



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

October - November 2019



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2019-2020

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Van VanDyke
 2nd Vice.....Mikki VanDyke
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman
 Finance Officer.....Vacant
 Sergeant at Arms.....Terry Johnson
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Historian.....Vacant
 Judge Advocate.....Richard Pflug
 Service Officer.....Joe Bonnett

Executive Board:

Keith Regenhard Bill Rivera
 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 2019-2020

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

Executive Committee:

Jill Bower Ruth White
 Bernita Benson

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

Commander.....Mark Getty
 1st Vice.....Steve Arndt
 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 Ronnie Pimental
 Ted Kasper Greg Dodge



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2019-2020

Director.....Bill "Billy Bob" Turner
 Assistant Director.....Terry Johnson
 Adjutant.....Andrew Davis
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde
 Historian.....Angela Ritter
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Greg Ohlfs
 Membership.....Vicki Linde
 Safety Officer.....Robert "Dragon" Mackenzie
 Past Director MJ Cobb



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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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

Thanks to all who came to help with the clean-up at Hackney Cemetery. I was told there was a lot of folks and that came out to support this important event and I was so delighted. Many thanks to Steve Arndt for putting this together.....as well as our volunteers.

I also again want to thank Steve Arndt, as well as his lovely wife, Julia Arndt and Mark Getty, for their school presentation. I was shown the photos and could not believe how many children attended this wonderful presentation and the countless questions they had, what a wonderful way to contribute to our community, children and youth.

I also want to thank Ed Christman for our new informational television. What a great way to see what our latest events, dinners, ceremonies, etc. and done so brilliantly. Way to go Ed!

Last but not least, a huge thank you to our Sons for their purchase of a new television to put into the hall to replace the current one. This will really come in handy to watch our popular sports and/or other events that can be set up with this new one. What a wonderful gesture in support our Post.

Please remember about our upcoming events and activities and please join us for them. There is a lot of work and dedication in putting these together and your participation is 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



The American Legion Auxiliary President's theme for this year is, HONOR FLIGHT. Let us honor those who have served during WWII, Vietnam and Korean wars. You can help by volunteering to be an escort to an honoree, donating goody bags, (see Julia Arndt for more information) or being at the airport to send them off to Washington, or greeting them when they return.

We will be having a Dinner, October 12th and all proceeds will go to Honor Flight.

The Food Pantry for our homeless veterans is extremely empty. We are asking our American Legion Family for help. All donations can be left at Post 148. Some of the items needed are: canned vegetables, spam, instant potatoes, canned new potatoes, canned beans, canned hams, canned sandwich meat, large soups w/meat or chicken, cereal, tuna, evaporated milk, rice, pancake mix (just add water), pancake Syrup and baked beans. I thank you all for your help, it is truly appreciated.

Here are some dates to remember:

Oct. 6th - Bake Sale
Oct. 14th - Honor Flight Dinner
Nov. 1st-4th - Fall Conference
Nov. 3rd - Bake Sale
Nov. 9th - Replacement of flags at Serenity Meadows Cemetary-9:00am. Volunteers needed.
Nov. 10th - Bake Sale
Nov. 11th - Flag waving and cookout-auxiliary to bring sides
Nov. 25th - Thanksgiving Dinner

Julia Arndt
President

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Dear Riders,

We are now coming into the fall season, and that means some great riding weather. I'm hoping to see more of you out there. The Road Captain has been putting out some great rides. I know that some of you don't like going from bar to bar, however the rides that Greg is putting out are from that. You really are missing out on some great rides. We are putting together the Merry-Go-Round rides and the more riders we have the more points we get so please join us on these rides. There will be no ALR Dinner in October because the Central Area Ride In is on the same day and we will be at Post 72 most of the day. Our next dinner will be in January 2020.

The holidays are coming up; hope you have a great time.

Thanks for being an ALR 148 Rider.

For God and Country
William "BillyBob" Turner
Director
ALR Chapter 148

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



We want to welcome these new members: Stewart Goldberg

And a special thank you to Stew Goldberg to the "Kitchen Team". Any S.A.L. member that would like to join the "Kitchen Team" please contact me at 813.574.9585.

A special thank you to Anthony Galimidi for shopping for the 15th District Veterans food pantry.

September 11 was the first membership goal for the sons. Steve Arndt, our 1st Vice Commander has done an outstanding job in membership as we already met that goal. As of August 15th we were at 19.85%.

Early Bird Dinner, October 12th for all S.A.L. member that have paid the 2020 dues eat FREE. Come join us.

The American Legion has opened up the Eligibility Dates for veterans from December 7, 1941 to the current date.

All Paid up Legion members that are eligible for the Sons get FREE membership in the S.A.L.

Congratulations to Chaplain Tom Stone and Finance Officer Dave Van Pelt for "20" years membership in the Sons of The American Legion!

October 19th Squadron 148 is hosting the S.A.L. Detachment Organizational College Class at Post 148. Sign in at 0700 hrs. class 0800-1700 hrs. In attendance will be Past National S.A.L. Commander Jim Roberts, Detachment Commander Tom Klinger, NEC John Jennings, NECA Bill Kelly, Central Area Commander Gerard Sambets, 16th District Commander Rich Cummings, 7th District Commander Doug Erskine and 15th District Commander Mark Getty. We hope to see all "family members" there.

The Sons have updated the Frying Friday menu: Home-made Cocktail Sauce, Tartar Sauce, Pina Colada Dip to go along with our Home-made Slaw and Fish Breading. Come try it all out!

Dates to Remember:

S.A.L. Class- Post 148—Oct. 19, 2019; Fall Conference—Nov. 1-3, 2019; Veteran's Day—Nov. 11, 2019.

For God & Country
Mark Getty
S.A.L. Squadron 148 Commander

NEW MEMBERS

Julio Santiago	Jerome Konrad
Mark Getty	Tom McGowan
Dennis Stoneking	Charles Waing Jr.
Terrence Miller	Paul Bortnick
Leon Collins	Mark Jacobs

TRANSFERS

Mark Babcock	Michael Stevens
Norman Smith	



It is with great sadness that we announce the transfer of Bill Parker to Post Everlasting. May God rest his soul, and provide comfort to his family and friends.



**The ALA will host a Bake Sale on
6 October during the Flea Market.**

**Please support the ladies who do so much to
support the veterans of our community!!**

FIELD OF HONOR, 12 OCT

**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.**



October 12, 2019

SOCK HOP DINNER

From 5:00-7:00 PM / \$10.00 Donation

**POT ROAST WITH PEAS & CARROTS AND
MASHED POTATOES WITH GRAVY.
SUNDAES for DESSERT!**

**All proceeds will be donated to HONOR FLIGHT.
Come dressed for the party (if you like)**



**13 OCTOBER 1775
SEMPER FORTIS**



U.S. Navy photo by Erik Hildebrandt/Released.

Military.com

***"A good Navy is not a
provocation to war.
It is the surest
guaranty of peace."***

- Theodore Roosevelt

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, U. S. NAVY ! !

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZATIONAL COURSE

The Detachment Member Training & Development Committee will be delivering the following training / course.

Course Title: Sons of The American Legion Organization (FSCS-02)

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2019

Location: American Legion Post 148 Riverview
7240 US Highway 301 S, Riverview FL 33569

Time: Registration 7:30am, Course from 8:00am – 5:00pm

Registration: <https://forms.gle/S8iVZqgKqmcW6YWM6>

The course is made up of 8 units that will cover many things relating to the Sons of The American Legion. Items that will be covered include a video history of The American Legion an overview of the history of the Sons of The American Legion and the accomplishments of the Florida Sons. Additional units will cover the responsibilities of Squadron Officers, an overview of running a Squadron Meeting, programs supported by the Sons, membership and the Sons reporting requirements. We will end the day with a roundtable question & answer session.

There is **no fee** to register for this course and an online registration form is available on our website at – <https://forms.gle/S8iVZqgKqmcW6YWM6> – Registering online will guarantee the student will have seat in the class. Students that attend the class will get their certificate sent electronically, via e-mail, after the class. Students must be in class for the entire class to receive the certificate.

The MT&D Committee has indicated that there is no limit on how many can attend, but we need at least 15 members to register in order for the Detachment to conduct this course.

The American Legion Post 148 Family Halloween Party & Costume Contest will be held Friday, 25 October 2019 at 7PM



Finger Foods Provided, and
Entertainment will be

DOUBLE DENSITY

Prizes awarded as follows:

1st Place = \$25.00

2nd Place = \$15.00

3rd Place = \$10.00

(awarded in beer chips)



For Your Info —
DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE
will be held **1-3 NOVEMBER**
At the RENAISSANCE SEAWORLD





DON'T FORGET

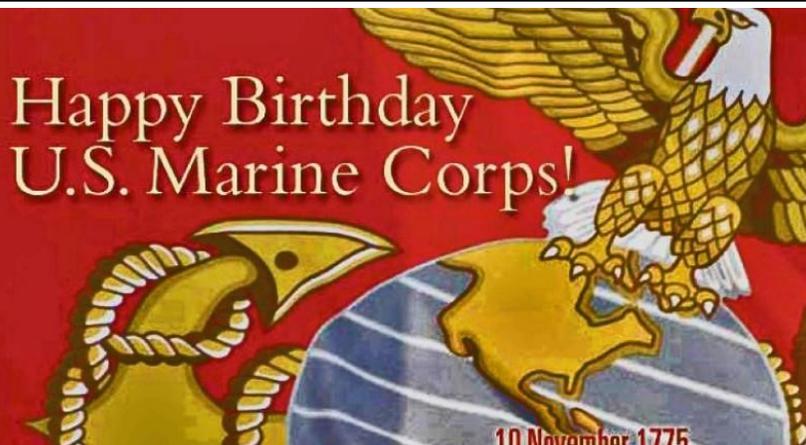
*Daylight Saving Time ends at
2AM on Sunday, November 3rd
(Set your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR**)*

**There are TWO CHANCES to
get your sweets during the
month of November; the
3rd and 10th, during the
Flea Market!!**



Please remember, these bake sales hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary help to benefit programs and initiatives for our Veterans in the community!!

Please come help the ALA support our Veterans!!



November 10, 2019



It is a celebration of the profound respect for the Marine Corps traditions and reverence of the heritage that distinguishes the Corps of Marines. The Marine Corps birthday will take place on Sunday, November 10, 2019. The Marine Corps turns 244 years old.

In observance of Veterans Day, a cookout will be organized by the American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter 148.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, sides and deserts will be served at 2PM on 11/11/19.



The annual Early Bird Dinner will be held on 17 November at 2PM.

Come enjoy Dragon's famous brisket w/ sides.

The meal is free for Members who have paid their 2020 dues, and \$10.00 for all others.



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for 22 OCTOBER

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)

October

- 4 – Spirit Entertainment
- 11 – Taylor and Taylor
- 18 – Anywhere Karaoke
- 25 – Double Density Band
(Halloween Party)
- 26 – Legion Halloween Party



November

- 1 – Spirit Entertainment
- 8 – Pure Country Gold
- 15 – Taylor and Taylor
- 22 – Double Density Band
- 29 – Anthony Barcelo

