



August 2023

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

Commander's Corner



On July 1, 2023, the 2024 membership renewal period opened. Most of you have probably received your renewal notices from National by now. In order to make the renewal process easier and save you a stamp, we will have three renewal drives from 2:00PM to 4:30PM at the Post on Friday August 18th and 25th and September 1st for all American Legion Families. Hot dogs will be available as well as an opportunity to update your door key. By renewing before September 30th, you will be an official Early Bird which entitles you to attend the Free Catered Early Bird Dinner in October. So come in and renew your membership, enjoy a hot dog, and stay for Friday night activities, which include the Queen of Hearts and a 50/50 Raffle. And while at the Post, consider personalizing a scallop for the Building Fund.

Membership dues can be paid at the Post anytime, online at your www.mylegion.org account or at <https://www.legion.org/renew> for Legionnaires and the Sons, or call (833) 253-9995. The Auxiliary may renew at <https://www.legion-aux.org/renew> or call National Headquarters at **(317) 569-4570** with your member ID ready.

Memberships dues are:

- Legionnaires \$40.00 (an averages of just \$3.33 per month)
- Auxiliary: \$39.00 (an averages of just \$3.25 per month)
- Sons: \$ 34.00 (an averages of just \$2.83 per month)

That's a pretty good deal, don't you think? So, there is really no good reason not to renew early, you get a free meal and the Post gets awards for attaining membership goals.

I also wanted to take a minute to talk about the Building Fund. In order to help it grow, we have added a monthly Sunday Dinner at the Post. The first one, chicken and homemade noodles over mashed potatoes was held on July 16 and was well received. Special thanks to SAL member Randy Parish for cooking.

If you couldn't make that dinner, I hope you will be to attend the next one on August 20th featuring brisket. Meal tickets are available at the Canteen. We asked that you purchase the tickets early so we have the correct amount of food.

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Commander. American Legion Post 166

Auxiliary Unit 166 Update

Operation Homefront has begun! For those of you not familiar with the program, this project is made available through your donations at our local Dollar Tree store. When you are in the store from July 5 through the second week of August, you will be asked at checkout if you would like to donate one of several school supply items. Each week we pick up those items and distribute them to the local military recruiters, schools, and Daystar. Your donations go to help Military families and those in our community who can't afford school supplies. Dollar Tree does the same at Christmas time with toys. So, when you are in Dollar Tree in the next few weeks, consider making a donation to help.

The Sons of the American Legion

On behalf of The Sons of the American Legion, thank you to all who attended our Fourth of July Celebration. Special thanks to those hard-working cooks manning the grill on a very hot day, Randy Parish and Bill Cloke; and to Bill Rowe, Gary Salo Ernest Chainey Jr, Mark Massicott, and Mark Wagnitz for their help and Buzz Chainey for the music. Details coming soon for our next event.

Looking over the Fairing

The Rider's meeting time has changed, for August only. With vacations and other obligations, we will not have a quorum. So, we have rescheduled the monthly meeting to August 19 at 10:00AM. This will be a planning meeting for our Annual Hams and Hogs ride.

To all you Riders out there, it is hot so please stay hydrated!

Ride Safe

Buzz Chainey, Director



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
Adjutant	Lincoln Haynes
Finance Officer	Darrell Walters
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jane Mundis
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 (no Aug mtg)

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
1 st 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 Aug mtg has been rescheduled to 08/19

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



Please note:

The Commander has suspended all Events until the A/C problem is solved.

The Canteen will remain open.

Once the problem is corrected, you will be notified via email and Facebook.

Thank you for your understanding!

The Events below, including the Queen of Hearts, are contingent upon the AC being replaced. Stay tuned for updates.

Saturday, August 12

4PM-6PM: Joel and Lynn

Sunday August 20

4PM: Post Dinner Bldg. Fundraiser

Brisket, 2 sides, roll & desert

Friday August 18

2PM-4PM: Membership Renewal Drive

Friday August 25

2PM-4PM: Membership Renewal Drive

Monday, July 31

Last Monday of the Month Karaoke

5PM to 8PM: Featuring DJ Buzz Chainey

Every Friday Night

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

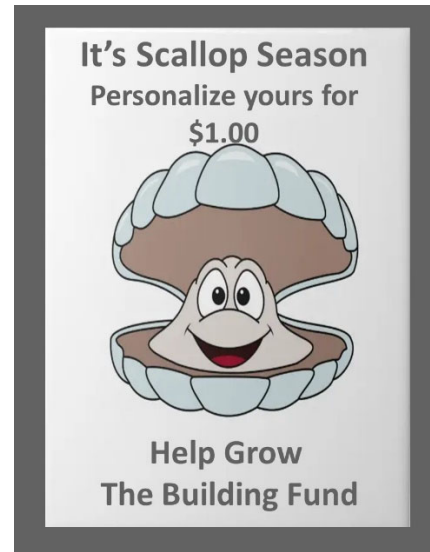
50/50 Drawing follows the Queen of Hearts
(American Legion Family and Guests)

The Bonz Game follows the 50/50 raffle
Three rolls of the dice to get all the same number, win 2 beer, 2 wine or 2 well drink chips; or 1 call or top shelf chip.

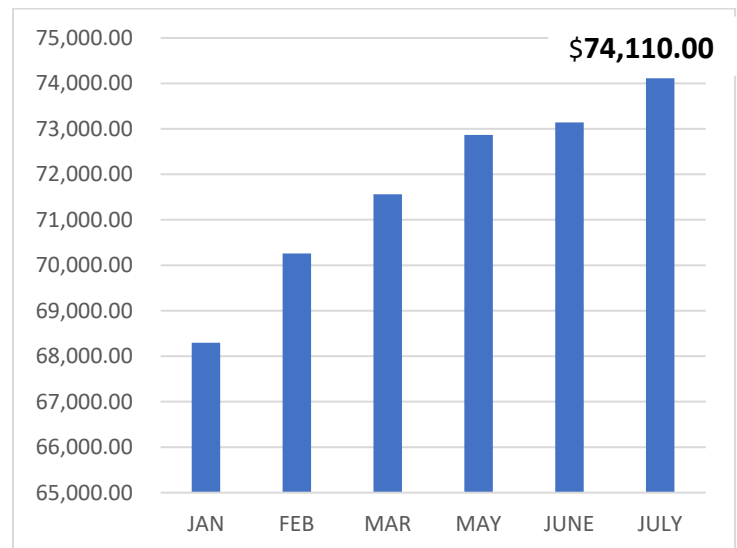


Mark Charles Henry
(01/10/1951 – 07/05/2023)

Help grow the Building Fund



Building Fund as of 07/24/23



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Building Fund!

Meet your Newest Volunteer Bartenders



Susan is a native Floridian, born in Clearwater FL. She has lived in the area for 8 years. She is an auxiliary member eligible for membership under her deceased husband Norman, a veteran. She has one son, who lives in Tampa.

Susan is currently semi-retired, still working for a hospital in New Port Richey as a social worker.

In her spare time, she enjoys being outside gardening, biking, and kayaking. She is also a camper, towing a 19 ft trailer for her, the dog and cat to enjoy.

Susan volunteers as a bartender on Sunday and Thursday nights.

Buzz Chainey

Ernest Chainey, AKA Buzz, has been a member of Post 166 for 6 years. Currently he is the Director of the Riders and 2nd Vice Commander for our Post.

Buzz spent 4 years in the Navy followed by 13 years in the Army before settling in Citrus County. He and his wife of 30 years, Tammy, have 3 grown children, Lauren, Elizabeth, and Ernest Jr, as well as 3 dogs.

After retiring a few months ago from truck driving, he became a volunteer bartender at our Post. Buzz is also a DJ/KJ and volunteers his time for our Post's Karaoke Night on the last Monday of each month.

Buzz volunteers as a bartender on Monday and Tuesday nights.



Shannon Wicker

Shannon is our newest bartender. She and her husband Ed relocated to the area about five years ago from Outer Banks, NC, where she managed 2 retail stores. After settling in the area, she worked at Two Deuces and Jugs Pub.

Her hobbies include fishing, boating, and tent camping. She and her husband also care for a Vietnam Veteran.

Shannon plans to join the Auxiliary as soon as she receives a copy of her dad's DD214.

You can find Shannon volunteering on Monday and Tuesday day shifts.



August 2023 - Antiterrorism Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <i>Coast Guard Birthday</i>	4 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle	5 9AM; District 4 Mtg-Dunnellon
6 <i>Purple Heart Day</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Agent Orange Awareness Day</i>	11 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle	12 10:00AM AL Mtg 4PM-6PM Oldies with Joel & Lynn Entertainment
13	14	15	16 <i>National Airborne Day</i>	17	18 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle 2-4:30PM Early Bird Membership Renewal	19 10:30AM ALR Mtg (new date this month only)
20 4PM: Monthly Post Dinner (Brisket)	21 <i>ALR Legacy Ride</i>	22 <i>ALR Legacy Ride</i>	23 <i>ALR Legacy Ride</i>	24 <i>ALR Legacy Ride</i>	25 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle 2-4:30PM Early Bird Membership Renewal	26 10AM (9AM Reg.) ALA District 4 School of Instruction
27	28 5-8PM Karaoke	29	30 <i>Marine Corps Reserve Birthday</i>	31	1 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts/50-50 Raffle 2-4:30PM Early Bird Membership Renewal	2 10:30AM ALR Mtg VJ Day

Upcoming Dates: September 3 – ALA Tropical Summer Island Dinner

Please note all Events are contingent upon the air conditioning situation being corrected. Meetings will be held as scheduled. Check email and Facebook for updates