstanding support over the past year.

We look forward to a prosperous and enjoyable 2015!!

# Upcoming Entertainment

All entertainment starts at 7PM unless otherwise noted

**December 2014**



**January 2015**

**05 – Three for the Road**

**12 – South Shore 4**

**19 – Bert and Sassy**

*(Adult Christmas Party)*

**26 – Ben Meyer Band**

**31 –Harold Jones Band**

*(New Year’s Eve Party)*

**02 – Double Density**

**09 – Dennis Delany**

**16 – Ben Meyer Band**

**23 – South Shore 4**

**30 – Kathy’s Karaoke and More**



## BOOSTER CLUB

12-14 Tom & Kelley Morris	07-15 Bill Turner	08-15 MCL Detachment 1226
12-14 Dan & Jen McLean	07-15 Greg and Wendy Ohlfs	09-15 Fred & Rehtse Regenhard
01-15 George Lux	07-15 Vicki Fleming	09-15 Kathy Boyle
01-15 Lee Fritchman	08-15 Richard & Linda Pflug	09-15 Annette Smith
01-15 Bob & Bernita Benson	08-15 Susi Martinez	10-15 Tom Howell
02-15 Steve & Joyce Sapp	08-15 Howie D'Agostino	11-15 John & Yvonne Boyle
03-15 George & Lynda Decker	08-15 American Legion Riders #148	02-16 Phyllis Crippen
06-15 Harry Johns	08-15 T.C. & M.J. Cobb	03-16 Don Boyt
07-15 Dragon & Peachy MacKenzie	08-15 Jack and Patt Skelding	12-16 Roger & Kathy Dunn

**IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST, YOUR BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS PAST DUE  
PLEASE CHECK YOUR RENEWAL DATES**

Our Booster membership helps Post 148 provide our newsletter via the website. Membership is \$5.00 per person per year. The date shown is your renewal date. Call 813-677-6529 to join or to ask any questions. We need you to be a booster.

We would like to thank everyone for their donations and to all those who help get the newsletter out. As we all know, it takes money to put out the newsletter and we need everyone’s help. By becoming a Booster your small donation goes a long way with defraying the cost to keep our members informed of all the activities at the Post.

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