

THE 148'r NEWSLETTER The American Legion Alafia Post 148 August - September 2021



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2021-2022

Commander	Ed Christman	
1st Vice	Lynnette Stokes	
2nd Vice	Terry Johnson	
Adjutant		
Treasurer		
Sergeant at Arms	Mark Getty	
Chaplain	Kevin O'Donnell	
Historian		
Judge Advocate	Larry Westcott	
Service Officer		
Executive Board:		
Les Oakman	Russell Beasley	
Greg Ohlfs	William Turner	
Past Commander	Ed Christman	

Lounge Manager......Michele Simmons



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	Carrol Weese	

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 RIDERS OFFICERS 2021-2022

Director	Angela Ritter
Assistant Director	Scott Hortman
Adjutant	Andrew Davis
Treasurer	
Historian	Susan King
Chaplain	
Sergeant at Arms	
Road Captain	
Membership	
SafetyOfficer	
Past Director	





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	
Co-Chaplain	Vicki Linde
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



MARINE CORPS LEAGUE OFFICERS 2021-2022

Commandant	,Ron Essick
Senior Vice	Sal DiFonzo
Junior Vice	Peter Farren
Judge Advocate	Bruce Younggren
Adjutant	
Paymaster	
Sergeant at Arms	
Chaplain	
Past Commandant	•

Hours of Operation:

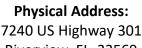
Monday—Saturday: Open at 10 AM Sunday: Open at 11 AM

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THE COMMANDER'S DESK



FROM THE COMMANDER:

What's A Guy (Post) To Do?

I have several questions for you; the members of Post 148.

1) How do we stay solvent/open for business? By putting money in the bank.

2)Do you want Post 148 to remain open?

3)Why are you not participating?

A. Attend a meeting of:

I. Legion

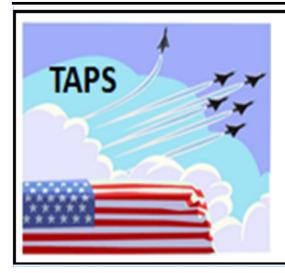
- II. Riders
- III. Sons
- IIII. Auxiliary
- B. Stopping by the Lounge in support of same and picking up a newsletter (which can be viewed on our website <u>www.americanlegionalafiapost148.org</u>). The newsletter contains the current 2 months of events and functions going on with the Post.

Your support of our own Patriotic organization is crucial to the success of our installation.

Your support of each other's organizations shows teamwork/family unity and helps to promote a sense of belonging. Please make a conscious effort to get more involved in our activities throughout the year.

For God and Country!

Edward D. Christman American Legion Alafia Post 148



We are very sad to report that Jerry McCallister Harry Leinbach Frank Riffle have been transferred to Post Everlasting. May God rest their soul, and provide comfort to their family and friends.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Dear Riders,

Hello all. My name is Angela Ritter and I am honored to be the new Director of the American Legion Riders. We have a lot of plans for the upcoming year to include our main fundraiser, Wheels for Independence. This event will help fund vehicle modifications for handicapped personnel. Our first gun raffle is happening now with proceeds going to this event; see your mixologist (bartender) or ALR 148 Officer for tickets. We will continue to uphold the values of the American Legion and I look forward to a great year.

Angela Ritter Director—ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Dear Auxiliary,

I would like to Thank all the Auxiliary members for all you have done to help support our programs and our military, their families and our community. This past year, with the pandemic, has been challenging, but we have worked even harder to find a way to accomplish our goals and to further help those who were struggling, because of the pandemic. We were recipients of three (3) awards this year at Department Convention, and for that we should all be proud. As your Past President, I Thank all of our members for all your support and making my year an easier one. God Bless you all. As your incoming President (LOL) I say, LET'S DO IT AGAIN!! Let's get back to doing a more "one on one" experience, for both our veterans and their families, and ourselves. There is no greater reward than to put a smile on someone's face or hold their hand when they need comfort. The smile you see on their faces is enough gratification to make your YEAR. Let's work together to do just that1 Congrats to our Officers for the 2021-2022 year.

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

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS

Connor D. Howell Earl Bartolomeo Tony Cerveny Richard Weinberg William S. Karaffa Joseph Lujeunesse Mark P Heffron

Miriam Weiss

TRANSFERS







Happy 231st Birthday

US Coast Guard

The Coast Guard is one of America's five armed forces and traces its founding to Aug. 4, 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of federal revenue. Responsibilities added over the years included humanitarian duties such as aiding mariners in distress.

4 AUG 1790

Semper Paratus

FOR OUR MILITARY

COUPON

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 August 7 Purple Heart Day

Free drinks all day for Purple Heart Holders

Each year, August 7th is dedicated to honoring service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives on the front lines. It also honors military personnel who have suffered a life-altering injury due to combat.

As one of the most recognizable combat badges — its bright purple ribbon is hard to miss — this badge isn't one service members hope to receive. Additionally, this medal is bestowed upon those who are injured, wounded or died while a prisoner of war (POW). Civilians can no longer receive the medal.

August 21st National Senior Citizens Day

Did you know —President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5847 on August 19, 1988 declaring the day.

Quote from George Burns—"By the time you're 80 years old you've learned everything. You only have to remember it."

The day encourages supporting senior citizens to live their lives to the fullest and as independently as possible. They deserve the respect and dignity their achievements earn them.

Let the senior citizens in your lives know they are loved and appreciated. Their wealth of knowledge, skill, and experience offer so much to the next generation.

Be sure to check local businesses for special discounts and promotions.





Rider Dinner

5 PM Saturday, August 28, 2021

The Director's Stuffed Cabbage with Fried Potatoes and Onions, and Bread

\$10 DONATION

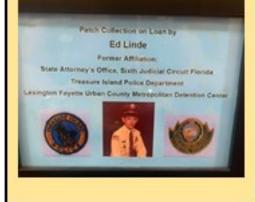
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Don't Drink and Drive

Stop in and check out the patch collection on loan from, Ed Linde. Located in the hallway.





Patriot Day.

Please join us for our annual AMERICAN LEGION ALAFIA POST 148 Labor Day Cookout

Enjoy burgers, dogs, and sides starting at 2 PM!



7. PATRIOT DAY * WE WILL NEVER FORGET * On Dec. 18, 2001, President George W. Bush officially designated Sept. 11th as

This marks a tragic day in U.S. history, but it is also a day to honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Join us at the Post for

Flag waving starting at

8 AM.

OneBlood will be there

from 10AM-12PM for

blood donations.

Hackney Cemetery Clean-up

We will be doing a clean-up and Flag replacement of Hackney Cemetery on Saturday, September 11th at 9:00 am. Please bring rakes, brooms, battery operated weedwackers and blowers (whatever you can bring).

Anyone can participate, even children. We have a job for everyone.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Flags will be provided.

Thank you for supporting those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in serving our Country.

Thank you for your support, For God and Country,

Steven Arndt—Legionnaire SAL 1st Vice Commander

Saturday, September 18



Join us at the Post for Happy Hour from 3-7 PM.

Cake Cutting at 4 PM.



Rider Dinner 5 PM Saturday, September 25, 2021

Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes, Corn, and Bread

\$10 DONATION

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7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change) The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 16 August



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 you 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!!

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: **The Sons of The American Legion**

Entertainment Schedule

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All entertainment starts at 7PM (unless otherwise noted)

August



- 6 Spirit Karaoke
- 13 Pure Classic Gold
- 20 Spirit Karaoke
- 27 Double Density

September

- 3 Spirit Karaoke
- 10 Pure Classic Gold
- 17 Spirit Karaoke
- 24 No Troubles Band