

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



Commander's Corner

February will be a busy month at the Post. We have many activities planned, lots of fun things but also events that work our mission.

Those events include the Four Chaplains Remembrance Ceremony, the Blood Donation Program, and The Retirement of Unserviceable American Flags.

The Four Chaplains

We will honor the Four Chaplains on February 5th at 11AM with a light lunch following the service. This year marks eighty years since those four Chaplains sacrificed their lives giving others a chance to survive when the USAT Dorchester was hit by a torpedo and quickly sank on the early morning of February 3rd. This is the story of four ordinary men doing extraordinary things. I hope you will make the time to join us and learn more about these men.

Blood Donations

According to the Red Cross, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood, and this is especially true here in Citrus County. There is always an urgent need! The Bloodmobile will be at the Post on February 14th, Valentine's Day. I can't think of a better way to honor your valentine than to donate and save lives! Did you know that one pint of donated blood has the potential to save up to three lives? Whole blood can be donated every 8 weeks; platelets every 7 days, up to 24 times a year, and double reds every 16 weeks. Not everyone can donate, but if you can, please consider donating on February 14th. The Bloodmobile will be at the Post from 9AM to 5PM.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

The American flag is the most sacred of all the United States symbols. It stands for freedom, liberty, and peace. When the flag becomes tattered and worn, it should be retired in a respectful manner and with dignity. On February 11th, following the General Membership meeting, we will retire approximately 1,000 flags. I hope you can join us for the brief service and show your respect to "Old Glory". Lunch will be provided to all attendees.

For God and Country

Bob Ballew
Post 166 Commander

Auxiliary Unit 166 Update

This month we updated our constitution and bylaws to better align with National and Department.

We also began planning for our March 5th Event, a Spaghetti dinner including salad, garlic bread and dessert. Please save the date! This fundraiser will help us better work our mission to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. More details coming soon.

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, ALA Unit 166

SAL Update

On behalf of the Sons of the American Legion, I would like to thank everyone who turned out to support our Hamburger/Hot dog Event. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend , but I understand the SAL team did a great job of executing the event and we were able to raise funds to help our veterans.



For God and Country

Curt Woods, Squadron Commander

Looking over the Fairing

Congratulation to our new offices!

Director: Buzz (Ernie) Chainey

Treasurer: Debbie Ballew

Chaplain: Bill Sonnycalf

Installation of the new officers will be held at our next meeting, February 4th, and as always, a fun ride will follow the meeting

We recently met up with ALR Chapter 77 for a ride to Post 101 in Bushnell and joined ALR Chapter 237 again on January 28th on their annual ride to support Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast Grief Services.

In February our Post will be the second stop for Chapter 347, the AML Lady Lake Riders and March 11, the 50 Legs Charity Ride, sponsored by the Crystal River Eagles has scheduled a stop at the Post.

Plans are shaping up for our annual Derby Day Ride on May 6th. The Post will have their annual Derby Day Party and hat contest following the ride as usual. Hope all of you can make it.

Ride safe

Bob Ballew, Acting Director

Veterans Update

New VA Outpatient Clinic: A town Hall meeting is scheduled for February 23rd at the Inverness City Council Chambers, located in the Inverness Government Building to give Citrus county Veterans an opportunity to express what they as veterans, want in clinic services, the location of the clinic, and other concerns they may have with health care and benefits. The Inverness Government Building is located at 212 W. Main Street, Inverness. Now is your chance to have your voice heard!



Local Service Officers

Jim Dryer (315) 240-1442 Wanda Thomas (352) 257-054



First Friday February 3: First Friday

2PM to 6PM Clam Chowder

Donate to \$4.00 to the Building Fund & receive a cup of Chowder

Sunday, February 5: Four Chaplains

11AM Ceremony

Lunch follows for attendees

Sunday, February 12: Superbowl Party

Game stats at 6:30Pm

Come early for raffles, games, and snacks

Tuesday, February 14: Valentine's Day

9AM to 5PM Blood Mobile

4PM to 7PM Last Chace band

5:30PM Sweets for the Sweet

Tuesday, February 21: Mardi Gras Party

5PM: Let the Good Times Roll

Wear your mask, enjoy jambalaya

Monday February 27: Last Monday Karaoke

Featuring KJ Buzz Chainey

5PM -8PM

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	Debbie Ballew
Treasurer	Debbie Ballew
Sergeant-At-Arms	Tom Brown
Chaplain	Bill Sonnycalf
Historian	Barbara Debose
Road Captain	Jerry Van Tassel

Welcome to our New Members

Connie Blessman, Auxiliary
 Rosemarie E. Colunio, Legionnaire
 Cindy Haynes, Auxiliary
 Richard Koch, Legionnaire
 Jeffrey Kopp, Legionnaire
 Richard Kulch, Legionnaire
 Albert J Lanoie, Legionnaire

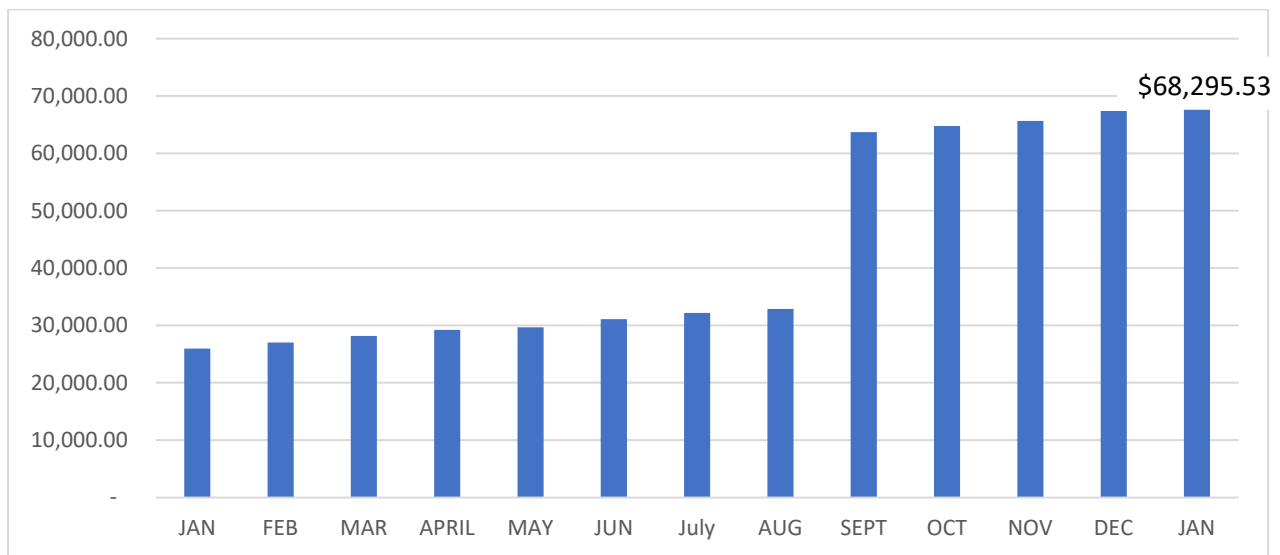
Lloyd A Smith, Legionnaire
 Cheryl Suits, Auxiliary
 David Swartout, Legionnaire
 Patricia Swartout, Auxiliary
 Herbert Tragesser, Legionnaire
 Roger Young, Legionnaire

February Building Fundraisers



Basket tickets - \$5.00
Drawing 7PMValentine's Day

Building Fund as of January 30, 2022



Thank you for your donations!

Photo Album - Karaoke

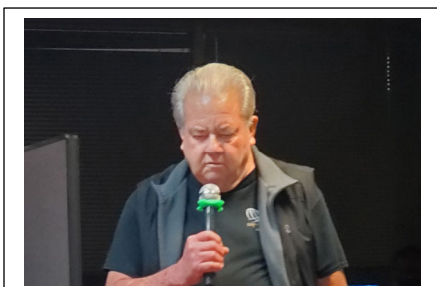
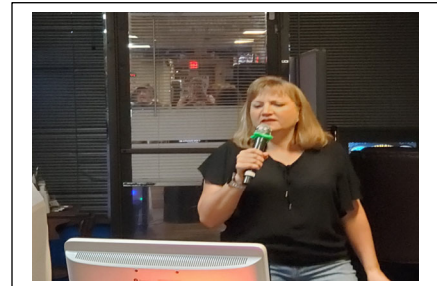


Every Last Monday of the Month

5PM to 8PM



Featuring Buzz Chainey of Buzzsaw Entertainment



February 2023, Homosassa FL Americanism Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ground Hog Day	2 Summit Meet & Greet Meet	3 1 st Friday 2 – 6 Clam Chowder Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle	4 10AM ALR Mtg ALR Summit
5 11AM Four Chaplains/Lunch	6	7 10AM E Board Mtg	8	9	10 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle	11 10AM General Membership Mtg 11AM Flag
12 5PM Super Bowl Party	13 10:30AM ALA Mtg	14 Valentine's Day 4PM-7PM Last Chance Band 9AM-5PM Blood Mobile	15	16	17 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle	18 10AM SAL Mtg
19	20 President's Day	21 5PM Mardi Gras Party	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24 Red Shirt Friday 6:30 Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle	25 Lady Lake Veterans Relief Charity Ride (11AM)
26	27 5PM – 8PM Karaoke with KJ Buzz Chainey	28				

March Dates

March 3 – First Friday Clam Chowder
March 5 – ALA Spaghetti Dinner
March 6– Adopt-A-Highway (ALR)
March 12 – Veterans Event

March 17 – St Patrick's Day
March 21 – Starfire band
March 27 – Last Monday Karaoke