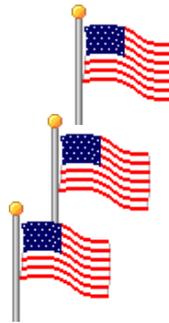


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The American Legion
Alafia Post 148



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Commander.....Roger C. Dunn
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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
 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
 EXECUTIVE BOARD: 6:00 PM
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: 7:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETINGS
 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 MEETINGS
 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
 7:00 PM

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETINGS
 1ST 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 Jeffery

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. 2nd 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
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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 we have started a new year for our American Legion. The 2014 year was a good year. Our Legion Members finished our kitchen and the hallway to the men's and ladies' rooms. Our kitchen is in full swing. Friday night fish fry and Sunday morning breakfast are doing great. Come on down to your Post Home on Sunday mornings and enjoy the flea market and breakfast sponsored by our Sons of the American Legion and check out our new kitchen. I wish to thank the Sons and the Marine Corps League for the donations for our new cabinets in the kitchen. I want to thank all the Members who were involved in all the hours they volunteered to get these projects completed. I am afraid if I try to name them all I might miss someone. Thank you from me and all Members on a job well done.

Every Member who has a 2014 Membership card needs to come in for a visit in order to update to your 2015 cards. The door cards have changed and you will need the new cards to access the Post.

To all of our Members whom have paid your dues .. thank you from the Commander and all of your Officers. The Membership has now reached 85% of our goal at 658 Members. We need everyone's help in achieving our 100%. This includes dues paid and new Members. There is a lot of potential Veterans eligible to join us. We need your help.

We have Valentine's Dinner and St. Patrick's Day Dinner coming up in February and March. We look forward to seeing you there. Many things are happening in your Post.

The American Legion Riders are going strong and supporting your Post. They are about 120 strong at this time. The annual Haley House run is coming up on March 21. The proceeds from this event are donated to the Haley House up at the VA Hospital for families to be able to stay close to the facilities to help our Vets to recover and have support from their families close by. This is their 8th Annual run. We need all of your support with this project. Thank you in advance.

This time of year we start on our Boys State programs and our ROTC program. Our Legion supports five high schools in our area. This is just a couple of the projects we do every year.

The first nominations for Officers is coming up at our March General Membership meeting. All of our Legion Members need to come out and support the General meetings. The decisions for our Post are made here. Please do not let a hand full of Members decide for you. Every Member has a voice and a vote. Come out and exercise that right!

For God and Country,
Roger C. "Duffy" Dunn
2014-2015 Post Commander

NEW MEMBERS

William Shaw	Carlos Mirandazayas
Cindy Hasty	James J Dickey
Robert Back	Larry Brown
James Wright	Michael Kerman
Richard H Jones	Richard P Karczeski
Rochelle Brisco	Michaela White
Derrick White	Steven Arndt

TRANSFERS

Donald Ziebarth	Richard Hertz
Donald Amey	Derrick Schaeffer
Mervin Lopez	Walter Dennis
Frederick Mensch	Harry Hefner

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Riders,

Well, here we go again getting close to another Haley House fund raising event. It's getting down to the wire, so now we all have to come together and really work hard if we want to make this a big success. I'm hoping that we can count on all of you to get behind this fund raising event and see it to the end.

A few of us have been doing some great rides thanks to TC. He has been putting together good, fun rides and if you haven't been here, you surely have missed some good times. I really wish that more of you would come out and ride, so that you too can join in on all of the fun and exciting times we have out there on the road.

Remember Riders, if any of you are having problems and you need to talk to me or any of the other Officers, or just another member, don't hesitate to give me or the others a call. I'm here for you anytime. Enjoy the ride and be safe!

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

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Hello Ladies

We have started off the New Year with a lot of new ideas. We will still be having our Bingo every Wednesday at 6:30 at the Post, our renovation for the new kitchen area has almost been completed now.

March the Auxiliary will be helping the Legion with their St. Patrick's Day event on Sunday, March 14th from 2-4 pm. so please come out and help out our Veterans. Also during the next auxiliary meeting we will be having our 1st Nominations for officers so please be thinking about how you could help with taking an office.

As normal we will be having our general meeting on March 19th and April 16th as always on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Always looking to see you there. If you need a ride or anything else please do give me a call.

As this year keeps rolling on I want to be sure and say a big thank you to all our Auxiliary members for the outstanding jobs they have been doing. Also would like to say it has been fantastic to be a part of a wonderful family here our Post and a thanks goes out to the American Legion members, Son's of American Legion, and American Legion Riders.

What a great group we make!

For God and Country
Georgia Mackenzie
American Legion Auxiliary President Unit 148
813.230.4239

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY - MEMBERSHIP



From the desk of ALA Membership Chairman

2015 has arrived! The holidays are behind us and we are continuing to shine for our Veterans. As of January 2015, Unit 148 has met its current membership goal but we still have miles to travel before we reach safe harbor at Convention in June. So, keep those renewals flowing and if you see any of your Auxiliary sisters in your travels, remind them to renew.

For those who have already renewed your 2015 ALA membership, THANK YOU! You ladies are the best! Get the word out...**Renew, Retain, Rejoin**. 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

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PARTY**



**Sponsored by the
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Sunday,

FEBRUARY 1st

5 PM



Enjoy the game on a 50" X 70" TELEVISION!!



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\$20 for Winner!

FREE FOOD
(BRING A DISH)

**Door Prizes
&
50/50 Raffle**

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American Legion Auxiliary

February 1st

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Cookies
Brownies
Assorted Baked Goods

BAKE
SALE

Valentines Day Dinner Dance

Delicious Stuffed Pork Chops
Tender Red Skin Potatoes
Green Beans
Dessert



Enjoy the musical stylings of Mike Baier and Doubletake

Good Time Old Rock-n-Roll

50's 60's and 70's

Standards, Country and Blues

7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 14th
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

\$ 10.00

INAUGURAL

SHAKES, RATTLES, RIDES AND RODS FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE FEBRUARY 21, 2015 12:00 - 6:00 PM

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 148
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ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148
7240 US HIGHWAY 301
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PRIZE DRAWING BEFORE RIDE!
KSU: 11:30 AM

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RIDER DINNER

5 PM SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2015

SMOKED PULLED PORK COLESLAW, BAKED BEANS & DESSERT DONATION \$7 PER PLATE



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7240 US HIGHWAY 301 SOUTH, RIVERVIEW FL 33569

15th DISTRICT MEETING : MARCH 7TH @ POST 5, 9AM !!!

Reminder!

DAYLIGHT
SAVING
TIME
starts

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2AM



New Officer Nominations are coming up.

Please COME TO THE MEETINGS

and VOICE YOUR CHOICE!!

***FIRST NOMINATIONS
in MARCH***

2nd - Legion Riders

9th - American Legion

12th - S.A.L.

19th - Auxiliary

*Celebrate
St Patrick's Day
at American Legion Alafia Post 148*



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
RIVERVIEW CHAPTER POST 148**

**RIDER DINNER
5 PM SATURDAY
MARCH 28, 2015**

**GRILLED STEAKS
BAKED POTATO, SALAD & DESSERT
\$10 DONATION PER PLATE**



**Corned Beef and Sides!
Deserts provided by ALA**

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8TH ANNUAL

POKER RUN BENEFITING THE HALEY HOUSE FUND



SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2015

REGISTRATION 9:30 - 10:30 AM - POST 148

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POKER RUN KSU 11:00 AM

**AMVETS POST 301 ELLENTON
PEGGY'S CORRAL PALMETTO
MANGO JO'S RUSKIN
VFW POST 8108 RIVERVIEW
AMERICAN LEGION POST 148
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Upcoming Entertainment

All entertainment starts at 7PM unless otherwise noted

February 2015



March 2015

06 – Three for the Road

13 – Ben Meyer Band

20 – Double Density

27 – South Shore 4

06 – You 2 Kan Karaoke

with Donna Wheeler

13 – Kris Pierce

20 Karaoke with Tequila Sheila

27 – Double Density



BOOSTER CLUB

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

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR RENEWAL DATES**

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