



November 2023 The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year Long



All Veterans are invited to join us

November 11, 2023

As The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166
And The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 166

Honor All Who Served!

Come at your convenience, stay as long as you like

Thank you Cards & Gifts for Every Veteran
Get your picture taken for our Veterans Wall

9AM to 3PM: The Bloodmobile will be on site for donations in honor of a Veteran

9:00AM: Sausage/gravy breakfast provided by The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166

10AM: Legionnaire Meeting

2PM to 5PM: Meal provided by The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 166

4PM to 6PM: Music by Kevin Dunn

Poppies available all day

In recognition of your dedication and sacrifices made for all of us, We say

Thank You Veterans



Commander's Corner

Here we are, almost at the end of the year. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and that makes us take a moment to acknowledge the things we are thankful for. Personally, for me, it's my family, friends, and health. And on the Post side, it's the many volunteers that keep this Post running and folks who continue to help us grow the building fund that I am grateful for.

The Auxiliary and SAL have a special Thank You planned for all our Veterans on November 11th. The bloodmobile will also be here that day from 9AM to 3PM. That's a perfect opportunity to thank a veteran by donating blood in their honor.

I also want to thank everyone in our American Legion Family who helped us meet our membership goals by renewing prior to October 1st. I hope those who attended enjoyed their Early Bird Dinner which was catered by Art's Diner for the second year. It was great! Although, we had 16 people who had signed up and did not show up for dinner. Those meals were donated to the Homosassa Fire Department and to the Veterans Homeless Shelter.

During November, the back wall of the Post will be dedicated to what everyone is thankful for. It's a \$1.00 donation for the building fund to share what you are thankful for.

Another way we can say thank you to our veterans who are no longer with us is to participate with the AL Riders on December 17th and help place wreaths on Veterans gravesites at Bushnell National Cemetery. The ride leaves from Crystal River Harley at 8:30AM with a police escort and will proceed to Bushnell Cemetery. The ride is open to everyone: cars, trucks, and bikes.

Once again, thank you to everyone for what you do for our Post.

For God and Country
Bob Ballew. Commander Post 166

Auxiliary Update

Since our summer break, we have had two very productive meetings. For those who were not present at the last meeting, our meeting date has changed to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Meetings start at 10AM, last no more than 1 hour and are followed by lunch, for those who wish to join in, at a neighborhood restaurant.

On the agenda for the November meeting is a presentation on membership by our membership chairman Dee Costello. All of us are recruiters for the Auxiliary and Dee will give us some key talking points to help us increase our membership.

I would like to thank Sherri Walters for making carry bags for all our members. The first group was handed out to our new members with their new member packets in September and those members who were at the October meeting received theirs.



We also have a new fundraiser for AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund). The chairmen for the program are Sherri Walters and Julie Rowe. Julie Rowe has made ALA keychains which are available for sale at \$2.00 with 100% of money generated from sales going directly to the fund.

Veterans Day is Saturday November 11 and in addition to our Post activities, we will be out distributing Poppies at the following locations:

Homosassa Publix and Winn Dixie, Sugarmill Publix, Kane's Ace Hardware, Sweet Sassa, Walden Woods, and the Post.

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President Unit 166

The Sons of the American Legion

We had a nice turnout at our recent meeting. It was nice to see everyone and make plans for the upcoming year.

- We will continue to support the Adopt-a-Highway program
- We will be assisting the Flag Retirement Ceremony on November 18th
- We will sponsor a boy again this year for Boys State
- We will partner with the Auxiliary again this year on Veterans Day in honoring our Veterans

That is just for starters! If we continue to get support from our members, we can do even more!

For God and Country

Greg Doody, Vice Commander

American Legion Riders

We were honored to have Chapter 101 include us on their Wreaths Across America ride and we made a donation to the cause.



Our biggest fundraiser of the year, which benefits the Citrus County Veterans Coalition Food Pantry, is coming up fast - November 4th with registration starting at 9:30AM and KSU at 10:30AM. The Ride includes a continental breakfast and dinner. Please join us and help ensure holiday meals for Veterans in need!

For the Cause, not the Applause

Bob Ballew, Asst Director

Veterans News

Stars, Stripes, and Smiles Event: November 3rd in New Port Richey. This event is for veterans in need of free dental care and includes cleaning, extraction, and fillings. RSVP required. Call 727/232-2921. Event address will be provided at that time.

Monthly Meetings and Officers

American Legion Post 166

Executive Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday at 10AM

General Membership Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 10AM

Post Commander	Bob Ballew
1 st Vice Commander	Dwight DeJean
2 nd Vice Commander	Ernest (Buzz) Chainey
Finance Officer	Darrell Walters
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jane Mundis
Chaplain	Bill Rowe
Historian	Tom Piazza
Adjutant / Executive Board	Lincoln Haynes
Past Commander / E Board	Marie Conti
Executive Board Member	Tom Brown
Executive Board Member	Bud Costello
Executive Board Member	David Kaczanowski
Executive Board Member	Frank Digennaro

American Legion Auxiliary

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Wednesday at 10:00AM New Date

President	Debbie Ballew
Vice President	Judy Salo
Secretary	Julie Rowe
Treasurer	Dee Costello
Chaplain	Vicky Eley
Historian	Cyndy Haynes
Sergeant-At-Arms	Sherry Walters
Executive Committee	Marion Healy
Executive Committee	Jan Habich
Executive Committee	Lola Strickland

The Sons of the American Legion

Monthly Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 10AM (Sept-June)

Commander	Curtis Woods
1st Vice Commander	Greg Doody
Treasurer	Bill Rowe
Chaplain	Bill Cloke
Sergeant-At-Arms	Tony Doody

American Legion Riders

Monthly Meeting: 1st Saturday of the Month at 10:30AM

Fun Ride follows

Director	Buzz Chainey
Assistant Director	Bob Ballew
Secretary/Treasurer	Debbie Ballew
Sergeant-At-Arms	Tom Brown
Chaplain	Bill Sonnycalf
Historian	Tammy Chainey



Friday, November 3: First Friday Clam Chowder

2PM – 6PM: Make a \$5.00 donation to the Building Fund and receive a cup of Clam chowder

Saturday, November 4: Hams n Hogs Charity Ride

9:30 AM: Registration & continental breakfast

10:30AM: Kick Stands Up

4:30 PM: Return to Post for Dinner, raffle & prizes

Wednesday, November 8: 2-4PM AEF Fundraiser

Friday, November 13: 4:30 Marine Cake Cutting

Saturday, November 11: Veterans Day

9AM – 3PM: Bloodmobile on site

10AM: Legionnaire meeting

11AM: Breakfast

2PM-4PM: Hot dogs and chips

4PM – 6PM: Music by Kevin Dunn & Dinner

November 23: Thanksgiving

Post Closed

Sunday November 12: Monthly Sunday Dinner

4PM : Chicken enchiladas, black beans, rice, dessert

Make a \$10.00 donation to the Building Fund at the Canteen for a Dinner Ticket

Ticket Required. RSVP by 11/10/23

**Every Friday is Red Shirt Friday
Wear Red to Support the Deployed**

Noon to 7PM: Purchase your first drink & receive a chip for the same drink, excludes specialty drinks

5:30PM: Pie Slices for purchase
\$5.00 Suggested donation for the Bldg. Fund

6:30PM: Queen of Hearts drawing
(American Legion Family Members only)

50/50 Drawing: Follows the Queen of Hearts
(American Legion Family and Guests)

3 Drawings:

- (1) 50% of pot
- (2) 10 pull tabs
- (3) 5 pull tabs

The Bonz Game follows the 50/50 raffle

Three rolls of the dice to get all the same number to win 2 beer/wine/well drink chips; or 1 call/top shelf chip.

**For the Latest Information
Check our Social Media Accounts:**

Facebook: [American Legion Post 166 Homosassa, Florida](#)

Website: americanlegionpost166.com



May They Rest In Peace


- Roger Nichols, US Marine
- Richard Rockstad, US Marine
- Robert Sorensen, US Army
- Gary Harrington, SAL



- George Bowan, Legionnaire
- Nancy Buchko, ALA
- John Caddigan, Legionnaire
- Mark Carper, Legionnaire
- Ron Chard, Legionnaire
- Jeffrey Herndon, Legionnaire
- Claire Lanoie, ALA
- Barbara Lawrence, ALA

- Teresa Lewis, ALA
- Barbara Lawrence, ALA
- Roy Lewis, Legionnaire
- Richard Prancel, SAL
- Richard Price, Legionnaire
- Deborah Simmons, ALA
- Kenneth Stoops, Legionnaire
- Bruce Whewell, Legionnaire

November Building Fund Activities



Tickets: 2 for \$5.00



What Are You Thankful For?
Fill out a feather for our Turkey
Just \$1.00 donation to the Building Fund

THANKSGIVING PIE FUNDRAISER
Pumpkin Pie or Apple Pie

\$20 Pumpkin
\$25 Apple

PRE-ORDER Order must be received no later than November 18th	PICK UP Pies must be picked up between 5 & 7PM on November 22nd
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Thanks for your support and happy holiday.
Proceeds will be donated to the Building Fund

POST 166 MONTHLY SUNDAY DINNER



Chicken enchiladas, black beans, rice and desse

NOVEMBER 12- 4PM
Tickets: \$10.00 - available at the Canteen
All proceeds benefit the Building Fund

HELP GROW THE BUILDING FUND

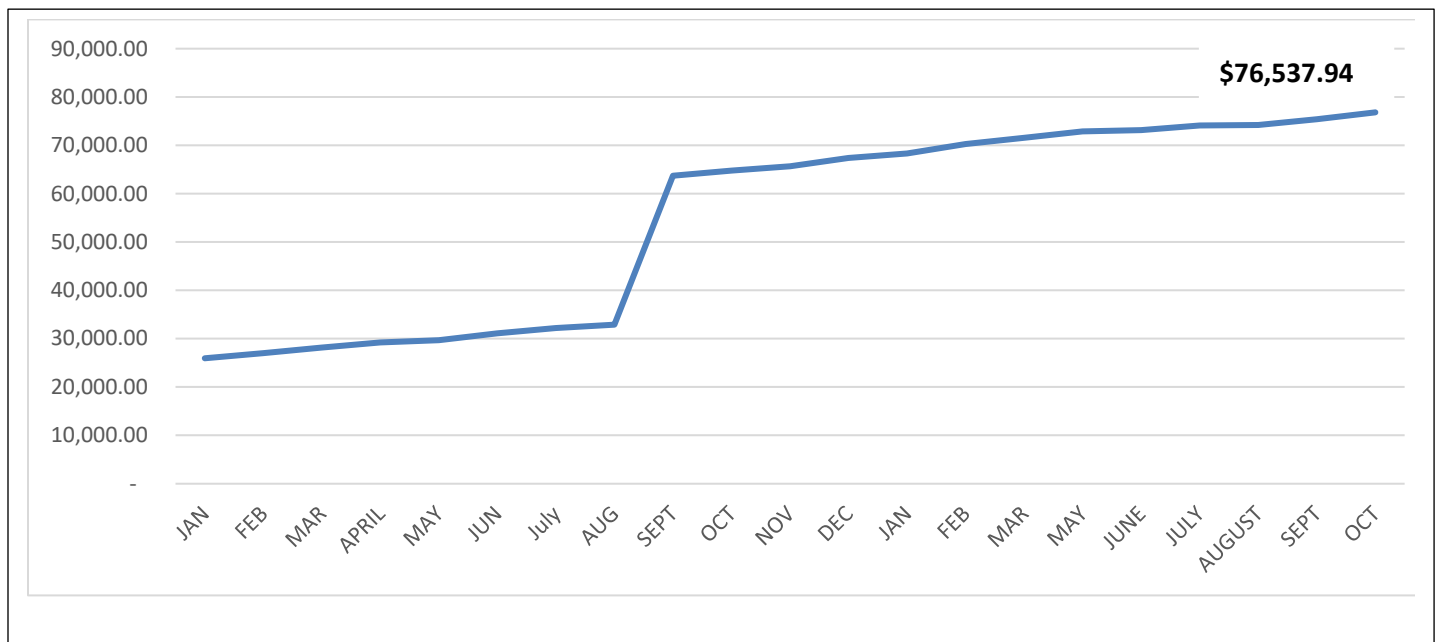
FIRST FRIDAY

Donate \$5.00 To The Building Fund For A Cup of Clam Chowder




Pie Slices
\$5.00

Building Fund Continues to Grow – Thanks to all of you!
\$1,441.04 Increase this month!



Post Photo Album

Early Bird Dinner



Adopt a Highway



Last Chance Band



Monthly Sunday Dinner



November 2023 – Membership Retention Month

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					Red Shirt Friday 2-6PM First Friday Clam Chowder 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle Slice of Pie Sales	Hams n Hogs Charity Ride 9:30 Registration 10:30AM KSU Ride includes Continental Breakfast & Dinner
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Savings time Ends		10AM Executive Board Mtg	10:00 ALA Mtg 4 to 6PM AEF Fundraiser		Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle Slice of Pie Sales Marine Corp BD 4:30 Cake Cutting	9 to 3 Bloodmobile 10:00AM AL Mtg 11AM to 6PM Veterans Day Festivities 4 to 6PM Music by Kevin Dunn Poppies Available
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle Slice of Pie Sales Fall Convention	10:00AM SAL Mtg 11AM Flag Retirement Fall Convention
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Fall Convention				Thanksgiving Post Closed	Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle Slice of Pie Sales	
26	27	28	29	30		
4PM Monthly Dinner Chicken Enchilada, black beans & rice, dessert						

