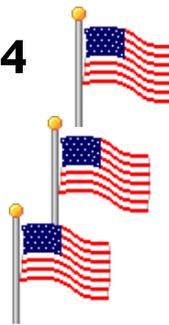


# October – November 2014

## THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

### The American Legion

### Alafia Post 148



#### AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2014-2015

Commander.....Roger C. Dunn  
 1st Vice..... Richard Pflug  
 2nd Vice.....OPEN  
 Adjutant.....Greg Ohlfs  
 Finance Officer.....Wendy Ohlfs  
 Sgt at Arms.....Lee Fritchman  
 Chaplain.....Randy Everhart  
 Judge Advocate.....Walt Raysick  
 Service Officer.....OPEN

#### Executive Board:

T.C.Cobb                      Bill Turner  
 Jeff Koch                    Chuck Frietsch

Lounge Manager.....Michele Simmons

AMERICAN LEGION MEETINGS  
 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
 EXECUTIVE BOARD: 6:00 PM  
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: 7:00 PM

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETINGS  
 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 MEETINGS  
 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH  
 7:00 PM

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEETINGS  
 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
 7:00 PM



#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2014-2015

President.....Georgia MacKenzie  
 1st Vice.....Edie Sparks  
 2nd Vice.....Vicki Fleming  
 Treasurer.....Salynna Cox  
 Chaplain.....Annette Smith  
 Historian.....Missy Beaver  
 Secretary.....Susanne Pugh  
 Sergeant-At-Arms.....Kathy Boyle  
 Asst. Sgt-At-Arms.....Jennifer Jeffrey

#### Executive Committee:

Georgie Bruno, Mary Jane Cobb  
 ,Jeannie Dion  
 Past President.....Bobbi Milenki



#### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2014 - 2015

Commander.....David Rutledge  
 1st Vice.....Carroll Weese  
 2nd Vice.....Mark Getty  
 Asst. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice.....Steve Nasrallah  
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi  
 Finance Officer.....David VanPelt  
 Sgt at Arms.....Greg Wussaw  
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

#### Executive Board:

Jerry Lettsinger            John Cormier  
 Ted Kasper                    Greg Decker  
 Steve Nasrallah



#### AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2014-2015

Director..... Bill Turner  
 Assistant Director.....Steve "Snas" Nasrallah  
 Secretary.....Vicki Fleming  
 Treasurer.....Susie Pugh  
 Historian.....Mary Jane Cobb  
 Chaplain.....Roger Dunn  
 Sergeant-At-Arms.....Greg Ohlfs  
 Road Captain.....T.C. Cobb  
 Membership.....Jennifer Jeffery  
 Safety Officer..... Jeff Koch



#### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2014-2015

Commandant.....Bernie Kotrady  
 Sr. Vice.....Sal DiFonzo  
 Jr. Vice.....Ed Becker  
 Judge Advocate.....Walt Ryan  
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding  
 Paymaster.....Houston Tucker  
 Sgt at Arms.....Larry Westcott  
 Chaplain.....Dave Blizzard  
 Jr. Past Commandant..Debra Steele

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#### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Saturday: Open at 10 AM

Sunday: Open at 11 AM

## THE COMMANDER'S DESK



### GREETINGS FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

I'll start off with good news! Our kitchen will be back in operation around October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Friday Fish Fry and Sunday breakfast supported by the Sons of the American Legion will resume. I want to thank all our members for their patience with our endeavor to remodel the kitchen. We look forward to seeing you in the future.

Our membership is doing well. We are currently standing at 58% for renewals and new members. We have 446 of 781 current members paid. I would like to welcome all our new members and transfers to our Post. Please don't be strangers; our Officers and lounge staff are here to support with anything you need. Membership is the back bone of our organization. Without that, we could not support our programs such as Boys State, ROTC, Veterans Assistance and many more. Thank you in advance for your support.

We are looking into starting an Honor Guard and Color Guard for our Post. We will be able to provide honor in our community and be able to give our members respect that are well deserved by virtue of their honorable and dedicated service to our Country. If you are interested, please notify Commander Roger Dunn at 813-677-6529 or Judge Advocate Walt Raysick at 813-653-4924. I know a lot of Veterans have provided these honors while on active duty. Your fellow brothers and sisters need you. Thank you.

I was discussing our kitchen remodeling. I would like to personally thank Legionnaires Bob Benson, Bob Underhill, Claude Gates, Richard Pflug and Chuck Frietsch for their input and hard physical labor they put into this kitchen remodeling. I can't count the number of hours and days they have given of their time to make this project a success.

We have a number of projects sponsored by our auxiliary, Legion, SAL, and Riders. There will be a Halloween party, Riders Dinners, Fish Frys and Breakfasts coming up in the next few months. We need your support for these events. The Early Bird dinner for those who have paid their 2015 dues will be held on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a FREE dinner for those who have paid their 2015 dues.

We have a great lounge staff here to serve you when you visit. I would like to thank all of them for a great job. These ladies are Michele, our Lounge Manager, and Jennifer, Pam and Lisa.

We are here to serve you as our members and all Veterans and their families when they need help.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Post Commander.

Yours in Service,  
Roger Dunn  
2014-2015 Post Commander

### NEW MEMBERS

Terry Haase  
Gary Marchant  
John Groseclose  
Carlos Montero  
Jason Slowden  
William Hogan

James Fincher  
James Meyer  
James Farley  
Ernesto Velez  
Martin Conroy

### TRANSFERS

Leslie Oakman  
Fredric Plank  
John Wallace  
Donald Amey  
William Schindlebeck

John Vinas  
Robert Shumate  
Jodi Wood  
Raymond Karczewski

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello Riders,

Well here we are two more months down the road, and we are headed into the fall season, hopefully to some cooler weather and out of the rainy season, so maybe we can get a few more riders to join us on some of the rides. I'm really looking forward to some cooler weather myself; it really has been a hot one this year.

We have lost a lot of good people this year, whether they are Riders, SAL and/or Auxiliary. I would like to pass along a heartfelt thank you from the Cobb family. As you know, TC's son Lonnie Cobb passed away the early part of September. The entire family wants to say thanks to everyone for such an outpouring of love to their family.

I would, as Director, like to say thank you to everyone who either gave and or joined in on the Cobb Dart Run. Wow! What a great turnout we had. It just goes to show you how much we are a family and how we take care of our family in a time of need. I want to thank Cathy at Mango's and all the people who gave from there. Then we have the Riverview Moose Lodge and Riders who opened up and showed their love. A special thanks to the Commander and Crew... thank you so much. Also thank you to the staff at The Fox and Hounds, you showed so much love and caring. And then there is the AMVETS Post 44 ... what a wonderful group of people. We the Riders of 148 American Legion would like to tell you that it is an honor and pleasure to visit your Post ... thank you so much.

In all it was huge success due to the fact we the members of ALR 148 gave our all in a short period of time and came together as a group to do this for one of our deepest friends. We only have one more dinner this year, which is on October 25. You know this is a big money maker for us, so please get out and invite all your family and friends to join us.

I would like to give a big thank you to the Commander and Crew of American Legion Post 148 for all you do for us... and that includes all who visit the Post.

I look forward to riding with all you as we head toward the end of the year.

Thanks so much.  
For God and Country  
Bill Turner "BillyBob", Director

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



### From the desk of Auxiliary Membership

I've found myself wondering *Am I a round peg trying to fit a square hole??* I came to the conclusion that I am exactly where I need to be and I'm doing exactly what I want to be doing. For me, this applies across the whole tapestry of my life—home, work, and of course the American Legion Auxiliary. It is my hope that every lady who joins the Auxiliary finds her ideal spot in Unit life. Not everyone enjoys going to meetings, doing bake sales, bingo, or working events. There's nothing wrong with that. Some members participate in the Auxiliary by continuing their financial support every year by timely renewal of their annual membership.

I am happy that you've decided to continue to be with us in whatever way fits into your full and busy lives. If you've been away from the unit for a while, come back and see the new and exciting things we're doing for our Veterans, their families, and our community. Our monthly meeting is still held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Check us out.

Edie Sparks  
American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 148  
Membership Chairman, 2014-2015

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Hello Ladies,

It is starting to come together and the months have started to become busy. We have had several events that we were working with our family here at the Post. It has been awesome and I thank all of those who have been helping out during this time the kitchen is being redone. We are hoping that it will be done soon.

In October we will be having a major event that we ask that you let everyone know since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> a benefit for Vets Fighting Breast Cancer will take place. Please plan on coming out and helping out our veterans. It will begin at 6 pm and go till 10 pm. Lots of excitement going to be happening.

Our regular meeting will be on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and November 20<sup>th</sup>. As normal we have BINGO every Wednesday at the Post at 6:30pm. Look forward to seeing you at one of these events. In November will be doing a benefit for Cookson Hill Toy Run on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come out and help support our veteran families for Christmas. The Auxiliary will be having a spaghetti dinner so come on over and have some fun and support the veterans. On Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have a bake sale for the holiday, please bring your favorite dessert on this day. On Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Early Bird Dinner those of you who have paid their 2014 dues the dinner is free. You will be able to pay your dues that day also. On November 27<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Thanksgiving dinner for all please let us know if you would like to attend. We have so much to be thankful for so we give back to those who need help. Please come and enjoy a Turkey dinner and give thanks with us.

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. We accept all the help we can get. Look forward to seeing you for any or all of these events.

Thank you again for all your support you are what make this organization so GREAT!

For God and Country  
Georgia Mackenzie  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 148  
President 14-15  
813.230.4239  
[gmack594@gmail.com](mailto:gmack594@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FLEA  
MARKET**

**Every Sunday  
7 AM - Noon**



**BINGO!**



**Every Wednesday  
6:30 PM  
By ALA & SAL**



# Pinochle



**9:30 AM Mondays and Fridays -- At American Legion Post 148**  
*Double Deck / Partners*



***BREAKFAST***  
***is back!!***  
***Every Sunday***  
***9-11 AM***



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|---|---------|
| 1. FISH<br>2 PIECES                                       | \$8.00  |
| 2. ALL YOU CAN EAT<br>(NO CARRY-OUT)                      | \$10.00 |
| 3. SHRIMP<br>8 PIECES                                     | \$9.00  |
| 4. CHICKEN TENDERS<br>3 PIECES                            | \$7.00  |
| 5. COMBO<br>2 FISH & 6 SHRIMP                             | \$10.00 |
| 6. THE WORKS<br>2 FISH, 6 SHRIMP AND<br>2 CHICKEN TENDERS | \$13.00 |

All Dinners Include French Fries, Hush Puppies And Cole Slaw

**Every Friday from 5-7 PM**

## **Additional Events of Interest:**

### **OCTOBER:**

- 4: 15<sup>th</sup> District Family Picnic (Post 138)**
- 11: Vets Fighting Breast Cancer benefit**
- 11: Field of Honor Ceremony**
- 13: Columbus Day**

### **NOVEMBER:**

- 1: Cookson Hills Spaghetti Dinner**
- 1: Legion Open House (Post 147)**
- 5: Bake Sale**
- 11-13: Veterans Day Events**
- 15: Marine Corps Ball**

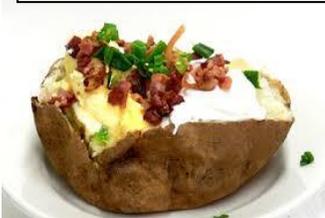


# Dragon's Smoken Pork Butt with Baked Potato and veggies

October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM

\$8.00

American Legion Riders  
Post 148



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## FRIDAY

## OCTOBER 31, 2014



## 7 PM

Costume  
Contest

Entertainment by  
**Bert & Sassy**

Finger Foods  
Treats & Snacks  
Goodies

Set Your  
**CLOCKS**  
Back

Don't Forget  
Daylight Saving Time ends  
Sunday, November 2nd

# Early Bird Dinner

November 9, 2014

Social Hour 1:00 – 5:00

Dinner 3:00 – 5:00



Free for any Legion, Auxiliary & SAL member with paid 2015 dues



HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH  
THE COMPANY OF YOUR FRIENDS  
HONORING THOSE SERVED

***NOVEMBER 11, 2014 @ 1 PM***

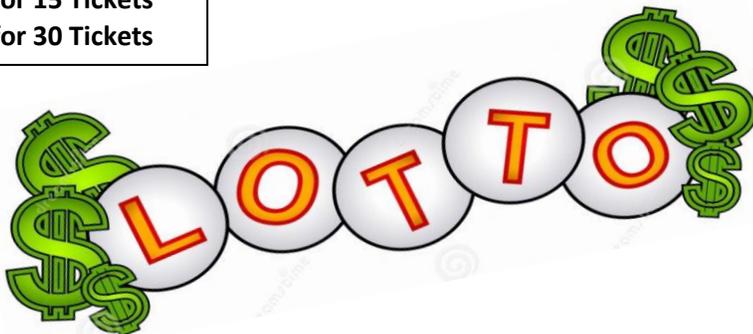
***FREE Hamburgers & Hot Dogs***

*Courtesy of the Sons of the American Legion  
Side Dishes provided by American Legion Auxiliary*

**Ticket Prices:**

\$1 for 1 Ticket  
\$5 for 6 Tickets  
\$10 for 15 Tickets  
\$20 for 30 Tickets

**WIN \$200 in LOTTERY TICKETS  
& \$300 CASH!!!**



The drawing for the

**LOTTO BOARD**

will be held

**11 NOV 2014 @ 3 PM**

sponsored by

**American Legion Riders**

**Post 148**

# ENTERTAINMENT

## October 2014

- 03 – Ron Lee Band
- 10 – South Shore 4
- 17 – Cathy’s Karaoke and More
- 24 – Ben Meyer Band
- 31 – Cliff Cassidy  
(Happy Halloween)



## November 2014

- 07 – Ron Lee Band
- 11 – The Harold Jones Band  
(Tuesday // Veterans Day)
- 14 – South Shore 4
- 21 – Kris Pierce
- 28 – Ben Meyer Band



## BOOSTER CLUB

10-14 Robert Heuer	02-15 Steve & Joyce Sapp	08-15 American Legion Riders #148
10-14 Jerry Letsinger	03-15 George & Lynda Decker	08-15 T.C. & M.J. Cobb
11-14 Chris Steek	06-15 Harry Johns	08-15 Jack and Patt Skelding
11-14 Elsie Lay	07-15 Dragon & Peachy MacKenzie	08-15 MCL Detachment 1226
11-14 Jim Golden	07-15 Bill Turner	09-15 Fred & Rehtse Regenhard
12-14 Tom & Kelley Morris	07-15 Greg and Wendy Ohlfs	09-15 Kathy Boyle
12-14 Dan & Jen McLean	07-15 Vicki Fleming	09-15 Annette Smith
01-15 George Lux	08-15 Richard & Linda Pflug	02-16 Phyllis Crippen
01-15 Lee Fritchman	08-15 Susi Martinez	03-16 Don Boyt
01-15 Bob & Bernita Benson	08-15 Howie D'Agostino	12-16 Roger & Kathy Dunn

**IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST, YOUR BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS PAST DUE  
PLEASE CHECK YOUR RENEWAL DATES**

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Receive the newsletter by viewing our website, [www.americanlegionalafiapost148.org](http://www.americanlegionalafiapost148.org)

**Our Booster membership helps Post 148 provide our newsletter via the website. Membership is \$5.00 per person per year. The date shown is your renewal date. Call 813-677-6529 to join or to ask any questions. We need you to be a booster.**