

March 2025

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

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Happy 106th Birthday American Legion!

The American Legion will turn 106 on March 15th. We will celebrate all The American Legion has accomplished with a birthday cake and snacks.

Since its inception in 1919, the American Legion has advocated for Veterans. It was the American Legion advocacy that convinced the federal government to create the Veterans Bureau in 1921, who drafted the GI Bill, funded studies, lobbied Congress and encouraged presidents to sign legislation delivering comprehensive benefits to veterans with conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Lou Gehrig's disease and a host of illnesses linked to Agent Orange exposure, burn pits, atomic radiation and other toxins connected to military service.

Our help is needed now to help combat-injured veterans receive both their earned retirement pay and disability compensation. Contact Congress and request they support the Major Richard Star Act, at <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/Campaigns/116903/Respond>. Together we can make this happen!

As I stated last month, nominations for 2025-2026 officers start this month. Please consider getting involved and helping our Post grow. If not as an Officer, how about volunteering to help with our events and projects. Help is always needed and appreciated!

The Steak Dinner planned for March 2nd has moved to March 23rd. If you have a ticket for March 2nd, it will be honored on March 23rd. If the new date does not work for you, please see a bartender for a refund. We are excited to have the Star Fire band back again this year on March 12th (please, 1 guest per member). March 16th is Michigan Day, the Yoopers vs. the Trolls, which is always a great time. We also have a new Event, **Race Night**, (sponsored by the SAL) starting this month on March 19th. I hope you will come and support our Post so we can continue to have Events.

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Post 166 Commander

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AUXILIARY UNIT 166

Quilt Raffle to Support ALA Charities



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 would like to thank Sherrie Betts for the beautiful patriotic quilt she made for us.

We are raffling the quilt off and all ticket proceeds will be used to support our ALA Charities. Tickets are \$5.00 each with the drawing on April 6th. See the Bartenders for tickets.

Service not self

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL 166

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SQUADRON 166



Race Night Is Coming!

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 166 are excited to announce starting March 19th we will hold Racing Night once a month!

There will be six heat races and the winners of each heat will compete in the Final Race of the night.

The Betting Window opens at 4PM. Tickets can only be purchased for the upcoming race, not all 7 races at once. Bet as little or as much as you want, minimum bet is \$1.00. Once the bets are in for each race, the Odds Board will be updated and then the race is on!

Two members of the audience will be selected, one as a "Mover" and one as a "Shaker". The "Shaker" will roll two dice and the "Mover" will advance two cars (determined by the number on the dice) one spot. The car that reaches the finish line first is declared the winner. In case of a tie, the two winning cars will race each other beginning at the half way point of the track.

All winning bets will be paid out after each race and the Ticket Window will open again for the next race.

I hope you will come in to support our monthly fundraiser. The proceeds from Race Night will be used to support the four pillars of the American Legion: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

Mark your calendars for May 3rd and celebrate Derby Day with us when horses race instead of cars.. In addition, we will host the Derby Day Party with a spaghetti dinner, 50/50 raffle with all proceeds to benefit the Sheriffs' Youth Summer Camp. More details to come

For God and Country

Randy Parrish

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ALR CHAPTER 166



Capture the Plaque Update

Our Plaque has been captured again! This time by riders from Post 283 who were camping in Homosassa. Their Post is located in the Arlington area of Jacksonville.

Another long ride to retrieve our Plaque, but this time we will have company. ALR Chapter 77 (Inverness) have asked to join us on the ride. And maybe we will collect some plaques on the ride up and back!

ALR 166 Charity Poker Run

Please mark your calendars for April 26th. We will be hosting a charity poker run to benefit American Legion Charities and local charities. All are welcome to join us. Registration is 9AM and we will depart from the Post at 10AM. Food will be provided before and after the ride. More details are coming soon

Join the ALR Chapter 166

I also wanted to remind everyone that if you belong to the American Legion Family, have a motorcycle, and like to ride, please consider joining our Chapter. Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 10:30AM. We keep them short and then we ride, stopping for lunch along the way. We stay off the busy roads and ride the many beautiful backroads in our area. We would love to have you along for the ride!

For the Cause, not the applause

Dwight Dejean, Director

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Larry Ahrendt,, Legionnaire

Melvin Beckelhimer Legionnaire

Chip Corley, Legionnaire

Lloyd (Guido) Hammond,, Legionnaire

Doris Kline, ALA

Betty Miller, ALA

Robert Pardee SAL

Michael Viola, SAL

Paul Yacono, Legionnaire

2024- 2025 OFFICERS & MEETING TIMES

Legionnaires membership meetings: 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00AM

Commander: Bob Ballew
 1st Vice Commander: Dwight DeJean
 2nd Vice Commander & Adjutant: L. Haynes
 Sgt-at-Arms: Jane Mundis
 Finance Officer: Darrell Walters
 Chaplain: Bill Rowe
 Historian: Tom Piazza

Judge Advocate: Frank DiGennaro
 Executive Committee Member: Marie Conti
 Executive Committee Member: Tom Brown
 Executive Committee Member: Bud Costello
 Executive Committee Member: David Kaczanowski
 Executive Committee Member: John Surprise
 Executive Committee Member: Kevin Myhill

Auxiliary Unit 166 membership meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM, lunch follows

President: Debbie Ballew
 Vice President: Cindy Haines
 Secretary / Treasurer: Dee Costello
 Chaplain: Lola Strickland
 Historian: Julie Rowe

Sergeant-At-Arms: Sheri Walters
 Executive Committee: Ida Maslinski
 Executive Committee: Judy Salo
 Executive Committee: Vicky Eley
 Executive Committee: Jan Habich

SAL Squadron 166 membership Meetings: 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00AM

Squadron Commander, Randy Parrish
 Vice Commander: Ernest (Buzz) Chainey

Treasurer: Mark Wagnitz
 Chaplain: Bill Cloke

ALR Chapter 166 membership 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
 Road Captain: Pam Murrin
 Chaplain: Bill Sonnycalf

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

Every Tuesday: 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

Red Shirt Friday: Purchase your 1st drink; receive a chip for the same drink, excludes specialty drinks

First Monday of the Month: 5PM to 8PM: Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment

First Friday Clam Chowder: 2:30PM – 6PM October through April. \$5.00 donation to the Building Fund for a bowl

Monthly Sunday Dinners: September through June

3 Drawings Held

1 – 50% of Ticket Sales

2 – 10 Pull Tabs

3 – 5 Pull Tabs

Must be present to win, open to members & guests

The Bonz Game: Following the 50/50 Raffle

\$1.00 to play; 3 chances to roll 5 of a kind.


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

Excludes specialty drinks.

Open to members and guests

MARCH EVENTS

BUZZSAW ENTERTAINMENT
Featuring *KJ Buzz Chainé*




First Monday of the Month

FIRST FRIDAY

**Donate \$5.00 To
The Building Fund For
A Cup of Clam Chowder**



Tickets - \$5.00
Drawing after all 100



tickets sold
Benefit the Building Fund

MONTHLY SUNDAY DINNER

NEW DATE



T- Bone Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Roll & Dessert

MARCH 23- 4PM
Tickets: Available at the Canteen
Suggested \$18.00 donation to
The Building Fund
**HELP GROW
THE BUILDING FUND**

STAR FIRE



March 12 - 3PM
**One guest per Members
please**

Celebrating Michigan
The 2023 & 2024 Champions

Yoopers Vs. Trolls

A Michigan Cook Off

Sunday, March 16, 2024
Begins at 4PM
American Legion Post 166
Food, Basket Raffle & More

BUILDING FUND AS OF 02/24/25



Thank you members for your continued support!

POST PHOTO ALBUM

Superbowl Sunday featuring Milk Can Stew *(Thanks to Jeff & Kat)*



Flag Retirement – February 8, 2025



March 2025 - Military Care Giver Month

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						10:30AM ALR Mtg Fun Ride Follows 
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	5PM – 8PM Karaoke	10AM Executive Committee Mtg Fat Tuesday 			Red Shirt Friday 2 -6PM 1st Friday Clam Chowder	10:00AM AL Mtg 
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			10:00AM ALA Mtg 3PM Star Fire Band 		Red Shirt Friday	10:00AM SAL Mtg 
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
MI Day Yoopers vs. Trolls Cook Off			 4PM SAL Race Night		Red Shirt Friday	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
4PM Monthly Sunday Dinner 					Red Shirt Friday	
30	31					