

July 2022

The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year Long

## Introducing Our 2022-2023 American Legion Family Officers



### Commander's Corner

The installation of the 2022-2023 officers was a very nice affair. The folks at Sugarmill Country Club did a great job! I would like to give a big thank you to Tom Piazza, Post Historian, for taking all the pictures and capturing those special moments.

Another big thank you is also due to all of the 2022-2023 volunteer officers who have committed to help bring our Post to the next level during the coming year.

I am proud of the numbers we put up in membership this past fiscal year. All the Legion Families have surpassed the goals set by the American Legion Department of Florida. We received many kudos at the Department Convention for our efforts to grow our membership.

July begins the new fiscal year and the renewal process starts. We encourage you to renew early but be assured your current membership is valid through 12/31/2022.

Even though our snowbirds have left for the season and some locals have gone North, the Post continues to do well. The building fund is growing, thanks to the support of our monthly fundraiser and events. See the Events section of the newsletter for July's fundraisers.

As always, if you have concerns or suggestions for the Post, my door is always open.

For God and Country  
Bob Ballew, Commander, Post 166

## ALA Presidents Message

This is my last message as I will be turning over the presidential duties to our newly elected president, Debbie Ballew. She has been a most helpful person during my year and will continue to guide our Auxiliary in the coming year. Thank you Debbie for all you do for our Post 166 Family.

We are happy to report that Poppy sales this year were extremely successful, with our many Auxiliary volunteers working to make it happen.

Recently, the Auxiliary, with help from other American Legion Family members and guests, took their turn with the Adopt-A-Highway program and cleaned Grover Cleveland Blvd.

The Memorial day celebration was also met with great success with helpers from our Unit doing a great job, as usual.

We eagerly look forward to the coming year with the new officers that were installed on June 25. Looks like a great crew that will lead the way.

Upcoming events that you should be aware of:

- July 4: Patriotic Wreath raffle to benefit 3-year-old Alex who has cancer (please buy a ticket)
- July 11: Next Auxiliary meeting (hope to see you there)

Thank you everyone for helping me as I learned the role of Auxiliary President this past year.

For God and Country.

Judy Salo

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## The Sons of The American Legion

The SAL is on summer break and will return in September. Due to the many snowbird members in our squadron and the members who call Florida home but leave in the summer to escape the heat and to see family, the Squadron by-laws were updated this year to reflect a summer break. Although we are not having any meetings until September 7th, we will still have some folks in town who will be available to help you and the Post in any way needed.

Have a safe summer.  
See you after Labor Day

## Looking over the Fairing

I want to thank all the Riders for their support in the last 6 months. Together, we have accomplished a lot. The Derby Day Ride and Best Hat contest netted us over \$2,000 to help with Veterans Charities. We were also able to make several charity donations including The Unity Ride, whose goal is to prevent Veteran suicides.

Most of us spent Saturday of Memorial day weekend at Post 237, supporting their BBQ dinner to raise funds for "Wreaths for Fallen Heroes". We made a donation to help purchase additional wreaths to place at the Nat'l Cemetery in Bushnell at Christmas time. And we will be there with them, placing the wreaths on Veterans' graves.



On Memorial day morning, we led a caravan from the Post to Magnolia Cemetery for a memorial service honoring Arnold Vern Allen and placed flowers at his grave.



I want to thank Ed Nemeth for volunteering as our new Director and I know he will keep us headed in the right direction.

As for me, I am out of here! I hope to finish the ride I started last year that ended with me in the hospital and my bike totaled. Sturgis here I come!

Ride Free

Tom Brown, Director ALR Chapter 166



## July Events



Starting at 4PM

**Bake Sale to Benefit the Building Fund**  
**4<sup>th</sup> of July Hot Dogs & Trivia**

**July 16**

From 4 to 7PM

Chris Patti

**Celebrate Red Shirt Friday Every Friday**

Wear a Red Shirt

Buy your first drink

Receive a chip for your next same drink\*

*\*Does not apply to Specialty Drinks*

**Every Friday Evening**

6:30 PM **Queen of Hearts** Drawing

Open to All American Legion Family Members

Followed by **50/50** Raffle drawing

Open to all American Legion Family Members  
and their Guests

## July Building Fundraisers



**Fourth of July Basket Contains:**

Extra-large Uncle Sam hat, Smirnoff Red, White and Berry Vodka, patriotic tumbler, patriotic sunglasses, patriotic glow wands and necklace, patriotic beads, Cracker Jacks, Slim Jim's, and a mini pong game

**Tickets: One for \$5 or Three for \$10**

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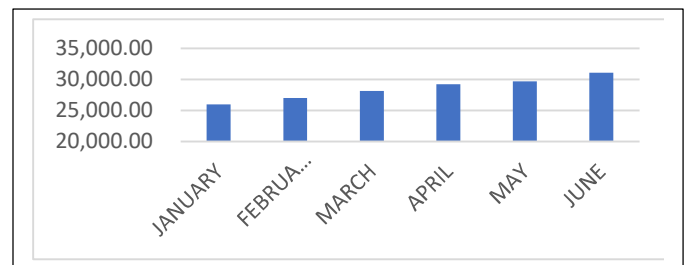
**Personalize a Scallop**

Just \$1.00 - Benefits the Building Fund



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**Building Fund Tops \$31,00!**



## Meeting Dates and Times

### Post 166 Executive Board

10AM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month  
Next meeting July 5th

### TAL (General Membership)

10AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month  
Next meeting July 9th

### American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166

10:30AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month  
Next meeting July 11th

### The Sons of the American Legion

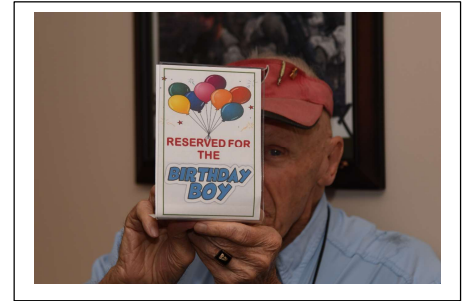
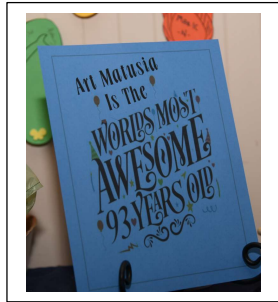
10:00AM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month  
No meetings between Memorial Day and Labor Day  
Next Meeting September 17th

### American Legion Riders Chapter 166

10:00AM on the 1st Saturday of the Month  
Next Meeting July 2nd

## Post 166 Photo Album

### Art turns 93 and celebrates by playing his harmonica



### The Army turns 247





## Music by Kevin Dunn



## The Post Dancers





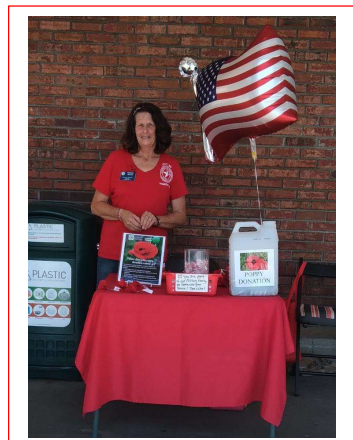
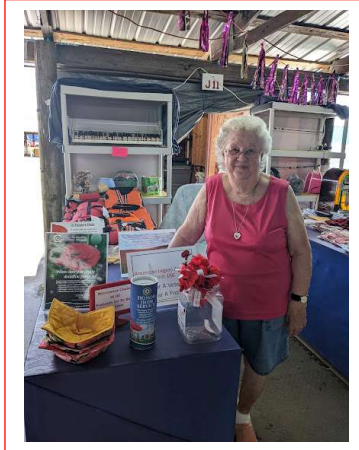
## Poppies



ALA Unit 166 was out in the community on Poppy Day and Memorial Day. Donations received in exchange for a Poppy will be used to assist a veteran or a veteran's family.



Thank you to all who donated!





## Installation of 2023-2022 Officers



# American Legion Post 166, Homosassa – July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<sup>1</sup> 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	<sup>2</sup> 10:30AM ALR Mtg
<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup> Independence Day 4PM Bake Sell Hot Dogs	<sup>5</sup> 10AM Post E- Board Mtg	<sup>6</sup>	<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup> 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	<sup>9</sup> 10AM General Membership Mtg
<sup>10</sup>	<sup>11</sup> 10:30AM ALA Mtg	<sup>12</sup>	<sup>13</sup>	<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup> 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	<sup>16</sup> 4PM to 7PM Music By Chris Patti
<sup>17</sup>	<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup>	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup> 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	<sup>23</sup>
<sup>24</sup> 1PM District 4 Mtg for Legionnaires, SAL & Riders at Post 155 12PM Registration	<sup>25</sup> 6PM – 8:30PM Karaoke with Buzz Chainey	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup>	<sup>29</sup> End of Korean War (1953) 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	<sup>30</sup>
<sup>31</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>3</sup> 5PM Coast Guard Birthday	<sup>4</sup> 2PM – 4:30PM Membership Renewal Drive	<sup>6</sup> 10:30AM ALR MTG District Training Mtg at Post 27

## Celebrating Independence Day at Post 166

Starting at 4PM  
Bake Sale  
4th of July Hot Dogs  
Fourth of July Trivia

## Bake Sale Details

Bake Sale proceeds go to grow The Building Fund  
Donate and/or Purchase Baked Goods  
Sign- up Sheet & details for Baked Goods Donation at the  
Post