



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

October - November 2018



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2018-2019

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Richard Pflug
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera
 Adjutant.....Roger Dunn
 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

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 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.....David Rutledge
 1st Vice.....Steve Arndt
 2nd Vice.....Mark Getty
 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 2018-2019

Commandant.....Brian Frank
 Senior Vice.....Rob Becker
 Junior Vice.....Ron Essicks
 Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott
 Sergeant at Arms.....Henry Wolons
 Chaplain.....Jim Johnson
 Jr. Past Commandant.....Ed Becker

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 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

Once again, we are having a great year jam-packed with great activities and some wonderful entertainment! Thanks to all for participating in our Labor Day Cook Out and special thanks to our fantastic volunteers that helped with the cooking and sides. Your support and participation is greatly noticed and appreciated.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Bob, Claude and Richard for their work on our By-laws and Constitution. Your expertise, sound advice and attention to detail was instrumental in their completion which was approved by our General Membership and are on their way to The American Legion Department of Florida for approval. My sincere appreciation to all who had a helpful hand in accomplishing this.

To the Legion Riders, you all really rock! The outside patio is looking really awesome and your work on it is remarkable. I cannot tell you how happy I am to be a member of an organization that continues to work well with each of our units in order to make our Post a fantastic place for all and I just want to thank and acknowledge your handiwork.

Once again, thanks to all and hope to see each of you at our Home Post!

For God and Country
Lynnette Stokes
Commander
Alafia Post 148

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Greeting Fellow Riders,

We have a lot going on in the next two months!

The Central Area Ride In is on Saturday, October 13, 2018, and our Chapter 148 is hosting this event and fund raiser. The ALR Chapters in District, 7, 15 and 16 will be “riding in” to our Post. Food will be available for purchase, as well as, bottle raffles and a 50/50 will be on the agenda.

All riding chapters that wish to participate, in District 7, 15 and 16, will be making their own basket and selling tickets at their Post for their basket of cheer. The Riders Chapter that ***raises the most money*** from their Basket wins the competition and is awarded the traveling trophy to keep at their Post for 1 year..**BUT** the best part of this fund raiser is all proceeds from all the baskets go the *Veteran HOPE-Suicide Prevention cause*.

We chose to do our basket as a “boat of cheer”. Many of the items in the “boat of cheer”, other than liquor, are related to the cause of saving lives. Thanks to TC for making the boat and to Vicki Linde, Robyn Russell and Jennifer Jeffery for their expertise in decorating our boat! A big thank you to all who donated to our boat. Our boat is **AMAZING!!!!**

We want the trophy, so the next time you are in the Post purchase tickets from our bartenders or ask an ALR rider. You do NOT have to be present to win!

Our “Lotto Board” drawing will be VETERANS DAY Sunday, November 11, 2018. This is a fund raiser for our ALR Chapter 148. The money raised from the Lotto Board will go towards helping Veterans and our Community. Our Riders will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs that day. Drawing will be at 3:00 PM. This is your chance to win a guaranteed \$300 in cash, plus whatever you win from \$200 worth of scratch off tickets. Good Luck! Tickets available from the bartenders or ask an ALR rider. You do NOT have to be present to win!

Construction has started on the outside patio at the Post. Many thanks to all the riders who have taken time to put some sweat and hard work into this. Continued help will be needed in different areas during the construction. Please watch your emails and perhaps you may have that special talent we need. This includes both male and female riders! We are in need of different volunteers for the kitchen when we have our dinners once a month. If you haven’t helped in the kitchen or it has been quite some time since you have, please volunteer your time. Our dinners generate most of our funds to support our Veterans and community.

SALUTE....to all our Veterans on November 11th!

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

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Please note: Next **CALENDAR MEETING** is scheduled for **23 October**

Frying Friday

Fish, Shrimp and Chicken

*Served with French Fries, Hush Puppies and
Homemade Cole Slaw*

Presented by:

The Sons of The American Legion

5:00-7:00 every Friday
(except during Convention
& Fall Conference)

Come join the "Breakfast Club"

*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:

The Sons of The American Legion

8am – 11am Every Sunday
(except during Convention & Fall Conference)

Bingo Snack Bar

*You don't have to play bingo
to come to the Bingo 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

5pm- 6:30pm

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



9:30AM Mondays & Fridays

At American Legion Post 148

Double Deck / Partners

Sunday, 7 October

(during the flea market)



**Come Support the
American Legion Auxiliary,
and all the wonderful things
they do for our Post!!**



SATURDAY, 13 OCTOBER —
Field of Honor Ceremony
Hillsborough County Veterans Memorial Park

**This Quarterly ceremony
recognizing military lives lost
(The Fallen) during
July , August and September.**



The public is invited to gather at the park shelter next to the Field of Honor & Fallen Heroes Memorial for a Remembrance Ceremony **beginning at 1000.**



American Legion Riders Central Area Ride-In

13 October 2018, 12:00–5:00 PM

Hosted by American Legion Riders

Alafia Post 148 at 7240 US Highway 301 South, Riverview FL 33569

As part of the Ride-In, there will be a BASKET OF CHEER Competition!!

Each Chapter makes a Basket of Cheer and sells tickets at their Post up until the day of Ride In. Day of the Ride In the Chapters bring their Basket to Post 148 to display and sell more tickets. The Basket that collects the most money wins the “Traveling Trophy” for a year.

All proceeds from baskets support Veterans HOPE—Suicide Prevention

**Bottle
Raffles**

Food

50/50

POC: “MJ” Mary Jane Cobb
813-361-6145 or email:
director.post148@gmail.com



Family Picnic

Join us for the
15th District Family Picnic!!!
 Saturday, October 20th, 11AM
 Post 138, Port Tampa



Join us for the
Annual Post 148

HALLOWEEN PARTY

26 OCT at 7PM

Entertainment by
Anthony Barcelo
 Playing music from the
 50's, 60's and 70's!!!

*Prizes awarded
 for best Costume!!*

1st Place: \$25
 2nd Place: \$15
 3rd Place: \$10

**Finger Foods & Snacks
 Will Be Provided!**

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



**5:00 PM Saturday,
 Oct 27, 2018
 \$10.00 DONATION**

Dragon's famous Brisket with Baked Potato and Veggie

**** TAKE NOTE - Daylight Saving Time ends ... 4 NOV — SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK one hour!!**

American Legion Auxiliary....

Happy 99th Birthday !!!



10 NOVEMBER 2018 : 5-11 PM

Come join the party, and help celebrate this wonderful occasion!!



Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion



Sunday NOVEMBER 11, 2 PM

FREE Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Sausages
Courtesy of the AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Enjoy some time with the company of your friends, while honoring those who served

Then, be sure to hang around for the LOTTERY BOARD Fund Raiser Drawing!!!

VETERANS DAY



American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148 Riverview FL



Lottery Board Fund Raiser

Drawing : Veterans Day....Sunday, November 11, 2018 @ 3:00 PM

Guaranteed \$300.00 to the WINNER!

Plus...whatever you win from \$200.00 worth of scratch-off tickets!!

All proceeds to support Veterans and our Community

Tickets Prices:

1 Ticket for \$1.00

6 Tickets for \$5.00

15 Tickets for \$10.00

35 Tickets for \$20.00



You Do NOT have to be present to win!

Simply write your name and phone number on the back of ticket and keep the other half.

We will call you if your ticket is drawn!

For details and tickets, contact "MJ" Mary Jane Cobb (813-361-6145 or email: director.post148@gmail.com), any rider, or the bartender on duty.

Dinner for the early birds!!!



**18 NOVEMBER,
4—6 PM**



**FREE for all Members of the
-AMERICAN LEGION,
-AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY &
-SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
with PAID 2019 DUES (\$8.00 for all others)**

Roast Pork, Potatoes and Veggies!



Thanksgiving Dinner

will be served on

**Thursday, 22 NOV
2:00 PM**

Food donations (turkey, ham, sides, etc.) are welcome and appreciated.

A sign up sheet will be placed at the bar.

Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day, is a public holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. It originated as a harvest festival. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, after Congress requested a proclamation by George Washington. It has been celebrated as a federal holiday every year since 1863, when, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. Together with Christmas and the New Year, Thanksgiving is a part of the broader fall/winter holiday season in the U.S.



Entertainment Schedule

All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

October

- 5 – Karaoke with Sandy Lamm
- 12 – Motown Dave
- 19 – Karaoke with Franky Allen
- 26 – Anthony Barcelo (Legion Halloween Party)

November

- 2 – Double Density Band with Sandra McCarthy
- 9 – Motown Dave
- 16 – Karaoke with Franky Allen
- 23 – Taylor and Taylor
- 30 – Jukebox Night

NEW MEMBERS

**Michael McBee
Kimberly Crawford
David Davies
Robert Valestra
Stacy Edmontson
James Hollerman**

TRANSFERS

**Alan Coon
Russell McNeil
Matthew Fleming
Leslie Rapkin
Donald Houk**



**It is with deep regret and heavy hearts that we announce the transfer of Art Caskey to Post Everlasting.
May God rest his soul,
and provide comfort to his family and friends.**

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