

August 2022 The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year Long

Commander's Corner

Our General Membership meeting for the Legionaries is held on the second Saturday of the month at 10AM. Our next meeting is on August 14th. All Legionnaires are invited to come out to see what is going on at YOUR post! Your input and opinions are welcomed. Coffee and sweets are available at no cost. I hope to see you at the meeting.

All of our American Legion Family finished the 2021-2022 year at 100% or over 100% in membership. Let's keep that momentum going again this year.

On July 1, 2022, the 2022-2023 membership year opened. Most of you have probably received your renewal notices from National. In order to make the renewal process easier and save you a stamp, we will have renewal drives at the Post every Friday in August from 2 to 4:30PM for all American Legion Families. Hot dogs will be available as well as an opportunity to update your door key. So come in and renew your membership, enjoy a hot dog, and stay for Friday night activities, which include the Queen of Hearts and a 50/50 Raffle. And while you are at the Post, consider personalizing a scallop for the Building Fund.

Be an **Early Bird** by renewing your membership by September 30th. All Early Birds are invited to our free catered Early Bird dinner on October 6th at the Post.

I am proud to say the Building Fund continues to grow, thanks to all of you. We have pretty much kept up the momentum started this winter when our winter members were here. Thanks to everyone who has participated in the raffles, bake sale, dinners, and personalizing the back wall. And to those who have made cash donations and donated their raffle winnings, Thank you! Building the fund is a slow process but if we stay focused on the goal, we **will** get there!

Thank you for your support
For God and Country
Bob Ballew, Commander Post 166

American Legion Auxiliary President's Letter

Hello all!

The Auxiliary is in the process of planning our year and already we have some great ideas.

First on the list is a Hawaiian Luau themed event on Sunday September 4. This is the day before Labor Day. There will be raffles and contests, with dinner served from 4PM to 6PM. Entertainment will be provided by The Post's own "KJ Buzz Chainey" until 8:30PM. Wear your Hawaiian shirt, grass skirt, Mumu, or anything colorful and don't forget your dancing shoes! We hope you will be able to attend the Luau. As always, all funds raised will go to benefit our veterans and our community.

Speaking of colorful, the 2022-2023 theme from Department of Florida, Auxiliary President Jane Hardacre is C.O.L.O.R. "Continuing Our Legacy Of Respect". Look for Unit 166 to be "Painting the Post with color" this year as we continue our legacy of respect for everyone!

We will continue our commitment to Community Service and one of our primary ways to accomplish this is collecting non-perishable food and clothing at the Post for DayStar Life Center. All contributions they receive from us are free to those in need and not resold at the Thrift Store.

The items most needed are non- perishable food (no glass containers please), clothes (socks especially), sleeping bags, blankets, shoes, and personal hygiene items, (they accept opened items).

We want to thank each and every one of you for the many donations. And a very special thank you to a Legionnaire who donated over 300 pounds of food. In this time of high prices, it and all donations make a huge difference.

Service not Self
For God and Country
Debbie Ballew, President ALA Unit 166



Thursday August 4th – Coast Guard's Birthday

- 4PM – Celebrating 232 Years of the USSG

Friday August 5th – Membership Renewal Drive

- 2PM to 4:30PM
- Renew your membership and have a Hot dog

Friday August 12th – Membership Renewal Drive

- 2PM to 4:30PM
- Renew your membership and have a Hot dog

Friday August 19th – Membership Renewal Drive

- 2PM to 4:30PM
- Renew your membership and have a Hot dog

Friday August 26th – Membership Renewal Drive

- 2PM to 4:30PM
- Renew your membership and have a Hot dog

Tuesday August 30th – Karaoke with Buzz Chainey

- 6PM to 8:30PM
- Renew your membership and have a Hot dog

Monthly Meeting Dates

Legionnaires

- Executive Board – 1st Tuesday at 10AM
- General Membership – 2nd Saturday at 10AM

Auxiliary

- 2nd Monday of the Month at 10:30AM

The Sons of the American Legion

- 3rd Saturday of the Month at 10AM
- No meeting until September 17 at 10AM

Legion Riders

- 1st Saturday of the Month at 10:30AM
- Fun ride follows

Every Friday

Wear a Red Shirt

Purchase your first drink between noon and 7PM

Receive a chip for the **Same** drink*

**Excludes specialty drinks*

6:30PM Queen of Hearts drawing

(American Legion Family Members only)

50/50 Drawing follows the Queen of Hearts

(American Legion Family and Guests)



Michael Giancola, Legionnaire

Rebecca Dibble, ALA

Patricia Shearer Defoor, ALA

Russell Hubbard, Legionnaire

Joe Longo, Legionnaire

Lola Strickland, ALA

Charles Shearer, Legionnaire

Christina Teresi, ALA

Darin Wilson, Legionnaire

August Family Games Basket



Monopoly, Connect 4, Yahtzee, Uno, Playing Cards, & Snacks

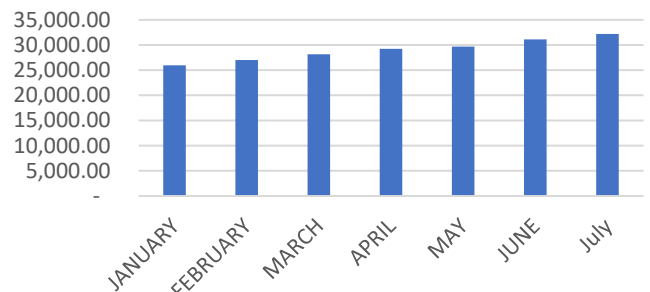
Tickets: One for \$5 or Three for \$10

Personalize a Scallop

Just \$1.00 - Benefits the Building Fund



The Building Fund Continues to Grow



Al Evans aka ACE Turns 88

Al would like to thank everyone for making his Birthday GREAT!





**Celebrating 232
Years of
The United States
Coast Guard
August 4th
4:00 PM
Appetizers Available**



ALOHHA!
Please join us for a
Luau Party
Sponsored by Auxiliary Unit 166
September 4th
Hawaiian Inspired Dinner KJ Buzz Chainey
Dinner served from 4 to 6 PM Entertainment from 6 to 8:30PM
Raffles and Contests
All proceeds will be used to help Our Veterans



**Arnold Vern Allen American Legion
POST 166
Early Bird
Membership Drive**

**Every
Friday In
August
2PM to
4:30PM**

**Dinner
October 8th
4 – 6:30PM
Catered by
Art's Diner**

**Pay your 2023 Membership Dues
Update Your Door Key
Enjoy a Hot Dog with the Fixings
Stay for the Queen of Hearts &
50/50 raffle Starting at 6:30PM**



**Be an
Early Bird**
And Attend the
Early Bird Dinner
October 8, 2022
4:00 to 6:30PM

**Meatloaf, Sides, Salad & Dessert
Catered by Art's Diner**

**FREE To All
Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL Members
With 2023 Membership Dues Paid
By September 30th
Others \$10.00**

American Legion Post 166, Homosassa - August 2022 Antiterrorism Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Invasion of Kuwait/Operation Desert Shield (1990)			4PM Coast Guard Birthday	2PM – 4:30PM Membership Renewal Drive 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	10:30AM ALR MTG 9AM – 1PM Legionnaire District Training Mtg at Post 27
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Purple Heart Day	10:30AM ALA MTG				2PM – 4:30PM Membership Renewal Drive 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	10AM General Membership Mtg Northern Area Training Post 57
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					2PM – 4:30PM Membership Renewal Drive 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	ALA School of Instruction -Post 155
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Senior Citizens Day					2PM – 4:30PM Membership Renewal Drive 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	
28	29	30	31			
		5PM – 8PM Karaoke With KJ Buzz Chainey				
September Dates						
09/04: Luau sponsored by ALA Unit 166			09/11: Patriots Day		09/15: POW/MIA Recognition Day & American Legion Day	
10/08- Early Bird Dinner						