

March 2026

The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



I am thrilled to announce we have a piece of property for our new home! We closed today. The address is 6911 West Grover Cleveland Street., directly across from the Aloha Pool Company.

The real work begins now, and we need everyone's help in getting a building . We will be doing some heavy fundraising in the near future and we will need help. If you would like to be on the Fundraising Committee, please let me know.

Also, if you a licensed plumber, electrician, painter or another trade, we will need your help down the road.

Our first steps will be an architectural plan and permitting.

And if all goes well, we could be in our new location in 1 to 2 years!

Our new fiscal years starts July1, 2026 and the election process will begin in March. Nominations will be taken in March, April and May with elections following the May nominations. Remember to let your Nominating Committee know if you are interested in a position. And please, review the job description and duties of the position you are interested in. Some positions require a large amount of time and others not as much, but you are committing to be at every meeting, and every Ceremonial Service as part of your duties to represent your office and your Legion Family.

I want to thank all the Family Officers who attended the American Legion Family, Department of Florida District 4 tour. This was the first time all the Dept. Family leadership has done this. I received many compliments on our Post, the things we have accomplished and the participation. Thank you!

For God and Country!

Bob Ballew, Post 166 Commander

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AUXILIARY UNIT 166

ALA Unit 166 Cruisers are home!



Thank you to those who participated in the Unit 166's sponsored cruise this year!

Cold Weather Shelter Donations



This month's donations included 4 boxes of hygiene items, 17 Sweatshirts, and 3 blankets and pillows. Thank you to all who helped make this possible!

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL 166

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ALR CHAPTER 166

2026 Poker Run



I would like to remind everyone of our Charity Poker Run coming up on March 28, 2026.

The Ride is open to all - whether you ride a motorcycle or drive a car or truck, all are welcome!

Registration is \$15.00 per person and includes a meal following the ride.

All proceeds will go directly to support ALR Charities.

Best Poker hand will earn you \$100.00 and second-best is \$50.00. We will also have a "Biker's" Basket Raffle.

Registration starts at 9AM and the ride starts at 10AM.

I hope you can join us; it will be a fun day!

For the cause, not the applause

Dwight Dejean, ALR Chapter 166 Director,

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Hope everyone is doing well with the weather warming up.

I want to say thanks everyone that got tickets on our basket. We did very well – over \$500.00. It has already been given out to Charities.

Nomination of Officers starts in March. We can use some go getters.

Don't forget our races. It is a great time, and we are getting more people coming in.

For God and Country

Randy Parrish, Squadron 166 Commander

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CANTEEN



Don't forget Sunday Funday – It's fun time! Our featured drink this month is the Irish Mule.

We have also added several new options for you at the Canteen. Check them out!

- ✓ Flavored Vodka's include Raspberry, Vanilla and Blueberry
- ✓ Jim Beam Pineapple
- ✓ Crown Royal Peach

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Canteen!

DID YOU KNOW?

Happy Birthday American Legion

On March 15, 2026, the American Legion will celebrate another birthday – 107th



The idea of a Veteran's organization started following WWI when Theodore Roosevelt Jr., President Roosevelt's son and an officer in the American Expeditionary Forces in France, got the idea from a wounded sergeant in a hospital, who told him that an organization of veterans of the war should be formed, that they had all stuck together in the bad times and should stick together in the good times.

Not long after that, an organizational committee met. They decided to hold two organization forming meetings, one in Paris on March 15, 1919, and the second in St. Louis on May 8, 1919. Everyone at the meeting agreed on certain principles:

- No difference should be made between those who had served overseas and those who had not, as the desire to serve us what counted.
- There should be no question of rank. Privates would get a chance to tell generals what they thought.

Roosevelt also believed strongly that the Legion should avoid partisan politics and focus on veterans, their families, national defense, patriotism, and youth.

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization devoted to mutual helpfulness.

By the time of the first national convention, membership was over one million strong.

The first Post was in Washington DC and our first Post in Florida was in Titusville, chartered in 1982.

Today, the American Legion is still the largest wartime veterans service organization, with over two million members in more than 13,000 posts worldwide all dedicated to supporting the 4 pillars on which it was founded.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mikelle Fowler, Auxiliary
Eugene Hart, Legionnaire
Peter Pius, Legionnaire
Cory Plunkett, Legionnaire
Diana Stefenyk, Auxiliary

POST EVERLASTING

David Hawkins, United States Army

MARCH 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.

Your Post needs you!

March 2: 5PM - 8PM First Monday Karaoke

March 6: 2PM - 6PM First Friday Clam Chowder – donate to the Building Fund for a bowl of Chowder

March 15: 2PM – 7PM American Legion’s 107th Birthday Celebration.

March 16: 4PM – 7PM St. Patrick’s Day with music by Kevin Dunn *(one day early due to Queen of Hearts on Tues.)*

March 18: 5PM SAL Race Night

March 25: 4PM - 7PM Crystal Daggers Band

MONTHLY EVENTS

First Friday of the Month: 2PM to 5PM **Clam Chowder**. Fundraiser for the Building Fund.

First Monday 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 is Shirt Friday - Rember Everyone Deployed: Purchase your 1st drink; receive a chip for the same drink, excluding specialty drinks.

2025- 2026 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: 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: 2nd 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

Adjutant: Mark Cram



ALR Chapter 166

Membership meeting : 1st 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 FUNDRAISERS

On-Going Lottery Board Raffle



Tickets: \$5.00

Drawing: When all tickets are sold

Prize: \$100 bill + \$100.00 in Scratch off tickets

A Fundraiser for the Building Fund



Jane's Famous Clam Chowder

**Donate To
The Building Fund**

**Receive A Cup of Clam
Chowder & Crackers**

EVERY MONTH EVENTS

NEW DAY

BUZZSAW ENTERTAINMENT

KARAOKE NIGHT

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166
4520 S SUNCOAST BLVD, HOMOSASSA SPRINGS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

HOSTED BY
BUZZSAW ENTERTAINMENT

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166



**QUEEN
OF
HEARTS**

Drawing Every Tuesday Night

6:30 PM

Tickets: \$1.00 each

Tickets Available All Week

MARCH EVENTS

American Legion Post 166

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

Monday March 16, 2026
4PM - 7PM



Kevin Dunn

Crystal Dagger Band

March 25, 2026
4PM - 7PM

*Rock & Country
from the 60's
to the 90's*



Debbie & Chuck

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Celebrate with us!

American Legion
107th Birthday

March 15th
Noon - 7PM

Hot Dog Bar
Birthday Cake

POST PHOTO ALBUM

The Four Chaplains Remembrance Ceremony – February 1, 2026

Breakfast chefs in action



The Remembrance Ceremony



POST PHOTO ALBUM

Starfire - February 12, 2026

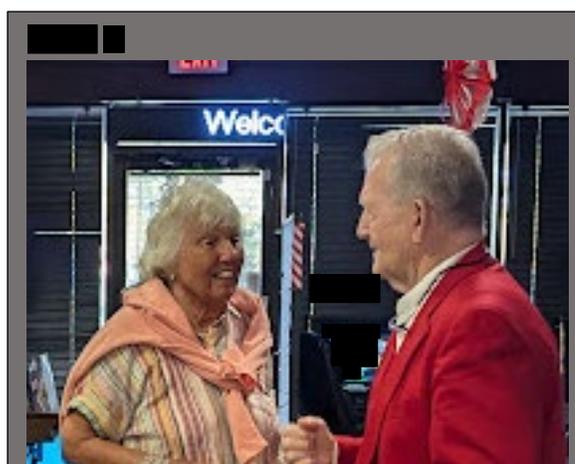


POST PHOTO ALBUM

Peggy's 80th Birthday Day - February 7, 2026



Valentine's Day with Keven Dunn & Jack Grolla - February 14, 2026



POST PHOTO ALBUM

Department Visit - February 15, 2026

Breakfast



Special Guests



Michael Nigbor, Detachment of FL Commander, Jessica Moore, Dept. of FL Commander, Robin Burk, ALA Dept. of FL President

Check Presentations



Attendees



MONTHLY CALENDAR

American Legion Post 166

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March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 BE THE ONE DAY KARAOKE NIGHT 5PM – 8PM	3 10AM Executive Committee Mtg 	4	5	6 2PM – 5PM 1 st Friday Clam Chowder RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	7  10:30AM ALR Mtg	
8	9	10 	11  10:00AM ALA Mtg Lunch follows	12	13 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	14  10:00AM AL Mtg	
15 Noon – 7PM American Legion 107th Birtday	16 4PM- 7PM Celebrating St Patrick's Day Early With Kevin Dunn	17 St. Paddy Day 	18 5PM SAL Race Night 	19	20 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	21  10:00AM SAL Mtg	
22	23	24 	25 4PM-7PM Crystal Daggers	26	27 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	28 ALR 166 Charity Poker Run	
29	30	31 	Monthly Basket Sponsored by the SAL				