



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



### Commander's Corner

September has two humbling dates: Patriots Day (9/11) and POW/MIA Recognition Day. Both of these dates are for remembering the atrocities that have taken place!

**09/11** – A day to remember and honor the victims of the September 11, 2001, the day when terrorism slaughtered so many in New York City, the Pentagon, and the Pennsylvania countryside. We must NEVER FORGET that the innocent victims of the Sept 11, 2001 attack on America did not die in vain. We must remain committed to supporting the young men and women of our armed forces who go in harm's way on our behalf, fighting the war against terrorism.

Please join me in a Remembrance Service on September 11th at 11:45AM at the Post.

**09/16– POW/MIA Recognition Day** is to ensure that Americans always remember to stand behind those who serve and to make sure we do everything we can to account for those who have never returned. Efforts to find those men, identify them and bring them home are constant. No man left behind. We will hold a service in honor of the MIA/POWS who have not yet made it home on Friday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast at 10:30AM. Service at 11:30AM

**PACT ACT** – On a more joyous note, finally this bill passed the House and the Senate and was signed into law by the President. It was a little questionable when having passed both the house and senate, it returned after clarifications were made. And then the unthinkable happened. It passed the house but not the Senate. The American Legion reached out to its members and implored them to contact their senators to pass the bill; and they did and it passed with Florida leading the charge. Florida Legionnaires flooded the offices of Senator Rubio and Senator Scott with over 4,728 messages to pass the PACT Act. Not only is this the highest number of messages sent by a Department, but also calculates as the highest number of engaged Legionnaires at 4.59%. Congratulations, and thank you for your advocacy for veterans!

**Legion Link** – A monthly newsletter put out by the department of Florida. Check it out online at <https://www.floridalegion.org/news-events/legion-link/>. We also keep a copy at the Post (on the bookshelf). Feel free to read it, but please return it when you are done.

**Membership Renewal** – Currently we are at 51.49% renewal rate. Let's keep it going! Remember if you renew by September 30, you are invited to our Early Bird Dinner, which is being catered by Art's Diner. The dinner is October 8<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 6:30PM. Please RSVP. The meal is free to Early Birds and \$15.00 for guests. Please RSVP. More information on the Event Page in this newsletter.

**Credit Cards** – For your convenience, we now accept Visa, Mastercard and Discover card. We do not accept American Express. There is a \$10.00 minimum purchase to use a card.

For God and Country  
Bob Ballew  
Commander Post 166

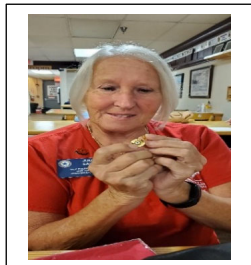
## President Message

Hello All

I have some exiting news to share. Unit 166 has been awarded the Best Outstanding Public Relations Program for 2021-2022. What a great team!



Our Past President Judy Salo was presented with a past president's pin at our last meeting. She stepped up when we needed a President and led our Unit to the next level. Thank you for all you have done for this Unit.



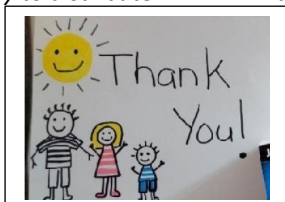
We have been busy collecting school supplies from our members and from Operation Homefront, a program sponsored by Dollar Tree and Dollar General where customers can make a donation of school supplies when checking out at the register. We separated all donations in groups of ten for American Legion Auxiliary Program Give to 10 to Education. These supplies were then delivered to Jackie's school for Young Minds, Nature Coast preschool, CASA, and Daystar Life Center.



Packed & ready to distribute



Julie & CASA's Supplies



I would like to thank both Walden Woods North and South Social Clubs for their donations and commitment for additional help for the family of Atlas.



Barb Tripp (South) and Sheri (North) with Dee Costello

Our First fundraiser of the year is coming up on Set 4<sup>th</sup>. I hope all of you will be able to join us for a Hawaiian Luau. We ask that you sign up at the Post or on our Facebook Event page. Meal tickets will be handed out at the door. Below is the menu

Pua'a hama & Hala hahiki (*Spiced ham & pineapple*)  
 Na'aukake & Hala hahiki (*Kielbasa & pineapple*)  
 Pulehy I ho'omo'a 'ia (*Hawaiian beans*)  
 'Owilli 'aina ahiahi (*Hawaiian dinner rolls*)  
 Mea'ono kuki (*cookie*)

Wear your best Hawaiian gear and don't forget the grass skirt, we will have a hula lesson.

DJ Buzz Chainey will be our entertainment with a few special guests

There will be a 50/50 raffle with proceeds donated to the Post Building Fund.

Have you seen our Raffle basket? Proceeds will help us help our Veterans and our Community. Tickets are \$5.00 for one or 3 for \$10.00. Stop in the Post to purchase yours. You do not have to be present to win.



*Service not self*

For God And Country

Debbie Ballew, President Unit 166

## Looking over the Fairing

Mark your Calendars!

We have a date for our annual Hams N Hogs ride November 5, 2022.

Once again all proceeds will go to Citrus County Veterans Coalition Food Pantry to ensure that our Citrus County Veterans have a meal for Thanksgiving. This ride will be open to everyone, whatever you drive. We will have all the details worked out by the next newsletter. But it will include raffles, games, breakfast & dinner at the Post. Look forward to a good turnout to support our Veterans.

Ride Save

Ed Nemeth

AML Riders Director Chapter 166

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## Squadron 166 Update

Welcome back Squadron members. We are back on our regular schedule of our meetings taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10AM. Our first meeting of the 2022-2023 is **September 17th**. If you have not renewed your membership yet for 2023, you may do so at the meeting. Remember if you renew before September 30, you are invited to the FREE Early Bird Dinner.

I hope to see our Squadron do great things this year. Please bring your fundraising ideas and name of charities you would like to see us support.

I look forward to seeing everyone on 09/17/22

For God and Country

Curt Woods, Squadron 166 Commander

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**Citrus County Veterans Service Office**  
2804 W Marc Knighton Ct, Lecanto, FL 34461  
352/527-5915

## Welcome to our New Members

Jana Bara, Legionnaire  
Charles Black, Legionnaire  
George Borchers, Legionnaire  
Sharon Connolly, Auxiliary  
Thomas Connolly, SAL  
Bethany Clugston, Auxiliary  
Michael Schier, SAL  
Richard Reiss, Legionnaire  
Emery Reverz, Legionnaire

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## September Basket "For the Ladies"



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*Orange Vodka, Pineapple Juice, Cranberry Juice, Orange Scented Massage Lotion, Himalayan Pink Bath Salts, Scented Candle, Satin Eye Mask, Hot Or Cold Eye Mask, Calming Lavender Lotion & Body Wash, Shower Puff, Conditioning Hair Mask, Nail Kit And A Facial Brush*

**Tickets: One for \$5 or Three for \$10.00**

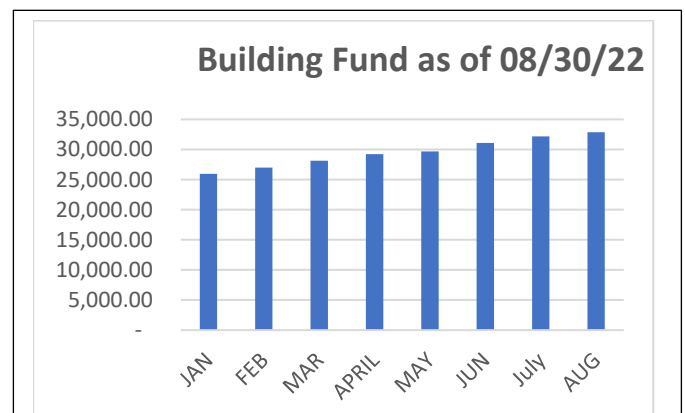
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**Personalize a Scallop** (through September 25<sup>th</sup>)

Just \$1.00 - Benefits the Building Fund



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## Events

### September

#### September 4, Sunday: Luau

Sponsored by the ALA Unit 166

4PM to 6PM – Luau Dinner

6PM to 8:30PM – Music by DJ Buzz Chainey

- Wear your best Hawaiian Shirt, Mumu, or Grass skirt
- Hawaiian Raffle Basket
- Lots of FUN
- RSVP for dinner at the Post or Face Book

#### September 9, Friday: Blood Drive

9AM to 5PM – Blood Mobile on Site

- There is a Blood Shortage in our County
- Please donate if you can

#### September 11, Sunday: Patriot's Day

11:45AM – “Never Forget” Service

- The Post & Canteen will open after the Service

#### September 14, Wednesday: Adopt-A-Highway

9AM – Meet at Elks Parking Lot

- Bring a grabber, water, and sunscreen
- Help the SAL clean Grover Cleveland

#### Sept 16, Friday: POW/MIA Recognition Day

11:45AM – Service

- The Post & Canteen will open after the Service

#### September 19, Sunday: USAF 75th Birthday

4PM – Celebration for our Air Force Veterans

- Appetizers

#### September 24, Saturday: Krome Kings Band

4PM – 7PM Music & Dancing

- Krome Kings are part of the Last Chance Band

#### September 26, Monday: Karaoke

5PM to 8:PM – Featuring KJ Buzz Chainey

- Last Monday of the Month Event

### Future Dates\*

#### October 7, Friday: First Friday Returns

2PM to 6PM – Clam Chowder

#### October 8, Saturday: Early Bird Dinner

- 4PM to 6:30PM – Meatloaf dinner (Art's Diner)
- Free with 2023 membership paid by 09/30/22
- Guests \$10.00
- RSVP for dinner at the Post or Face Book Page

#### October 13, Thursday: Navy Birthday

4PM – Celebration for our Navy Veterans

- Appetizers

#### October 24, Monday: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Karaoke

5PM to 8:PM – Featuring KJ Buzz Chainey

- Date change due to Halloween

#### November 5, Saturday–Hams N Hogs Ride

- AML Riders Event
- Proceeds donated to Veterans Food Pantry
- Open to Trikes, Bikes, Roadsters, Street Rods, Trucks & Automobiles
- Raffles & Games
- Look for more information in the near future

#### November 10, Thursday: Marine Corp Birthday

4PM – Celebration for our Marine Corp Veterans

- Appetizers

#### November 11, Friday: Veterans Day

Thank you Gifts for Veterans/ Snacks available all day

9AM to 5PM – Blood Mobile on Site

- Donate in honor of a Veteran
- 9AM to 11AM – Breakfast for all Veterans
- Provided by Auxiliary Unit 166
- 4PM to 6PM – Dinner for all Veterans
- Provided by the SAL Squadron 166

***More Events coming in October & November  
Please RSVP to ALL Food Events***

### 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)**



## Post 166 Information

### General Membership Officers

Commander	Bob Ballew
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Mark Long
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Dwight DeJean
Adjutant	Jane Mundis
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jane Mundis
Finance Officer	Open
Chaplain	Bill Rowe
Historian	Tom Piazza
Judge Advocate/ E Board	Bob McDowell
Past Commander/ E Board	Marie Conti
Executive Board Member	Tom Brown
Executive Board Member	Bud Costello
Executive Board Member	David Kaczanowski
Executive Board Member	John Myers

### American Legion Auxiliary

President	Debbie Ballew
Vice President	Judy Salo
Secretary	Julie Rowe
Treasurer	Dee Costello
Chaplain	Vicky Eley
Historian	Barbara Dubose
Sergeant-At-Arms	Janice McGough
Executive Committee	Dorene Bettis
Executive Committee	Barb Tripp
Executive Committee	Marion Healy

### The Sons of The American Legion

Commander	Curtis Woods
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Greg Doody
Treasurer	Bill Rowe
Chaplain	Bill Cloke
Sergeant-At-Arms	Ed Nemeth

### American Legion Riders

Director	Ed Nemeth
Assistant Director	Bob Ballew
Secretary	Debbie Ballew
Treasurer	Brigitte Hancock
Sergeant-At-Arms	Tom Brown
Chaplain	Brigitte Hancock
Historian	Barbara Debose
Road Captain	Jerry Van Tassel

### Meeting Dates

#### General Membership

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

#### American Legion Auxiliary

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

#### The Sons of the American Legion

- 3rd Saturday of the Month at 10AM

#### Legion Riders

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

### 2023 Membership Dues

General Membership – \$39.00

American Legion Auxiliary–\$30.00

The Sons of the American Legion–\$34.00

Legion Riders–\$25.00

### Post Phone Number

(352) 765-3949

### Post Physical Address

4520 S Suncoast Blvd

Homosassa FL 34446

### Post Mailing Address

P O Box 767

Homosassa FL 34447

### Post Email Address

[americanpost166@gmail.com](mailto:americanpost166@gmail.com)

### Post Face Book Name

[American Legion Post 166 Homosassa FL](#)

### Post Website Address

[americanlegionpost166.com](http://americanlegionpost166.com)

### Dept of FL American Legion Website

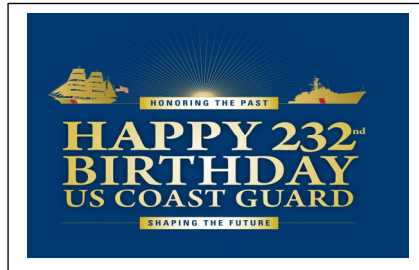
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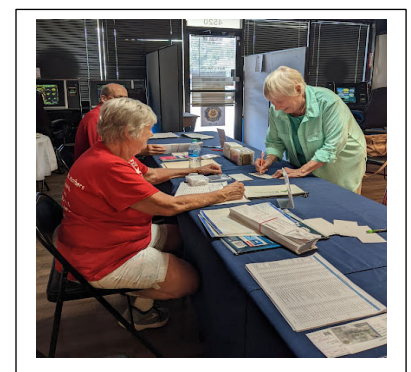
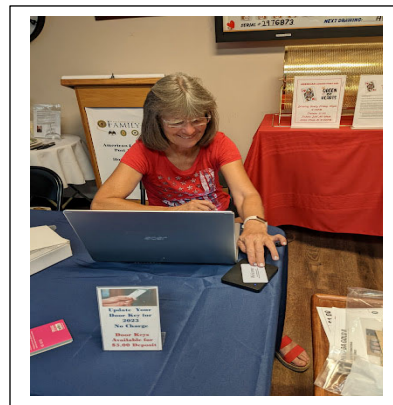
[alafl.org](http://alafl.org)

## Post Photo Album

### The Coast Guard Turns 232



### Membership Renewals Conducted Every Friday in August







**ALOHAI!**  
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



**NEVER FORGET**  
09.11.01  
**Patriot Day Ceremony**  
**September 11, 2022 - 11:45AM**  
Please join us as we pay tribute to the nearly 3,000 innocent victims who died in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.  
American Legion Post 166

**POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY**



**Honor and Remember Service**  
**September 16 – 11:45AM**  
*Keeping The Promise*



**18 SEP**  
**AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY**  
Please Join American Legion Post 166  
On September 18th at 4PM  
As We Celebrate 75 years  
Of The United States Air Force  
**All USAF Veterans Welcome**  
RSVP at the Post, call 352-765-3949  
Or Facebook event Page

**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 30<sup>th</sup>  
Others \$10.00

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, November 5, 2022**  
**Fourth Annual Hams & Hogs**  
 **Charity Ride**   
Sponsored By  
The American Legion Riders Chapter 166  
For Citrus County Veterans Coalition Food Pantry  
Open to  
Trikes, Bikes, Roadsters, Street Rods,  
Trucks and Automobiles  
Raffles & Games  
Breakfast & Dinner at Post 166  
**More Information Coming Soon**  


## American Legion Post 166, Homosassa - September 2022

### National Disaster Preparedness Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					<b>Red Shirt Friday</b> <b>6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle</b>	<b>10:30AM ALR Mtg</b> <b>Fun Run Follows</b>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>ALA Luau</b> <b>4PM to 6PM Dinner</b> <b>6 to 8:30PM Entertainment</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>10AM E Board Mtg</b>			<b>9AM to 5PM Blood Mobile</b> <b>Red Shirt Friday</b> <b>6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle</b>	<b>10AM General Membership Mtg</b>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>11:45AM Patriot's Day</b> <i>National Emergency Responders Day</i>	<b>10:30AM ALA Mtg</b>		<b>9AM Adopt-A-Highway</b> <i>Meet at Elks Parking Lot</i>		<b>11:45AM POW/MIA Recognition Day</b> <i>American Legion Day</i> <b>Red Shirt Friday</b> <b>6:30 Queen/50-50</b>	<b>10AM SAL Mtg</b> <i>Citizenship Day</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>4PM Air Force Birthday Celebration</b>					<b>Red Shirt Friday</b> <b>6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50</b>	<b>4Pm – 7PM Krome Kings</b>
25	26	27	28	29	30	
<b>Gold Star Mothers 'Day</b>	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i> 5PM-8PM Karaoke with KJ <u>Buzz Chaine</u> <b>New Day</b>				<b>Red Shirt Friday</b> <b>6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle</b>	

#### October 8 – Early Bird Dinner

Dinner for All American Legion Family Members with paid 2023 membership as of 09/30/22.  
 Guests \$10.00 Each  
 Dinner served from 4PM to 6PM  
 Please RSVP at the Post (or call the Post at 52/765-3949) or at Our Facebook Event page  
 Dinner tickets will be handed out at the door on the day of the Event.  
 Dinner includes meatloaf, potato & gravy, green beans, & roll  
 Catered by Art's Diner.  
 Salad & dessert included.

#### September 11 - Patriots Day

11:30AM: Refreshments  
 11:45AM: Service  
 Flags should be flown half-staff from sunrise to sunset

#### September 16 – Pow/MIA Day

11:30AM: Refreshments  
 11:45AM: Service