



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

October - November 2023



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2023-2024

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Terry Johnson
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera
 Adjutant.....Terry Johnson
 Finance Officer.....Andy Davis
 Sergeant at Arms.....Bob Claycomb
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Historian.....
 Judge Advocate.....
 Service Officer.....

Executive Board:

Mark Finkbeiner Mike O'Dell
 Angela Ritter Walt Nea

Past CommanderLynnette Stokes

Lounge Manager.....Lori Holsopple

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 2023-2024

President.....Julia Arndt
 1st Vice.....Jeannie Dion
 2nd Vice.....Monica Kelley
 Treasurer.....Salynna Galimidi
 Secretary.....Teresa Ponce
 Chaplain.....Vicki Linde
 Historian.....Margaret Blazer
 Sergeant at Arms.....Sandra Souders
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Michele Smith

Executive Committee:

Georgianna Bruno Alice Del Rosario
 Jennifer Jeffery

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2023 - 2024

Commander.....Micah Saeger
 1st Vice.....Carroll Weese
 2nd Vice.....Don DeBruin
 Adjutant.....Greg Dodge
 Finance Officer.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

Executive Board:

Ted Martine Greg Wussow
 Ronin Smith Cliff Menting
 Past Commander.....Steven Arndt



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2023-2024

Director.....Angela Ritter
 Assistant Director.....Alice Del Rosario
 Adjutant.....Lori Yeago
 Finance OfficerEd Linde
 Historian.....Carol Johnson
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone
 Sergeant at Arms.....Leeland Smith
 Road Captain.....Andy Davis
 Membership.....Tom Ritter
 Safety Officer.....Terry Johnson



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2023-2024

Commandant.....William Moore
 Senior Vice.....Ron Essick
 Junior Vice.....Bill King
 Judge Advocate.....Bruce Younggren
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott
 Sergeant at Arms.....Hank Wolons
 Chaplain.....Walt Raysick
 Past Commandant.....Sal DiFonzo

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Greetings,

Summer is almost over and the holidays will be just around the corner. Take the time to read our newsletter to see what events and parties are coming up.

Also, please take the time to be nice and polite...it does not take a lot of effort or extra strength to go above and beyond for each other and our wonderful members. After all, we are all supporters of the same organization with the same objectives, to serve our community, take care of our members and families, and assist our Veterans.

Don't forget our upcoming Halloween Party. It gets better and better each year, so let us continue with this wonderful tradition and fun, so please dress up and come to have some well deserved fun with our Legion friends and family.

We will also be serving Thanksgiving dinner at the Post, and if you wish to donate some food, please keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet in the lounge. Let us take care of our members who love to celebrate this great meal—this good cheer and joy goes a long way.

Again, my sincerest thanks to everyone for your support and participation and hope to see each of you here at Home Post.

For God and Country!
Lynnette Stokes / Commander
Alafia Post 148

Membership dues for any of the American Legion Family may be paid online at Legion.org. Links to each are under the About tab.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hello,

Our officers have changed due to Anthony Galimidi relocating. We wish him the best. Please see the first page for the updated officer list.

We are accepting Membership dues for 2023-2024. The dues have increased to \$35. Encourage eligible friends and family to join the Legion.

Please come out and support our weekly Fish Fry every Friday from 5-7pm.

Be sure to join all of our Legion friends and family for our annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28th, as well as November 23rd for our annual Thanksgiving dinner.

SAL Post 148



We are happy to report that

No members

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

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



Hello everyone and welcome to October and to the cooler weather.

It's a beautiful time to get outside and enjoy the sunshine and friends. Watch out for bikes as the cooler weather will bring us out more for some "Wind Therapy". The Riders will be participating in the annual Merry-Go-Round during the month of October. This means lots of riding and fellowship with other ALR chapters in hopes of keeping our coveted trophy. All funds raised during October will go to Legion Children and Youth programs. Our own Road Captain has been hitting the highways, visiting family and friends, across the US. He's even tackled the Mission 22, 9/11 Tribute 100-mile Ride Challenge. The funds he raises support Mission 22, he's even broken his challenge goal! What a great and fun way to take on a challenge! October ends with our Rider Dinner on October 28th with Terri and Lori's Stuffed Pork Chops! If you haven't had their dinners, you are missing some wonderful food.

In November, the Riders are sponsoring the Killer Mans Sons (Army Ranger Riders) annual fundraising event benefiting the Ranger Scholarship Fund for Special Ops Children. The Riders will be cooking up Hot Dogs and Hamburgers for Veteran's Day, November 11th, so come on out and enjoy the camaraderie of the Legion family. And lastly, we are still renewing Rider memberships so those interested in becoming a Rider or renewing your membership, come to our meetings on the first Monday of each month.

Always remember, "Happiness is a Motorcycle, a Full Tank of Gas, and Twisty Roads! Stay safe and keep the rubber on the road.

Ride for the Cause not the Applause!

Angela Ritter (TnA)
Director 2023-2024—ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

REMINDER-RENEWAL TIME! Our year is from July 1st-June 30th. You can renew your membership online at ALAforVeterans.org, or by mail to PO Box 576, Riverview, FL 33568, or drop off at the Post and have the bartender put in our box in the office. Please note—we do not accept credit cards for the Auxiliary at the Post.

ABC School is being held at Post 152—11211 Sheldon Rd, Tampa, FL on October 7th. Registration at 9am, classes start at 10am. Please let me know if you plan on attending so they have enough food for everyone attending. Text me at 813-569-9305.

The Military Food Depot is getting very low on supplies and needs our help. Please donate food items and place in the container next to the bowling machine in the lounge.

November 11th—Veteran's Day Cookout—Auxiliary to provide side dishes. Please bring sides no later than 1pm.

November 16th—ALA meeting. Executive at 6:30pm, General at 7pm

November 17th-19th—Fall conference in Orlando

November 22nd—NO BINGO—Food prep for Thanksgiving

November 23rd—Thanksgiving dinner from 2-4pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge for turkeys, ham and side dishes. Frozen turkeys to be brought to the Legion on Monday, Nov 20th.

Thank you for your support! #ringyourbell
Julia Arndt-President

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS

Jerry Stewart II **Carmen Martinez**
Roberto Rodriguez **Carlton Davis**

TRANSFERS

Anthony Rosenthal **Harry White**
Troy Carlile **Charles Toon**
George Stevens

October Calendar at a Glance

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- 7th—ABC School at Post 152
- 9th—Columbus Day
- 13th—U.S. Navy Birthday
- 21st—Veterans Memorial Park—Field of Honor
- 26th—Day of the Deployed
- 27th—Navy Day
- 28th—Rider Dinner
- 28th—Halloween Party

October Meetings at a Glance

- 2nd—ALR at 7pm
- 3rd—MCL at 7pm
- 9th—Legion eBoard at 7pm
- 12th—SAL at 7pm
- 16th—Calendar Meeting at 7pm
- 19th—Auxiliary-Officers at 6:30pm-General at 7pm
- 23rd—Legion General Membership at 7pm

Can purchase all items at your store of choice. As many as you would like!

HELP YOUR VETERANS!

DONATE FOOD ITEMS
MAC and CHEESE (BOX)
TUNA—5 OZ CAN
CANNED HAMS—16 OZ
CANNED CHICKEN



-HUD-VASH-
-FOOD PANTRY
For VETERANS-
-POST 148-

Auxiliary Unit 148 Project to continuously support our in need Veterans and their families.

Contact Tammy O'Donnell
(813) 391-5166
VA&R Chairman for Unit 148 Auxiliary
Supporting the James A Haley Food Pantry for Veterans in need

Entertainment

Anywhere Karaoke—6th & 20th
Bill Knowles—13th
Sandra Rose Karaoke—27th



Jukebox Night
Every Saturday at 7pm



Queen of Hearts
drawing every
Saturday at 7pm



Sickles High School AF, JROTC Color Guard with the Sgt Walter P. Ryan Marine Corps League Detachment Rifle Detail and the Navy 2 Bell Ceremony.

Blue Star mothers of Greater Tampa Bay to present the Gold Star Banner to a Gold Star Mother.

AMVETS Post 44 to read the names of Missing and Unidentified remains from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. After the Field of Honor ceremony, there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the Woodie William Foundation/Gold Star Family Memorial

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK,
3602 HWY 301N, TAMPA FL 33619



American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148 Rider Dinner

**5:00 PM Saturday,
Oct 28, 2023**

\$10.00 DONATION



**Terry and Lori's Stuffed pork chops
served with mashed potatoes and gravy,
apple chutney, green beans and a roll.**

American Legion Alafia Post 148 7240 US Hwy 301 S,
Riverview, FL 33569

Don't Drink and Drive



Halloween Party

Saturday, Oct. 28th—7pm

Entertainment: Bert & Friends

Costume Contest

Sandwiches—Finger Foods—Appetizers

50/50—Jello & Pudding Shots

Hosted by: American Legion Alafia Post 148, 7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview, FL 33578

November Calendar at a Glance

- National Veterans and Military Family Month
- Warrior Care Month
- National Family Caregivers Month
- 1st-5th—National Veterans Small Business Week
- 17th-19th—Fall Conference
- 4th—Rider hosted Fundraiser (see below)
- 4th—Marine Corp League Birthday Dinner at 6:30pm
- 10th—Marine Corp Day/Birthday
- 11th—Veterans Day/Armistice-Remembrance Day
- 23rd—Thanksgiving

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KILLER MANS SONS

MOTORCYCLE CLUB

7th Annual Travis Brunelle Memorial Ride

Best Hand
Worst Hand
50/50



6 Gun Raffle
Silent Auction
Gift Baskets

4 NOV 2023 – registration opens at 9:00 a.m.
Event begins and ends at American Legion Post 148
\$20 Rider/\$10 Passenger
First Bike out 1100/Last Bike In 1600
After party at KMSMC Ft Brooke Clubhouse

Proceeds raised benefit The Rangers Scholarship Fund for SOF children
<https://rangersscholarshipfund.org>



KMSMC FT BROOKE



Honoring Those Who Served

Cookout—Hamburgers—Hot Dogs—Sides

Saturday, November 11th—2-4pm



Hosted by: American Legion Riders—7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview, FL 33578 / Sides provided by Auxiliary

Happy Thanksgiving

Join our Legion friends and family
Thanksgiving Dinner
Thursday, November 23rd—2-4pm

**Turkey, Ham, Potatoes,
Dressing, and all the sides**

**Donations of Turkeys, Hams,
and sides appreciated.
Watch for sign-up sheets in the lounge.**

Hosted by: ALA
American Legion Alafia Post 148
7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview, FL 33578



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, August 16th at 7PM

Pinochle

9:30AM Mondays & Fridays
At American Legion Post 148
Double Deck / Partners

S.A.L. FRYING FRIDAY
5:00-7:00PM every Friday

*Fish, Shrimp, Chicken,
Sweet Potato Fries, French Fries,
Onion rings, Hush Puppies and
Homemade Coleslaw*

Wear RED on Fridays
Receive \$.25 off drinks
until 12am

RED FRIDAY
REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED

QUEEN OF HEARTS



Tickets on sale
in the lounge
Weekly Drawing—Every
Saturday night at 7:00 pm
Last tickets sold at 6:45pm

- Tickets \$2—No Limit
- If present, winner receives 60% of the pot. Legion receives 40%
- Not present, Legion receives 60%. Winner Receives 40%
- See Bartender for full rules/details
- Pot rolls over to next week if Q of Hearts not drawn
- Winning ticket holder will receive a free drink chip
- \$25 paid to winning ticket holder IF the card drawn is a Joker or any other Queen suit.



Hosted by: American Legion Alafia Post 148, 7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview FL 33578

ALA Bake Sale & Breakfast—1st Sunday of every month starting at 7am, during the flea market. Please come out and pick up some goodies and support the ALA, which supports Veterans in our area!!

BAKE SALE

“Flea Market”

Every Sunday from 7am-12 noon
Managed by: Susie White



BINGO

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

All night packs—Cards per sheets
\$10 for 3 / \$20 for 6 / \$30 for 9

Hot Balls—50/50—2 Specials

Intermission Special—Letter “I” -
\$1 per sheet

Coverall—\$2 a sheet

Hosted by:
The American Legion Auxiliary and
The Sons of the American Legion

