



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

October - November 2021



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2021-2022

Commander.....Ed Christman
 1st Vice.....Lynnette Stokes
 2nd Vice.....Terry Johnson
 Adjutant.....Ed Christman
 TreasurerDee Hoffmann
 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 William Turner
 Past CommanderEd Christman

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 2021-2022

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

Executive Committee:

Georgianna Bruno Patti Alley
 Jennifer Jeffery

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2021 - 2022

Commander.....Mark Getty
 1st Vice.....Steve Arndt
 2nd Vice.....Carroll Weese
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi
 Finance Officer.....Dave Van Pelt
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

Executive Board:

Ted Martine Greg Dodge
 Ted Kasper Ronnie Pimentel
 Past Commander.....Carroll Weese



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2021-2022

Director.....Angela Ritter
 Assistant Director.....Scott Hortman
 Adjutant.....Andrew Davis
 Treasurer.....Ed Linde
 Historian.....Susan King
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Terry Johnson
 Past DirectorBill Turner



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2021-2022

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

Hours of Operation:

Monday—Saturday:
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 Sunday:
 Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



FROM THE COMMANDER:

My fellow Legionnaires, Members of the Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, The Marine Corps League and the American Legion Auxiliary:

As we approach a membership of +1000 personnel; I come to you with a simple request! American Legion Post 148 needs your support in so many ways!

If you are not aware this Post supports many activities in this awesome community of Riverview, FL. We also support weekly activities involving the Lounge and the various weekly events: Bingo, Pinochle, Fish Fry & Flea Market to list a few.

Breakfast on Sunday has been temporarily suspended pending an E-Board review.

Which brings me to my point: This Post (148) NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!! Please make it a point to stop in at least once a month to show your support and give us feedback to what could help us to survive!

Call ahead to see if I, or any Post Officer, is here (813-677-6529); or when they will be to meet them and express your concern. I am providing my personal email and phone number: Please contact me with your concerns/issues.

bigedxman@aol.com

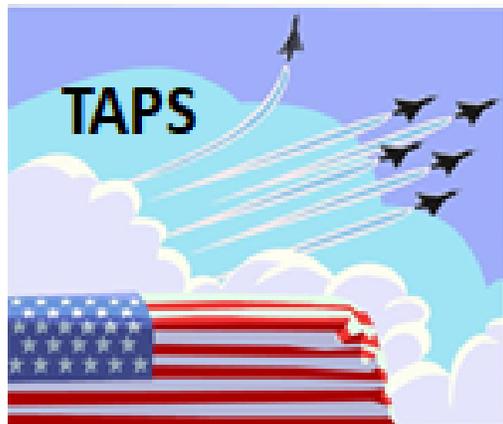
813-507-6507

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THIS POST!

For God and Country!

Edward D. Christman
American Legion
Alafia Post 148



We are very sad to report that

Casey Seyfert

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Riders,

As we head toward the holiday season please remember to pay extra attention to your family, friends, and co-workers. The holidays are tough on everyone and for some it can be unbearable. Reach out and help those needing extra help this season. Be careful on the streets for the idiots who don't seem to realize they share the road with not only vehicles on four wheels but motorcycles as well. Rider meetings are the first Monday of the month and it's time to renew your Rider membership - come to a meeting and get it done early. We have one dinner remaining for the year (Oct 30th) and it's a doozy - you don't want to miss it!!! Remember, our monthly dinners are our main fundraiser and we appreciate your support. I hope to see lots of you at our meetings, our dinners and on our rides. Please be safe and get home safe.

Ride for the Cause not the Applause
Angela Ritter
Director—ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

Thank you to all who participated in the Flag waving at the post on the 20 Year Anniversary of September 11th. A special Thank You to Salynna Galimidi and Denise Bonnet for delivering the Thank You Baskets to 2 local Firehouse's and the Sheriff's Department. Thank You's also to those who participated in the Hackney Clean-Up.

Some important dates to remember: **Oct. 2nd**-ABC School & District meeting @ Post 139. Registration at 9am; class starts @10am. **Oct. 9th**-Octoberfest Dinner.

God Bless You All
For God and Country
Julia Arndt—President

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS

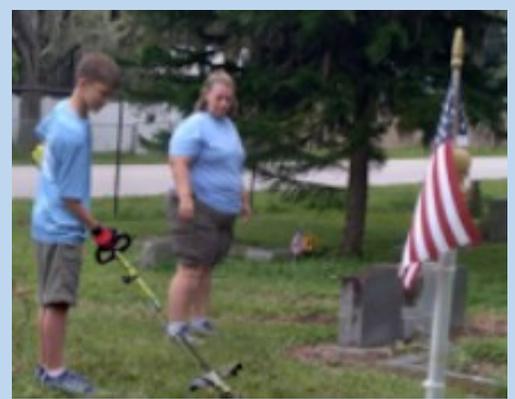
Mark Heffron	Cameron Woods
Matthew Schroering	Tyrell Gilliam
Paula Tudor	Caesar Castro
Kenneth Cheek	Jeff Sorrentino
Steven Anderson	

TRANSFERS

Jeffery Beers	Thomas Mello
Roy Tolbert	



Special thanks to those that participated on Patriots Day: Flag Waving, Basket delivery, and Hackney Cemetery Clean-up



COUPON

FOR OUR MILITARY

American Legion Auxiliary is collecting coupons for our Military and their families. DON'T THROW AWAY THE FLYERS YOU GET IN THE MAIL EVERY WEEK! Instead, cut them out and place in a plastic sandwich/snack bag. Mark the bag with the number of coupons, how long it took you to do it, and the date. The coupons can be used up to 6 months after the expiration date.

There is a drop box in the Lounge, or you can mail to us. P.O. Box 576, Riverview, FL 33569.

Thank you for all of your support.
For God and Country,
Julia Arndt-President



Saturday October 9, 2021

5:00 – 7:00 pm – Dinner & DJ Parti Patti

7:00 – 9:00 pm – DJ Parti Patti

Please join us! - \$10 per person

Traditional "Oktoberfest" meal – music – bottle raffle – 50/50

American Legion Alafia Post 148

7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569



U.S. Navy Birthday—October 13

The Navy birthday is intended as an internal activity for members of the active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents.

Since 1972, a Navy-wide celebration has been encouraged to “Enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service.”

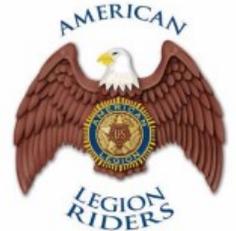
U.S. Navy Day—October 27

Navy Day was originally sponsored by the Navy League 1922. It is designed to give recognition to the Naval Service.

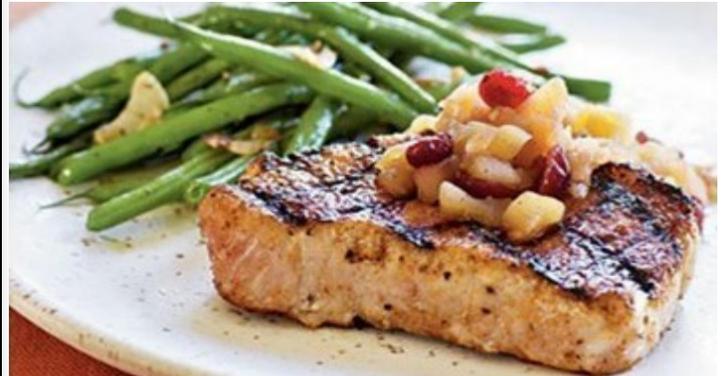
The Navy League of New York proposed that the official observance be on 27 October in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, who had been born on that day.

Rider Dinner
\$10 DONATION

5 PM Saturday,
October 30, 2021



Terry & Lori's Stuffed Pork Chops with mashed potatoes and gravy, apple chutney, green beans and a roll.



American Legion Riders
Alafia Chapter Post 148

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Don't Drink & Drive

Halloween Party

Costume Contest

Saturday, October 30

Finger Foods

7-11 PM

Spirit Karaoke



November—Special Military dates—Find more info and links at...

<https://militarybenefits.info/military-calendar-holidays-events-observances/>

- **National Veterans and Military Family Month**—“Celebrate the loved ones of our country’s men and women in uniform and recognize the sacrifices they have made in support of our Nation’s heroes.”
- **Warrior Care Month**—Created to address the needs of wounded warriors. Each branch of service offers its own version of help for those sick or injured in the line of duty.
- **National Family Caregivers Month**—Dedicated to providing support for, and raising awareness of, family caregivers, or individuals who care for relatives or loved ones living with chronic illness, disabilities, terminal illness, or aging issues. It is also for individuals who care for veterans living with illness or injury as a result of military service.
- **National Veterans Small Business Week—November 1—5**—A time to focus on veterans, the issues they face, and options for sustaining a small business.
- **Marine Corps Day/Birthday—November 10—245 years old**—Celebrates the history, memory of those who served before and rekindles the bond that unites all generations of Marines.
- **Veterans Day**—Honoring all who have served.
- **Armistice/Remembrance Day—November 11**—A time to pay respect to the fallen from all wars. Wear a poppy to show support.
- **Thanksgiving—November 25**—A time to be thankful for everything we have. Remember all of those deployed and not able to celebrate with family.

#RALLYAROUNDTHEFLAG

“OUR FLAG IS
THE EMBLEM OF LIBERTY -
THE EMBLEM OF HOPE -
THE EMBLEM OF PEACE
AND GOOD WILL
TOWARD MEN.”

BOY SCOUTS
HANDBOOK, 1911



Did you know...

- The first documented singing of the “**Star Spangled Banner**” at a baseball game occurred in Brooklyn, NY on May 15, 1862.
- A 1967 Flag study manual explained that the red in the U.S. Flag stands for courage, valor, and strength; the blue represents truth, loyalty, and fidelity; the white conveys purity, light, and peace.
- In 1942, Congress established the practice of placing your right hand over your heart when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

THE AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA

Happy Birthday

U.S. Marine Corps

245 Years — Nov 10



Annual Veterans Day Cookout

**November 11, 2021
2-4PM**

Hamburgers,
Hotdogs, and Sides

Hosted by:
American Legion Riders

Veterans Day

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 25—2-5PM

*Turkey, Ham and
all the trimmings*

There will be a sign-up sheet
at the bar for donations of
turkey and ham



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 18 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

(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!*

*For your information —
The ALA conducts bake sales
during the flea market
on the first Sunday of each month.
The money they raise
helps to support Veterans in our area.
Please help support them!!*

“Breakfast Club”

**BREAKFAST TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDED—PENDING E-
BOARD REVIEW**

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Entertainment Schedule



All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

October

- 1 – Spirit Karaoke
- 8 – Double Density
- 15 – Spirit Karaoke
- 22 – Burt and Friends
- 29 – Spirit Karaoke
- 30—Spirit Karaoke
(Halloween Party)



November

- 5 – Spirit Karaoke
- 12 – No Troubles Band
- 19 – Spirit Karaoke
- 26 – Double Density

