



February 2024

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

Commander's Corner



Every year in February, our Post 166 American Legion Family recognizes and remembers The Four Chaplains with a service at the Post. This year the service will be held on Sunday, February 11th beginning at 11AM. Refreshments will be served after the service and the canteen will be open for those in attendance.

The Four Chaplains were ordinary people doing extraordinary things. They selflessly gave up their lives for others. Please plan to attend and learn more about these remarkable men.

Nominations of Officers for our Legion Family begins in March. Nominations will be taken during March, April, and May with voting at the May meetings. Officer responsibilities are available on the different American Legion websites. We need dedicated people to keep us growing and improving. It takes all of us working together. Please consider how you can help us to be the best we can be. If an officer position is not your forte, there are many other ways to help. We always need people willing to help at Events or help with chores around the Post.

I would like to thank everyone for their support with our activities that support the Building Fund. Although we still have a ways to go to be in position to make a purchase, we have made great strides. This month alone, the Post activities generated over \$2100. The monthly Sunday dinners have been received very well. Although this month's dinner will be on Valentines day. You won't want to miss this one, so get your tickets early as there is a limited number of tickets.

If you would like to participate in a dinner, please let Debbie or Lincoln know or email americanpost166@gmail.com. Help is always appreciated!

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Commander

American Legion Post 166, Homosassa FL

Auxiliary Unit 166

Hello and happy February.

Mark your calendars for February 24th. Our Unit will have a Rummage Sale at Howard's Flea Market. If you have items you are ready to part with, we would love to have them for our sale. For more information on when and where to drop your donated items off, please call Jan at (352) 765-4802. No clothes please.

This month we were able to mail off 3 boxes to "our" Army Unit stationed somewhere in the Middle East. There are 32 soldiers in this Unit. If you would like to contribute to the monthly boxes we are shipping, please stop by the Post and place your items in the camouflage box. There is a list of wanted supplies attached to the box. Your donations will be appreciated. We plan to send homemade cookies in February. We will be collecting them at our next meeting on February 14th.



The Veterans Homeless Shelter is now open. Bridge 4 Veterans President Greg Pelletier, who oversees the Shelter, attended our last meeting, and gave us an overview of the Shelter and what we could do to help. We are looking forward to helping those Veterans.

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL Unit 166

The Sons of the American Legion



March 2, 2024
4PM to 6PM

Ziti **DINNER**
FUNDRAISING EVENT

Dinner Includes:
**Baked Ziti, Meatballs, Salad,
Bread, & Dessert**

Suggested donation of \$10.00
Sign up at Post 166

*Sponsored by The Sons of The
American Legion Squadron 166*

**Proceeds to Support the Florida
Sherriff's Youth Ranches**

ALR Chapter 166

My name is Dwight Dejean, the newly elected Director of the Legion Riders Chapter 166.

I have been a Legion member for thirteen years-seven at Post 166. I am originally from Michigan but have lived in Homosassa for eighteen plus years. My main Rides are 1997 and 2000 Road Kings. I also have a 1974 Honda 750, a 1972 Norton 750 Commando, and a 1971 Triumph Bonneville. It sounds like a lot of bikes until you talk to Jerry Van Tassell!

In December, I rode with a group to the Bushnell National Cemetery in Bushnell FL to place wreaths on Veteran's graves. This was my first time but I will definitely do this again!

Congratulations to Pam Murrin on being elected as the new road Captain for our Chapter.

I look forward to more rides coming up.

For the cause, not the applause

Dwight DeJean, Director ALR Chapter 166

Monthly Events

Every Tuesday

5:30PM: Pie Slice Sale

\$5.00 suggested donation to the Building Fund

Queen of Hearts

6:15PM: Queen of Heart ticket sales close

6:30PM: Queen of Hearts Drawing

\$1.00 per Ticket

Winning ticket holder receives 70% of the posted amount **if present**; if not present, winning ticket holder receives 50% of above amount

Members only

Must present current membership card if drawn

50/50 Raffle: Following the Queen of Hearts

5PM Tickets Sales Open

7 tickets for \$5.00, no limit

3 Drawings Held

1 – 50% of Ticket Sales

2 – 10 Pull Tabs

3 – 5 Pull Tabs

Must be Present to Win

Open to Members and Guests

The Bonz Game: Following the 50/50 Raffle

3 chances to roll 5 of a kind

\$1.00 to play

Winner receives a chip redeemable for 2 beers, wine or well drinks or one chip for top shelf drinks

Excludes specialty Drinks

Open to Members and Guests

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 50/50 Raffle Followed by The Bonz Game*

**Same rules apply as Tuesday night*

First Sunday of the Month

5PM to 8PM: Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment

February only – Karaoke moved to Thurs. 02/08/24

First Friday of the Month

Clam Chowder

2PM – 6PM: Make a \$5.00 donation to the Building Fund and receive a cup of Clam chowder

Friday, February 2

2PM to 6PM First Friday **Clam Chowder**

Red Shirt Friday Activities

Tuesday, February 6

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Thursday February 8

5PM to 8PM **Karaoke** with Buzzsaw Entertainment

Friday, February 9 - Red Shirt Friday Activities

Saturday, February 10

- 12PM **Adopt-A-Highway** (Grover Cleveland)
Meet at the Elks Parking lot
Bring grabber, water, and sunscreen
- 3PM to 6PM: Sweets for the Sweet

Sunday, February 11

- 11AM **Four Chaplains**
- 5PM: **Superbowl Watch Party**
Food, Raffles, Games
6:30PM Start of Game

Tuesday, February 13

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Wednesday, February 14

5PM Valentine Steak Dinner

\$15.00 Suggested donation to the Building Fund

Ticket available at the Canteen

Friday, February 16 - Red Shirt Friday Activities

Tuesday, February 20

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Wednesday, February 21

2PM to 4PM **Star Fire**

Friday, February 23 - Red Shirt Friday Activities

Saturday, February 24

8AM to 4PM **ALA Unit 166 Rummage Sale** at Howard's Flea Market. Watch Facebook for booth #

Tuesday, February 27

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

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	Dwight DeJean
2 nd Vice Commander/ Adjutant	Lincoln Haynes
Finance Officer	Darrell Walters
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jane Mundis
Chaplain	Bill Rowe
Historian	Tom Piazza
Past Commander / E Board	Marie Conti
Judge Advocate / E-Board	Frank Digennaro
Executive Board Member	Tom Brown
Executive Board Member	Bud Costello
Executive Board Member	David Kaczanowski
Executive Board Member	Kevin Myhill
Executive Board Member	John Surprise

American Legion Auxiliary

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Wednesday at 10:00AM

President	Debbie Ballew
Vice President	Judy Salo
Secretary	Julie Rowe
Treasurer	Dee Costello
Chaplain	Vicky Eley
Historian	Cindy 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
1st 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

Director	Dwight DeJean
Assistant Director	Bob Ballew
Secretary/Treasurer	Debbie Ballew
Sergeant-At-Arms	Tom Brown
Chaplain	Bill Sonnycalf
Historian	Tammy Chainey
Road Captain	Pam Murrin

Welcome
to our
New Members

Linda Brown, ALA
Lou Desio, Legionnaire
Rayn Grabeal Lewis, ALA Jr.
Sam Green III, Legionnaire
Johnny Moore, SAL
Keith Thomas, SAL
Peggy Triplett, ALA
David Zuidmulder, Legionnaire



Gary Carolfi, US Army Veteran

Post 166 Membership by the numbers

Legionnaires – 286 members
Auxiliary – 160 members
Sons of the American Legion – 62 members
American Legin Riders– 18 members

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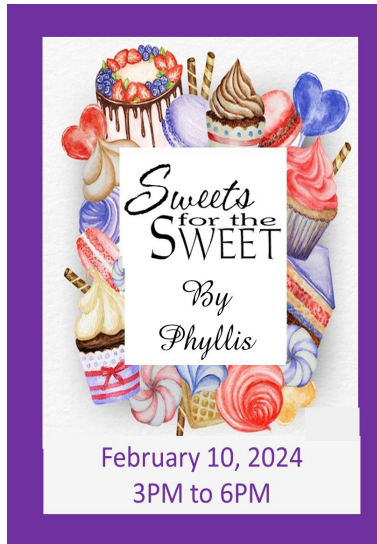
To **ASK** veterans in your life how they are doing
To **LISTEN** when a Veteran needs to talk
To **REACH OUT** when a veteran is struggling



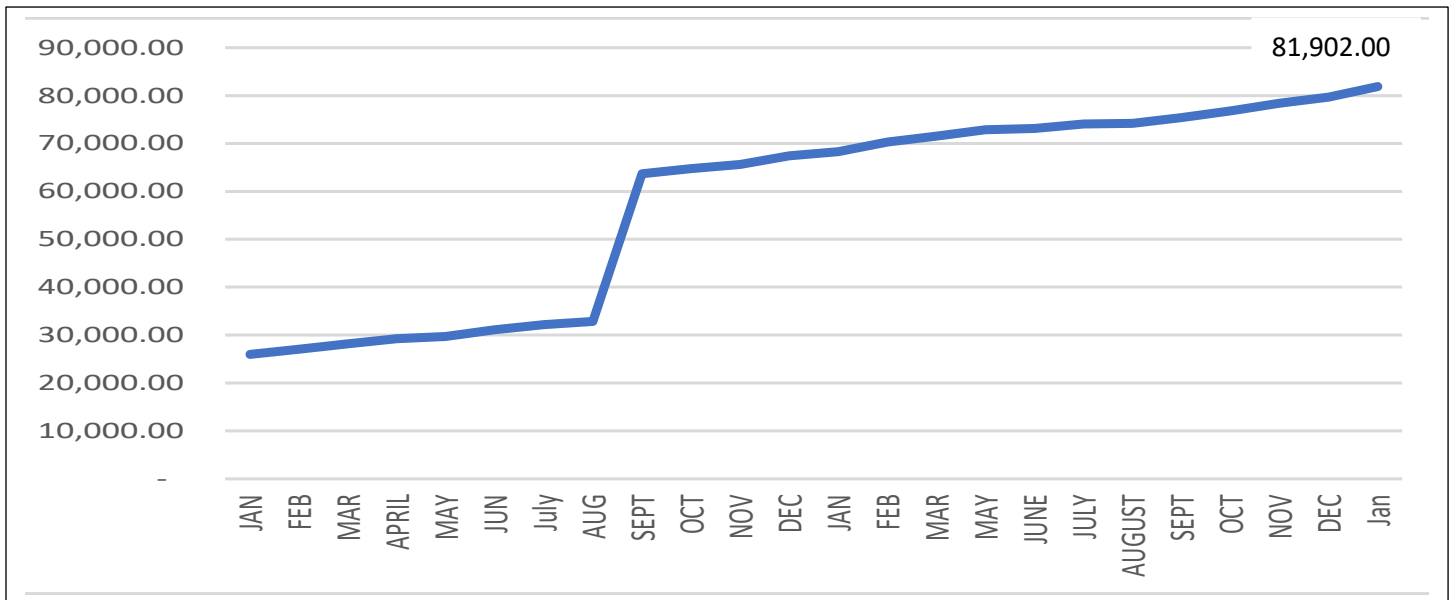
BUILDING FUND EVENTS

Pie Sales Every Tuesday Night
Thank you Phyllis Surprise

First Friday Clam Chowder
Thank you Jane Mundis

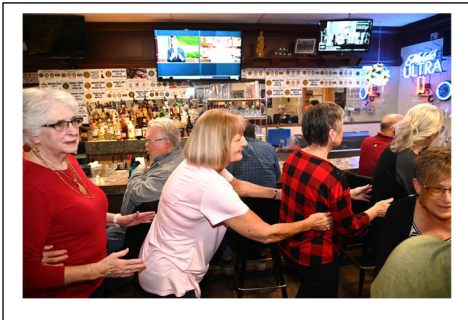


Building Fund Balance (01/29/24)



Post Photo Album

Last Chance Band



Monthly Sunday Dinner



February 2024 – Americanism Month

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		6		<i>ALR Summit</i>	2PM – 6PM First Friday Clam Chowder Red Shirt Frida 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	10:30AM ALR Mtg <i>ALR Summit</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
USO BD		10AM Executive Board Mtg 6:30PM Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game Slice of Pie Sale		5PM – 8PM: Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment	Red Shirt Friday 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	10AM AL Mtg 12PM Adopt-A-Highway (meet at Elks Parking lot) 3-6PM Sweets for the Sweet
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
11AM- Four Chaplains Super Bowl 58 Food, Raffles. Games Game starts @ 6:30		6:30PM Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game Slice of Pie Sale <i>Fat Tuesday</i>	10:00 ALA Mtg 5:00PM Valentines Day Steak Dinner <i>Ash Wednesday</i>		Red Shirt Friday 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	10AM SAL Mtg
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Daytona 500</i>	<i>GC Reserve BD President's Day</i>	6:30PM Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game Slice of Pie Sale	2PM – 4PM Star Fire		Red Shirt Friday 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	9AM ALA Rummage Sale at Howard's Flea Market
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
		6:30PM Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game Slice of Pie Sale			2PM – 6PM First Friday Clam Chowder Red Shirt Frida 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	10:30AM 4tg 4 – 6PM SAL Fundraiser Ziti with Meatballs Dinner