



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

June - July 2021



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2020-2021

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

Executive Board:

Les Oakman Russell Beasley
 Greg Ohlfs Angela Ritter
 Past CommanderLynnette Stokes

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 2020-2021

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

Executive Committee:

Georgianna Bruno Ruth White
 Bernita Benson

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2020 - 2021

Commander.....Mark Getty
 1st Vice.....Greg Dodge
 2nd Vice.....Carroll Weese
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi
 Finance Officer.....Dave Van Pelt
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler
 Ass't Sergeant of Arms.....Greg Wussaw
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

Executive Board:

Ted Martine Carroll Weese
 Ted Kasper
 Past Commander.....Carroll Weese



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2020-2021

Director.....Bill "Billy Bob" Turner
 Assistant Director.....Scott Hortman
 Adjutant.....Andrew Davis
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde
 Historian.....Susan King
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Greg Ohlfs
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Steve Nasrallah
 Past Director MJ Cobb



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2020-2021

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

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 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



FROM THE COMMANDER:

below letter was sent to our neighbors to the adjacent North property (in the little strip mall of 4 suites). 24 May 2021

Subject: Parking on Private Property / American Legion Post 148

To Whom it may concern:

If members of your business park in the Parking Lot owned by the American Legion Post 148 they will be towed; as, they are parking on private property. Signs have been erected and posted ref to no parking and this is not a through street.

We have 700+ members here; some of which use walkers, canes and wheelchairs. The reason for this letter will now be explained. We recently became a non-smoking facility and our members sit on the North porch and smoke. On several occasions members have observed people driving through/on the property at excessive speed and tried to slow them down. These incidents have caused negative issues with us from people that should not be on the property; so, we have decided that only Legion members can park on our property. We have also noticed a large amount of trash to the front near Highway 301. On 18 May 2021 a vehicle using our property as a through street hit a bicyclist that was North bound on the sidewalk (driver was talking on his cell phone)!

I strongly suggest you put signs on your doors advising your customers not to park on our property. The basic tow bill will start at \$125.00! Thank you for those of you that are understanding; you surely would not like people just parking on your property without consideration of your legal rights.

The few have created an unhealthy environment for us, and I will not tolerate the possibility of one of this family being put in harm's way.

For God and Country!

Edward D. Christman
American Legion
Alafia Post 148
Commander

Interested in getting the COVID-19 Vaccine?

Veterans should contact their primary care provider or the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center toll-free at 1-877-741-3400.

Veterans can get up-to-date information on the VA COVID-19 vaccine web page, which launched on December 11, 2020, and sign up to receive regular updates on the vaccine.



[va.gov/health-care/
covid-19-vaccine/
stay-informed](https://va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed)

Additionally, the COVID Vaccine is being given to veterans 65 and older by appointment only at the South County VA Clinic in Riverview: Call 813-972-7563 for an appointment.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Dear Riders,

You know we are in the process of electing new Officers for the next year. I just want you to know that it has been a pleasure serving you for the past two years and I hope that you keep on riding for the cause of helping our Veterans that need it.

Remember to always be safe out there because the people really don't look for motorcycles until it's too late.

I will still be riding with you and doing what I can for our Veterans and the Legion.

For God and Country
William "Billy Bob" Turner
Director
ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



We would like to welcome our new members to the Auxiliary and we look forward to working with you towards our goals.

New Members: Charlotte Paden, Vicki Carden, Leslie Kadubec, Regina Wallinger, Karen Wells, Colleen Quick, Teresa Ponce, Amy Cecchetti, Georgia Currier, Kimberly Brummett, and Robin Gwaltney
Transfers: Janice Smith, Ethel Gilliam, Dana Schroeder, Kathy Hammand, and Nancy Mastrocola
The Auxiliary will be serving **Father's Day Dinner** on June 20th from 4-6pm. Details on page 5. **Auxiliary Constitutional Conference** on June 6th at American Legion Post 248 / 3204 W Cypress St / Tampa FL 33607 / Sign in 9-10 am / Meeting starts at 10 am
The American Legion Auxiliary Convention will be held July 1st-July 4th in Orlando.
Julia Arndt—President

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS

Ronald R Sorg, Sr Patrick Lindsay
Cynthia Covington Ken Letchworth
Donald Behne Patricia Behne
Michael A Fiedler Linda P Langdon

TRANSFERS

Joseph E Hilton Sheila E Matthews
Steve C Masterson Leigh J Stevens
James D Cary John McDaniel





Men of the 16th Infantry Regiment, US 1st

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 June 6th, 1944, 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!



245th

ARMY BIRTHDAY



On June 14, the Army celebrates 245 years of defending and protecting America, and salutes generations of Soldiers who have answered the call to serve.

No matter the challenges we face as a nation, America's Army will always be there when needed.

On **June 14**, the Army is officially 245 years old.

The birthday marks the date in 1775 when the Second Continental Congress formed the Continental Army under General George Washington's command to unite the 13 colonies in their fight against Britain.



American Legion Alafia Post 148

Father's Day Dinner
Sunday, June 20th, 4-6 PM

*Spaghetti & Homemade
Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread &
Dessert*

*Male members eat free;
\$8 donation for non-members
and females*

Korean War

On June 27, 1950, the **United States** officially **entered** the **Korean War**. The **U.S.** supported the Republic of **Korea** (commonly called South **Korea**), in repelling an invasion from the Democratic People's Republic of **Korea** (commonly called North **Korea**). ... The **Korean War** was a proxy war for the **Cold War**

National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day falls on July 27 each year. This observance recognizes the [5.7 million veterans](#) of the Korean War and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

During the three-year war, which lasted from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953, active-duty service members faced unique risks and experiences that set them apart from previous generations. This armistice observance presents the opportunity to remember and honor their service.



5 PM Saturday, June 26th 2021
Sausage Dinner w/Fries & Coleslaw

**Rider
Dinner**

\$10 DONATION

American Legion Riders
Alafia Chapter Post 148

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



*Department Convention to be Held
in Orlando, 1-4 JULY*

The American Legion, Department of Florida will host its annual statewide convention July 1-4, 2021 at The World Center Marriott in 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.

1971—50 Years Ago—Fun Facts

- The 1971 calendar can be used for 2021, except for certain holidays like Easter, etc...
- Richard Nixon was President in 1971. He was the 37th.
- TV & radio ads for cigarettes were banned in America
- The price of a Hess fire truck was \$1.69
- Fruity Pebbles introduced
- All in the Family was the #1 TV show
- World Series Champs—Pittsburgh Pirates
- Super Bowl V Champs—Baltimore Colts
- Stanley Cup Champs—Montreal Canadians
- NBA Champs—Milwaukee Bucks
- US Open Golf- Jack Nicklaus



Happy **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

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.*



The **AMERICAN LEGION**
FAMILY

of **ALAFIA POST 148**

*cordially requests your presence,
as we conduct the*

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

for **LEGION YEAR 2021-2022**

on **SUNDAY, JULY 10**

2021 at 4:00 PM

National Hire A Veteran Day
Sunday, July 25, 2021. Every year
approx 200,000 military people leave
the services and are looking for
employment.

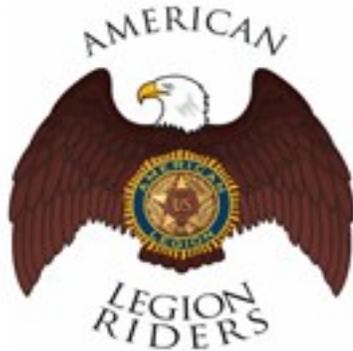
Since 2017, July 25th is observed as
National Hire a Veteran Day.
Founded by Marine Corps veteran Dan
Corporale, (Who also founded Hire Our
Heroes).

The Dept of Veterans Affairs has
partnered with the Dept of Labor on
programs matching vets with
possibilities in both the private
sector and government jobs. Find more
info at...

<https://militarybenefits.info/hire-a-veteran-day/>

<https://www.vacareers.va.gov/>

<https://www.usajobs.gov/>



Lasagna Dinner with Salad and Bread

American Legion Riders

Alafia Chapter Post 148

Rider Dinner

7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569

Don't Drink and Drive

**5:00 PM Saturday,
July 31, 2021**

\$10.00 DONATION



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 21 June

Pinochle



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

Frying Friday

5:00-7:00 every Friday

*Fish, Shrimp, Chicken,
Baked Potatos, French Fries, Onion Rings,
Hush Puppies and Homemade Cole Slaw*

Presented by:
The Sons of The American Legion



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 you 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!!*

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



- 4 – Spirit Karaoke
- 11 – Taylor and Taylor
- 18 – Spirit Karaoke
- 25 – Pure Classic Gold

July



- 2 – Spirit Karaoke
- 9 – Double Density
- 16 – Spirit Karaoke
- 23 – No Troubles Band
- 30 – Spirit Karaoke