



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### February - March 2019



#### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



**AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2018-2019**

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes  
 1st Vice.....Richard Pflug  
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera  
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman  
 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:**  
 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 2018-2019**

President.....Georgia MacKenzie  
 1st Vice.....Edie Sparks  
 2nd Vice.....Julia Arndt  
 Treasurer.....Salynna Cox  
 Secretary.....Susanne 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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## THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

I am really excited about our events and activities for 2019, and I hope that you all get a chance to review the calendars and join us for them. Do not forget to renew your membership so you can get your new white key card, we welcome your participation.

I want to welcome Ed Christman who has volunteered to be our new Adjutant, and he has jumped into the job with both feet, so please when you see him, thank him for helping out our Home Post.

I wish to also thank Mr. Bruce Carl, our 15th District Commander for his visit to the Post on our 14 Jan Legion Meeting. His information and advice was truly appreciated and it is refreshing to know that our American Legion Leadership are supporting Post 148, our sister units, all of our officers and most importantly all of our members.

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

For God and Country

Lynnette Stokes  
Commander  
Alafia Post 148

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## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders,

The 3rd Annual American Legion Riders Summit & Expo is coming up February 6-9, 2019. This is being held at International Palms Resort and Conference Center in Cocoa Beach. This is a great opportunity to become acquainted with the rules and regulations of the ALR. Classes of instruction are held throughout the day. These classes are open to everyone. Several of our riders will be attending and bringing back the latest and greatest information from the Dept of Florida.

Believe it or not, but in March we will have 1st nominations of Officers! If you are interested in running for an officer position, please come to the meeting and let it be known.

Dragon is once again volunteering his time each month to prepare delicious food for our ALR dinners. Our dinners are the last Saturday of each month. The money raised from our dinners help us support other Veterans organizations and our Community. Please come out and enjoy a dinner or drop in for take-out!

ALR 148 will be setting up a booth at "Boots and Badges" at Brandon Harley-Davidson, the third Thursday of every month. Our ALR 148 volunteers will be serving beer and all tips collected will go towards helping our Veterans. Thanks to Ed Linde for setting this up! Don't have to be a biker to attend. Boots and Badges offers food, drinks, live music and more!

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

# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Hello Ladies,

I near the end of another year of being your Unit President and it has been a pleasure. As I have always said I could not do what I do without the HELP of you. In February we will be having our Valentines Dinner at the Post on Friday the 8th from 5 to 7 pm. The band will be Taylor & Taylor. The cost will be \$10 each person. WE want to Thank the Sons of American Legion for giving up their fish fry so that we may have a wonderful Valentine Dinner/ Dance. Also during February we have our District President visiting during our regular meeting Thursday February 21st. Please plan on attending and visiting with her. Department President Michelle DeGennaro will be visiting out District during 21st -24th of February. I hope to see you a several of her events.

In March we have the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Please come out and support our Post. On March 15th the American Legion will celebrate its 100th Birthday, so be sure to come by the post and congratulate our Legionnaires.

Remember to be thinking about if you would like to be an officer for the American Legion Auxiliary, as March will be our 1st Nominations. We welcome all to take on a roll of an officer. If you have questions please feel to ask anyone and they will be glad to talk about out Auxiliary.

We have our Bake sale on Sunday February 3rd and March 4rd. We do look forward to seeing what our wonderful bakers have instore for us.

As we go through the new year 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.

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

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## NEW MEMBERS

**John Coleman**  
**Hiram Ojeda**  
**Tammy Terry**  
**Randy Dalrymple**  
**Joseph Fulton**

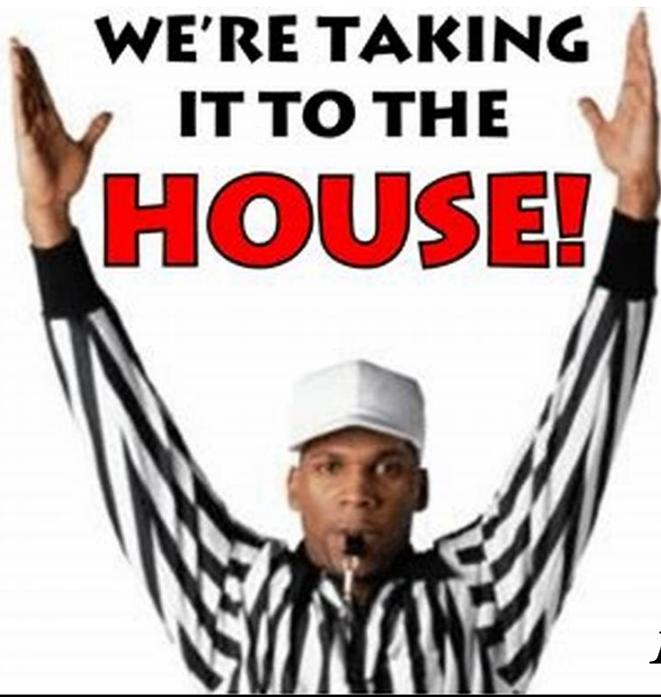
## TRANSFERS

**Peter McGuire**

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## PLEASE NOTE:

**Effective 1 March 2019, the cost of alcoholic drinks will be increased.**  
**See the Lounge Manager or any of the Mixologists for details.**



WE'RE TAKING  
IT TO THE  
**HOUSE!**



JOIN US FOR A  
**SUPER  
BOWL  
PARTY!**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

*WINGS AND OTHER  
FINGER FOODS PROVIDED!!*

*Valentine's  
Day*



Join us for a

*DINNER & DANCE  
FEBRUARY 8, 2019*

*Dinner will be served from 5-7pm*

**Chicken Cordon Blue, Wild Rice,  
Salad, Vegetable Medley, and Roll**

*(\$10.00 per person)*

Be sure to enjoy the fantastic entertainment of  
**Taylor and Taylor** - *beginning at 7pm*

**Please note:** The next **CALENDAR MEETING**

is scheduled for **19 FEBRUARY, at 7PM**

All members of the Legion Family  
are welcome and encouraged to attend.

*Upcoming Legion events are  
planned during these meetings,  
as well as associated details and requirements.*

**YOUR INPUT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!**





**American Legion Riders  
Alafia Chapter Post 148  
Rider Dinner**

**5:00 PM Saturday,  
Feb 23, 2019**



**Dragon's famous BBQ Chicken,  
Yellow Rice & Veggies**

**\$10.00 DONATION**

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

Just a friendly reminder —

**THE AMERICAN LEGION PREAMBLE is as follows:**

"For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100-percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

*What are YOU doing to support these purposes?*

NOMINATIONS

ARE OPEN

***NOMINATIONS for  
LEGION FAMILY OFFICERS  
will be conducted during the  
MARCH MEETINGS:***

ALR - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Legion - 11<sup>th</sup>  
SAL - 14<sup>th</sup>  
ALA - 21<sup>st</sup>



**DISTRICT MEETING** will be conducted

on **2 MARCH, 2019** at **Post 111**

Registration begins at **9AM**

*All Legion Members are encouraged to attend*

**reminder**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**  
begins on **MARCH 10**



**SPRING AHEAD**

Sunday Morning

- Daylight Saving Time resumes at 2 a.m.
- Adjust clocks
- Change batteries in smoke alarms

**CELEBRATE ...**

the  
**American**  
**Legion's**



on **15 MARCH 2019 !!!**

We will have a cake and basket raffles!

*Legion Members wearing military affiliated clothing  
will receive one free ticket for the raffles!*



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**100**  
*Years*

**1919**

**2019**

**VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA**



*Happy*  
*St. Patrick's*  
*Day*

**A free dinner**  
will be served on  
**17 March at 2PM**

*The menu will consist of*  
*Corned Beef, Cabbage,*  
*Potatoes, Carrots*  
*and a Dinner Roll*



**American Legion Riders  
Alafia Chapter Post 148  
Rider Dinner**

**5:00 PM Saturday,  
Mar 30, 2019**



**Dragon's Famous  
BBQ Ribs,  
French Fries  
& Beans.**

**\$10.00 DONATION**

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

**NEWS YOU CAN USE**

**— US Department of Veterans Affairs and the Federal Communications Commission  
Continue to Combat Illegal Robocalls**

The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continue to team up to combat illegal robocalls, especially those targeting veterans and their families.

Each year, the FCC receives more than 200,000 complaints about unwanted calls. While this may seem like a big number, it pales in comparison to the millions of robocalls being made each day. The calls interrupt dinners and family time; they flood landline and mobile phones. Scam calls frequently solicit money for fake charities, including ones claiming to support America's veterans - some even claiming to be representatives of Veterans Affairs.

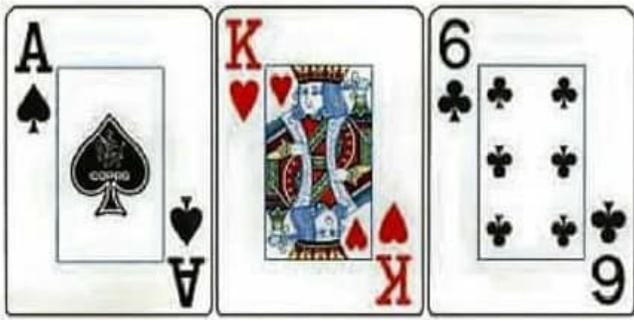
The FCC and VA urge you to be vigilant. Here are some tips to help you avoid unwanted calls and scams;

- Don't answer calls from unknown numbers. Scammers may spoof their caller ID to display a fake number that appears to be local. If you answer such a call, hang up immediately.
- Never give out personal information such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, mother's maiden names, or passwords in response to unexpected or suspicious calls.
- Be sure to set a password for all voice mail accounts to avoid being hacked.
- Register your number on the Do Not Call List to block calls from legitimate telemarketers at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)
- Ask your phone company about call-blocking tools and services for your landline phone, and check for helpful apps that you can download to your mobile phone.

Please help spread the word about robocall fraud among those who may need assistance, particularly those who are frequently targeted by phone scams.

**For more information, visit: [www.fcc.gov/Robocalls](http://www.fcc.gov/Robocalls)**

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS *Subject to Change*



**STEAK SHOOT - Every Saturday @ 2 PM**  
(hosted by SAL)



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

### **Frying Friday**

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

(except during Convention & Fall Conference)

*Fish, Shrimp and Chicken*

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

Presented by:

**The Sons of The American Legion**

### **Come join the "Breakfast Club"**

**8am – 11am Every Sunday**

(except during Convention & Fall Conference)

*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**

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

***You don't have to play bingo to come to the 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***

*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!*

## **Entertainment Schedule**

**All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)**

### *February*

- 1 – Sweet Harmony with Donna Billings
- 8 – Taylor and Taylor
- 15 – Karaoke with Frankie Allen
- 22 – Billie Dee and the Double Shot Band



### *March*

- 1 – Spirit Entertainment
- 8 – Taylor and Taylor
- 15 – Billie Dee and the Double Shot Band
- 22 – Spirit Entertainment
- 29 – Motown Dave