

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



**Merry Christmas to American Legion Post 166 Family!**

### Commanders Corner

I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and had an opportunity to reflect on all that you are thankful for! Based on our Turkey's Feathers of thankfulness, it looks like all of us have a lot to be thankful for!

We have a few changes to our weekly calendar Events.

- **The Queen of Hearts** is moving to Tuesday nights starting on December 5<sup>th</sup>; there will be no Queen of Hearts drawing on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The drawing will still be held at 6:30PM with the last ticket sold at 6:15PM. Just a different night. Friday is a busy day and night and with our snowbird returning, we are getting too crowded.
- **Slice of Pie Sales for the Building Fund** is moving with the Queen to Tuesday.
- **Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment** is also moving. Starting in January, Karaoke will be on the first Sunday of the month. Same time, 5:30PM to 8:30PM. There will be no Karaoke in December.
- **50/50 raffle and the Bonz game** will continue on Friday nights. The 50/50 drawing will be at 6:30PM followed by the Bonz game.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas!

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Commander Post 166

### Auxiliary Unit 166

Hello all!

Veterans Day was a busy day for us. In addition to honoring our Veterans with a gift, cards and meals, our Poppy teams were out in the community, passing out Poppies in honor of our Veterans. The folks were very generous with their donations which will allow us to help more veterans in need, or their families, and our community.



Walden Woods and 2nd shift at Post not pictured

Poppies will return in May, for Poppy Day (May 24) and Memorial Day (May 27).

We have a new donation box in the Post. We are collecting items to send to one of our member's son deployed unit. There is a list attached with items that we can ship. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish everyone a blessed Christmas!

*Service not Self*

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL Unit 166

### AL Riders Chapter 166

The fifth annual Hams N Hogs Charity Ride was successful again this year. We were able to donate 3 hams and a large monetary donation to the Citrus County Veterans Coalition Food Pantry, ensuring a holiday meal for Veterans in need. Thanks to everyone who donated Gift Cards for the Raffle and donations for the Food Pantry.



*For the cause, not the Applause*

Bob Ballew, Assistant Director

### SAL Squadron 166

Mark your calendars for March 2, 2024. We will host a pasta dinner fundraiser for the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. For those not familiar with the non-profit, their mission is to prevent delinquency and develop lawful, resilient, and productive citizens. They are credited with helping more than 177,000 children and families in Florida since 1957. We hope you will help us help them!

For God and Country

Curt Woods, SAL Squadron 166.

## Monthly Meetings and Officers

### American Legion Post 166

**Executive Board Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 10AM**

**General Membership Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 10AM**

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

### American Legion Auxiliary

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

**December mtg is Christmas Luncheon at Marguerita Grill 12PM**

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 **No meeting Dec 2, 2023****

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



### **Every Tuesday**

**Starting at 5:30PM:** Pie Slice Sale

\$5.00 suggested donation to the Building Fund

6:30PM: Queen of Hearts Drawing

### **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

**6:30PM:** 50/50 Raffle, followed by the Bonz Game

**Friday, December 1: First Friday Clam Chowder**

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

**Saturday, December 2: Adopt-a-Highway**

9:00AM: Meet at Elks parking lot

**Tuesday, December 5: Queen of Hearts**

6:30 PM: Drawing

**Thursday, December 7: Pearl Harbor Day**

11AM: Remembrance Ceremony

**Saturday, December 9: Army Navy Game**

3PM: Kick off. Appetizers provided

**Sunday, December 10: Monthly Sunday Dinner**

4PM : Steak Dinner includes baked potato, 1 side & dessert - **Ticket Required**.

Make a \$12.00 donation by December 8 to the Building Fund at the Canteen for a Dinner Ticket

**Wednesday, December 13: ALA Christmas Lunch**

12PM: Marguerita Grill

**Sunday, December 17: Wreaths for Fallen Heroes**

8:00AM: Meet at Post & precede to Harly or

9:30AM: Depart Harley for Bushnell Nat'l Cemetery

**Monday December 25: Christmas**

5PM – 8PM: Post open

**Sunday, December 31: New Year's Eve Celebration**

2PM to 4PM: Oldies with Joel & Lynn

8PM Post Closed

**Check our Social Media Accounts for the Latest Information**

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



**Welcome New Member**

Bobby Blackledge Sr., SAL  
 David Carrender, Legionnaire  
 Vito Palazzolo, Legionnaire  
 Maureen Price. ALA

**Post Everlasting**

David Pooley, Legionnaire

**Building Fund Activities for December**



Have you heard about the American Legion Department of Florida's on-line 50/50 Raffle? When you purchase tickets, the Post receives 10% of the ticket price when you support our post when submitting your tickets.

During December's Holiday Raffle, there will be 10 Days of Giving, where ten winners will take home \$1,000 and one lucky winner will TAKE HALF THE CASH at the end of the month.

In addition, our Post will receive 25% of proceeds from their entries into the Raffle. The Post support dollars will go to the Building Fund. What an easy way to contribute to the Building Fund – It's a Win-Win. Purchase your tickets online at

<https://www.florida5050.org/> and chose Homosassa Post 166. from the dropdown menu.

Good Luck

**POST 166 MONTHLY SUNDAY DINNER**

*Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Roll & Dessert*

**DECEMBER 10 – 4PM**

Tickets-- Available at the Canteen  
 Suggested \$12.00 Donation to the Building Fund

**CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CONTEST**

\$1.00 per Christmas Tree

Proceeds Benefit The Building Fund

Print your name & phone # on back to win the Best Christmas Tree Prize

**Pie Slices**

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American Legion Post 166

**Christmas Sale**

FUNDRAISER

\$20 Pumpkin or Pecan  
 \$25 Apple Or Key lime  
 \$35 Strawberry Rhubarb  
 See Phyllis for Special Orders

Order By December 20th

**GRAB & GO Christmas Dinner**

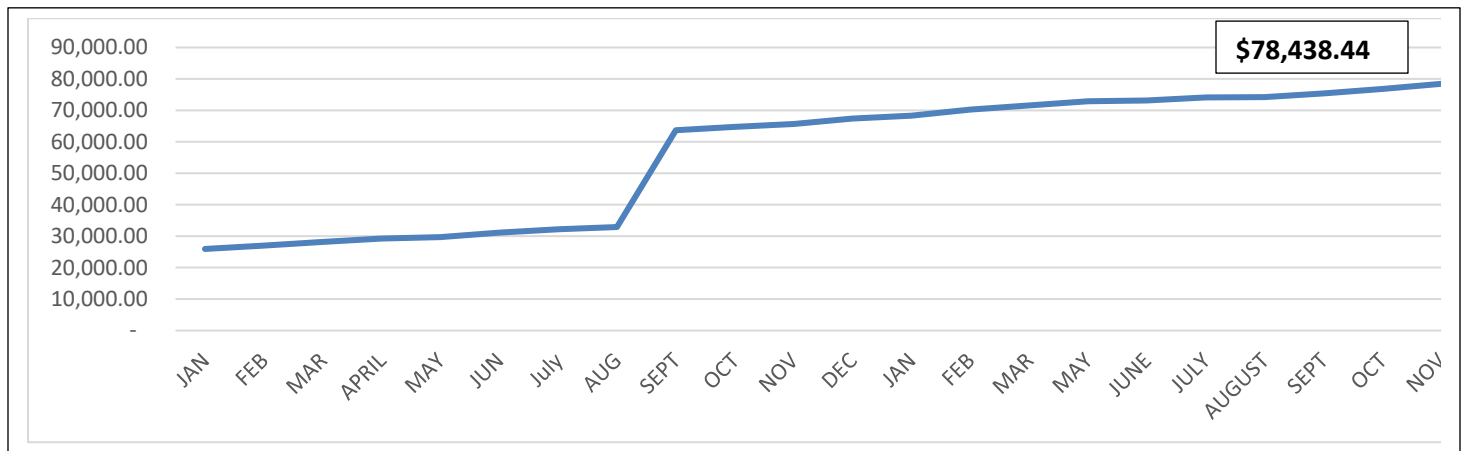
**\$10.00 Donation to The Building Fund**

Sign Up by 12/23/23  
 Pick Up 12/24/23 (4-7PM)

**Building Fund Raffle The Red Nose Reindeer**

Tickets  
 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00  
 Available at the Canteen

**Building Fund Continues to Grow – Thanks to all of you**  
**\$1,609.50 Increase this month**



# Post Photo Album

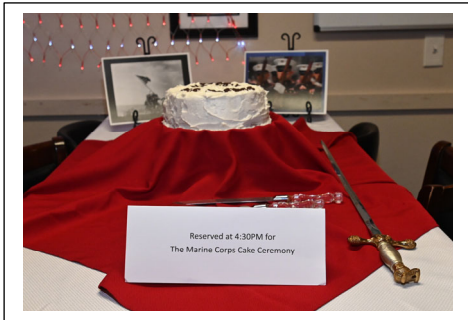
## Halloween Party





## Post Photo Album

### Marine Corps Birthday



### Veterans Day

*Veterans picture located on Veterans Wall at the Post*



### Fag Retirement



### Monthly Sunday Dinner



# December 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					<b>Red Shirt Friday</b> 2-6PM 1st Friday Clam Chowder 6:30 PM 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	<b>Adopt-a Highway</b> 9AM Meet at the Elks Parking Lot.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		10AM Executive Board Mtg 6:30 Queen of Hearts Slice of Pie Sales		11AM Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony	<b>Red Shirt                      Friday</b> 6:30 PM 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	10AM AL Mtg 3PM Army Navy Game
10	11	12	13	14	15	21
4PM Monthly Sunday Dinner- Steak, Baked Potato, side, dessert– \$12.00 BF Donation <b>Ticket Event</b>		6:30 Queen of Hearts Slice of Pie Sales	12PM ALA Christmas Luncheon at Marguerita Grill National Guard BD		<b>Red Shirt                      Friday</b> 6:30 PM 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	10AM SAL Mtg
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Wreaths for Fallen Heroes departs Harley at 9:30AM or Meet at Post 8:00AM		6:30 Queen of Heart Slice of Pie Sales			<b>Red Shirt                      Friday</b> 6:30 PM 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
4- 7PM Christmas Eve Party Grab N Go Dinner & Christmas Pie Pickup Pickup <b>Must preorder at                      Canteen</b>	Merry Christmas 5PM – 8PM Post Open	6:30 Queen of Hearts Slice of Pie Sales			<b>Red Shirt                      Friday</b> 6:30 PM 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	
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New Years Eve Party 2PM-4PM Oldies with Joel & Lynn 8Pm Post Closed	<b>Red Shirt Friday</b> Wear a red shirt between noon and 7PM, Purchase your first drink; receive a chip for the same drink. Red shirts available for sale at the Post – see the bartender					

