



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

February - March 2017



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2016-2017

Commander.....George King
 1st Vice.....Claude Gates
 2nd Vice.....Gerry Bell
 Adjutant.....Roger Dunn
 Finance Officer.....Wendy Ohlfs
 Sgt at Arms.....John Eskridge
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn
 Historian.....TBD
 Judge Advocate.....Rick Hewett
 Service Officer.....Mike Moffitt

Executive Board:

Terry Johnson Bob Benson
 Steve Arndt Walt Raysick

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

AMERICAN LEGION:
 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
 EXECUTIVE BOARD—6:00 PM
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP—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 2016-2017

President.....Georgia MacKenzie
 1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell
 2nd Vice.....Edie Sparks
 Treasurer.....Salynna Cox
 Secretary.....Susanne Pugh
 Chaplain.....Annette Smith
 Historian.....Missy Finkbeiner
 Sergeant-At-Arms.....Kathy Boyle
 Asst. Sgt-At-Arms.....Michelle Smith

Executive Committee:

Bernita Benson Jill Bower
 Julie Arndt

Past President.....Georgie Bruno



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2016 - 2017

Commander.....David Rutledge
 1st Vice.....Mark Getty
 2nd Vice.....Carroll Weese
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi
 Finance Officer.....David VanPelt
 Sgt at Arms.....Greg Wussaw
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

Executive Board:

Jerry Lettsinger Steve Nasrallah
 Ted Kasper Greg Decker



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2016-2017

Director.....Steve Nasrallah
 Ass't Director.....Ryan Flaherty
 Secretary.....Angela Ritter
 Treasurer.....Robyn Russell
 Historian.....MJ Cobb
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant-At-Arm.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Vacant
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Greg Ohlfs



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2016-2017

Commandant.....Brian Frank
 Sr. Vice.....Sal DiFonzo
 Jr. Vice.....Vacant
 Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott
 Sgt at Arms.....Henry Wolons
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn
 Jr. Past Commandant.....Ed Becker

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Monday—Saturday:
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 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings from the Commander,

Here we are, well into the start of the New Year and still going strong. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and are looking forward to what the new year has to offer. I'd like to send a quick note of thanks to Suzie Martinez and Gerry Bell for their hard work on the New Year's Eve party...a good time was had by all in attendance.

Since my last letter, we have managed to accomplish a few more things around the Post. The leaking bar water heater has been replaced with a tankless heater similar to the other two installed in the kitchen and bathrooms, and steps to complete the sewer hook up are underway...this will permit us to eliminate the above ground septic system giving us more property to develop into useful purposes for post activities. A special thank you to Chuck Frietsch for his donation of \$1,000 toward this project. He challenges other members to donate to the cause in any amount they can afford since our building fund no longer has the revenue stream from the game machines. If you wish to donate, feel free to contact any of the officers...anything and everything would be appreciated. Additionally, if you have any ideas for fundraising please let us know.

Rick Hewitt, in support of the Post 148 Oratorical Program conducted an Oratorical Contest on January 7th and we had 4 contestants seeking the coveted spaces to represent Post 148 at the next level of competition. A special thank you to Rick for his efforts!

On a final note, don't forget to swing by the lounge and change out your post access entry cards...the white ones from last year will not work in either door. Until next time, I look forward to seeing each of you at the Post, and welcome you to give me a personal shout to pass along anything you think might be important to our membership.

For God and Country
George H. King
Commander, Alafia Post 148

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders,

By the time you get this we will have a new President sworn in. I hope we have a great four years of moving forward.

I would like to thank all the riders for their support at the Field of Honor at Veterans Park. We had guests from Post 110 that joined us also. They were very impressed with the Ceremony that they would like to come back in April.

The First Annual ALR SUMMIT had a great turnout and we met a lot of fellow riders. Great camaraderie! The meetings were informative for the new changes to the SOP's that are being adopted for the future ALR members. The ALR program has 100 chapters with 4500 members and growing! Two new chapters; Post 410 The Villages and Post 45 Palatka. Congrats to both.

Finally I'm looking forward to a new year and some great rides would also like to see some old and new faces on these rides.

For God and Country
Steve Nasrallah
Director
ALR 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Hello Ladies,

We have started a new year with several events that turned out very good. I would like to thank you for all your help in making them successful for our veterans.

In February we have several events coming up one is the Bake Sale on Sunday, February 5th from 9 am to noon then Valentines Dinner and Dance which is going to be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 5pm. On February 15th we will be having a 15th District Past Commander and President Dinner and Auction, held at Post 138 from 6-9:30pm the funds raised will be used to help out on the transportation of our girls and boys state.

In March, Monday, 6th we will have VA Bingo at the James Haley VA Hospital. If you would like to go and enjoy some time with our Veterans please give Tammy O'Donnell a call 813.391.5166.

As normal we have our Bingo on every Wednesday evening started at 6pm. We also have our meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Meeting begins at 7pm if you would like to attend please give me a call 813.230.4239 and I will try and to get you a ride to attend the meeting. We would love to have you there. Also another event that happens every Saturday is Steak shoot the Sons and American Legion have at 2pm. Please come out and join them. We support all family events at our post.

As a family unit we are planning a family event to support the Post. I plan having more information after the committee meets here in the next several weeks. Please watch for the announcement we look for support from all family units. WE need to be here to support our American Legion Families.

As we get on through the next several months we need to remember that our year of work goes to support the Veterans and their families that are in need. These young men and woman have given and are giving their lives to give us freedom to speak and act out our views on matters of the world. When you get ready to say something remember why you are able to do just that. So please support our family events and other Veteran organizations.

We will keep on "Navigating the course for veterans and their families"

For God and Country,
Georgia Mackenzie
President, Unit 148

Do you know that the Service Officer for Post 148 is Mike Moffitt?

American Legion Service Officers are trained to provide expert assistance, free of charge, to veterans and their families. While the majority of a Service Officer's work involves application for VA disability benefits, these compassionate professionals also provide information, referrals and resources on education, employment and business, death benefits and other important topics. You can contact Mike by calling (813) 728-3776 or email at vsopost148@gmail.com. His business cards are located in the lounge at the bar service area.

NEW MEMBERS

William Longenbarger

TRANSFERS

Barry Becker

Leon Hunt

Lawrie Barroner

Richard McElvenny

Norman Hunt

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Please note: Next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for 21 FEB 2017

STEAK SHOOT

Every Saturday @ 2 PM



Pinochle



9:30AM Mondays & Fridays

At American Legion Post 148

Double Deck / Partners

Every
Sunday;
7 AM -
Noon



FLEA MARKET

Breakfast

Every
Sunday
8-11 AM

BINGO

Every Wednesday

6:30 PM

By ALA & SAL



EVERY FRIDAY

5-7 PM

Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

February

- 3 – Music and Karaoke
with Bridget
- 5 – Super Bowl Party (6PM)
- 10 – Jukebox Night
- 11 – 5th Gear Band
(Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance)
- 17 – Karaoke with Sandy Lamm
- 24 – Music with Gene Cannon



March

- 3 – Music and Karaoke
with Bridget
- 10 – Music by Boardwalk Baby
- 17 – Karaoke with Sandy Lamm
- 18 – Irish/Folk Music by Rick Donovan
(St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 6-9PM)
- 24 – Music by
Double Shot Band
- 31 – Music with Gene Cannon





ORATORICAL CONTEST

Levels of Competition:

- 15th District: 4 FEB, 1PM (Post 111, Tampa)
- Central Area: 19 FEB, 2PM (Post 111, Tampa)
- FL Department: 11 MAR, 2PM (Orlando)
- National Finals: 22-23 APR (Indianapolis)

After a successful Post Level contest on 7 January, Ms. Lindsey McClellan was awarded 1st Place and will go on to compete in the District Level contest on 4 February.

Come support this talented young lady as she pursues her quest for American Legion National Oratorical Champion!



**Join CUB SCOUT PACK 606
for the PINewood DERBY!!
Saturday, 4 FEB, 2-6PM
South Shore United Methodist Church
(11525 Big Bend Road)**

This year, there will also be an additional race called an OUTLAW RACE! This race is for anyone who wishes to compete for speed, fun, and bragging rights! Mom's, Dad's, sisters, brothers, friends, Girl Scouts, uncles, grandparents... ANYONE can get in on this friendly competition! Additionally, a committee is needed to assist the cubmaster with volunteers, set up, tear down, etc. if you are willing to be on this committee If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer or participate, please contact Rick or Julie Hewett.



**Sunday, 5 FEB
9AM—12 PM
Help support
the ALA!!**



**Sunday, 5 FEBRUARY
5PM-End of Game**

Finger foods (meatballs, chicken nuggets, pizza), Bar Games and Bottle Raffle



Please join us for our
Valentine's Dinner & Dance
 Saturday February 11, 2017 5:00 - 11:00PM

Dinner Served: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
 \$8 Donation per person

XOXO



*Chicken Parmesean, Spaghetti,
 Salad, Rolls and Dessert*

Entertainment: 5th Gear Band, 7:00 - 11:00 pm

Drawings by chance, Jell-O and Pudding Shots & 50/50

American Legion Auxiliary Alafia Post 148 & Sons of the American Legion Squadron 148
 7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
 ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**

RIDER DINNER

SATURDAY FEB. 25TH, 5PM



**DRAGON'S
 PULLED PORK**
 w/ Baked Beans,
 Coleslaw,
 Macaroni Salad
 & Hushpuppies



\$10.00 Donation

American Legion Post 148 (7240 US 301 SOUTH, RIVERVIEW)





DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

Legacy Ride

February 26 – March 3, 2017

Starting at Post 347, Lady Lake, FL

Ending at Post 283, Jacksonville, FL

Detailed list of stops: [http://](http://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services/legion-riders/legacy-ride/)

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Each year, the Legion Riders conduct a ride within the state of Florida to raise funds and awareness for the LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND, a National American Legion program. Hundreds of Riders participate, and millions of dollars have been raised over the years.

FIRST NOMINATIONS are in MARCH

7th (Riders), 10th (Sons), 14th (Legion), 17th (Auxiliary)

For Your Info: 15th DISTRICT MEETING: March 4, 2017

Registration at 9:00 am

American Legion Post 138
(5535 W Prescott Street , Tampa)

**Support
the
Legion
Auxiliary!**



Bake Sale

Sunday

5 MAR

9am-12pm



Don't Forget:

Sunday, March 12th

Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m.



**Clocks
should be
turned
forward
one hour**

St. Patrick's



Day *Traditional Irish* **Dinner**

*Irish/Folk music by
Rick Donovan, 6-9PM*

\$10.00

(Corned Beef, Cabbage, and Potatoes)

There will also be a "Jameson" Irish Whiskey Bottle Raffle

Saturday, 18 MARCH 6 PM *at American Legion Post 148*

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**



RIDER DINNER

DRAGON'S "WORLD FAMOUS" **BBQ**

Saturday, March 25th, 5PM



**SMOKED CHICKEN,
YELLOW RICE,
BLACK BEANS,
AND VEGGIES**

\$10 Donation

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It is with deep regret and heavy hearts that we announce the transfer of Gene Chrismer and Pete Suralis Sr. to "Post Everlasting".

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