



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

June - July 2024



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2024-2025

Commander.....Mike O'Dell
 1st Vice.....Terry Johnson
 2nd Vice.....
 Adjutant.....Terry Johnson
 Finance Officer.....Andy Davis
 Sergeant at Arms.....Bob Claycomb
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Historian.....
 Judge Advocate.....
 Service Officer.....Doug Woodring
Executive Board:
 Mark Finkbeiner Felipe Jose Aguilar
 Walt Nea Roland "Skip" Schwoerke
 Past CommanderLynnette Stokes
 Lounge Manager.....Lori Holsopple

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:
 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:
 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION:
EXECUTIVE BOARD-
 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:
 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:
 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—6:30 PM
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-7:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION:
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-
 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:30 PM



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2024-2025

President.....Julia Arndt
 1st Vice.....Jeannie Dion
 2nd Vice.....Eileen Sullivan
 Treasurer.....Patti Alley
 Secretary.....Teresa Ponce
 Chaplain.....Vicki Linde
 Historian.....Margaret Blazer
 Sergeant at Arms.....Sandy Souders
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Michele Smith

Executive Committee:
 Jennifer Jeffery Denise Bonnett
 Annette Tenti-Scep
 Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2024 - 2025

Commander.....Micah Saeger
 1st Vice.....Carroll Weese
 2nd Vice.....Don DeBruin
 Adjutant.....Greg Dodge
 Finance Officer.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
Executive Board:
 Ted Martine Greg Wussow
 Ronin Smith Cliff Menting
 Past Commander.....Steven Arndt



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2024-2025

Director.....Andy Davis
 Assistant Director.....Alice Del Rosario
 Adjutant.....Lori Yeago
 Finance OfficerEd Linde
 Historian.....Carol Johnson
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Andy Davis
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Terry Johnson



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2024-2025

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday—1PM-9PM
Tuesday-Thursday
 11:00AM-9:00PM
Friday: 11:AM— 12:00AM
Saturday: 11:00AM-10:PM
Sunday: 12:00PM-9:00PM
 Hours Subject to Change

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

Thanks to all who attended the Mother's Day dinner, as well as the Pork dinner that was held on Memorial Day. So many volunteers ordered, assisted, prepared, and cooked these wonderful dinners. Naming all of you would run me out of room for my notes, but you know who you all are and so—Thank you so very much for your dedication, assistance, and support—it was truly noted by all, and especially me!

Well, summer is almost upon us, so please take a look at your calendars to see the upcoming events and activities, and participate in them please! There is a lot of work and enthusiasm putting these together and your involvement is truly welcomed.

So, my time as the Commander is done. Thank you, Post Family, for your support, help, and loyalty. I truly hope that you all assist and support the incoming Commanders, President, Director, Officers, and the Volunteers that are accepting these responsibilities and work this year. It is up to every Legion Member to make our Post successful. Again, my sincerest thanks!!

Hope to see you all at Home Post!

For God and Country!

Lynnette Stokes / Commander—Alafia Post 148

Veterans Service Office (VSO) View

Urgent Care—Many Veterans may not be aware of life-changing benefits they've earned, and deserve, through military service. Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare can use over 4,000 urgent care locations. Care is available to treat non-life threatening conditions, all you need is your VA Health ID Card (VHIC) For further info, see the flyer posted on the Post 148 bulletin board, contact the VA, or here is a link...<https://www.va.gov/resources/getting-urgent-care-at-va-or-in-network-community-providers/>.



Veteran Travel Pay 101—Did you know the VA may reimburse you for travel expenses to and from medical appointments? Who's eligible? Veterans who travel for care at a VA health facility or for VA-approved care at a non-VA health facility in their community and who also meet one of the following:

- ◆ You have a VA disability rating of 30% or higher.
- ◆ You're traveling for treatment of a service-connected condition even if your VA disability is less than 30%.
- ◆ You receive a VA pension.
- ◆ You have an income below the maximum annual VA pension rate.
- ◆ You can't afford to pay for your travel, as defined by VA guidelines.
- ◆ You're traveling for a scheduled VA claim exam, also called a compensation and pension (C&P) exam, to get a service dog, or for VA-approved transplant care.

Claims can be filed on VA.gov for: Regular transportation, such as by car, plane, train, bus, taxi, or light rail. Approved meals and lodging expenses. The VA can also reimburse caregivers for transportation and related lodging and meals if they meet any of the three requirements below...

- ◆ A family caregiver under the National Caregiver Program traveling to receive caregiver training or support your care.
- ◆ A medically required attendant traveling with you supporting your care.
- ◆ They are your transplant care donor or support person.

Thank you for your service and contact me for additional info.

Doug Woodring

Post 148 VSO

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS

Rickey Pyron	Jacob Neuson
Cameron Brazier	Tarrell Newell
Milagros Serrano Vargas	Thomas Leo
Bruce Marshall	Ches Hester
Stacy Perez	Daniel Ezekiel
Samuel Goodman	Linda Goodman
Gary Gose	Aidan Elkington
Tyler Gambone	Charles Groenthal
Tommie Bailey	Nathan Goldman
John Tarabocchia	Khris Demedeiros
Constance Richards-Smith	

TRANSFERS

Kenneth Belles	George Iantosca
Paul Patrico	David Segundo
Emma Ezekiel	Melissa Stewart
Nicholas Bardash	Kevin Kelly
Daniel Jurgensen	

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greetings from the Riders!

The summer is hitting hard and the bikes are on the road. Remember to watch out for those bikes! The Riders have been putting in the riding hours and supporting some great causes at sister posts and veterans organizations—that's what we do and we do it well! During the Round Robin fundraising event, our Post 148 Riders had the most Riders present at each ride for the 15th District. The end result for the month, over \$313,000 was raised for Veterans Suicide Relief. Way to represent!!

Our new officers will begin their term with this newsletter and with Andy Davis as the new Director. Great things are being planned! It has been my honor to serve as Director for the past 3 years. We have a great group of Riders and I am humbled by their support.

Please keep Alice Del Rosario and her family in your prayers. They lost everything in a house fire and will take a long time to recover.

So, "A motorcycle is an escape from reality; A way to live in the moment". Until next time, be safe and watch out for motorcycles!

Ride for the Cause, not the Applause!

Angela Ritter (TnA)

Director 2023-2024—ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

Congratulations to our officers for the 2024-2025 year.

President—Julia Arndt

Treasurer—Patti Alley

Historian—Margaret Blazer

Executive Committee—Jennifer Jeffery, Denise Bennett, Annette Tenti-Scep

Past President—Georgia MacKenzie

1st Vice President—Jeannie Dion

Secretary—Teresa Ponce

Sgt. at Arms—Sandy Souders

2nd Vice President—Eileen Sullivan

Chaplain—Vicki Linde

Asst. Sgt. at Arms—Michele Smith

As Officers for 2024-2025, we look forward to working with everyone at our Post Family and other units in our District.

For God and Country

Julia Arndt-President

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hello,

Thank you to all that attended our annual Memorial Day cookout. We had a pig roast for the first time. It was a huge success. Thank you to all of the volunteers for working so hard to make it happen.

As always, join us every Wednesday for Bingo starting at 6:30pm, as well as our SAL Frying Friday, every Friday from 5-7pm.

SAL Post 148



We are sad to report that

Walt Raysick

Georgie Bruno

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

June Calendar at a Glance

- ◆ PTSD Awareness Month
- ◆ Home Ownership Month
- ◆ 2nd - ALA Bake Sale and Breakfast
- ◆ 9th-15th—National Flag Week
- ◆ 6th—D-Day
- ◆ 12th—Women Veterans Day
- ◆ 14th—Army Birthday
- ◆ 13th-16th—Department Convention in Orlando
- ◆ 16th—Father's Day
- ◆ 19th—Juneteenth
- ◆ 23rd—Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- ◆ 27th—PTSD Awareness Day

June Meetings at a Glance

- 3rd—ALR at 7pm
- 4th—MCL at 7pm
- 10th—Legion eBoard at 7pm
- 13th—SAL at 7pm
- 20th—Calendar Meeting at 7pm (Aug/Sept)
- 18th—Auxiliary-Officers at 6:30pm-General at 7pm
- 24th—Legion General Membership at 7:30pm

JUNE is *National* PTSD AWARENESS MONTH



Text 838255



Happy FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 16
2-4pm Free for Dads
All others—\$10

Pulled Pork Sandwich
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Potato Salad

Hosted By:
American Legion Auxiliary
7240 US Hwy 301
Riverview, FL 33578

MY HERO
DAD
BEST DAD!

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY ALAFIA POST 148

Installation of Officers
For Legion Year 2024-2025

Sunday, June 23rd
2pm-4pm

Lunch will be served

American Legion Alafia Post 148
7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview FL 33578



JUNE ENTERTAINMENT



FRIDAYS!! 7PM-11PM
ANYWHERE KARAOKE
7TH & 21ST
BILL KNOWLES KARAOKE
14TH & 28TH

BANDINGO - 29th - 7pm
Free to Play! Bring the family!!
 Bingo cards with song & band names provided. Music plays for a short time. Mark your card if you have the song.
Win prizes!!

SATURDAYS!! 6PM-10PM
1ST - SOUTHERN PRIDE BAND
8TH - JIMMY KEITH BAND
15TH - FIFTH GEAR
22ND - TAYLOR & TAYLOR
29TH - BANDINGO (7PM)



Queen of Hearts
drawing every
Saturday at 7pm



American Legion Riders **Alafia Chapter Post 148**

Rider Dinner

5pm Saturday
June 29, 2024
\$10 Donation



Meal to be determined!

July Calendar at a Glance

- 4th—Independence Day
- 7th—ALA Bake Sale and Breakfast
- 25th—National Hire a Veteran Day
- 27th—Korean War Veterans Amristice Day
- 28th—National Buffalo Soldiers Day
- 29th—Army Chaplain Corps Birthday

July Meetings at a Glance

- 1st—ALR at 7pm
- 2nd—MCL at 7pm
- 8th—Legion eBoard at 7pm
- 11th—SAL at 7pm
- 18th—Auxiliary-Officers at 6:30pm-General at 7pm
- 22nd—Legion General Membership at 7:30pm

Taco Tuesday

Every Tuesday
11am-3pm

\$3 each or 2 for \$5



Combo - \$6

**2 Tacos with Chips and
Salsa or Cheese Dip**

Independence Day Cookout

Thursday, July 4th
2pm-4pm

Hamburgers & Hotdogs
Sides provided by ALA



**If you cook it,
they will come.**

July Entertainment

FRIDAYS!! 7PM-11PM

ANYWHERE KARAOKE
5TH & 19TH

BILL KNOWLES KARAOKE
12TH & 26TH

Bandingo

Music 
BINGO

7PM
Saturday, July 27th



Queen of Hearts
drawing every
Saturday at 7pm

American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148

Rider Dinner

5pm Saturday
July 27, 2024
\$10 Donation



Meal to be determined!

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, June 17th at 7PM



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*

Wear RED on Fridays
Receive \$.25 off drinks
until 12am

RED FRIDAY
REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED

QUEEN OF HEARTS



Tickets on sale
in the lounge

Weekly Drawing—Every
Saturday night at 7:00 pm
Last tickets sold at 6:45pm

- Tickets \$2—No Limit
- If present, winner receives 60% of the pot. Legion receives 40%
- Not present, Legion receives 60%. Winner Receives 40%
- Pot rolls over to next week if Q of Hearts not drawn
- Winning ticket holder will receive \$25 if Queen of Hearts not drawn.
- An additional \$25 paid to winning ticket holder IF the card drawn is a Joker or any other Queen suit.



Hosted by: American Legion Alafia Post 148, 7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview FL 33578

ALA Bake Sale & Breakfast—1st Sunday of every month starting at 7am, during the flea market. Please come out and pick up some goodies and support the ALA, which supports Veterans in our area!!



“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—\$2 a sheet

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

