

December 2025 The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year



I have some exciting news to share with those of you who have not heard. The Post has located a potential piece of property for our new home. The Executive Committee approved, and the General Membership confirmed the purchase at their meetings. We will pay cash for this purchase. The property is 2.67 acres and located on Grover Cleveland Blvd., across the street from Capt. Jim Golf Carts, just east of US 19.

Although this is exciting news, it is just the first step. We must wait for the wetlands test results before finalizing the purchase. After that, clearing the land, putting in water and septic, and construction can take place. This all takes time. Please do not expect this process to happen overnight! It will be a journey and hopefully working together we can speed the process.

I want to thank everyone who has renewed their membership for 2026. The Legion, SAL, and the Auxiliary are all given goals to meet throughout the year. The next one, set by the Department of Florida, is 12/07/25 and is 75% of the goal. We are all close to making it happen. If you have not renewed, please help us meet our goal by renewing today. As you know, January first will be here soon and 2025 membership cards will expire.

Also, thanks to the Auxiliary and the SAL for a great Veterans Day! The food was great and the thank you cards and gifts were appreciated!

I want to close by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas. The Post will open at 3PM on Christmas Day, so once you are done with your festivities, come on down, and have some holiday cheer.

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Post 166 Commander

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## AUXILIARY UNIT 166

**Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

### **Poppy Program**

We participated at the Old Homosassa Arts, Crafts, and Seafood Festival on Veterans Day weekend and on Veterans Day we were at Margarita Grill and Walden Woods' Veterans Day Event with Poppys. All donations received will be used to help veterans, active military personnel, and their families where financial and medical need is evident.



### **Basket Raffle**

Congratulations to Sue Leneord, winner of the November Basket. The raffle raised \$247.00 to help us help veterans. Thank you all to purchased tickets.

### **Food and Clothing Donations**

Thank you for your donations! This month we delivered 134 items of clothing to the Old Homosassa Outreach Program. As a reminder, we cannot accept used personal items.

### **Christmas Luncheon**

We will hold our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Margarita Grill. This replaces our December meeting (original meeting date was 12/10/25).

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL 166

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## ALR CHAPTER 166

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, we held our first annual Oktoberfest Ride. It was a great day; the weather was perfect for riding, we had a great turnout, and we were able to donate \$3600.00 to the Citrus County Veterans Coalition's Food Pantry. In addition, over 100 pounds of food was donated by Post 166's Family members for the Food Pantry.



### Plaque Update

Our Plaque was home but now it is gone! We retrieved our plaque on November 5<sup>th</sup> from Post 219, Fruitland Park. Then on November 25tg, ALR Chapter 155 went on Raiding Ride and took our plaque and a few other others. We will be bring it home very soon.

### Wreaths for Fallen Heroes

We will participate again this year with IRRU Riders and other motorcycles groups and place wreaths at Bushnell Ceremony on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

For the cause, not the applause

Dwight Dejean, ALR Chapter 166 Director

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## SQUADRON 166

Hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and are ready for Christmas.

The Sons will have a basket to raffle off in December - \$5.00 per ticket 3 for \$10.00

Don't forget the Races on December 17th. It will be reindeer races. Come out and have fun.

Don't forget to pay your dues.

For God and Country

Randy Parrish, Squadron 166 Commander

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## CANTEEN

Have you met our bartenders? If not, come in and introduce yourself, they would love to meet you!



Vena, Lead Bartender



John



Rusann



Pam



Hillary

**Please join us for Sunday Funday**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Caron, Legionnaire

Kenneth Deschamps, Legionnaire

Kurt Gell, SAL

Kenneth Gonci, SAL

John Mathew, Legionnaire

John Schilling, Legionnaire

Charles Sheridan, Legionnaire

Donald Stewart, Legionnaire

## DECEMBER EVENTS

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

December 3: 5PM -8PM First Wednesday Karaoke

December 5: 2PM-6PM First Friday Clam Chowder

December 7: 11:30AM Pearl Harbor Day Service

December 13: 3PM Army Navy Watch Party

December 15: 4:30PM Post Christmas Party with Kevin Dunn

December 17: SAL Racing Reindeer

December 25: Christmas day, Post opens at 3PM

December 31: 4PM Post New Year's Eve Party with Joel Stone

## MONTHLY EVENTS

First Friday of the Month: 2PM to 5PM **Clam Chowder**

First Wednesday 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 Red Shirt Friday: Purchase your 1st drink; receive a chip for the same drink, excluding specialty drinks.

## BE THE ONE TO HELP A VETERAN IN NEED

**BE THE ONE**

To **ASK** veterans in your life how they are doing

To **LISTEN** when a Veteran needs to talk

To **REACH OUT** when a veteran is struggling



## 2025- 2026 OFFICERS & MEETING TIMES



### Legionnaires

**Membership meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



### ALR Chapter 166

**Membership meeting : 1<sup>st</sup>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 FAMILY FUNDRAISERS

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 Cruise  
February 8-15, 2026**



**The Norwegian Dawn**

**Schedule**

Sunday: 4PM Departs Tampa  
Monday: Day At Sea  
Tuesday: 7AM- 4:30PM Cozumel, Mexico  
Wednesday: 10AM – 5:00PM Harvest Caye, Belize  
Thursday 7AM – 5PM Roatan (Bay Islands), Honduras  
Friday: 7AM – 4PM Costa Maya, Mexico  
Saturday: Day at Sea  
Sunday: 7AM Disembark

**Information**

Cabin rates starting at \$1567.72 (2 persons)  
Inside, Oceanview and Balcony  
Gratuities \$140.00  
Travel Insurance (optional) \$75.00 each  
Perks: Beverage Package, Internet, Dining & Shore Excursion. Receive 2 perks with Inside & Oceanview cabins & 4 with Balcony

**Book Now and Lock in your Rate!**  
For more information and to book your cruise  
Contact Shandelle Johnson, Travlin Dreams Travel  
813/408-1247 – Use code American Legion Auxiliary #166

**SAL RACE NIGHT**



**Every Third Wednesday  
Of the Month**

Betting Window opens at 5PM  
Bet as much or as little as you please

Six Heat Races  
Winners of each heat will Compete in the Final Race

Proceeds to benefit American Legion Charities

## POST 166 WEEKLY / MONTHLY EVENTS

**KARAOKE NIGHT**  
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 166**  
4520 S SUNCOAST BLVD, HOMOSASSA SPRINGS

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

HOSTED BY BUZZSAW ENTERTAINMENT

**FIRST FRIDAY**



**Jane's Famous Clam Chowder**

Donate To The Building Fund

Receive A Cup of Clam Chowder & Crackers

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 166**



**QUEEN OF HEARTS**

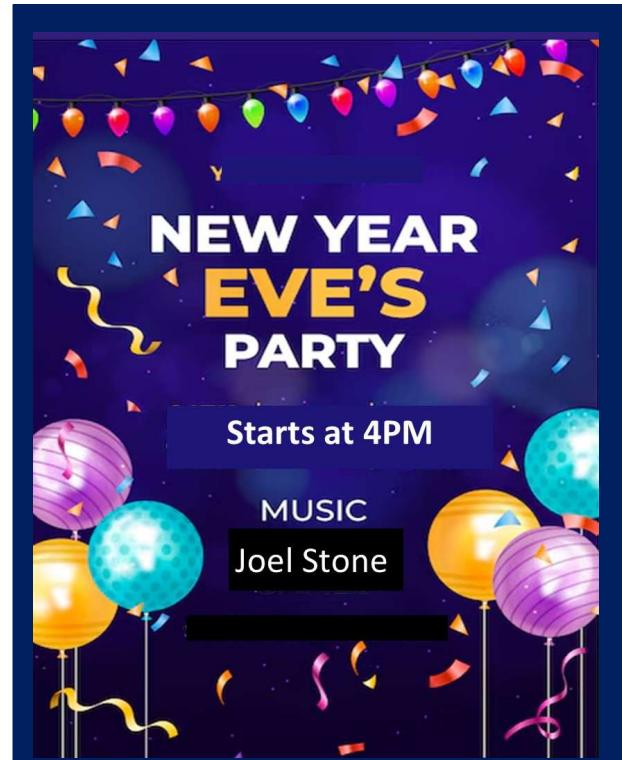
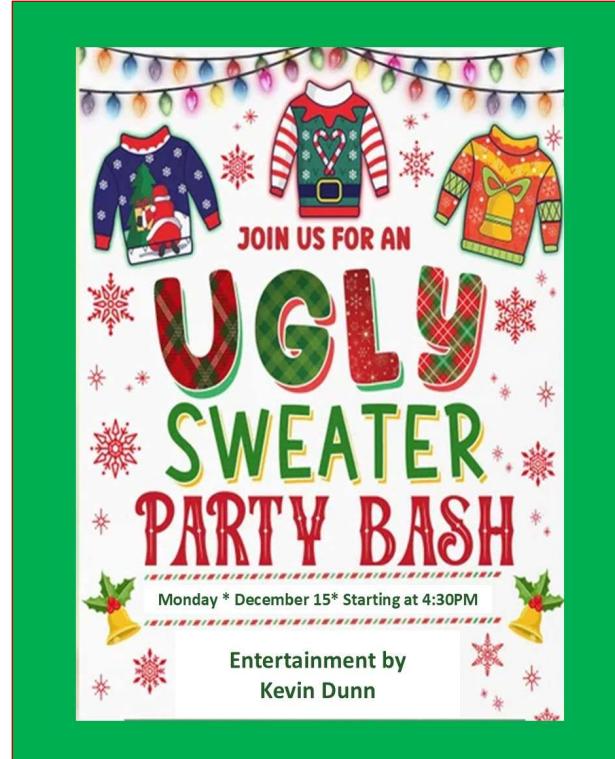
Drawing Every Tuesday Night

**6:30 PM**

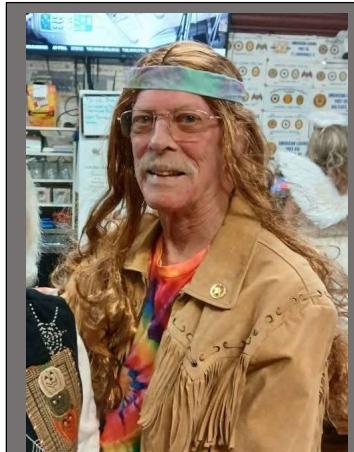
**Tickets: \$1.00 each**

**Tickets Available All Week**

## DECEMBER EVENTS



## POST PHOTO ALBUM



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### Tom Corsile



### Marine Corp Birthday



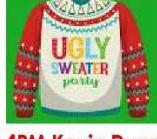
### Veterans Day



## CALENDAR

## December 2025

American Legion Post 166 – 4520 S Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa - americanpost166@gmail.com (352)765-765-3949

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 KARAOKE NIGHT 5PM – 7PM	4	5 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	6 10:30AM ALR Mtg Fun Ride Follows
7 11AM Pearl Harbor Day Service 1PM – 3PM Children's Sidewalk Stroll	8	9 10AM Executive Committee Mtg Noon ALA Christmas Party at Marguerita Grill Queen of Hearts	10 No ALA Meeting	11	12 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	13 10:00AM AL Mtg Army Navy Game
14 Wreaths for Fallen Heroes District Mtg Post 58 11:30/12:30	15  4PM Kevin Dunn	16 National Guard Birthday 	17 5PM SAL Race Night 	18	19 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	20  10:00AM SAL Mtg
21	22	23 	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 3PM Post Open 	26 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	27
28	29	30  Space Force Birthday	31 4PM New Year's Eve Party with Joel Stone	1 Red Shirt Friday: Wear a red shirt on Friday, purchase your first drink; receive a chip for the same, excludes specialty drinks Queen of Hearts: Tickets available every day 6:30PM – Queen of Hearts Drawing, 50/50 raffle & the Bonz Game	2	3