



# THE COMMANDER'S DESK



## FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

This will be the last article I write for our newsletter as Commander for the past two years. I wish to thank all of our Officers who have served the American Legion Post 148 for their faithful and dedicated service to the members of our Post. Without them, things would not get done. I wish to thank all those who put in long hours of their time to complete our kitchen project. If you have not seen the kitchen, please come by and check it out.

Our Boys State program is in full swing. We have selected five boys from local High Schools to attend this program in Tallahassee for a week in June. Our Post is supporting five High Schools with fourteen ROTC medals this year. We have had a number of our ROTC students over the years that have been nominated for Military Academies.

I wish to congratulate our American Legion Riders for their successful Haley House Poker Run. These Riders and other groups of Riders worked together to raise \$18,600.00 this year. Our Riders also assisted Amvets Post 844 with a run for Parkinson's disease. This project raised over \$16,000.00. Thank you to all who participated in these events.

Our Membership now stands at 91% of our goal. We need your help to achieve our 100% goal. Those of you who have not renewed for 2015, please do so. We need new members also. Bring in any Veteran who has served during our prescribed dates to join us.

Our election for new Officers for 2015-2016 was held on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate those of you who came in to vote. The newly officers will be installed on July 12<sup>th</sup>, after the Department Convention. Come in and support your new Officers. The list of newly elected Officers is posted in the lounge.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me for the past two years as your Commander. This has been the best years as your Commander. I will still be here as your Chaplain next year. God bless all our members and their families.

For God and Country,  
Roger Dunn  
Post 148 Commander

### NEW MEMBERS

**Robert C. Pitts**  
**Kevin Holt**  
**Vincent Eudente**  
**Sheila Kenny**  
**Bill Smith**  
**Victor Marrero**

**Mark Fagin**  
**John Bumpus**  
**Daniel Arroyo**  
**Paul Kenny**  
**Charles Spittler**

### TRANSFERS

**Bob Huebert**  
**Paul Donovan**  
**Harry Bounds**  
**Richard Covert**  
**Denis Hansel**

**Stanley Lubrant**  
**Matthew Chambers**  
**Lee Walkley**  
**Marion Kelley**

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Riders

We had a great turn out at the May meeting and would like to thank everyone for showing up.

Would be great if we had that many show up for rides. The State Rally was a great weekend and we had a great showing from Post 148. 38 members and still waiting for the results for the most riders within 50 miles. I believe we get a trophy or plaque, not sure.

Happy Mother's Day. Hope everyone enjoyed the dinner at the Post. May 16th was a great ride to 138 for the porker run, thou very hot. Jim Gardner won 2nd place on the porker hand (congrats).

May 30th is the Riders dinner and the check presentation for the Haley House. Would like to see a packed house for that day.

June is Father's Day.

Department Convention is the 25---28 in Orlando ,FL.

Installation for new officers is July 12th and would like everyone to support the new Board coming in for 2015--2016. I would also like to thank everyone for all the support you have gave for the past Board. Thank You!

Everyone should always check their ride list and / or emails as it could change at any time for Veterans.

As always remember to ride safe respect others and ride free!

For God and Country

Steve Nasrallah

Director

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Dear Auxiliary Members,

May is over which means Summertime will be on us any time now. Unit 148 has been busy planning for upcoming events. Bingo Wednesdays will continue at 6:30 at Post 148. More and more people are joining the fun and the pots just keep on growing! Come on down and play a few games, hang out with friends and have some good eats cooked by some of our own Legionnaires. And don't miss our annual Fathers' Day dinner on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

As with anything-for a successful year I would like to say "Thank you" for your help in making it another outstanding year. We have accomplished so much this year and have united as a family with the American Legion, The Sons' of American Legion and the American Legion Riders and Marine Corps of Post 148.

We as a family have been a great power to help out our Veterans in so many ways.

John F. Kennedy stated "*I look forward to a great future for America – a future in which our country will match its military strength with our moral restraints, its wealth with our wisdom, its power with our purpose*".

Our main purpose is to support ALL VETERANS and their families!

As we forge into a new year I look forward to seeing all of us grow together more.

For God and Country

Georgia Mackenzie

President, Alafia Unit 148

Riverview, FL

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP



Greetings from Auxiliary Membership

I can hardly believe it is almost Summer full of cook-outs and vacations! Unit 148 is a pretty large unit with more than 200 members. Most recently, our membership totals for this year are at 75%. You're probably wondering what that means...Well, it means we have a ways to go to meet the membership renewal/rejoin goals established for us by Department. So, girls, talk to your Auxiliary girlfriends and remind them how much their membership means to continuing our support of area veterans' programs. We visit sick and injured vets as well as provide comfort and support to their families. Your annual dues help us keep those vital services going. If you have questions or problems regarding your membership, feel free to come by and see me on Wednesday nights at Bingo or drop by our monthly meeting on the third Thursday of every month. I'd love to put a face to the name.

Serving since 1982,

Edie Sparks

American Legion Auxiliary, Alafia Unit 148

Membership Chairman, 2015

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED 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**



**9:30AM Mondays & Fridays**

At American Legion Post 148

*Double Deck / Partners*

# Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

## June

- 5 - Entertainment by Benny  
(Singer, DJ, Line Dance, Karaoke)
- 12 - Music with Johnny the "Willie" Z  
(Singer, open mic, karaoke)
- 19 - Music with John Carr  
(Singer, guitar, comic, open mic, Karaoke)
- 26 - Dance with Double Destiny Duo
- 27 - Entertainment provided after  
Rider Dinner

## July

- 3 - Karaoke with Bridget
- 10 - You 2 Kan Karaoke with Donna Wheeler
- 17 - Music with John Carr  
(Singer, guitar, comic, open mic, karaoke)
- 24 - Dance with Double Destiny Duo
- 25 - Entertainment provided after  
Rider Dinner
- 31 - Music with Calvin O  
(Singer, guitar, open mic, karaoke)



# American Legion Auxiliary

## Fathers' Day Dinner

June 21st, 2015

2:00 p.m.

Free for Dads

\$8.00 (all others)



Beef Brisket,  
Sides & Dessert

## 2015 Department Convention

June 25, 26, 27, 28

Renaissance SeaWorld

Orlando

6677 Sea Harbor Dr, Orlando, FL 32821





**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS  
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**



# **SPAGHETTI DINNER**



*includes Salad & Bread*  
**\$8.00**

**5PM SATURDAY,  
JUNE 27 2015**



**4th  
of JULY**



**FUN STARTS  
AT 2:00 PM**

**HAMBURGERS,  
HOT DOGS & Sides!**



**COME ON DOWN  
ENJOY THE CELEBRATION  
WITH YOUR LEGION FAMILY**



# Field of Honor / Gold Star Ceremony

JULY 11, 2015 @ 1100  
Veterans Memorial Park



## Join us for the **Installation of Officers**

*for American Legion  
Post 148  
2015-2016*

**2PM, SUNDAY  
12 JULY 2015**

*\*\* Please note \*\**

Installation for the

American Legion Auxiliary

AND

Sons of the American Legion

will be conducted on

18 JULY 2015, @ 1200



**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS  
ALAFIA CHAPTER POST 148**

**RIDER DINNER**

**5PM SATURDAY  
JULY 25, 2015**

**DRAGON'S FAMOUS  
BARBEQUE**



*Choice of*

**CHICKEN or SAUSAGE**

with 2 Sides

**\$10 DONATION PER PLATE**

**FOLLOW US TO:**



**AMERICAN LEGION ALAFIA POST 148**

7240 US HIGHWAY 301 SOUTH, RIVERVIEW FL 33569



**50/50!**  
**Jell-O Shots!**  
**DRAWING BY CHANCE!**



**Dinner Starts at 5:30pm Until Gone -**  
**Saturday August 1st 2015**  
**Dragons Famous Pork BBQ**

**2 Sides & Dessert = \$10.00 Donation Per Plate**

**Music W/ Bridget**

**There will be 3 contests:**

**BEST TROPICAL SHIRT, HAT AND DRESS!!**



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #148  
 7240 US HIGHWAY 301 SOUTH, RIVERVIEW, FL. 33569  
 CONTACT: TAMMY O. (813)391-5166

## BOOSTER CLUB

06-15 Harry Johns	09-15 Fred & Rehtse Regenhard	01-16 Frederic & Mary Ruiz
07-15 Dragon & Peachy MacKenzie	09-15 Kathy Boyle	01-16 Bob & Bernita Benson
07-15 Bill Turner	09-15 Annette Smith	01-16 Gerry Bell
07-15 Greg and Wendy Ohlfs	10-15 Tom Howell	01-16 Steve & Teresa Carmody
07-15 Vicki Fleming	11-15 John & Yvonne Boyle	02-16 Phyllis Crippen
08-15 Richard & Linda Pflug	12-15 Jerry Letsinger	03-16 Don Boyt
08-15 Susi Martinez	12-15 John Cormier	04-16 George & Lynda Decker
08-15 Howie D'Agostino	12-15 Tom & Kelley Morris	04-16 George Lux
08-15 MCL Detachment 1226		12-16 Roger & Kathy Dunn
08-15 American Legion Riders #148		
08-15 T.C. & M.J. Cobb		
08-15 Jack and Patt Skelding		

IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST, YOUR BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS PAST DUE PLEASE CHECK YOUR RENEWAL DATES

Our Booster membership helps Post 148 provide our newsletter via the website. Membership is \$5.00 per person per year. The date shown is your renewal date. Call 813-677-6529 to join or to ask any questions. We need you to be a booster.

We would like to thank everyone for their donations and to all those who help get the newsletter out. As we all know, it takes money to put out the newsletter and we need everyone's help. By becoming a Booster your small donation goes a long way with defraying the cost to keep our members informed of all the activities at the Post. Receive the newsletter by viewing our website, [www.americanlegionalafiapost148.org](http://www.americanlegionalafiapost148.org)