



April 2026

The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Hello Spring!

I know all of you are as glad as I am to finally get some warm weather! It has been a long cold winter! I would like to share with you where we are and where we are going with our property. We are entering Phase Two – Cost Gathering. We have a committee, chaired by Kevin Myhill, for the sole purpose of finding out the costs associated with preparing the property and our building options. Once we have a clearer picture of the cost of where we are going and how we plan to get there, I will share that with everyone. In the meantime, please be patient. We want to ensure we will make the wisest decisions possible for our Post!

Post Receives an AED



I would like to extend a large thank you to SAL member Frank Hentschel for his help in obtaining an AED (automated external defibrillator) for the Post. He reached out to Firehouse #3, Homosassa, and they in turn referred him to the main headquarters where there was one available that they could donate to us with approval from the County Commissioners. We received that permission last week and picked up the AED on Thursday, 3/19/26. It needs a few items (new batteries and a wall hung cabinet). Those items are ordered and should be here this soon. Once it is ready, we will start training classes for those interested on how to use it

Nominations of Officers are in progress. Please think of volunteering for an Officer position or a Committee position. Your Post family needs you!

For God and Country!

Bob Ballew, Post 166 Commander

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AUXILIARY UNIT 166

Hello all! We are excited to share 2 fundraisers with you! All proceeds will be used to help our Veterans and our Community.



This beautiful quilt was made by ALA Member Cindy Haynes. It will be our April Raffle item. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and are available at the Canteen. Drawing is 04/28/26.

Come out to Howard's Flea Market on April 4th and enjoy this beautiful weather.

Then stop in and see us at Booth FM87, where we will have lots of treasures for sale.

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL 166

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hope all is well. It is nomination of Officers time. Elections are in May.

The races are doing good. March was racing leprechauns. April will be racing Peeps.



Hope to see more of you at our meetings – 3rd Saturday of the month at 10AM.

For God and Country

Randy Parrish, Squadron 166 Commander

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ALR CHAPTER 166

Showing our Respect

On Monday, March 23, Major Cody A. Khork was escorted from Pok County to Florida National by several Veterans motorcycle groups, including the Americal Legion Northern Riders. We rode with local Riders to Bushnell to pay our respects and lined up on the side road as the hearse entered the Cemetery. It was a humbling experience!



Take Stock in Children Fundraiser



We participated in the 2nd annual Dan Pule Benefit Poker Run benefiting Take Stock in Children sponsored by American Legion Riders Chapter 155.

Take Stock in Children's mission is to break the cycle of poverty through education.

We are proud to donate to such a worthy cause.

For the cause, not the applause

Dwight Dejean, ALR Chapter 166 Director,

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SERVICE OFFICER

Have you or someone you know needed help but did not know where to find it? We can help. We now have a **Resource Book** at the Post, located just below the Sign-in sheet. The book covers many sources of help:

- Immediate help, such as homelessness, no food, etc.
- VA Healthcare and the VA benefit eligibility
- Florida Department of Veterans affairs including emergency care procedures for Veterans using the VA for care
- Veterans Services such as the Veterans Center and transportation
- Veteran's Burial Planning Guide with application for pre-determined burial at a National Cemetery

If you need help finding something, please give me a call, I will be happy to assist you.

For God and Country

Paul Herrick, American Legion Service Officer

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CANTEEN

April Drink of the Month



Available with Rum or Vodka

DID YOU KNOW?

Why we track volunteer hours and in-kind donations

This is the time of year each Post, Unit, Squadron, and Rider Chapter are asked to submit their volunteer hours and the dollar amount of donations they made and in-kind donations they have received. There is a very good reason the American Legion asks for this.

And this is because Congress charters the American Legion and requires it to provide a detailed annual report to show that they have fulfilled the federal charter requirement - making an impact on Veterans and their communities.

This information serves as measurable proof of the good that all posts do in their communities and strengthens the Legion's influence when advocating for veteran-related funding and legislative priorities.

When you report your in-kind donations (which are converted into Impact Numbers) and service hours it helps the American Legion prove its continued relevance to legislators. Reporting validates all of our efforts making reporting crucial and adds up to **funding for Veterans**.

So please, turn in your hours – help the American Legion continue to be the loudest voice of any Veterans organization!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ronald Goudreau SAL

Mark Kocher SAL

Boyd Hickman TAL

David Wood TAL

POST EVERLASTING

David Hammond, United States Navy

APRIL EVENTS

We need your support for our monthly Events. It takes a lot of volunteer hours to make our Events happen and they can only be successful if you participate.

Your Post needs you!

April 3: 2PM - 6PM First Friday Clam Chowder – donate to the Building Fund for a bowl of Chowder

April 6: 5PM - 8PM First Monday Karaoke

April 7: 9:30AM – 4:00PM Bloodmobile

April 13: 10:45AM: Flag Retirement Ceremony

April 15: SAL Races

MONTHLY EVENTS

First Friday of the Month: 2PM to 5PM **Clam Chowder**. Fundraiser for the Building Fund.

First Monday of the Month: 5PM to 8PM **Karaoke** with Buzzsaw Entertainment

Third Wednesday of the Month: 5PM **SAL Race Night**

Every Tuesday of the Month **Queen of Hearts**: 6:15PM ticket sales close; 6:30PM Drawing,

50/50 Raffle follows and then it's **The Bonz Game**

Every Friday is Shirt Friday - Rember Everyone Deployed: Purchase your 1st drink; receive a chip for the same drink, excluding specialty drinks.

BUILDING FUND DONORS \$1,000.00+

Maximum Amusement; Ocala, FL

Vigilant Social Club; York, PA

2025- 2026 OFFICERS & MEETING TIMES



Legionnaires

Membership meetings: 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00AM

Commander: Bob Ballew

1st Vice Commander: Dwight DeJean

2nd Vice Commander: Tom Brown

Sgt-at-Arms: Jane Mundis

Finance Officer: Darrell Walters

Chaplain: Bill Rowe

Historian: Tom Piazza

Judge Advocate: Frank DiGennaro

Past Commander: Marie Conti

Executive Committee Member: Ernie Chainey

Executive Committee Member: Bud Costello

Executive Committee Member: John Surprise

Executive Committee Member: Kevin Myhill

Adjutant: Dwight Dejean



Auxiliary Unit 166

Membership meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM

President: Debbie Ballew

Secretary / Treasurer: Dee Costello

Sergeant-At-Arms: Kandy Pelton

Executive Committee: Julie Rowe

Executive Committee: Barb Tripp



SAL Squadron 166

Membership meetings: 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00AM

Squadron Commander: Randy Parrish

Vice Commander: Ernie Chainey

Treasurer: Mark Wagnitz

Chaplain: Bill Cloke

Adjutant: Mark Cram



ALR Chapter 166

Membership meeting : 1st Saturday of the month at 10:30AM

Director: Dwight Dejean

Assistant Director: Bob Ballew

Secretary / Treasurer: Debbie Ballew

Sergeant-At-Arms: Mark Wagnitz

Road Captain: Tom Brown

Chaplain: Paul Herrick

Historian: Marcy Hammond

POST FUNDRAISERS

On-Going Lottery Board Raffle



Tickets: \$5.00

Drawing: When all tickets are sold

Prize: \$100 bill + \$100.00 in Scratch off tickets

A Fundraiser for the Building Fund



Jane's Famous Clam Chowder

**Donate To
The Building Fund**

**Receive A Cup of Clam
Chowder & Crackers**

EVERY MONTH EVENTS

NEW DAY

BUZZSAW ENTERTAINMENT

KARAOKE NIGHT

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166
4520 S SUNCOAST BLVD, HOMOSASSA SPRINGS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

HOSTED BY
BUZZSAW ENTERTAINMENT

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166



**QUEEN
OF
HEARTS**

Drawing Every Tuesday Night

6:30 PM

Tickets: \$1.00 each

Tickets Available All Week

APRIL EVENTS



JOIN US FOR
Easter Dinner

April 4th - 3PM
Ham Dinner - \$12.00

Tickets available at the Canteen
American Legion Post 166



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

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Saturday – April 11
10:45AM

**Please join us as we retire the Flag:
of our Country that have become
worn and tattered**

**American Legion Post 16
4520 S Suncoast Blvd
Homosassa, FL**

Unserviceable Flag Drop
Off Box located in front of
the Post. Flags may be
dropped off anytime

POST PHOTO ALBUM

St Paddy's Day with Kevin Dunn and Jack Grolla



MONTHLY CALENDAR

American Legion Post 166

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April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Apri Fool's Day	2	3 2PM – 5PM 1 st Friday Clam Chowder RED SHIRT FRIDAY	4  10:30AM ALR Mtg
5 	6 BE THE ONE DAY KARAOKE NIGHT 5PM – 8PM	7 10AM Executive Committee Mtg 9:30 – 4PM Bloodmobile 	8  10:00AM ALA Mtg Lunch follows	9	10 RED SHIRT FRIDAY	11  10:00AM AL Mtg
12	13	14 	15 Purple Up Day 5PM SAL Racing Peeps 	16	17 RED SHIRT FRIDAY	18  10:00AM SAL Mtg
19	20	21 	22 Earth Day	23	24 RED SHIRT FRIDAY	25 American Legion Day
26	27	28 	29	30 Military Brats Day		

Monthly Fundraiser-ALA Quilt

April 20-24: American Legion Riders Unity Ride

April 25: American legion Riders Rally