



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### February - March 2023



#### AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022-2023

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes  
 1st Vice.....Terry Johnson  
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera  
 Adjutant.....Terry Johnson  
 Treasurer .....Dee Hoffman  
 Sergeant at Arms.....William Turner  
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell  
 Historian.....Mike O'Dell  
 Judge Advocate.....Larry Westcott  
 Service Officer.....Mike O'Dell

#### Executive Board:

Bob Benson                      Russell Beasley  
 Mark Finkbeiner                Claude Gates

Past Commander .....Lynnette Stokes

Acting Lounge Manager...Dee Hoffman



#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

Commander.....Micah Seagar  
 1st Vice.....Anthony Galimidi  
 2nd Vice.....Elvis Cabot  
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi  
 Finance Officer.....Kevin O'Donnell  
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

#### Executive Board:

Ted Martine                      Greg Wussow  
 Ted Kasper                        Don DeBruin  
 Past Commander.....Steven Arndt

### **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

#### AMERICAN LEGION:

##### EXECUTIVE BOARD-

2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

##### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-

4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—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 2022-2023

President.....Julia Arndt  
 1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell  
 2nd Vice.....Denise Bonnett  
 Treasurer.....Salynna Galimidi  
 Secretary.....Lori Yeago  
 Chaplain.....Vicki Linde  
 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



#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2022-2023

Director.....Angela Ritter  
 Assistant Director.....George King  
 Adjutant.....Lori Yeago  
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde  
 Historian.....Andy Davis  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith  
 Road Captain.....Andy Davis  
 Membership.....Tom Ritter  
 Safety Officer.....Terry Johnson



#### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2022-2023

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

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## THE COMMANDER'S DESK



### FROM THE COMMANDER:

Greetings,

I am really excited about our events and activities for 2023, and I hope that you all get a chance to review our calendars and join us for them. Do not forget to review your membership so you can get your new Blue Key card, we welcome your participation. (Must show current Membership card to receive the new key card)!

Many thanks to all who assisted and brought food for our New Year's Eve party. I think that is the most food I have ever seen at an event, and the decorations were so special, to include the compliments on the band and the Hall...my appreciation to each of our members and volunteers, we could not have successes without you.

I want to thank each Unit of Post 148 for your contributions, your support and all the activities, that you all put together for our members and community. I am looking forward to this upcoming year filled with your events.

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

For God and Country!  
Lynette Stokes / Commander  
Alafia Post 148

### A message from Joe and Denise Bonnett...

To all our dear friends. Words alone cannot thank you enough. Your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity were so welcomed and appreciated during this very difficult time. It is a privilege to have all of you as friends. We don't know how we would have coped with the sudden and tragic loss of Todd (our son) without the love and support of all of you. There are many people who come into our lives but only a few will leave lasting impressions. We are so fortunate and humble to have all of you as friends.

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hello,

If you haven't yet paid your 2023 annual membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. The fee is \$30.

The Snack Bar before bingo on Wednesdays has been canceled until further notice.

Join us for our weekly Fish Fry on Fridays from 5-7pm.

The SAL Taco Bar is returning. It will be held the 1st Sunday of every month from 12pm-4pm.

SAL Post 148



*We are very sad to report that*

**Butch Seward**

*has been transferred to Post Everlasting. May God rest their soul, and provide comfort to their family and friends.*

# AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Everyone,

Hope you and your families are doing well. The Riders have a lot of events coming up and will be busy riding. You may have seen the big basket with cute bunnies sitting in the Lounge. This is our Central Area Ride In "Basket of Cheer". We will be selling tickets for a chance to win this basket and all its yummy contents up to 1 April at which time a winner will be announced. Starting in April is our Round Robin month. We'll put on miles hoping to bring the trophy back to District 15. The month will end with a Unity Ride/event at OCC in St. Petersburg, FL. Not to forget, the Riders will be hosting a Poker Run on May 20th at the Post. Funds raised will be for the Legion and the Riders. What better opportunity do you get to get involved? We have a great line-up of dinners for the last Saturday of the month so come out and indulge in great food. Keep the rubber on the road.

## Ride for the Cause not the Applause

Angela Ritter (TnA)

Director 2022-2023—ALR Chapter 148

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

**The Auxiliary is looking for 2 volunteers for Wednesday night bingo.** We will train you how to call. We would prefer 2 volunteers so they can alternate and only call 2 times a month. You would be required to be at the hall from 6pm-9:30pm. If interested, please contact me at jarndt6@tampabay.rr.com. Don't forget these hours are counted for Community Service.

Valentine's Masquerade dinner Feb 4th from 5-7pm. \$10 per person. All proceeds benefit the Gary Sinise Foundation / Snowball Express program. (Please see flyer for more details).

District President, Eileen Wilson, will be our Unit on Feb. 16th at our Auxiliary meeting. All members are requested to attend.

Feb. 17th is Legions Got Talent Auditions. If interested, please sign up on list located in the Lounge at the bar. There is a \$5 entry fee, which will be donated to the Gary Sinise Foundation/Snowball Express program. If selected as a finalist, you will be representing Post 148 on March 25th at Post 138 for the finals at 6PM.

Feb. 18th-ABC School of Instruction to be held at Unit 148 from 10am-3pm. Breakfast and lunch will be available. I strongly suggest all new members join us to learn the basics of our organization.

March 16th-Auxiliary meeting and 1st nominations of officers for 2023-2024. If interested in becoming an Officer, please be sure to attend this meeting in order to accept/decline the nomination. If you would like more information on a position, please talk to any current officer.

March 25th-Department President, Jane Hardacre, will be visiting Post 148. Please see our Auxiliary page on Facebook for details.

@colormethere  
Julia Arndt-President

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## *Please welcome the following Members to Post 148*

### NEW MEMBERS

<b>Shauntae Harris</b>	<b>Diego Munguia</b>
<b>Todd Cabral</b>	<b>Vishal Munusami</b>
<b>Melanie Munusami</b>	<b>Rhianna Blevins</b>

### TRANSFERS



## February Calendar at a Glance

- Black History Month
- Week of 12th—National Salute to Veteran Patients
- 2nd—Groundhog Day
- 3rd—Four Chaplains Day
- 4th—USO Birthday
- 12th—Super Bowl Sunday
- 14th—Valentine's Day
- 18th—Auxiliary ABC School of Instruction at Post 148
- 19th—Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
- 20th—President's Day

## February Meetings at a Glance

- 6th—ALR at 7pm
- 7th—MCL at 7pm
- 9th—SAL at 7pm
- 13th—American Legion E-Board at 7pm
- 16th—ALA—Officers at 6:30pm—General at 7pm
- 20th—Calendar Meeting at 7pm
- 27th—American Legion General Membership 7pm



## Valentine MASQUERADE

Saturday, February 4, 2023

5:00 til 11:00PM

At

AMERICAN Legion Post 148  
7240 US Hwy 301 S.  
Riverview, FL.

Contest for best Masquerade Disguise

\$10. Donation per person

Dinner Served: 5:00 to 7:00pm Mama's Baked Ziti,  
Salad, and Garlic Bread & 7 Layer Chocolate Cake & Fountain  
w/ Ghirardelli Chocolate

Entertainment: D.J. Tim Goodrich

50/50, Raffle Basket's, Jello & Pudding Shots

Proceeds go to Snowball Express Gary Sinise Foundation

Hosted By: AL Aux. Unit # 148



## February Entertainment

Anywhere Karaoke—3rd & 17th

(Valentine Party) D.J. Tim Goodrich—4th

Jukebox Night—10th & 24th

## "Legions Got Talent"

Auditions held the 1st hour of Karaoke on Friday, February 17th. If interested, there is a sign up sheet at the bar.

There is a \$5 entry fee, which will be donated to the Gary Sinise Foundation/Snowball Express Program. If selected as a finalist, you will be representing Post 148 on Saturday, March 25th at Post 138 for the finals at 6pm.

## QUEEN OF HEARTS

Post 148 has started weekly drawings for the Queen of Hearts. Tickets now on sale in the Lounge. See the Bartender for tickets.



- Tickets \$2 each—No Limit
- Drawing every Saturday night at 7pm
- If present, winner receives 60% of the pot. The Legion receives 40%.
- Not present, winner receives 40% of the pot. Legion receives 60%.
- If the Queen of Hearts is not drawn, the pot carries over to the next weekly drawing.





## Sunday, February 12th

Wings will be prepared and served near kickoff time. Feel free to bring sides, finger foods, appetizers.

The drawing for the Lotto Board winner will be held during the game. Ticket info below. See Bartender for tickets.



LOTTO BOARD  
\$1/TICKET  
6 FOR \$5  
20 FOR \$15  
DRAWN  
SUPER BOWL  
SUNDAY



# American Legion Auxiliary

ABC School of Instruction  
Saturday, February 18th at Unit 148  
10am-3pm Registration at 9am

Breakfast and lunch will be available.

We encourage all new members to attend to learn the basics of our organization.



## School

@colormethere

ALA Post 148, 7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview, FL 33578



## American Legion Riders

### Alafia Chapter Post 148 Rider Dinner

5:00 PM Saturday,  
February 25, 2023

# \$10.00 DONATION



## Chicken, Yellow Rice, Black Beans, & Salad

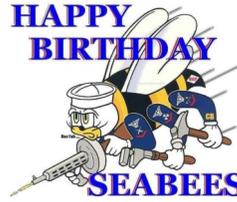
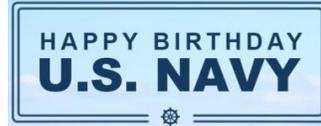
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301 S, Riverview, FL 33578

## March Calendar at a Glance

- Women's History Month
- 3rd—Navy Reserve Birthday
- 4th—Hug a GI Day
- 5th—Seabee Birthday
- 13th—K-9 Veterans Day
- 15th—American Legion Birthday
- 17th—St. Patrick's Day
- 21st—Rosie the Riveter Day
- 25th—Medal of Honor Day
- 29th—National Vietnam War Veterans Day

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## March Entertainment—Fridays

**Anywhere Karaoke—  
3rd, 17th & 31st**

**Jukebox Night—  
10th & 24th**



Sickles High School AF, JROTC Color Guard with the Sgt Walter P. Ryan Marine Corps League Detachment Rifle Detail and the Navy 2 Bell Ceremony.

Blue Star mothers of Greater Tampa Bay to present the Gold Star Banner to a Gold Star Mother.

AMVETS Post 44 to read the names of Missing and Unidentified remains from WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK,**

**3602 HWY 301N, TAMPA FL 33619**

# AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY



Wednesday, March 15, 2023

The American Legion Organization  
was first formed 104 years ago on  
March 15, 1919!

Join us at 4PM for  
sandwiches and cake!



## St. Patrick's Day Dinner

2pm—Saturday,  
March 18 2023

Corned Beef and  
Cabbage, Potatoes,  
Carrots, roll and  
dessert.



## American Legion Riders

## Alafia Chapter Post 148

## Rider Dinner

**\$10 Donation**

5:00 PM Saturday,  
March 25, 2023



## Lori and Terry's Chicken Cordon Bleu.

Served with buttered red potatoes,  
sweet peas, and roll

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

Don't Drink and Drive

Central Area Ride in Basket  
Tickets on sale soon.

American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148



American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148,

Central Area Ride in Basket

Tickets on Sale soon



# REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

*The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 20 February, 7PM*

## Pinochle

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

**S.A.L. FRYING FRIDAY**  
5:00-7:00PM every Friday

*Fish, Shrimp, Chicken,  
Sweet Potato Fries, French Fries,  
Onion rings, Hush Puppies and  
Homemade Coleslaw*



## S.A.L.



1st Sunday of each Month

Taco Sunday  
Soft & Hard  
12 noon—4 pm  
\$1.50 each



All the Fixing  
Self Serve Toppings Bar



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- See Bartender for full rules/details
- Pot rolls over to next week if Q of Hearts not drawn

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**ALA Bake Sale & Breakfast—1st Sunday of every month starting at 9am, during the flea market. Please come out and pick up some goodies and support the ALA, which supports Veterans in our area!!**

## BAKE SALE

### “Flea Market”

Every Sunday from 7am-12 noon  
Managed by: Susie White



## BINGO

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

All night packs—Cards per sheets  
\$10 for 3 / \$20 for 6 / \$30 for 9

Hot Balls—50/50—2 Specials

Intermission Special—Letter “I” -  
\$1 per sheet

Coverall—\$4 a sheet

Hosted by:  
The American Legion Auxiliary and  
The Sons of the American Legion

