



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

February - March 2020



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2019-2020

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

Executive Board:

Keith Regenhard Bill Rivera
 Les Oakman Russell Beasley

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

AMERICAN LEGION:

EXECUTIVE BOARD-

2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-

4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH—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 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

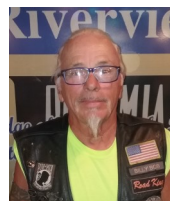


SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

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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 Sunday:
 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

I am looking forward to this new year of 2020, and all of the wonderful events to include the Valentine's Day party and the St Paddy's Day dinner and all of the other events and entertainment scheduled.

If you have not renewed your 2020 Legion Membership card, please do not forget to do so. A new door card is being issued, and without your new 2020 Legion card, the old door card will not work.

Once again, thank you to our wonderful members that volunteer and assist with Legion events, to include day to day set-up, work and operation. It is truly appreciated and I just want to go on the record to let you know how much I appreciate all that each of you do, and thank you for your efforts and dedication.

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

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Hello!

Now that we have welcomed in the new Year, let's all be thankful for the many blessings we have received this past year. My New Year's resolution this year is to help those in need, extend a helping hand where it is needed and to hope that all of our soldiers are safe and come home soon.

Here are some important dates to remember;
February 14th—Valentine's Day Dinner
Mar 7th—District Meeting @ Post 111. Registration begins at 9AM.
March 19th—Ceremony for new Auxiliary members. 7PM

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Dear Riders,

Well, here we are in the year 2020. Did you think you would be here to see it!?

I hope everyone had a great holiday season, and a wonderful new year.

We've lost some wonderful people in the past few months and they will truly be missed.

There is a lot of germs going around so please take care of yourself and your family.

We have a lot of things coming up, including the Riders Summit in Cocoa Beach and the Grant Seafood Festival . It's that time of year that things start happening.

I want everyone to please be safe out there. The snowbirds are in town which means lots of traffic.

Hope to see you on one of our great rides Greg is putting out there.

Ride Safe,
For God and Country
William "Billy Bob" Turner
Director
ALR Chapter 148

Please Note:

First Nominations for Officers will be conducted during the month of April, during each organization's General Membership meetings.

NEW MEMBERS

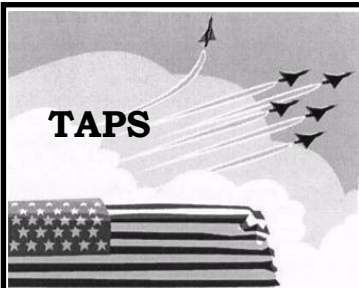
Harold Wright
Leopoldo Castillo

Frank Sieginski Sr.
Kyle Griffith

TRANSFERS

Larry Stacy
Douglas Roderick
Gregory Sarine
Robert Houdek
James Sharkey

James Finnegan
Kevin Cordell
Jose Romero
Richard Gilson
Robert Michael



It is with great sadness to announce the transfer of Lola Faust, Elsie Lay and Audrey Myers to Post Everlasting.
May God rest their souls,
and provide comfort to their family and friends.

There will be an
ALA Bake Sale



February 2nd

during the flea market

Please come show your support
for these wonderful ladies
who do so much
for our Post!



SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 2nd

Kickoff is 6:30PM

There will be finger foods, chicken wings,
and Mark's goulash



JOIN US FOR A *Valentine's Day Dinner*

Presented by the American Legion Auxiliary

February 14th : 5-7PM

**Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread,
and Chocolate Fountain**

**\$10 per person
Entertainment begins at 7PM**

President's Day — 17 February 2020



Washington's Birthday, also known as Presidents' Day, is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of February. The day honors presidents of the United States, including George Washington, the USA's first president.

George Washington was the first president of the United States of America. His first term as president was from 1789 to 1793 and his second term from 1793 to 1797. Before he became president, he played important roles in the military, leading the American Continental Army to victory over the British in 1783. Washington is often seen as the father of the United States and is probably the best known American politician ever.

The likeness and name of George Washington can still be seen in many places in the United States. There is the portrait of him and three other American presidents carved into Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota. His image is also used on the one-dollar bill and the quarter-dollar coin. The capital of the United States, Washington D.C., Washington State and at least three universities are named after him.

Washington's Birthday was first celebrated as a holiday in the District of Columbia in 1880. It was made a federal holiday in 1885. The holiday was originally held on the anniversary of George Washington's birth, on February 22. In 1971, this holiday was moved to the third Monday in February.

This holiday is legally designated as "Washington's Birthday". Though other institutions such as state and local governments and private businesses may use other names, it is the federal government's policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated in the law.

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



**5:00 PM Saturday,
Feb 22, 2020**

Dragon's famous Brisket with Baked Potato and Veggie



\$10.00

DONATION

Expanded Commissary & Exchange Privileges for Veterans

As of January 1, 2020 all service-connected disabled Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war (POW), and individuals designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible Veterans under the VAs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) can present their VHIC to gain entry to DoD and Coast Guard installations and some commissary stores; and at point of sale at commissaries, exchanges (AAFES, NEXCOM, MCX and CGX) and MWR retail activities to complete their transactions.

*Veteran Online Exchange Access: All honorably discharged veterans, including Reserves, are eligible to register online and **shop at the online exchanges.***

This is a big change from how such operations were run in the past. At one time those who did not retire from the military generally didn't have access to on-base resources like these after leaving the service. Such access was reserved for retirees.

Of all the perks of being a member of the United States military, or being in a military family, access to base facilities such as the commissary or base exchange / post exchange and exchange stores operated is one of the best with tax-free shopping and added discounts for those shopping on-post.

These benefits go a long way toward helping military families, especially lower-ranking enlisted troops who may have more debt and need more assistance financially depending on their duty location, family size, and other factors.

For more information, visit <https://militarybenefits.info/expanded-exchange-privileges/>

WE'RE HAVING A 

SUNDAY, 1 MARCH

The bake sale will be held during the flea market. Baked goods are available for purchase (donation) inside the Legion Hall.

Come support the wonderful women of the
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
by enjoying some of their delicious fresh baked goods!



The 15th District Meeting
will be held at
Post 111 on 7 March.
Registration @ 9AM
Meetings begin @ 10M

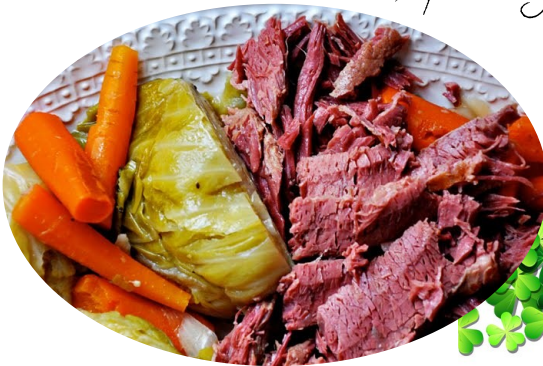


DON'T FORGET !!!

Set your clocks ahead one hour on
SUNDAY, 8 MARCH 2020 at 2AM

Join us on Sunday, 15 March for a traditional
St. Patrick's Day Dinner of corn beef and cabbage
beginning at 4PM

expertly prepared by Richard Pflug



\$7.00 donation



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



**Dragon's Famous
Pork Butt and Sides**

5:00 PM Saturday,

March 28

\$10.00 DONATION



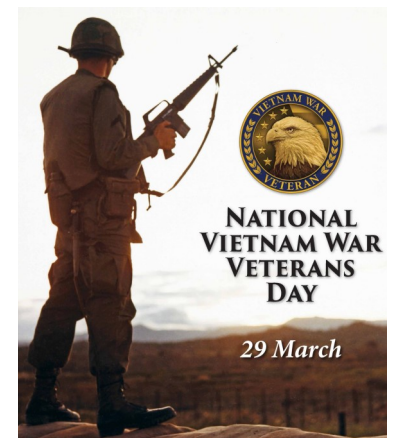
National Vietnam War Veterans Day ...

A US holiday observed annually on March 29. It recognizes veterans who served in the US military during the Vietnam War. It should not be confused with Veterans Day.

On March 29, 2012, President Barack Obama proclaimed March 29, 2012, as Vietnam Veterans Day. The proclamation called "upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that commemorate the 50 year anniversary of the Vietnam War."

On December 26, 2016 the Vietnam Veterans Day Coalition of States Council presented a letter to President Elect Donald Trump and Congressional leadership outlines the history and timeline of cause to establish March 29th as Vietnam War Veterans Day and request that it be one of the first legislations passed and signed into law during the 115 Congress.

On March 28, 2017, President Trump signed the *Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017*. This act officially recognizes March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The Act also includes the day among those days on which the US flag should especially be displayed. March 29 was chosen as National Vietnam War Veterans Day because on March 29, 1973, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was disbanded and the last U.S. combat troops departed the Republic of Vietnam. The last unit was elements of MACV's Infantry Security Force (Special Guard), actually special couriers.



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for 25 FEBRUARY

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 Potatos, French Fries, Onion Rings,
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, 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, 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:

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Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)



February



7 – Spirit Karaoke

14 – Flowin' Whiskey

21 – Spirit Karaoke

28 – Fifth Gear Band

March

6 – Spirit Karaoke

13 – Pure Country Gold

20 – Spirit Karaoke

27 – Claire Petrie

