



THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

The American Legion Alafia Post 148

June - July 2023



AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS 2022-2023

Commander.....Lynnette Stokes
 1st Vice.....Terry Johnson
 2nd Vice.....Bill Rivera
 Adjutant.....Terry Johnson
 TreasurerAndy 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.....Dee Hoffman

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 2022-2023

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 2022 - 2023

Commander.....Micah Saegar
 1st Vice.....Anthony Galimidi
 2nd Vice.....Alan Saegar
 Adjutant.....Anthony Galimidi
 Finance Officer.....Kevin O'Donnell
 Sergeant of Arms.....Ryan Cansler
 Chaplain.....Tom Stone

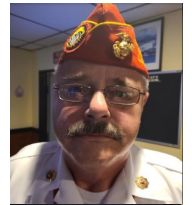
Executive Board:

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



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OFFICERS 2022-2023

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 2022-2023

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,

I want to thank Ms. Dee, our Lounge Manager, and Mr. Russell for their work in putting together our Kentucky Derby Party. All of the ladies in their hats truly decorated our Post...great times had by all.

Thanks to all who attended the Mother's Day dinner. It was so nice to see so many happy members enjoying the meal. Special thanks to Ms. Jill, Mr. Les and Ms. Alice for their assistance in collecting, preparing, cooking and serving the meatloaf and sides. I could not have done it without your help...your support made an immense difference.

I also want to thank Director Angela and the Legion Riders for hosting their outstanding Poker Run along with the wonderful donation given to the Post. These volunteers transformed the Post into an enormous, festive event. Without your help and smiling faces, these activities could not be accomplished. My heartfelt gratitude to you all!

Well, summer is almost upon us so please review the calendar to check out our upcoming events and activities. Try to come and join us for them. There is a lot of work and enthusiasm in putting these together and your participation is truly appreciated and welcomed.

Installation of all Legion family officers will be held on Sunday, June 25th at 2PM. Again, my sincerest thanks and I hope to see everyone here at Home Post.

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

Florida Legion Department Convention June 15, 2023 – June 18, 2023

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hello,

We are ready to kick off the new 2023-2024 year. See the first page of the newsletter for our Officer list. Installation of Officers will be on Sunday, June 25th at 2PM.

Going forward, membership dues will be increasing 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.

SAL Post 148



***We are very 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



Greetings from the Riders,

Our new officers are in place and ready to take on the new year. I'm proud to be the director for a third year and looking forward to another great year.

Our monthly dinners have been sell-outs so if you haven't tried one, check us out the last Saturday of each month.

The summer weather is brutal in Florida but the wind is always good therapy.

Remember, if you want to be happy for a day; drink. If you want to be happy for a year; marry. But if you want to be happy for a lifetime, ride a motorcycle. Until next time, watch out for those on bikes.

See the first page of the newsletter for our officer list.

Ride for the Cause not the Applause

Angela Ritter (TnA)

Director 2022-2023—ALR Chapter 148

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Dear Auxiliary,

Reminder, our membership for the 2022-2023 year is past due. Our close of books is June 1, 2023. If you have not renewed your dues, please do so as soon as possible. If you are not interested in renewing your membership, please let us know by emailing Tammy O'Donnell at tldonell45@gmail.com or submit in writing and send to P.O. Box 576, Riverview, FL 33569. We need 3 more renewals to reach our goal of 100% membership. Thank you for your continuing support of our organization.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024 YEAR. See the first page of the newsletter for the officer list.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 10—Sock Hop Dinner, \$10 donation

June 15—Auxiliary Meeting

June 15-18—Department Convention

June 18—Father's Day Dinner, 5-7PM, \$10 donation, Entertainment 7-11PM (DJ—Tim Goodrich)

June 25—Officer Installation at 2PM, Auxiliary to provide sides

July 4—Independence Day Cookout, Auxiliary to provide sides

July 20—Auxiliary Meeting

For God and Country,

Julia Arndt-President

Please welcome the following Members to Post 148

NEW MEMBERS

James Strauss

Frank L. Feder

John Reed

Irvin D. Shell

Christian Scharfenberg

Tony Zipperer

Thomas C. Bridges

Mary Dove

TRANSFERS

Sherrinitas Rush

Jose Medina Ramos

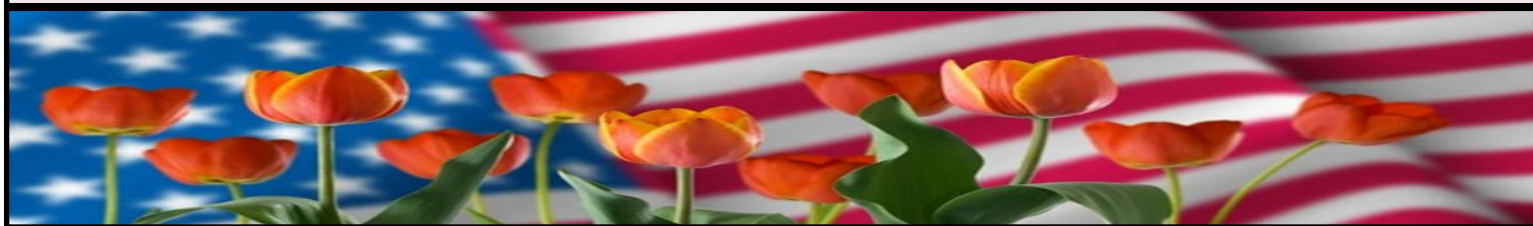
Ronald Reynolds

Paris Fulbright

Richard Seridik

James Sniffen

Timothy Lacoate



June Calendar at a Glance

- PTSD Awareness Month
- Home Ownership Month
- 11th-17th—National Flag Week
- 15th-18th—Legion Department Convention
- 6th—D-Day
- 10th—ALA Sock Hop Dinner
- 12th—Women Veterans Day
- 14th—Army Birthday
- 18th—Father's Day
- 19th—Juneteenth
- 23rd—Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- 24th—Rider Dinner
- 25th—Installation of Officers at 2PM
- 27th—PTSD Awareness Day

June Meetings at a Glance

- 5th—ALR at 7pm
- 6th—MCL at 7pm
- 8th—SAL at 7pm
- 12th—American Legion E-Board at 7pm
- 15th—ALA—Officers at 6:30pm—General at 7pm
- 19th—Calendar Meeting at 7pm
- 26th—American Legion General Membership 7pm

June Entertainment

Anywhere Karaoke—2nd, 16th & 30th
Sandra Rose Karaoke—9th & 23rd



Jukebox Night—Every Saturday at 7pm



Queen of Hearts drawing every Saturday at 7pm



PTSD AWARENESS MONTH



DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

Visit—www.veteranscrisisline.net/

Dial 988 then press 1 - Chat Online
Text—838255

24/7, Confidential crisis support for Veterans and their loved ones

Not All Wounds Are Visible

PTSD Awareness Day

Symptoms That May Occur Include:

- Flashbacks
- Nightmares and/or Insomnia
- Anxiety
- Agitation
- Avoiding any thing or feeling that may remind them of trauma
- Negative Thoughts towards self
- Distorted feelings of guilt or blame



June 27th

Let's Go To The Hop!



SOCK HOP & DINNER
SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2023



Dinner 5pm- 7pm—\$10 Donation
Entertainment 7pm-11pm
DJ—Tim Goodrich



Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Fries & Root Beer Floats
50/50 Raffle—Jello & Pudding Shots
Come dressed for the party!!



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
7240 US Highway 301
Riverview, FL 33578

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FATHER'S
DAY
DINNER

18 | JUNE | 5 PM

SPAGHETTI WITH MEATBALLS
SALAD, GARLIC BREAD
DESSERT

FATHER'S EAT FREE
ALL OTHERS \$10.00 DONATION

ENTERTAINMENT FROM 7PM-11PM
DJ—TIM GOODRICH

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 148
7240 US Highway 301
Riverview, FL 33578



The AMERICAN
LEGION FAMILY
of ALAFIA POST 148
INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS
for LEGION YEAR
2023-2024
on SUNDAY, JUNE 25
at 2PM



American Legion Riders

Alafia Chapter Post Rider Dinner

5:00 PM Saturday,
June 24, 2023 \$10.00 Donation



Angela's Shepherd's pie, served with
Cabbage and Soda Bread

American Legion Alafia Post 148

7240 US Hwy 301 S, Riverview, FL 33569



Don't Drink and Drive

July Calendar at a Glance

- 4th—Independence Day
- 25th—Hire a Veteran Day
- 27th—Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- 28th—Buffalo Soldiers Day
- 29th—Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

July Meetings at a Glance

- 3rd—ALR at 7pm
- 4th—MCL at 7pm
- 10th—American Legion E-Board at 7pm
- 13th—SAL at 7pm
- 20th—ALA—Officers at 6:30pm—General at 7pm
- 24th—American Legion General Membership 7pm

July Entertainment

Anywhere Karaoke—7th & 21st
Sandra Rose Karaoke—14th & 28th



**Jukebox Night—Every
Saturday at 7pm**



**Queen of Hearts
drawing every
Saturday at 7pm**

INDEPENDENCE DAY COOKOUT

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH AT 2PM



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



American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148

Rider Dinner

5:00 PM Saturday,
July 29, 2023

\$10.00 DONATION



Mystery Dinner More info to follow

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

Don't Drink and Drive

**LOOK TWICE
...SAVE A
LIFE!**

Watch for Motorcycles

www.LiveFreeRideAlive.com www.ABATEPA.org www.PAMSP.com

Riders are out in Florida year round
There are even more in the summer
months

**LOOK TWICE...
SAVE A LIFE!**



THE USO NEEDS OUR HELP

The USO needs the following items for military and veteran families' packages:

- TRAVEL SIZED TOOTHPAST TUBES
- CHAPSTICK OR LIP BALM
- TRAVEL SIZED KLEENEX PACKS
- DISPOSABLE RAZORS
- SLIM JIMS
- BEEF JERKY
- SMALL BAGS OF TRAILMIX
- SMALL BAGS OF COOKIES
- GRANOLA BARS

If you would like to donate, please put your donation in the designated box in the Lounge at the Post.

Box next to the bowling machine

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY AND THE USO, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)

The next CALENDAR MEETING is scheduled for Monday, 19 June, 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*

QUEEN OF HEARTS BOARD



QUEEN OF HEARTS

Tickets on sale
in the lounge

Weekly Drawing—Every
Saturday night at 7 pm

- 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

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

