



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### October-November 2020



#### AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2020-2021

Commander.....Ed Christman  
 1st Vice.....Lynnette Stokes  
 2nd Vice.....Miller Bennett  
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman  
 Finance Officer.....Terri Dolphin  
 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 Commander .....Lynnette Stokes

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

### **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

#### AMERICAN LEGION:

##### EXECUTIVE BOARD-

2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

##### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-

4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:

3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—6:30 PM

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-7:00 PM

#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:

1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

#### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

1<sup>ST</sup> 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.....Stewart Goldberg  
 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



#### 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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## THE COMMANDER'S DESK



*EDITOR'S NOTE: The letter below from the Commander was also sent to the Observer and the Tampa Bay Times for inclusion in their publications.*

On 9/11 every year since 2001, the year of the attack by Terrorist on American soil; The American Legion Alafia Post 148 has participated in "Remembrance Day" by gathering in front of our Post (at the corner of Hannaway Drive and US Highway 301 S) and waving US flags as a Patriotic Symbol/Duty to make sure that this day will never be forgotten. I have participated in several of these personally and have always come away with a tremendous sense of pride and fulfillment. This act of Patriotism usually leaves the participants fulfilled as well; with, motorist sometimes stopping by and thanking the flag wavers.

As the Commander of the Post I was there for the start and had to leave to assist in other events that this post had committed to fulfill on this "Remembrance Day". I returned to the post later that afternoon and was informed that this year; several of the flag wavers reported several motorists shouting obscenities and flipping off the flag wavers.

I can only speculate that some of the passing motorist assumed that it was some kind of Political Rally (which the American Legion cannot participate in ANY such event); we are not allowed to display publicly NO favoritism in POLITICAL ISSUES (to include elections). I would like to believe that they were not Hillsborough residents; I have been retired in Florida for 16+ years and never have I witnessed any of the residents/neighbors act in such a dis-respectful manner. I can only believe those that committed such an act will be dealt with as only KARMA can do!

I wish to thank all those that participated that day and close with: For God and Country!

Edward D. Christman  
American Legion  
Alafia Post 148  
Commander

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## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Riders,

As we head toward our holiday season please remember that the COVID virus is still a problem, so please wear your mask, wash your hands and use hand sanitizer. Some of us have underlying health problems so please be careful.

We are also in our rainy season, which means lots of water on the roads so please be aware.

I was watching the news about a hit and run which involved a car vs motorcycle. The driver of the bike was killed; however, they did get the driver later on. Just please be careful and watch out for the idiots who don't care about you on a bike.

I hope to see lots of you at our meeting, our dinners and on our rides. Please be safe and get home safe when you are out there riding.

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

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Thank you all for participating in our School Supplies Campaign. I'm happy to report it was a great success and we helped to supplement school supplies for Gibsonton and Riverview Elementary Schools.

We will be having our Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Post on November 26th. Once again, we will have a sign-up sheet set up at the Lounge to donate Turkey, Ham and side dishes.

For God and Country  
Be Safe,  
Julia Arndt  
President

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Just a reminder as of 1 July 2020 the dues were raised to \$30.00 a year. I want to remind everybody if they pay before 1 November 2020 You will get \$5.00 off your dues. Please contact Greg Dodge or Carroll Weese to make sure you receive your \$5.00 discount by 1 November 2020.

We have started Friday Fish Fry, Sunday Breakfast and Wednesday Bingo. Please come out and support your squadron

Mark Getty  
Squadron 148 Commander

### *Please welcome the following Members to Post 148*

#### NEW MEMBERS

Ronald Willard	Edwin Cruz
Adam Friday	Danny Flaughner
Merton Dwyer	Nathan Carney
Arthur Taylor	Dale Becker
Pat O'Brian	Mary Dixon
William King	James Harkins
William Chancey	Robert Preston
Robert Lutz	

#### TRANSFERS

Mike O'Dell	Ian Sweany
Edward Colihan	Ralph Sylvester
Ted Hockfelder SR	Joe Hilton
Sabrina Wolfersberger	
Michael Wolfersberger	



*We are sad to report that  
Herman William "Uncle Billy" Johns  
has been transferred to Post Everlasting.  
May God rest his soul,  
and provide comfort to his family and friends.*

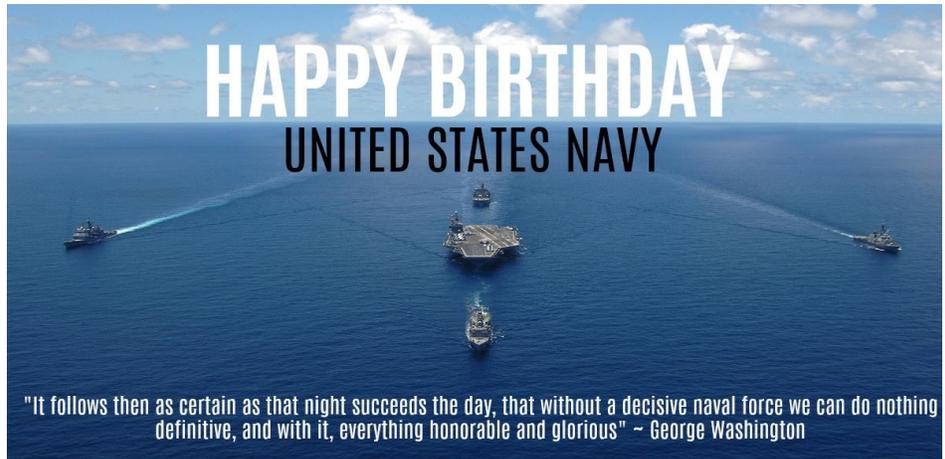
*An excerpt from the Declaration of Independence:* We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

## U. S. Navy Birthday — 13 OCTOBER

*A 13 October 1775 resolution of the Continental Congress established what is now the United States Navy with “a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionable number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible despatch, for a cruise of three months....” After the American War of Independence, the U.S. Constitution empowered the new Congress “to provide and maintain a navy.” Acting on this authority, Congress established the Department of the Navy on 30 April 1798.*

*In 1972, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized official recognition of 13 October as the birthday of the U.S. Navy. Since then, each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion “to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service.”*

*13 October 2020 will mark the Navy's 245th Birthday. The central theme of this year's 245th birthday and heritage week will be "Victory at Sea," which encompasses the Navy's efforts in battle during World War II in the Pacific Theater.*



*All donors will receive a FREE OneBlood Halloween T-Shirt! Plus, a wellness checkup including COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!*

*To make an appointment, please visit [www.oneblood.org/donate-now](http://www.oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code #62051*

**Saturday, October 17, 2020**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**American Legion Post #148**

**Do not present to donate if you have a fever. You must wait at least 14 days before donating if you have been exposed to someone who has or may have COVID-19, have recently been tested and are pending test results for COVID-19 or if you have a confirmed active case of COVID-19.**

### ID REQUIRED

Donors must be at least 16 year old. Under 16 requires parental permission. See website for more details.

[oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org)

1-888-9-DONATE

**oneblood**  
Share your power



# Alafia Chapter Post 148

## Rider Dinner

### Dragon's Smoked Brisket

5:00 PM Saturday,

October 31, 2020

\$10.00 DONATION



*After enjoying your  
fantastic Rider Dinner,  
stick around and  
JOIN THE PARTY!*

**OCTOBER 31 :**  
**beginning at 7:00 PM**

***Featuring entertainment by  
TAYLOR AND TAYLOR***

***Prizes awarded for  
1st, 2nd & 3rd  
best costumes***

**Happy  
Halloween**

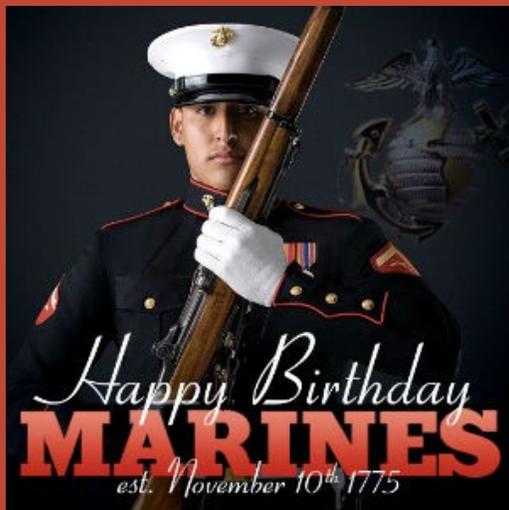


# 2020 United States Elections

The 2020 United States election is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. All 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives, 35 of the 100 seats in the United States Senate, and the office of President of the United States will be contested. Thirteen state and territorial governorships, as well as numerous other state and local elections, will also be contested.



## SINCE 1775



"MARINES HAVE A HISTORY. THEY HAVE FOUGHT IN EVERY MAJOR AND MINOR ENGAGEMENT IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS EVER BEEN INVOLVED. MARINES ARE THE PRESIDENTS GUARD. MARINES ARE THE BEST WE HAVE TO OFFER AS A NATION. MARINES HAVE A TRADITION. MARINES DO NOT SURRENDER. MARINES DO NOT LEAVE THEIR DEAD ON THE BATTLEFIELD. MARINES HAVE AN HONOR. MARINES DIE FOR THAT HONOR. MARINES ARE AMERICANS IN THE HIGHEST SENSE. MARINES GUARD THE VERY GATES OF HEAVEN."

SGT BILL M. BROWER (USMC OCT. 1969 - OCT. 1972)

**NOVEMBER 10, 2020:**

**Happy 245th Birthday, United States Marine Corps !!**

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends**



*Don't forget to  
Fall Back*

**Sunday, 1 November  
at 2:00 AM**

You already know why Veterans Day is important. You are the service members, veterans or family and friends of veterans who stay up-to-date on military news, pay, benefits, fitness and veteran jobs.

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans.

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

When first celebrated as Armistice Day, the day marked the end of World War I, formally recognized on the "11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month" in 1918. Veterans Day is on the same day every year - November 11 - regardless of on which day of the week it falls. When the date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, government officials or businesses may recognize it on both the official day and the following Monday.



VETERANS DAY | NOVEMBER 11



Please join us Wednesday, 11 November for a cookout in observance of Veterans Day.

*Serving will begin at 2PM.*

*Also, the Lounge will have Happy Hour pricing 2-4PM.*



**DINNER**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2:00PM**

**FREE FOR ANYONE WITH A  
"2021" MEMBERSHIP CARD  
(*\$10.00 for all others*)**

**Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes,  
Vegetable, Salad & Dinner Roll**

*Join us for  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
Thursday, 26 November, 2 - 5PM*

Sign up sheets are located in the Lounge for those who wish to donate ham or turkey.

*Side dishes and deserts to pass are appreciated.*



# REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

*The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER*

## 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 has resumed!

(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!



*Steak Shoot  
is still TBD.  
Please watch for  
updates at the Post.*

### 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

- 2 – Spirit Karaoke
- 9 – TBD
- 16 – Spirit Karaoke
- 23 – Pure Classic Gold
- 30 – Spirit Karaoke
- 31 – Taylor and Taylor  
*(Halloween Party)*



### November

- 6 – Spirit Karaoke
- 13 – Taylor and Taylor
- 20 – Spirit Karaoke
- 27 – Pure Classic Gold

