



# THE 148'r NEWSLETTER

## The American Legion Alafia Post 148

### October - November 2024



**AMERICAN LEGION  
OFFICERS 2024-2025**

Commander.....Mike O'Dell  
 1st Vice.....Terry Johnson  
 2nd Vice.....  
 Adjutant.....Terry Johnson  
 Finance Officer.....Andy Davis  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Bob Claycomb  
 Chaplain.....Kevin O'Donnell  
 Historian.....  
 Judge Advocate.....  
 Service Officer.....Doug Woodring

**Executive Board:**

Mark Finkbeiner Felipe Jose Aguilar  
 Walt Nea Roland "Skip" Schwoerke

Past Commander .....Lynnette Stokes  
 Lounge Manager.....Lori Holsopple

#### **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS:**  
 1<sup>ST</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

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

**AMERICAN LEGION:**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD-**  
 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:**  
 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00 PM

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:**  
 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—6:30 PM  
 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-7:00 PM

**AMERICAN LEGION:**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP-**  
 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:30 PM



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
OFFICERS 2024-2025**

President.....Julia Arndt  
 1st Vice.....Jeannie Dion  
 2nd Vice.....Eileen Sullivan  
 Treasurer.....Patti Alley  
 Secretary.....Teresa Ponce  
 Chaplain.....Vicki Linde  
 Historian.....Margaret Blazer  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Sandy Souders  
 Ass't Sgt at Arms.....Michele Smith

**Executive Committee:**  
 Jennifer Jeffery Denise Bonnett  
 Annette Tenti-Scep

Past President.....Georgia Mackenzie



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION  
OFFICERS 2024 - 2025**

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 2024-2025**

Director.....Andy Davis  
 Assistant Director.....Alice Del Rosario  
 Adjutant.....Lori Yeago  
 Finance Officer .....Ed 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 2024-2025**

Commandant.....Ron Essick  
 Senior Vice.....Michael Hernando  
 Junior Vice.....Bill King  
 Judge Advocate.....Bruce Younggren  
 Adjutant.....Jack Skelding  
 Paymaster.....Larry Westcott  
 Sergeant at Arms.....Yahahn Thompson  
 Chaplain.....Patricia Skelding  
 Jr. Past Commandant.....Bill Moore

**Hours of Operation:**  
**Monday**—1:00PM-9:00PM  
**Tuesday-Thursday**  
 11:00AM-9:00PM  
**Friday:** 11:00AM—12:00AM  
**Saturday:** 11:00AM-10:00PM  
**Sunday:** 12:00PM-9:00PM  
 Hours Subject to Change

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## FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK



Hello Legion 148 Family,

It's time again to let you know what's going on at the Legion. We have been trying to implement new things. So far, we have not received complaints, YAY! I appreciate everyone's participation and trying to make our Post even better than it is. We would still like more ideas from our Members. Please do not feel that you cannot reach out to me, or one of our other Officer's, if you have things you would like to see implemented, or if you have complaints so we can try to correct the issues. My cell is (813) 765-2706. Our new monthly Officers Members Dinners seem to be going well. Our Officers are making the meals for our Members. We will be keeping that going, the 2nd Saturday of each month, as well as the Riders Dinners the last Saturday of each month. The SAL puts on a great Fish Fry every Friday from 5-7pm, followed by Karaoke from 7-9pm. I would like to see a lot more participation during our Legion meetings, the 4th Monday every month. This is your Post. If you want to see what's going on and see how things are running, please come to the meetings and see firsthand. Don't forget to come out for Taco Tuesdays and Sloppy Joe Thursdays. See the last page of the newsletter for info.

Membership renewals for 2025 can now be submitted. Legion dues are now \$50. The Early Bird dinner is on Sunday, October 20th from 5-7pm. Show your renewed membership to receive a free meal. See flyer in the newsletter for info.

Best Regards,  
Your Commander  
Mike O'Dell

### Doug Woodring - Veterans Service Officer (VSO)



**PACT Act is 2 years old!** The Sergeant First Class Health Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins (PACT) Act is now 2 years old. This law has been the most significant expansion of benefits and health care for toxic exposed Veterans and their survivors in over 30 years. To reach this milestone, VA has processed more than 2 million claims in 2024—another all-time record, on pace to surpass last year's record by more than 27%. VA encourages all Veterans, family members, caregivers, and survivors to learn more about VA and apply for their world-class health care and earned benefits today.

**Related to the above...VA Burn Pit Registry Redesign Auto Enrolls Participants, Simplifies Requirements.** The Department of Veterans Affairs is advancing efforts to address issues associated with military-related toxic exposure by launching a redesigned Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry. Veterans and service members who served in military campaigns or theater of operations in certain areas of the world are automatically registered, based on their DoD records of service, but they can opt out of participation.

**Are you in need of a guide or service dog?** VA supports guide and service dogs for approved Veterans by referring them to accredited agencies. There should be no charge for the dog or associated training, and VA covers the costs of the veterinary care and equipment (e.g. harness and/or backpack) required for the dog.

Thank you for your service and contact me if you need additional information. Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving. Hope to see you at the Post.

Doug Woodring  
Post 148 Service Officer

**Membership renewals for 2025 can now be submitted. Pay online or at the Post.  
Legion-\$50/Auxiliary-\$40/SAL-\$35/Riders-\$15 (W/paid membership to another Unit)**

[www.Legion.Org](http://www.Legion.Org)

*Please welcome the following Members to Post 148*

#### NEW MEMBERS

Glenn Nicholson	Kathleen Debruycker
Ed Linde	Eric Whitecotton
Gregory Marchant	John Pedalino
Corey Cofer	Troy Goforth
Adam Rajci	Chad McCoy

#### TRANSFERS

Kent Randall	Thomas Cannington
Tony Webb	Gary Dunto
Stuart Davisson	Jeff McMarigal
Frances Dibling	

## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



### Hello Riders and our American Legion Family

Knock Knock Knock. Another year is at our doorstep. You know what that means, it's time to renew your Membership with the Post, Auxiliary, and the SAL, before you can renew with the Riders. Tom and Ed will be doing Rider membership after every meeting. Get with myself or Tom Ritter, we'll get you squared away. (I haven't used that phrase in a while). We will not be having any dinners in November or December due to the holidays. I will be posting our monthly ride list in the hallway. Feel free to take one and join us, even if in your car. We would love to have you join us.

Membership renewals for 2025 are now open. Riders—\$15 w/membership to one of the others Units.

Remember to keep the rubber on the road and just Ride till you're dry!

Andrew Davis

ALR Director

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## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



### Dear Auxiliary,

As we prepare for the upcoming holiday season, please be sure to check the Post newsletter, our Facebook page and the lounge teleprompter for more information. If you haven't joined our Facebook page yet, please go to Facebook; groups-American Legion Auxiliary Alafia 148 Riverview Group, under our group picture, press the JOIN button. It is Membership renewal time for 2025. Auxiliary dues are \$40 and can be paid online at ALAforVeterans.org with your Membership ID; pay at the Post, or mail to PO Box 576, Riverview, FL 33569. Remember, your Membership is why we can help our Military and their families, our community and our youth. Your support is greatly appreciated. Our next event is **Casino Night (Roaring 20's Style) October 5th** from 6-10pm. **District 15 ABC School-October 19th @ Unit 147. VA Hospital**—Our help is needed for several items. **Holiday Cards needed for the VA Hospital, Troop Boxes and Operation Homefront.** There is a box in the Lounge, wrapped in Christmas paper, to place your cards in. **We also need—Thank you for your Service cards—for Honor Flight**, which need to be placed in the box no later than October 12th. (See newsletter for additional info on all).

Thank you for your support

For God and Country

Julia Arndt-President

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## FROM OUR FINANCE OFFICER

### Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

Welcome back snowbirds! We sure did miss you. We have started some new activities since you've been gone. We now have an Officers Members Dinner, the 2nd Saturday of every month. The Officers make the meals for our Members. Dinner is followed by Bandingo, Bingo to Music. The best part is that it is FREE and so much FUN! You can win small prizes. Bring the FAMILY, as kids are welcome too! They'll love it! We also have Bandingo on the last Saturday of the month, after the Riders Dinner. See the entertainment schedule in the newsletter. We now have Cover Your Six game, two Sundays a month. See the calendars and inside the newsletter for dates/times. Don't forget Bar Poker on Tuesday evenings as well, from 5-7pm. I want to give a big THANK YOU to all the members who have been supporting our Post! I've seen some old members back and a lot of new members! We can't keep the doors open without you.

**Membership renewals for 2025 are now open. Legion—\$50 / Auxiliary—\$40 / SAL—\$35 / Riders—\$15 w/membership to one of the others Units. Pay online or at the Post.**

Andrew Davis

AL 148 Finance Officer

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## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

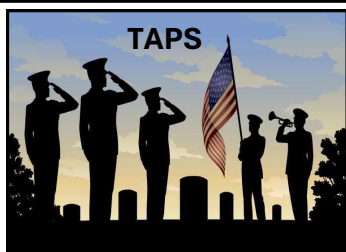


### Hello from the SAL

Please continue prayers for our SAL President, Micah Saegar, as he continues recovering with health issues.

Membership renewals for 2025 are now open. Dues for SAL are \$35. Pay online or at the Post.

Don't forget every Wednesday is Bingo night, starting at 6:30pm. Every Friday night is the SAL Frying Friday.



TAPS

*We are sad to report that*

**Randy Rued**

**John Pope**

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

The VA Hospital is in need of these items  
Drop off box located in the Post Lounge

VA Hospital-Comfort Closet List		
Deodrant		
body wash		
denture adhesive		
Tooth brush		
3 in 1 body wash		
NON HOTEL ITEMS		
travel size conditioner		
travel size body wash		
travel size lotion		
travel size mouth wash (non Alcohol)		
travel size shampoo		
travel size shaving cream		
NON HOTEL ITEMS		
Small ,Medium, Large, and XL sweatpants		
Large shirts	male and female	
medium shirts	male and female	
xxl shirts	male and female	
Small ,Medium, and Large underwear		

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 148

7240 US HWY 301 SOUTH RIVERVIEW

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH 6-10PM



# CASINO Night

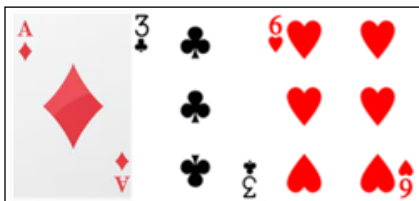
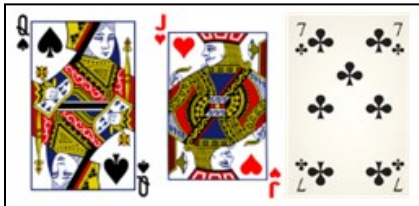
ROARING 20'S STYLE

ALL YOUR FAVOURITE GAMES!

### BLACK JACK // ROULETTE

\$20 DONATION PER PERSON - INCLUDES GAMBLING  
'FUN' MONEY & LIGHT HORS D'OEUVRES - PRIZE FOR  
BEST DRESSED - CASINO WINNINGS GOOD FOR PRIZES

## Oct 6th & 20th "Cover Your Six"



1pm—3pm

\$2.00 for two sets of three cards

\$1.00 for each additional three card pack

Cover 6 individual cards (on TWO strips)

win 75% of pot

Jackpot Round wins 100% of pot.



\$10.00 Donation

Saturday Oct 12, 2024

5PM - 7PM

Open to the Public

## Alafia Chapter Post 148 American Legion Officers



## American Legion Officer's Family dinner. Beef Tips over Noodles

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

District 15

# ABC SCHOOL

Saturday October 19th

Sign-in: 9a.m.  
Big Project starts: 10a.m.

'Auxiliary Basic Concepts'  
(ABC) School is a Great Day of Learning that covers the Basic Concept, Protocols, Programs and more for the American Legion Auxiliary

Instructors will be:  
'Past Department President  
Jane Hardacre & Michele DeGennaro'

American Legion Post 147  
17383 Gunn Hwy, Odessa, Florida 33556

\*\*\*Light Breakfast & Lunch will be available for donation only.



Secure our Foundation to Build a Stronger Future  
**Keep Your Hands on the Job!**



## Early Bird Dinner

### Oct 20 5pm-7pm

## Show your 2025 Legion, Aux, SAL Card, for free dinner.



### Beef Pot Roast served with Veggies

### For Members only, First come First Served, 80 meals only.

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## 5:00 PM Saturday, Oct 26, 2024

# \$10.00 DONATION

## American Legion Riders Alafia Chapter Post 148 Rider Dinner



### 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

## October & November Entertainment

### Every Friday 7-11PM

# Bill Knowles



### 2nd & 4th Saturdays 7-9PM

# Banding

### Free to Play! Win Prizes! Bring the kids For Family Fun!






**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
 Friday, November 1st—7-9PM  
**BILL KNOWLES KARAOKE**  
 Sandwich Trays  
 Finger Foods  
 Costume Contest      Jello & Pudding Shots

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

**Nov 3rd & 17th**  
**"Cover Your Six"**




**1pm—3pm**  
 \$2.00 for two sets of three cards  
 \$1.00 for each additional three card pack  
 Cover 6 individual cards (on TWO strips)  
 win 75% of pot  
 Jackpot Round wins 100% of pot.


**\$10.00 Donation**  
**Saturday Nov 9, 2024**  
**5PM - 7PM**  
**Open to the Public**

**Alafia Chapter Post 148**  
**American Legion Officers**  
**Family Dinner**




**American Legion Officer's Family dinner.**  
**Puerto Rican-Style Roasted Pork, Served with**  
**Arroz con Gandules (Puerto Rican Rice) and Beans**

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**KILLER MANS SONS**  
 MOTORCYCLE CLUB






**The RANGERS**  
 Scholarship Fund

Best Hand Worst Hand 50/50      4 Gun Raffle  
 Silent Auction  
 Gift Baskets

9 NOV 2024 – registration opens at 9:00 a.m. 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://rangerscholarshipfund.org>


**We have a new Facebook page. Be sure to follow us to stay up-to-date on info and events!**

**Riverview American Legion Alafia Post 148**

**You can also visit our website**

**AmericanLegionAlafiaPost148.org**

**See last page of the Newsletter for updates**

# VETERANS DAY

## ANNUAL COOKOUT

Monday, November 11—2-4PM

Sides from Members appreciated

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs  
Sides and Desserts



**If you cook it,  
they will come.**

Hosted by: American Legion Riders  
Sides provided by: Auxiliary and other members  
7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview, FL 33578

AMERICAN  
LEGION

American Legion Department of Florida District 15

## Past Commanders & Past Presidents Banquet

Join us as we honor the Past Commanders,  
Presidents, and Directors of the 15<sup>th</sup> District

**Saturday Nov 16, 2024 @ 5:00pm**  
American Legion Post 139 | 3818 W Bay Vista Ave, Tampa, FL 33611

Tickets: \$15

Menu: petite shrimp and grits, salad bar, Mississippi pot  
roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, and dessert

Please bring a wrapped item for the blind auction.  
There will also be a 50/50 drawing

**All proceeds benefit Boys & Girls State Transportation**

POC for tickets: ALA 15<sup>th</sup> District Secretary Andrea Sherman  
aladistrict15florida@gmail.com || (813) 455-3650  
RSVPs are requested to ensure we prepare enough food.



PAINTING LEGIONS  
*Legion Family Camaraderie*

## ISLAND LIFE

SATURDAY **23** NOVEMBER  
4-7 PM

*Beverages and Snacks Available For  
Purchase In The Lounge.*

**Legion Family Members And Guests Only.**  
Guests Must Be Signed In By A Current  
Member.

**\$30 per seat**

All Painting Supplies Included

Sign up online at  
**TheCreativeSideStudio.com**

# Happy Thanksgiving



Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT 2PM**

**Turkey, Ham, Potatoes,  
Dressing and Much More!**

Sign up sheets for turkey, ham and sides  
will be located at the Bar before the event.

Hosted by: American Legion Auxiliary  
7240 US Hwy 301, Riverview, FL 33578

# REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS (Subject to Change)



9:30AM Mondays & Fridays  
Double Deck / Partners

The next CALENDAR MEETING  
is scheduled for Monday,  
October 21st @ 7PM

## S.A.L. FRYING FRIDAY

5:00-7:00PM every Friday

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

## Taco Tuesdays!



Every Tuesday 11am-3pm

\$3 each or 2 for \$5  
Combo—\$6

2 Tacos w/Chips & Salsa or Cheese Dip

Malisa Love Sloppy Joe's  
Every Thursday beginning August 8th  
11:30AM - 2:30PM or until sold out



Sandwich & Chips - \$5.75

## 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%
- Pot rolls over to next week if Q of Hearts not drawn
- Winning ticket holder will receive \$25 if Queen of Hearts not drawn.
- An additional \$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 8am, during the flea market. Please come out and pick up some goodies and support the ALA, which supports Veterans in our area!!



## “Flea Market”

Every Sunday from 7am-12 noon

Managed by: Susie White



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

**RED FRIDAY**  
REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED

# 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

BINGO				
4	19	34	49	64
7	22	37	52	65
10	25	FREE	58	66
13	28	40	55	67
14	29	44	54	68