



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

June - July 2019



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2018-2019

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Richard Pflug
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman
 Finance Officer.....Vacant
 Sergeant at Arms.....Terry Johnson
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn
 Historian.....Vacant
 Judge Advocate.....Vacant
 Service Officer.....Vacant

Executive Board:

Keith Regenhard Van VanDyke
 Les Oakman Russell Beasley

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 2018-2019

President.....Georgia MacKenzie
 1st Vice.....Edie Sparks
 2nd Vice.....Julia Arndt
 Treasurer.....Salynna Cox
 Secretary.....Susanne Pugh
 Chaplain.....Annette Smith
 Historian.....Missy Finkbeiner
 Sergeant at Arms.....Kathy Boyle
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Michelle Smith
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Margaret Blazer

Executive Committee:

George Bruno Ruth White
 Bernita Benson

Past President.....Georgie Bruno



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2018 - 2019

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

Executive Board:

Jerry Lettsinger Steve Nasrallah
 Ted Kasper Greg Decker



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2018-2019

Director.....Mary Jane "MJ" Cobb
 Assistant Director.....Ryan Flaherty
 Secretary.....Angela Ritter
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde
 Historian.....Susie Pugh
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Tom "TC" Cobb
 Membership.....Vicki Linde
 Safety Officer.....Lucky Smith



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2019-2020

Commandant.....Brian Frank
 Senior Vice.....Ron Essick
 Junior Vice.....Rob Becker
 Judge Advocate.....Bruce Younggren
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott
 Sergeant at Arms.....Hank Wolons
 Chaplain.....Jim Johnson

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 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

Thanks to all who attended the Mother's Day dinner, it was so nice to see so many happy members. I especially want to thank Dragon for preparing and cooking that wonderful brisket....you have this down my friend! My thanks and appreciation also go to Bill Rivera and Julia Arndt for their assistance and contribution....we accomplish so much with wonderful volunteers such as yourselves....your support makes a difference.

Thanks as well to all who volunteer for the various events here at the Post....without your help and smiling faces, we could not accomplish all of these activities. My heartfelt thanks to you all!

Well summer is almost upon us so please take a look at our calendars to see our upcoming events and activities and please join us for them. There is a lot of work and enthusiasm in putting these together and your participation is truly appreciated and welcomed.

Again my sincerest thanks and hope to see everyone here at Home Post.

For God and Country
Lynnette Stokes
Commander
Alafia Post 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Hello!

It is coming to the end of our physical year. We have had a fantastic year with the family in many activities and holidays. I would like to take this time and thank the Legion, The Sons of American Legion and the Riders for all the hard work you have done and working with the American Legion Auxiliary. WE have united as one! This is our goal as a family to support our Veterans and their families during this trying time in their life.

Now for some upcoming events and meeting you need to attend;

On Sunday June 2nd and Sunday July 7th we will be having a bake sale from 9am to 12 noon. We have some of the best bakers you could ask for so please come out and check the bake goodies.

On Tuesday, June 4th we will be going to the James A. Haley Hospital to do our Bingo with Veterans.

The next items coming up will be Father's Day June 16th. I have no doubt that the ladies will fix a delicious meal, which will be free to our Fathers and all others it will be \$8.00.

The State Convention in Orlando will be from 27-30 June. Ladies this is an event you must attend. The meetings we have are very informational on what other units have done in the year. You may even get an idea that you want to see happen in our Unit. So please think about attending if nothing but for a day you cannot go wrong.

On July 4th we will be having our normal cook out. We ladies are to help out by bringing side dishes as we always do. It is a great time to mingle with the Legion Family and members.

Remember on Wednesday each week we have BINGO at the post. Come out and have fun playing.

Also as a reminder, we the American Legion Auxiliary meet ever 3rd Thursday of the month. If you want to come to our meetings and need a ride please give me a call and we will get you to the meeting. We love to have all you there. I look forward to seeing all of you.

"We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause." -- Ronald Reagan

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings Fellow Riders,

It has been a very active and successful year for our Riders. We participated in many new events and with the help of our Legion Family; we were able to raise funds to support Veterans and our Community.

I would like to thank the officers of ALR 148 and the membership for all their support this year. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Director of our Riders, Chapter 148.

We have a new and awesome board of officers being installed in July. Working together is the key to success in any organization. Wishing you much success!

Congratulations to the incoming officers for 2019-2020:

Director – “Billy Bob” – Bill Turner
Assistant Director – Terry Johnson
Sergeant-at-Arms – Leeland Smith
Adjutant – Andy Davis
Finance Officer – Ed Linde
Road Captain – Greg Ohlfs
Membership Chairman – Vicki Linde
Safety Officer – “Dragon” – Robert Mackenzie
Historian – Angela Ritter
Chaplain – Tom Stone

Ride Safe,
For God and Country
“MJ” Mary Jane Cobb
Director
ALR Chapter 148
2018-2019



Patrick Nannery has offered to assist any member needing a ride to the VA Hospital, doctor appointments, to visit someone in the hospital, rides to chemotherapy or any type of medical appointment.

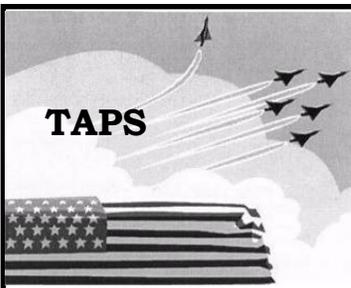
Just give him a call at **(813) 613-4767**.

NEW MEMBERS

Billy Ray Masmorel	Farida Durham
Howard Nuber Jr.	Philip Morehouse
John Benenati	Michael Blair
Elizabeth Navarro	Robert Bieyenu

TRANSFERS

James Kirkland



It is with great sadness that we announce the transfer of **Bessie Miller, Tim Madden and Jimmie R. Best** to Post Everlasting.
May God rest their souls,
and provide comfort to their family and friends.

This Is Hallowed Ground

Why You Don't Walk Between The Colors

Between the flags that proudly fly
Let no one dare to stand
For here our fallen comrades lie,
We call it Hallowed Ground.
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause
In Memory of the ones who fell
In fighting for our sacred cause

On sea or land these buddies died,
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by winds and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so this place is Hallowed Ground,
And it shall be forever blessed,
As though it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.

Be ever watchful, Legionnaire,
Of those two flag which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Where our departed comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread
This spot where lie our gallant brave,
He desecrates those noble dead
As tho he walked upon their grave.

-Nolle Deas

Past Florida Department Commander 1973-74



THANK YOU to the following
members for volunteering
to fill officer positions
for Legion Year 2019-2020:

Commander
Lynnette Stokes

1st Vice
Van Van Dyke

2nd Vice
Mikki Van Dyke

Adjutant
Ed Christman

Sergeant at Arms
Terry Johnson

Chaplain
Roger Dunn

Executive Board
Bill Rivera
Les Oakman
Russell Beasley
Keith Regenhard



The AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ALAFIA UNIT 148

will hold a Bake Sale on Sunday, June 2nd.

**Your donations help support Veterans
in our community.**

BAKE SALE



D-Day: WWII : JUNE 6



Men of the 16th Infantry Regiment, US 1st Infantry Division

On this historic day in 1944, Allied troops invaded the beaches of Normandy, France.

It is the largest amphibious assault in world history. This massive, bloody battle was the turning point of the war in the European theater. On this day, 156,000 troops from the United States, Great Britain and Canada stormed five beaches. American troops landed on Omaha and Utah beach. At the same time, British troops landed on Gold and Sword beach. And, Canadian forces landed on Juno Beach. 4,000 Allied troops died on these beaches on D-Day, 2,000 of them were American.

**Please take a moment of silence to remember
the many soldiers who fought and died for our country on D-Day.**

JUNE 14th : Flag Day — *Flag Day is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation...one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. Our flag even stands proudly on the surface of the moon. As Americans, we have every right to be proud of our culture, our nation, and our flag. So raise the flag today and every day with pride!*



"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

- Billy Graham,

American Legion Alafia Post 148

Father's Day Dinner
Sunday, June 16th, 2–5 PM

Brats, kielbasa, mild/hot sausage w/peppers and onions. Baked beans, potato and macaroni salads. Fruit for dessert.

Post 148 Fathers may eat free; \$8 donation for guests

Tampa Bay will host the 2019 Warrior Games.

- More than 300 wounded or injured service members and veterans will compete. They'll arrive with their families and coaches in late June.

The games will take place June 21 to 30, 2019.

- The Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games were created in 2010 and designed to introduce wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans to Paralympic-style sports. The Warrior Games showcase the resilient spirit of today's wounded, ill or injured service members from all branches of the military. After overcoming significant injuries and illnesses, these athletes prove that life can continue after becoming wounded, ill and injured. The U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) will host the 2019 Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games June 21-30 in Tampa, Fla.

- Visit <https://dodwarriorgames.com/> for more information.



Department Convention to be Held in Orlando, 27–30 JUNE

The American Legion, Department of Florida will host its annual statewide convention June 27-30, 2019 at The Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando FL.

Approximately 3,000 American Legion members will be in attendance to include spouses and family members. Each year the state convention offers a wide variety of leadership training available to all members for the development and betterment of their local Post. The Department convention is not only a time where all posts gather to exchange ideas and reunite as a family; it is also a time where our members gather to elect the leadership for the new membership year and celebrate in the successes of the past membership year as it comes to a close. Please review this year's tentative convention agenda to see all the exciting events planned and unique learning opportunities offered.



American Legion Riders

Alafia Chapter Post 148

Rider Dinner

5:00 PM Saturday,

June 29, 2019

\$10.00 DONATION



**Dragon's famous BBQ Chicken,
Yellow Rice & Veggies.**

Please Don't Drink and Drive



REMINDER:

Beginning with the
July 2019

American Legion
Membership

Renewal Cycle,

dues will be increased
to \$45 annually

(effective for the
2020 Legion Year).



Please join us

for the Annual

AMERICAN LEGION

ALAFIA POST 148

INDEPENDENCE DAY

COOKOUT

*Enjoy burgers, dogs, and sides
beginning at 2PM on 4 JULY.*



A bake sale will be held by the
***AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
 ALAFIA UNIT 148*** on Sunday, July 7th.

Come to the Post and
 help the ladies help our Veterans!



**Field
 of
 Honor
 Ceremony
 10:00hrs
 JULY 13th
 2019**



**Veterans Memorial Park
 and
 Rear Adm. LeRoy Collins
 Veterans Museum
 Hwy 301n,
 Tampa, FL 33619**



The **AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY**

of **ALAFIA POST 148**

cordially requests your presence,

as we conduct the

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

for **LEGION YEAR 2019-2020**

on **SUNDAY,**

21 JULY 2019 at 2:00 PM



**American Legion Riders
 Alafia Chapter Post 148
 Rider Dinner**

7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569

**5:00 PM Saturday,
 July 27, 2019**

Chef Lucky's Spaghetti
served with Salad and Bread
\$8.00 DONATION



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for 18 JUNE at 7PM

Pinochle



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

Frying Friday

5:00-7:00 every Friday

*Fish, Shrimp and Chicken
served with French Fries, Hush Puppies
and Homemade Cole Slaw*

Presented by:

The Sons of The American Legion

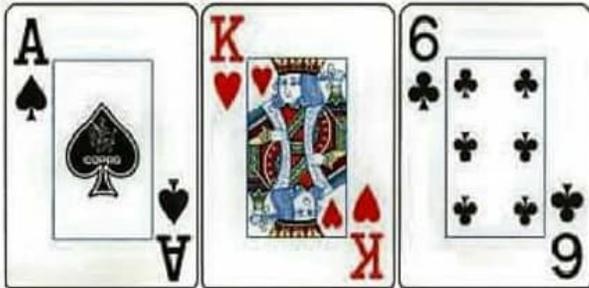
Bingo Snack Bar (Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:30pm)

You don't have to play bingo to come to the Snack Bar!!

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn Dogs, French Fries, Nachos,
Onion Rings, Cheese Sticks, Pretzels with Cheese, 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, 6:30pm-till it is all done!*



STEAK SHOOT - Every Saturday @ 2 PM
(hosted by The Sons of The American Legion)

Come join the "Breakfast Club"

8am – 11am Every Sunday

*Eggs, Bacon, Patty Sausage, Link Sausage, Toast,
Grits, Hash Browns, Fresh Home Fries, Pancakes,
Biscuit or Potatoes with Gravy, Omelets, Sandwiches,
Orange Juice & Bottled Water*

Prepared by:

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Entertainment Schedule



All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

June

- 7 – Spirit Entertainment
- 14 – Gary Bellovich
"Gary's Oldies"
- 21 – Spirit Entertainment
- 28 – Double Density Band

July

- 5 – Spirit Entertainment
- 12 – Gary Bellovich
"Gary's Oldies"
- 19 – Spirit Entertainment
- 26 – Double Density Band