



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

October – November 2016



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2016-2017

Commander.....George King
 1st Vice.....Claude Gates
 2nd Vice.....Gerry Bell
 Adjutant.....Roger Dunn
 Finance Officer.....Wendy Ohlfs
 Sgt at Arms.....John Eskridge
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn
 Historian.....TBD
 Judge Advocate.....Rick Hewett
 Service Officer.....Mike Moffitt

Executive Board:

Terry Johnson Bob Benson
 Steve Arndt Walt Raysick

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

AMERICAN LEGION:
 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH
 EXECUTIVE BOARD—6:00 PM
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP—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 2016-2017

President.....Georgia MacKenzie
 1st Vice.....Tammy O'Donnell
 2nd Vice.....Edie Sparks
 Treasurer.....Salynna Cox
 Secretary.....Susanne Pugh
 Chaplain.....Annette Smith
 Historian.....Missy Finkbeiner
 Sergeant-At-Arms.....Kathy Boyle
 Asst. Sgt-At-Arms.....Michelle Smith

Executive Committee:

Bernita Benson Jill Bower
 Julie Arndt

Past President.....Georgie Bruno



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2016 - 2017

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

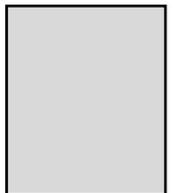
Executive Board:

Jerry Lettsinger Steve Nasrallah
 Ted Kasper Greg Decker



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2016-2017

Director.....Ryan Flaherty
 Ass't Director.....Vacant
 Secretary.....Angela Ritter
 Treasurer.....Robyn Russell
 Historian.....Wanda Jimenez
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant-At-Arm.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Susi Martinez
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Greg Ohlfs



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2016-2017

Commandant.....Brian Frank
 Sr. Vice.....Sal DiFonzo
 Jr. Vice.....Vacant
 Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott
 Sgt at Arms.....Henry Wolons
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn
 Jr. Past Commandant.....Ed Becker

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 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings from the Commander,

Wow, my second newsletter update already! How time does fly...

Since my last letter, we have managed to accomplish a few things around the Post. The aluminum gutters/downspouts have been repaired and no longer present any danger to our members or the building. A special thank you to Tom Stone for his efforts in coordinating this matter.

We are working on replacing the event sign panels at this writing, and hope they will be up within the next week or so. Our former commander, Richard Pflug is handling the sign installation. So a shout out to him for his efforts.

Oh and a very special thanks to Bob Benson and Steve Arndt for their assistance in filling the pot holes in our parking lot. Several of those were presenting tripping hazards to both our members and those taking part in the Sunday Flea Market. Great job guys!

We have also had a few members step up to assume vacant positions on our staff. Mike Moffitt is our new Veterans Service Officer and will receive his training and certification at the Fall Conference in November 2016. Rick Hewett has assumed his new duties as our Judge Advocate General (JAG). Rick is also heavily involved in our American Legion 148 scouting program. Please congratulate each of these members for taking time from their busy lives to volunteer for these positions. A warm welcome aboard to both Mike and Rick!

Over the past month, I have made it a point to attend the monthly meetings of both the Sons and Auxiliary, and felt graciously welcomed by both. I'm hoping we can all work closely to achieve what's best for our American Legion Post. Communication is the key, and I hope we are off to a good start.

The Executive Board will be receiving a game presentation from Doug Mercurio, 501(c) Solutions, Inc., on September 12th. We are hoping that we can bring back some gaming machines that meet the ATF guidelines in the not too distant future. Who knows, perhaps while you are reading this newsletter, we will already have machines installed. Fingers crossed!

There are a number of events over the next few months that I think you will enjoy. A field of Honor ceremony will be held at Veterans Memorial Park at 1100 on October 1st; the Auxiliary will be holding a Bake Sale on Sunday, October 2nd; and the Sons will hold a Steak Shoot every Saturday at 2:00 pm along with their normal Fish Fry from 5:00 – 7:00 pm every Friday. We are all looking forward to the Post Halloween Party on October 29th immediately following the Rider Monthly Dinner...come out and enjoy both!

Don't forget the Early Bird Dinner on November 6th; the Veterans Day and Post 70th Birthday Celebration on November 11th; The Auxiliary Bake Sale on November 13th; and of course, Thanksgiving Dinner on the 24th.

I hate to be a nag, but I'd like to remind everyone that our 2017 membership dues are due now. Please see Roger or one of the officers to get your new cards.

Until next time, I look forward to seeing each of you at the Post, and welcome you to give me a personal shout to pass along anything you think might be important to our membership.

For God and Country
George H. King
Commander, Alafia Post 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Hello!

Membership cards for 2017 are now in. It's time to renew your American Legion Auxiliary membership for the 2017 membership year. Remember now you can pay your dues online!!

Simply go to the national website: www.ALAforVeterans.org Log in "membership only" section, click pay dues online. It's easy and secure.

Please join us in Welcoming our newest members.

New:	LaVerne Williams	Transfer:	Rosemary Minick
	Caroline Church		
	Patricia Hughes		
	Patricia Johnson		
	Diana Woodbeck		
	Marilyn Starling		
	Carol Picot		
	Lynn Stemm		
	Kathy Stone		
	Mariann Cross		

Our country needs the American Legion Auxiliary, and only because of YOU can we continue our mission outreach to our military, veterans, and their families.

Together, we can make a difference in every neighborhood across the USA. Thank you for your continued: membership.

Tammy O'Donnell
Cell (813) 391-5166

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Riders and Friends

During our Sept 5th 2016 meeting Javier Joglar had to step down as the Riders Director for Post 148. I've agreed to assume the Directors position for 60 days until we can vote on a new Director on a special election. Nominations will be held at our monthly meeting for October and November 2016. We'll vote after the nomination at the November meeting.

Over the last two month the Riders have ridden over 34k miles and have donated over \$1000 and donated over 5k hours of their time to support veterans and veteran's organizations. Our goal for the next month is to exceed these numbers and we should be able to succeed due to the cooler weather. So calling all riders to come out and support your rider's organization as much as you can. Please don't forget about the Riders Sponsored Halloween party on the 29th of Oct. Last years event was a great success and there is a limited number of tickets will be sold for the dinner. Everyone welcome and hope to see everyone there. As always, please remember to ride safe and hope to see you on some of our rides.

Respectfully
Ryan L Flaherty
Assistant Director
American Legion Riders post 148

NEW MEMBERS

Gerald Goss Sr.	Craig Wells Jr.
Brett Capo	Timothy Zarbo
Barnard Smith	Mark Fortuna
Joey Santiago	Jeffery Marlow
James Taylor	John Gibbner
Mark Knierim	Ronnie Brock
Takesha Tibbs	

TRANSFERS

Henry Schlegel-Smith	James Longshaw
Edgar Hackett	Neal Dwyer
Bobby Kelly	Melvin Parker
Anthony Alexander	Wesley Stemm
Kathryn Boyer	William Purdy
Thomas Clark	Jim Gardner Jr.
Shanna Kirb	

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS



STEAK SHOOT
Every Saturday @ 2 PM



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



**FLEA
MARKET**



Every Sunday; 7 AM - Noon

Breakfast
Every
Sunday
7-11 AM

BINGO!

Every Wednesday
6:30 PM
By ALA & SAL

**FISH FRY
EVERY FRIDAY**

5-7 PM



Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

October

- 7 - Speed Limit
- 14 - Karaoke with Spirit Entertainment
- 21 - Music by Gene Cannon
- 28 - Jukebox Night
- 27 - ALR Dinner
Mike Baier & Double Take



November

- 4 - Music and vocals by Bill Lindsey;
followed by Elvis!
- 11 - *Veterans Day & Legion 70th Anniversary Celebration;*
Entertainment provided throughout the day
- 18 - Music by Gene Cannon
- 25 - Karaoke with Spirit Entertainment

Field of Honor
Ceremony
October 1, 1100
Veterans Memorial Park



Sunday

4 OCT

9am-12pm



Saturday October 8, 2016

5:00 – 11:00 PM

Please join us! - \$10 per person

Traditional "Oktoberfest" meal – music – drawings by chance

American Legion Alafia Post 148

7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569



AMERICAN LEGION
15TH DISTRICT



Fall Picnic

15 OCT 2016

11 AM—4 PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 138:
5535 w. PRESCOTT STREET



Saturday, OCTOBER 29

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

"RETURN OF THE DEAD"

DINNER at 5PM

**Smoked Pork Loin (Prepared by Ryan and Howie),
Au Gratin Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Bread**

Halloween Themed
Appetizers and Deserts
at 7PM

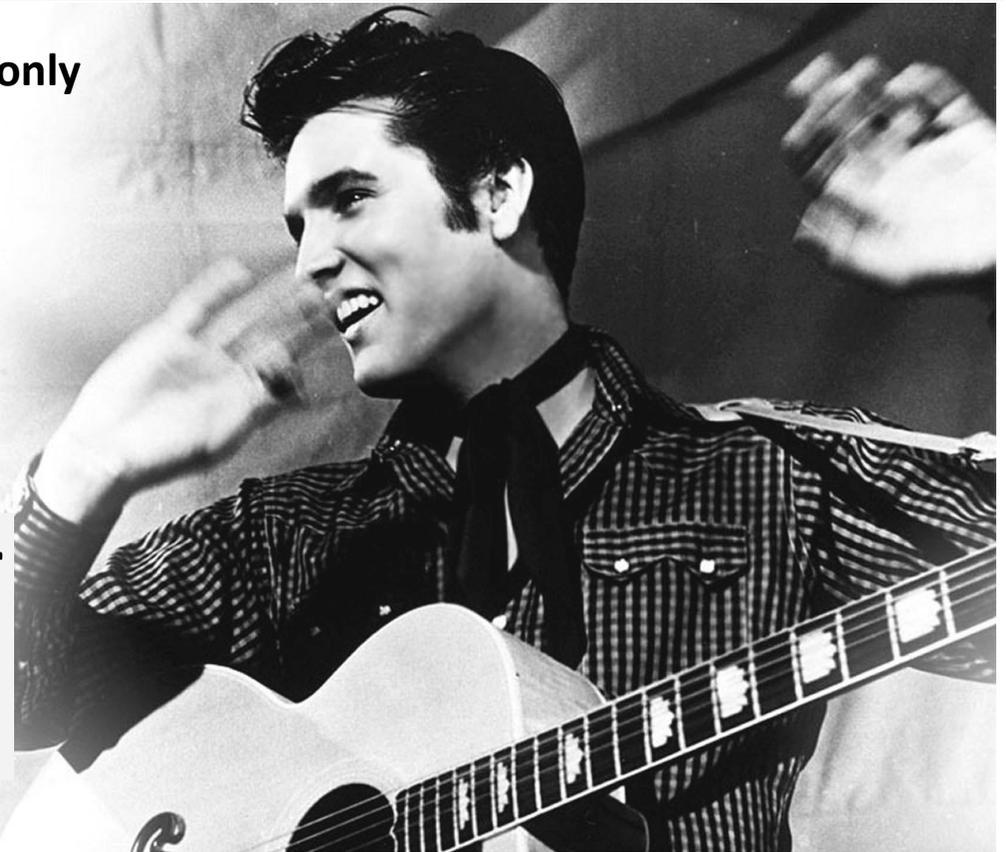
**\$10 LIMITED ADVANCED TICKETS
ON SALE 8 OCT AT ALA OCTOBERFEST**

Entertainment 7:30-11:30PM
MIKE BAIER & DOUBLE TAKE

Returning .. for one night only

Elvis

Friday, 4 November
following music by
Bill Lindsey



DON'T FORGET TO



Set Your
CLOCKS
Back

Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 6th

Dinner

November 6, 2015

3 PM

FREE for any
LEGION, AUXILIARY & SAL
MEMBERS with PAID 2015 DUES
(\$8.00 for all others)



Sunday, 14 NOV

9AM—12 PM

Support the ALA!!

1947-2017
JOIN US FOR A GRAND CELEBRATION
ON VETERANS DAY
ALAFIA POST 148 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
70TH ANNIVERSARY

BBQ- \$5.00 DINNER- \$10.00

FREE! WITH
YOUR PAID "2017"
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY
MEMBERSHIP

**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM- VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**

**1:00 PM- ALAFIA POST 148
BBQ PICNIC HOSTED BY THE SAL**

1:30-4:30 PM- MUSIC BY GENE CANNON

**2:00 PM- AUXILIARY REDEDICATION
OF AMERICAN LEGION ALAFIA POST 148**

**4:30-6:30 PM- OPEN MIC FOR ANYONE
WITH GERRY BELL & GER'S CANNED JAM**

6:00-7:00 PM- DINNER HOSTED BY THE AUXILIARY

7:00-11:00 PM- 3-DOM BAND

A note from the CUB SCOUTS:

This is our first Cub Scout Pack entry in Post 148's newsletter. Cub Scout Pack 606 wants to take this opportunity to say thanks to the American Legion for all its support, provide a brief overview of Scouting, and how we contribute to the Legion's overall mission.

Cub Scouts is the elementary school-age initial level into Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The Legion has a long and rich history of supporting Scouting across the country. Congress created the BSA in 1909 and then the American Legion in 1916. The Legion's very first national convention was in 1919. One of the first ever resolutions in 1919 was to charter and support BSA units as an extension of the Legion's Americanism, national security, and community service mission. The Legion is approaching its centennial year of chartering BSA units. Cub Scout Pack 606 has existed since 1993. The American Legion Alafia Post 148 adopted Pack 606 as a Post program in 2006. In 2015, Pack 606 was the largest Legion-sponsored BSA unit in the entire state of Florida out of 83 units and over 3,000 registered Scout members.

During the first Great War, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Cold War, Scouts served as an integral part of US Civil Defenses. Scouts raised money for the federal government through War Bond drives, organized scrap metal drives for war materials, assisted as couriers and coastal watchers, etc. Generations of patriotic American Legion members who could no longer serve abroad in the military led Scouting units at home during the domestic wartime mobilization periods.

Today is no different than the past! We are a nation at war abroad and domestically. Overseas our military is fighting terrorists and non-state actors. We face a major rising economic and military competitors, rogue nations with nuclear weapons, and an old foe with a hostile and revisionist agenda. Our military is deployed worldwide countering these threats. Likewise, at home in the USA, we are in the midst of a culture war. The family unit is being distorted and torn apart. Foundational values and principles are being diluted on a regular basis. The fabric that makes our country strong is fraying. That's where BSA fits into the Legion's mission. We may not be able to suit-up for battle and deploy, but we have leadership and wisdom to pass on to the next generation. That's where the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, Riders, and Marine Corp League members have a calling:

WE NEED YOU!

BSA, with strong leadership and support from the Legion, actively gains placement and access to the local community; strengthens family relationships; demonstrates duty to God and Country; teaches the next generation of young men leadership principles and citizenship; instills our traditional values such as respect and manners; promotes physical fitness and outdoor skills; teaches Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM); and serves the community.

The Cub Scout Pack currently has a need for Alafia Post members of all units to assist with: coordinating service projects; spring pinewood derby race committee; outdoor activities; various holiday party planning; assisting with leading/teaching 1st through 5th graders; assisting with simple flag etiquette and color guard ceremonies; coordinating flag retirements at campouts; planning outdoor adventures; monitoring unit activities for both BSA's Journey to Excellence annual report and the Legion's Consolidated Post Report (CPR); and assisting with popcorn booth sales.

Any Post 148 member is always welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly Pack 606 Awards meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month. This is a time where the boys, families, and leaders are recognized for their accomplishments. It is a fun time with skits, awards, and other fun activities. Our Scouts will be in their dress uniforms on that evening to receive their recognition and you are highly encouraged to wear your official white Legion uniform shirt and hat. Your Legion polo shirt or Rider vest is appropriate for all other meetings/activities. The Pack also encourages Legion participation with our flag retirements, campfires, the annual Blue & Gold Banquet in February, graduation in May, and other outings.

**CALLING ALL LEGIONNAIRES, SONS,
AUXILIARY, RIDERS, MARINES –
YOUR Pack needs your support! The Pack
606 adult leaders are in the trenches and
need your help. Ask us how!**

We'll see you on the home front!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS: CUB SCOUT PACK 606

Every Wednesday @ Collins Elementary School Cafeteria @ 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

1st/3rd Wednesdays are Den Meetings

2nd Wednesday Parent/Committee Meeting

4th Wednesday Pack/Awards Meeting



**It is with deep regret and heavy hearts
that we announce the transfer of
Bill Drummond, Marlene Duclos, Walt Ryan
to "Post Everlasting".
May God rest their souls, and
provide comfort to their family and friends.**