



April 2023

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

Commander's Corner



What a proud moment for me to be able to present 3 veterans with mobility scooters! These three gentlemen were so appreciative. One Veteran had tears in his eyes as he told me how much this meant to him, that he had his freedom back, and that he could never thank us enough.

All of this didn't happen overnight. So many people were instrumental in this project. The leader, Butch Klunkle and his foundation donated the scooters. Unfortunately, Butch passed two weeks before our Veterans Relief Fundraiser Event where the scooters were presented.

We owe many thanks to Jamie and Grumpy Gators for hosting the event at their location, for donating the food and handling the raffle auction. We received several donations that day, from Post 155, the AL Riders Chapter 155 and from Post 237 and many people made cash donations. Our post, the Auxiliary, The SAL, and riders all donated to the raffle Auction. The Auxiliary manned a table and passed out flags to everyone. And I cannot forget to thank Post 155's Honor Guard, who honored Butch with a 3- volley salute.

The turnout was tremendous! I cannot express how much that meant as all of the American Legion Families, even as far away as Lady Lake, came together to support the cause!

Butch will be missed! Rest in peace my friend.



For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Commander Post 166

Auxiliary Unit 166 Update

Membership numbers are very important to all organizations. And I am pleased to announce we have not only met but have exceeded our membership goal for 2023! We are currently 157 members or 108.28%. Thank you all!

March was a busy fundraiser month for us.

On March 5th we hosted a spaghetti dinner at the Post to raise funds for Veterans Charities, which was very successful!

I would like to thank our members who participated, with special thanks to Julie Rowe, who cooked a great Italian style spaghetti and meat sauce entree. Also assisting with the meal were Sherri Walters and Dee Costello. Jan Habich handled registration and our servers were Sherri, Dee, Marion Healy, and Kathy Koeppen.

And on March 25th, we held a rummage sale at Howard's Flea Market and that was a successful endeavor, as well. Special thanks to Jan Habich for heading this project up!

These funds go to help our Veterans and our Community. Thanks to all who helped us by participating, we have been able to donate to Gary Sinise's Snow Ball Express, My Warrior's Place, Steve Chamberlain's 50 legs Charity, DayStar, and a young child with cancer.

The first round of nominations for Officers took place this month and continue for the next 2 months with voting at our May meeting. If you are interested in a position, please let me know We are always looking for new faces to help our Auxiliary be the best it can be!

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALA Unit 166

The Sons of the American Legion

Thank you to all who came to our last meeting. The turnout was better than it has been in a long time. If you have not renewed for 2023, please do so. We are just a few members away from the 100% membership goal.

Like the other American Legion Family's, we are in the nomination process. I hope you will consider being a part of the process.

For God and County

Greg Doody, 1st Vice Squadron Commander

Looking over the Fairing

Our 5th Annual Derby Day Charity ride is just a little over a month away. This ride is open to bikes, trikes, street rods, trucks, and automobiles. Just \$15.00 per participant and includes a light breakfast and a meal following the ride. Stops include Crystal River Eagles, Marine Corps League Detachment, VFW #10209 (Spring Hill), VFW #4252 (Hernando) and Sand Trap Bar & Grill. Hope you can join us!

Recently the Crystal River Eagles hosted their annual Charity ride to raise funds for the Steve Chamberlain 50 Legs Charity and between the Auxiliary, the Post, and the Riders, we made a large donation to the worthy cause whose mission is to provide amputees with the necessary care and prosthetics that they otherwise could not afford to live a happier and healthier life.

Upcoming dates:

April 16 -20 and April 24 – May 2: The ALR Florida In-State ride

April 1- May 1: The ALR FL Round Robin More information available at

<https://www.floridalegion.org/programs-services/legion-riders/about/>

Ride Safe

Buzz (Mutt) Chainey, ALR Chapter 166 Director



Saturday, April 1

Last Chance Band

4PM to 7PM

Monday April 3

Adopt-Highway

9AM Meet at the Elks Parking Lot

Bring grabber, water, and sunscreen

First Friday April 7: First Friday

Clam Chowder

2PM to 6PM

Donate to \$4.00 to the Building Fund &

Receive a cup of Chowder

April 15

Purple UP Day

Wear purple honor military children

Monday April 24

Karaoke

5PM to 8PM featuring DJ Buzz Chainey

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: Queen of Hearts drawing

(American Legion Family Members only)

50/50 Drawing follows the Queen of Hearts

(American Legion Family and Guests)

The Bonz Game follows the 50/50 raffle

Three rolls of the dice to get all the same number

Win 2 beer, wine, or well drink chips; or 1 call or

top shelf chip

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: 1st 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	Open
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	Open

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	Barbara Debose
Road Captain	Jerry Van Tassel

Welcome to our New Members

Paul Caccia, Legionnaire
 Crystal Ceja, ALA
 Marilyn Doucette, ALA
 Bruce Halasz, SAL
 Carol Gallant, ALA
 Marshall Gilroy, Legionnaire
 Margaret Hard, ALA
 Georgia Helton, ALA
 Daryl McGill, SAL

Dianne Miller, ALA
 James Miller, Legionnaire
 Rosemary Rospond, ALA
 Nancy Schoenber, ALA
 Francis Stiglich, Legionnaire
 Susan Steitz, ALA
 Robert Wooten, Legionnaire
 Charles Yeager, Legionnaire

Veterans Information



Local Service Officers

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

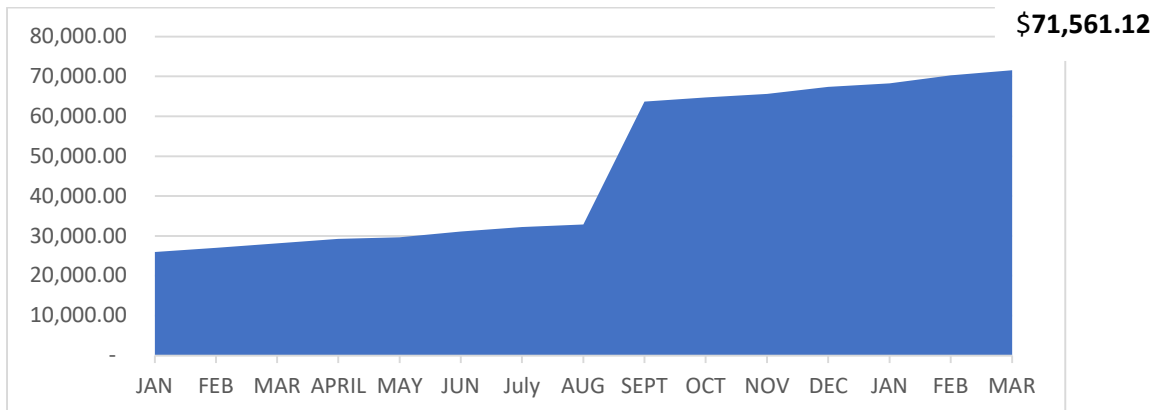
April Building Fundraisers



Tickets: \$5.00 or
 3 for \$10.00



Building Fund as of March 29, 2023

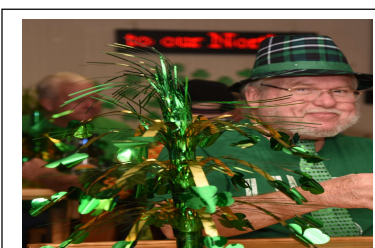


Post Photo Album

Veterans Relief Fundraiser



St. Paddy's Day



Star Fire



April 2023

American Legion Post 166, Homosassa, FL

Children and Youth Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Food's Day 10:30AM ALR Mtg 4PM-7PM Last Chance band
2 Palm Sunday	3 Adopt-A-Highway 9:30 Elks Parking lot <i>Bring grabber, sunscreen & water)</i>	4 10AM E Board Mtg	5	6	7 Good Friday 1 st Friday 2 – 6 Clam Chowder Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50	8 10AM General Membership Mtg
9 Easter National Former POW Recognition Day	10 10:30AM ALA Mtg	11	12	13	14 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle	15 10AM SAL Mtg Purple Up <i>Wear purple in support of Military Children</i>
16	17 Patriot's Day	18	19	20	21 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle	22
23	24 5PM – 8PM Karaoke with KJ Buzz Chainey	25	26	27	228 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle	29 10:30AM ALR Mtg
30 1PM District 4 DCC Mtg at Post 284 (Bellevue) 12PM Registration	1	2	3	4	5 Red Shirt Friday Cinco De mayo 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle	6 ALR Derby Day Charity Ride & Derby Party starts at 5PM

ALR FL Round Robin April 1 – May 1
ALR Florida In-State Unity Ride – April 16 -20 & April 24 - 28