



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

February - March 2022



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2021-2022

Commander.....Ed Christman
 1st Vice.....Lynnette Stokes
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman
 TreasurerDee Hoffmann
 Sergeant at Arms.....Terry Johnson
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Historian.....Mike O'Dell
 Judge Advocate.....Larry Westcott
 Service Officer.....Jim Fraboni

Executive Board:

Les Oakman Russell Beasley
 Greg Ohlfs William Turner
 Past CommanderEd Christman

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 2021-2022

President.....Julia Arndt
 1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell
 2nd Vice.....Denise Bonnett
 Treasurer.....Salynna Galimidi
 Secretary.....Darcy Fak
 Chaplain.....Alma Hilton
 Historian.....Margaret Blazer
 Sergeant at Arms.....Kathy Boyle
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Michele Smith

Executive Committee:

Georgianna Bruno Patti Alley
 Jennifer Jeffery

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2021 - 2022

Commander.....Steve Arndt
 1st Vice.....Steve Arndt
 2nd Vice.....Carroll Weese
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi
 Finance Officer.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

Executive Board:

Ted Martine Greg Dodge
 Ted Kasper Ronnie Pimentel
 Past Commander.....Carroll Weese



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2021-2022

Director.....Angela Ritter
 Assistant Director.....Scott Hortman
 Adjutant.....Andrew Davis
 Treasurer.....Ed Lince
 Historian.....Susan King
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Terry Johnson
 Past DirectorBill Turner



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2021-2022

Commandant.....Ron Essick
 Senior Vice.....Sal DiFonzo
 Junior Vice.....Peter Farren
 Judge Advocate.....Bruce Younggren
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott
 Sergeant at Arms.....Hank Wolons
 Chaplain.....Walt Raysick
 Past Commandant.....Brian Frank

Hours of Operation:

Monday—Saturday:
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 Sunday:
 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



FROM THE COMMANDER:

The first month is behind us, 11 more to go. We have safely made it through heading for a glorious spring. St Patrick's Day dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served on 13 March 2022 at 2PM for a \$10 donation. Stop in and see some old friends.

The District and Department of Florida are aware of membership issues; they changed the whole program and it has been headaches to us all. You will also get notices of your owing dues when you have already paid; this is attributed to the new system and how it rolls out these notices. If you have any concerns; please feel free to text me to my personal cell phone, 813-507-6507, and I will try to resolve your issue. If you call me, I have a program that screens all my calls, just listen to it then leave a message.

And last thing: Please try and stop by the lounge, the hours are Mon—Sat 10am to close, Sun 11am to close! And we have several more Sundays of football! Be safe to all of our members and visitors.

For God and Country!
Edward D. Christman
Commander/Adjutant
American Legion Alafia Post 148

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hello,

Hope everyone had wonderful holidays.

Membership for 2022 renewals are now due. You can pay your dues my mail, online, or in person at the Post. Remember, you will not be able to enter the Lounge unless you show your 2022 renewed membership card in order to get your new Door card.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Until further notice, I am sorry to say, our Fish Fry Fridays are cancelled. (Unless otherwise posted). If you are interested in volunteering for our Fish Fry or Sunday Breakfast, please let one of our SAL officers know.

See you at the Legion
Steven Arndt-SAL Commander



We are very sad to report that
Jimmy Longshaw ***Richard Buskirk***
Don Duclos ***Hans Merrill***
have been transferred to Post Everlasting.
May God rest their soul,
and provide comfort to their family and friends.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello All,

Wow, this year is flying by so fast! It's been a great start to the new year; weather has been nice and great "riding temperatures". We are getting ready for our first fundraiser/benefit/poker run in several years to be held on March 19th. Our benefit is to raise funds for handicap vehicle accessible equipment and installation for Rider and Sons of the Legion member, Ed Linde. Our first gun raffle is going well, with the winner being announced at the benefit. See your Legion Bartender to purchase tickets. We also have large Rider events coming up like the Central Area Ride-In on April 2nd, Round Robin the entire month of April, and Rider officer nominations starting in March. COVID has thrown a "wrench" into rides, but we are adapting and getting wind therapy when we can. Nothing can stop a Rider! Enjoy life, enjoy your family, and most of all, smile and be safe!

Ride for the Cause not the Applause

Angela Ritter (TnA)
Director—ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

It's a New Year. Let's start this new year by doing as much as we can to help our military and their families, and our community.

Membership renewals for 2022 are due as soon as possible. You can either mail, pay on-line, or in person at the Post. Remember, if you have a change to any of your information, please let us know so you can stay informed of the upcoming events we have planned for the year.

Remember, our meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Hope to see you there.

For God and Country,
Julia Arndt-President

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS		TRANSFERS
John Diaz, Jr.	James D Sherman, Jr.	Jerry D Andrews
Cristina L Crenshaw	William A Moore	
Arthur J Lepine	Felipe J Aguilar	



VALENTINE'S DAY

♥ WORD SEARCH ♥

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ADMIRER	BE MINE	BOUQUET
CANDY	CHOCOLATE	CUPID
FALL IN LOVE	FEBRUARY	FLOWERS
GIFT	HEART	HUG
I LOVE YOU	KISS	LOVE
PINK	RED	ROMANCE
ROSES	SWEETHEART	VALENTINE



American Legion Auxiliary

February 22nd—The Auxiliary District and Department Presidents will be visiting My Warriors place.

All Auxiliary members are welcome to join. If you would like to car pool, we are meeting in the Legion parking lot between 8:30-8:45am, or feel free to meet in Ruskin at 10am.

MY WARRIORS PLACE

Address: 101 22nd St NW, Ruskin, FL 33570

"Giving the gift of hope & healing to those who keep us safe, secure & free!"



Valentine's Party— 7PM
 Saturday, February 12th

Motown Dave



50/50 - Jello and Pudding Shots

Sandwiches,
 Finger Foods,
 Chocolate Fountain!



Hosted by: American Legion Auxiliary
 American Legion Alafia Post 148
 7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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FORCE BEHIND THE FORCES
SEMPER PARATUS—ALWAYS READY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148

Lori's Chicken Cordon Bleu, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and a roll

**Rider Dinner
\$10 Donation**

**5PM Saturday
February 26, 2022**



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

Don't Drink and Drive

MARCH MILITARY DATES TO REMEMBER



- NAVY BIRTHDAY—THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD
- HUG A GI DAY—FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH
- SEABEE BIRTHDAY—SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH
- K 9 VETERANS DAY—SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH
- AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY—TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH
- ROSIE THE RIVETER DAY—MONDAY, MARCH 21ST
- MEDAL OF HONOR DAY—FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH
- NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY—TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH



St Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday, March 13th

\$10/person / 2PM—4PM

Corned Beef, Cabbage,
Potatoes, Carrots, and a
Roll





American Legion Riders Riverview Chapter 148



Benefit & Poker Run Saturday, March 19th 2022

A benefit to support our own Ed 'Baxter' Linde



Please join us to help our dear friend and beloved ALR Chapter 148 Member Ed Linde.

Ed currently enjoys a mostly mobile lifestyle thanks to his wheelchair and the tremendous support of his loving wife Vicki. However, together they face the debilitating condition known as Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT), a progressive nerve disease for which there is no cure at this time.

Ed and Vicki will eventually need additional mobility options, which include extensive modifications for their wheelchair-accessible vehicle.

Ed has a strong passion of helping which is evident through his continued service, whether during his contribution in Law Enforcement, his volunteer time with the American Legion Riders, or as a facilitator for the local CMT Support Group.

Ed is a person who is always there to support and help. Now it's our turn to support him!

All proceeds to assist in outfitting a wheelchair accessible vehicle

Sign-in and 1st card 9:30am-11:00am at American Legion Post 148

7240 US Hwy 301 South, Riverview, FL 33578

2nd Card: VFW Post 8108 - 7504 Riverview Drive

3rd Card: Pop-a-Bear Bar & Grill - 4907 S 50th St (US Hwy 41)

4th Card: Red Star Live - 9847 E Adamo (Brandon Harley)

Final Card: AMVETS Post 44 - 5521 E SR 60, Plant City

Last Bike in by 3:00 pm

\$15 Registration Includes: Poker Hand, Meal & Entry for Grand Prize Drawing
HIGH / LOW HAND PAYOUT



WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

AND WAR DOG REMEMBRANCE

MARCH 26, 2022 10:00AM

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK & REAR ADMIRAL
LEROY COLLINS JR. VETERANS MUSEUM

3602 HWY 301N, TAMPA, FL 33619



American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148

Rider Dinner \$10 Donation

5PM Saturday March 26, 2022

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

Chef Lucky and the Smith Clan Mystery Dinner



Don't Drink and Drive

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 21 February



9:30AM Mondays & Fridays

At American Legion Post 148

Double Deck / Partners

FRYING FRIDAY

THE LEGION IS NOW HOSTING THE FISH FRY. VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED FROM ALL UNITS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE. A SIGN-UP SHEET IS AT THE BAR. THANK YOU!



Wednesday BINGO

(Snack Bar from 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*, starting at 6:30pm!

For your information —

The ALA conducts bake sales

during the flea market

on the first Sunday of each month.

The money they raise

helps to support Veterans in our area.

Please help support them!!

"Breakfast Club"

**BREAKFAST TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE. THANK YOU!**

Prepared by:

The Sons of The American Legion

Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)



February

4 - Spirit Karaoke

11 - Jukebox Night

12 - **Motown Dave (Valentine's)**

18 - Spirit Karaoke

25 - Bob Higgins



March

4 - Spirit Karaoke

11 - Wayne & Joey

18 - Spirit Karaoke

25 - Burt & Friends

