



October 2022

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



Veterans Day is observed annually on November 11. It's a holiday honoring the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. It is about the approximately 19 million United States Veterans who served in the United States military who are still alive and the millions who have preceded them since the American Revolution.

But Veterans' Day isn't just a day for veterans, it's a day for all Americans. It's a day to remember why Veterans were fighting. The reason is simple; to protect the freedom many future generations.

Veterans are a diverse group of men and women from every state and territory. They have one common commitment, to defend America with their life if called upon.

For 242 years, these men and women have had the courage and been willing stand up and defend America whenever liberty is threatened. They have risked their lives for the cause of freedom.

America is the country she is because of her heroes, past and present. People who put the love of country above love of self, no matter the cost!

Thank You Veterans

Commanders Corner

I would like to share with you the latest on the American Legion's Ian Hurricane Disaster Plan and how we can help at the Post level.

Disaster Preparedness Chairman, Bill Hoppner, and many other Legion Family representatives have traveled the state assessing damage and learning the varying needs of our Legion Family as they recover from Hurricane Ian.

We are now in Phase 2 of relief efforts, and monetary donations to Department's Hurricane Relief Fund are encouraged as each location needs are different as they rebuild, therefore making it difficult getting the right items to the right areas. Make checks payable to The American Legion, Department of Florida, and include "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line.

The American Legion, Department of Florida
Attn: Hurricane Relief
1912A Lee Road
Orlando, FL 32810

If you would like to provide physical items, the list below focuses on building and cleaning supplies as these are the most requested items. There is plenty of water and canned food. As you know, we do not have much room at our Post so if you can, please take your donations to Post 237. They have an enclosed trailer where you may take your items. Take them to the back of the Post and leave them in the hut. Their volunteers will get the items into the trailer. They ask that you call ahead and let them know you are coming.

American Legion Post 237
6726 N Lecanto Hwy
Beverly Hills, FL 34465
(352) 897-4776

If you cannot get to Post 237, please call Debbie at 727/432-7230 and let her know what you have and we will either ask you to bring it to the Post or try to get someone to pick up your donations.

Phase 2 - Hurricane Items Needed

Chain or hand saws	Cleaning supplies (disinfectant wipes, dust rags, bleach, liquid detergent, brooms, mops, etc.)
Utility gloves	First aid items (band aids, antibacterial ointment, gauze, medical tape, aspirin, rubbing alcohol, etc.)
Tools (shovel, rake, ax, pry bar, trimmers, etc.)	Hygiene items (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, etc.)
Drills & drill bits (battery operated)	Bug spray
Plywood (5/8" or roofing thickness)	Sunscreen
Nails or grabber screws	Infant supplies (diapers, wipes, food, formula)
Peel and stick roofing materials	Feminine products
Tung & groove wood panels	Pet food
Roofing shingles	Children's toys or activities
Cement drywall (Durock)	Packaged undergarments (all sizes)
Tarps	
Utility buckets	
Dusk masks	

Thank you for any help you can offer to our American Legion Family who find themselves in this devastating situation. As we all know, it could have been us.

Auxiliary News

Our Unit has the honor of hosting the Department ALA President Jane Hardacre on November 4th. Our monthly meeting has been changed to coincide with her visit and will start at 9:30AM. She will be assisting us with a project for homeless veterans followed by a Q&A session, where we will learn more about the American Legion Auxiliary and the ways we can carry our mission statement to support the American Legion and honor the sacrifices of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families ,both home and abroad.

In order to raise the funds needed to accomplish this, we are currently having a fund raiser for this beautiful patriotic quilt, donated by Jeanne MacBurnie. There are a limited number of tickets and once they are sold, we will draw the lucky winner. You may purchase your tickets at the canteen for just \$5.00 each.



We held an auction for a blooming Christmas Cactus, which Janice Habich grew and donated. We had so many positive comments, look for us to repeat this soon.

We also are selling flag pins, thanks to Julie Rowe. They are \$2.00 each. You can find her at the Post on Tuesday and Friday nights to purchase one . It's a great way to honor our veterans by wearing one on your Cover or lapel.

Service not self

For God and Country

Debbie Ballew, President Ala Unit 166



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Online Chat: www.veteranscrisisline.net :Text: 838255

Local Service Officers

Jim Dryer (315) 240-1442 or Wanda Thomas (352) 257-0541

Looking Over the Fairing

Donations

Recently, we had the honor of participating in Sami's Ride, sponsored by the Eagle Riders to raise funds for Christmas gifts and a Christmas Party for the underprivileged children in Citrus County. We, along with the Post, made a donation to this great cause. And this past week, the Post made a donation to ALR Chapter 79's Charity Ride to raise money to help with veterans causes.



The 4th annual Hams and Hogs

Remember the date is November 5th. We hope to see all our Riders, as well as others in Cars, Trucks, Roadsters, and Street Rods, come out for this important Charity Event to feed our veterans. All proceeds are going to Citrus County Veterans Collation Food Pantry.

Veterans Day

On Veterans Day, our Riders Chapter has been invited to the join American Legion Posts 155 and 77, and VFW 7172 (Floral City. There will be designated parking for Riders

For God and Country

Ed Nemeth, Director, ALR Chapter 166

The Sons of American Legion

By the time you receive this newsletter we will probably have had our Halloween Party and I'm sure it was a blast.

Next on our list is a Chili dinner for our Veterans and their families on November 11th from 4 to 6PM, All Members are welcome.

On Sunday January 15th we are planning a BBQ. Plan to attend and check out our cooking skills on a grill! More details to follow in next month's newsletter.

And if you have not renewed you membership, please do so at the Post.

For God and Country

Curt Woods, Squadron 166 Director

Welcome to our New Members

Lowell Cales, Legionnaire
 Marcel Delabruere, Legionnaire
 Michael Graham, Legionnaire
 Susan Guido, ALA
 Teresa Gallagher, ALA
 Casey McCarthy, Legionnaire

Steve Seybold, Legionnaire
 George Shay, Legionnaire
 Michael Slovak, Legionnaire
 Sharon Walters, ALA
 David Williams, Legionnaire

November Fundraisers for the Building Fund



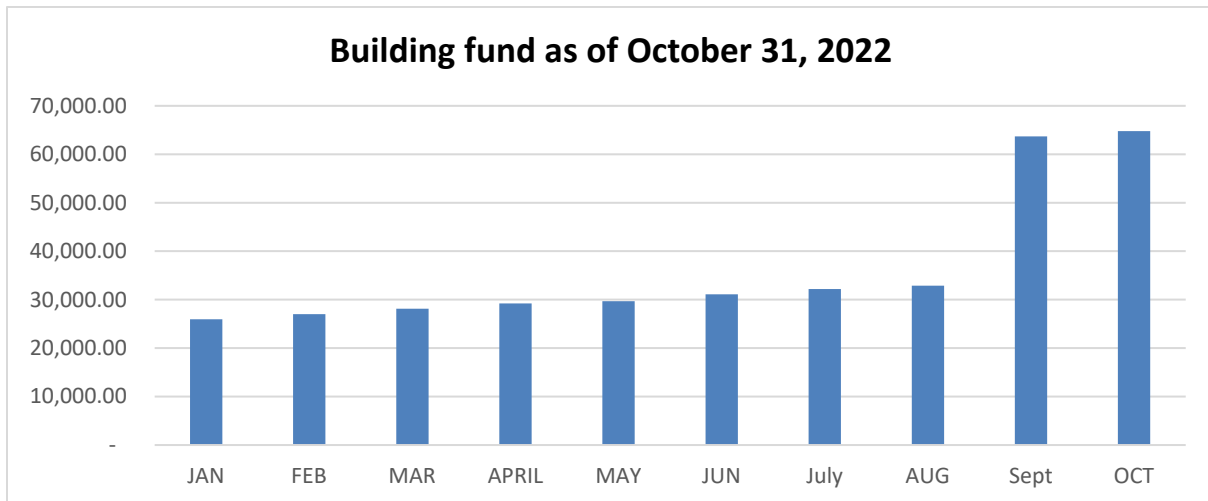
Personize your own Turkey
 Just \$1.00 for each one



Good Morning Baset
 Tickets \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00



Need a Pumpkin or Pecan Pie for Thanksgiving?
 Order at the Post by November 20th, Pick up on November 23rd at the Post
 Pies Provided by Phyllis



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!



Every Tuesday is Taco Tuesday

- 5PM until it's gone
- Donate to the Building Fund for a taco

November 4: First Friday

- 2PM – 6PM Clam Chowder
- Donate to the Building Fund receive a cup of Chowder

November 5, Saturday: Hams N Hogs Ride

- AML Riders Event: Proceeds to CCVC Food Pantry
- Open to trikes, bikes, roadsters, street rods, trucks & automobiles
- Raffles & Games

November 10, Thursday: Marine Corp Birthday

- 4PM – Celebration for our Marine Corp Veterans
- Appetizers

November 11, Friday: Veterans Day

- All Day Celebration of our Veterans
- Appreciation Gift for all Veterans
- 10AM: Sausage gravy & Biscuits by the ALA
- 12PM – 4PM: Snacks provided by ALA & SAL
- 4PM -6PM: Chili Dinner provided by SAL
- 9AM to 5PM – Blood Mobile on Site

November 12, Saturday

- 11AM Flag Retirement Ceremony

November 28, Monday: Karaoke

- Featuring KJ Buzz Chainey
- 5PM -8PM

Future Dates

December 7, Wednesday: Trim a Tree Party

- Help decorate our Christmas Tree
- Bring a Patriotic, Military, or Legion Family ornament
- Entertainment, Appetizers

December 31, Saturday: New Year's Eve Party

- 4PM -More details to come

Every Friday

Wear a Red Shirt to support the Deployed
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)

For the Latest Information, Check our Social Media Accounts:

Facebook: [American Legion Post 166 Homosassa, Florida](#) **Website:** americanlegionpost166.com

Monthly Meetings and Officers

American Legion Post 166

Executive Board Meeting: 1 st Tuesday at 10AM	
General Membership Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 10AM	
Post Commander	Bob Ballew
1 st Vice Commander	Mark Long
2 nd 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

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Monday at 10:30AM	
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

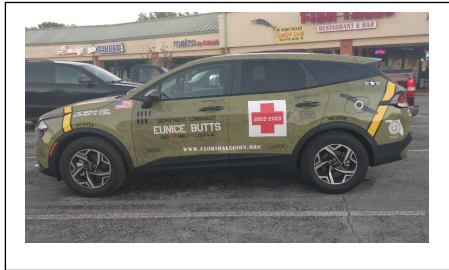
Monthly Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 10AM	
Commander	Curtis Woods
1st Vice Commander	Greg Doody
Treasurer	Bill Rowe
Chaplain	Bill Cloke
Sergeant-At-Arms	Ed Nemeth

American Legion Riders

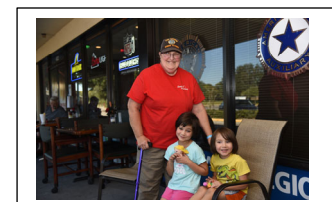
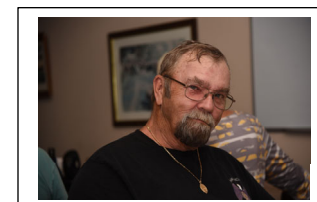
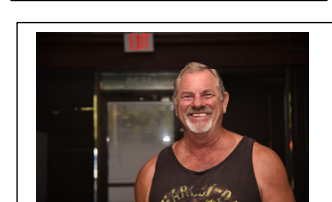
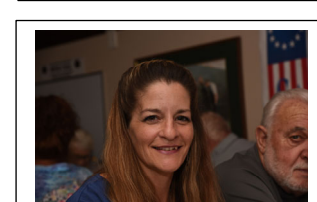
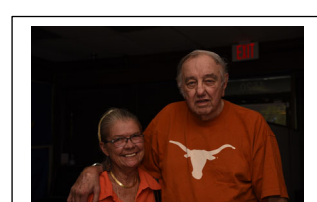
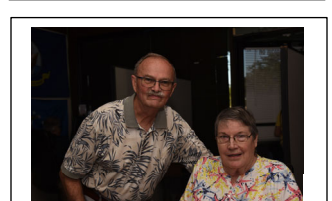
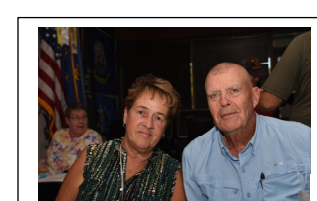
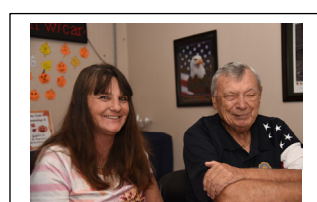
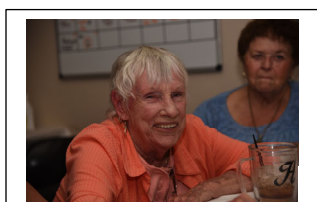
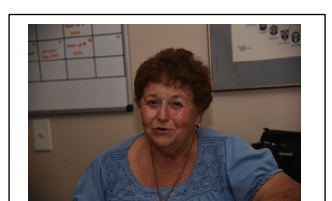
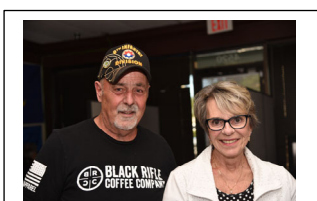
Monthly Meeting: 1st Saturday of the Month at 10:30AM	
Fun Ride follows	
Director	Ed Nemeth
Assistant Director	Bob Ballew
Secretary	Debbie Ballew
Treasurer	Brigitte Hancock
Sergeant-At-Arms	Tom Brown
Chaplain	Brigitte Hancock
Historian	Barbara Debose
Road Captain	Jerrv Van Tassel

Photo Album

Surprise Visit by Department Commander Eunice Butts with her "helicopter"



Some of the Early Birds attending their special dinner



American Legion Post 166, Homosassa – November 2022

Membership Retention Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10AM E Board Mtg Taco Tuesday	2	3	4 9:30 AM ALA Mtg 1 st Friday 2 – 6 Clam Chowder Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle	5 Hams N Hog Charity Ride 10AM Registration 11AM KSU
6 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	7	8 <i>Election Day</i> Taco Tuesday	9	10 4PM Marine Corps Birthday American Legion Birthday #	11 Veteran's Day* 9AM-5PM Blood Mobile Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle	12 10AM General Membership Mtg 11:00AM Flag Retirement Ceremony
13	14	15 Taco Tuesday	16	17	18 <i>Dept. Fall Conference</i> Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle	19 10AM SAL Mtg <i>Dept. Fall Conference</i>
20 <i>Dept. Fall Conference</i>	21	22 Taco Tuesday	23	24 Thanksgiving Post Closed	25 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle	26
27	28 5PM – 8PM Karaoke with KJ Buzz Chaaney	29 <i>Giving Tuesday</i> Taco Tuesday	30			

***Veterans Day Activities**

All Day Celebration of our Veterans
 Appreciation Gift & Card for all Veterans
 10AM: Sausage gravy & Biscuits provided by the ALA
 12PM – 4PM: Snacks provided by ALA & SAL
 4PM -6PM: Chili Dinner provided by SAL
 9AM to 5PM – Blood Mobile on Site