

May 2024

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

Commander's Corner



May is Military Appreciation month! It is a time for all of us, those who took the oath and those that support us, to remember and to celebrate.

VE Day (May 8): Victory in Europe Day - the day that Germany surrendered to its Allies in World War II.

Armed Forces Day (May 18): This is the day set aside to honor the men and women who are currently serving in the United States military.

Memorial Day (May 27): The last Monday of May, the day that is set aside to honor the more than 1 million men and women who have lost their lives defending America since the Revolutionary War.

The Post will hold our annual Memorial Day Service at Magnolia Cemetery, (3131 W Gulf to Lake Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461), at 9:30AM. Meet at the Post at 9AM and caravan to the cemetery. I hope you will join us at the grave of our Post namesake, Arnold Vern Allen.

We also have a picnic planned later that day at the Post starting at 4PM. Please wear your red shirt. We update our Post picture at 5PM.

Also, during May, our Post 166 family will elect their 2024-2025 officers. These individuals are dedicated to continuing to move our Post and our Legion Family forward to be the best we can be. I hope everyone recognizes that this requires dedication to the mission and will be there to support all the elected and appointed Officers.

The installation of 2024-2025 Officers will take place on June 22nd at Sugarmill Woods Country Club with a breakfast buffet starting at 9:30AM followed by the Installation Ceremony. Guests are welcome to attend. The cost is \$22.00 per guest for breakfast. Please RSVP at the Post or at americanpost166@gmail.com.

Starting in June, with the summer upon us, we will replace the Sunday Monthly dinners for Grill days/nights. The Monthly Dinners will return in September. I hope everyone will support these dinners as they did our monthly dinners. Tickets are available at the canteen for a \$10.00 donation to the Building Fund.

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Commander

American Legion Post 166, Homosassa FL

Auxiliary Unit 166



During the month of May, The American Legion Auxiliary distributes Poppies on two days: Poppy Day, May 24th and Memorial Day, May 27th.

The Red Poppy symbolizes our honor to those who served and to those who died for our country in all wars. Wearing a red poppy is a reminder to every one of the sacrifices that Veterans have made while protecting our freedom.

There is no charge for a Poppy, but donations are appreciated. The donations received are used only to help a veteran, a veteran's family, or active duty military in transition.

Our Unit will be in several location this year. All locations have not been finalized as of yet, so please watch Facebook for updates on locations and times.

So, when you see the Auxiliary members on those day's distributing Poppies, I hope you will accept a Poppy and honor a veteran by wearing the Poppy proudly.

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew ,President ALA Unit 166

The Sons of the American Legion

The SAL has only one meeting left before our summer vacation which will be held on May 18th at 10:00AM. This is an extremely important meeting as we will elect our Officers for the 2024-2025 year. I encourage everyone who can to attend.

Greg Doody, Squadron Commander

ALR Chapter 166

We participated with ALR Chapter 77 on April 6th to raise funds for Veterans Gathering Place and made a donation to this great cause.



Just a reminder to all our Legion Family members that you are invited to join us on our Derby Day Fundraiser for Veterans on May 4th. Breakfast sandwiches will be provided prior to the ride and a pulled pork dinner after the ride. We will leave the Post at 10AM and make 5 stops, where everyone will draw one card toward their poker hand. Entry fee is \$15.00, which gets you the two meals, 5 raffle tickets for prizes, and a chance to win \$100.00 for the best poker hand. In case there is a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner. Motorcycles are not required!

For the cause, not the applause!

Dwight Dejean, Director ALR Chapter166

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

7:00PM 50/50 Raffle Followed by The Bonz Game*

**Same rules apply as Tuesday night*

First Monday of the Month

5PM to 8PM: Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment

Check our Social Media Accounts

Facebook: [American Legion Post 166 Homosassa, Florida](#)

Website: americanlegionpost166.com

Saturday, May 4

Derby Day Chairty Ride

Sunday, May 5

Cinco De Mayo Sunday Dinner

Monday, May 6

5PM to 8PM :Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment

Tuesday, May 7

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

Friday, May 10 – Red Shirt Friday

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day

Gifts for Mothers

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

9AM – Adopt-A-Highway (meet at Elks)

4PM to 6PM – Tom Corsile

Musical Comedy Impressionist

Friday, May 17 – Red Shirt Friday Activities

Tuesday, May 21

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

Friday, May 24 – Red Shirt Friday Activities

Poppy Day

Monday May 27 – Memorial Day

9:30AM – Memorial Day Service (Magnolia Cemetery)

4:00PM – Memorial Day Picnic at the Post

5:00PM – Post Picture (Wear red Post shirts)

Poppies Available

Tuesday, May 28

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

Friday, May 31 – Red Shirt Friday

9AM to 3PM – 9AM to 3PM Bloodmobile

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

 **Veterans
Crisis Line**
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1

Monthly Meetings and Officers

American Legion Post 166

Executive Committee 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-May)

Commander Pro Tem	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

David McKinnon, Legionnaire
 Richard Cathy, Legionnaire
 Donald Macphail, Legionnaire
 John Hauk, Legionnaire
 Jaes Delaney, Legionnaire
 Milton Mench, Legionnaire
 Terry Carroll, Legionnaire
 Gregory Tatro, Legionnaire
 Leonard Griswold, Legionnaire
 Bennie Calhoun, Legionnaire
 Francis Bennett, Legionnaire
 Stanly Eisenhower, Legionnaire
 Ed Carafa, Legionnaire
 Skip McEachin III, Legionnaire
 David Poppleton, Legionnaire
 John Goff, Legionnaire
 Nickolas Buchko, Legionnaire
 Gary Hoerle, Legionnaire
 Lee Kline, Legionnaire
 Debra Fink, Legionnaire
 Kevin Rivera-Ortiz, Legionnaire
 Joseph A Maloney, Legionnaire
 Robert G Gay, Robert G Gay
 Deborah Dennis, ALA
 Patricia Christensen, ALA
 Tina Milne, ALA,
 Robin Baker, ALA
 Catherine Sills, ALA
 Dianne Crawford, ALA
 Cristina Waddell, ALA
 Lonna Strickland, ALA
 Jeanne Tatro, ALA
 Sylvia Rivera-Ortiz, ALA
 James Gagnon, SAL
 Neil Hubble, SAL
 Bruce Supernault, SAL
 Michael Dow, SAL
 Gary Howell, SAL
 Brian Wilderson, SAL
 Paul Fox, SAL

BUILDING FUND EVENTS





Sunday Monthly Dinner
Sunday, May 5th
4:00 PM

**Tacos & Burritos with Fresh made
Tortillas, Enchiladas, Mexican Rice,
Beans, Mexican Salad & Dessert**

**Special Cinco de Mayo Margaritas
Available for Purchase**

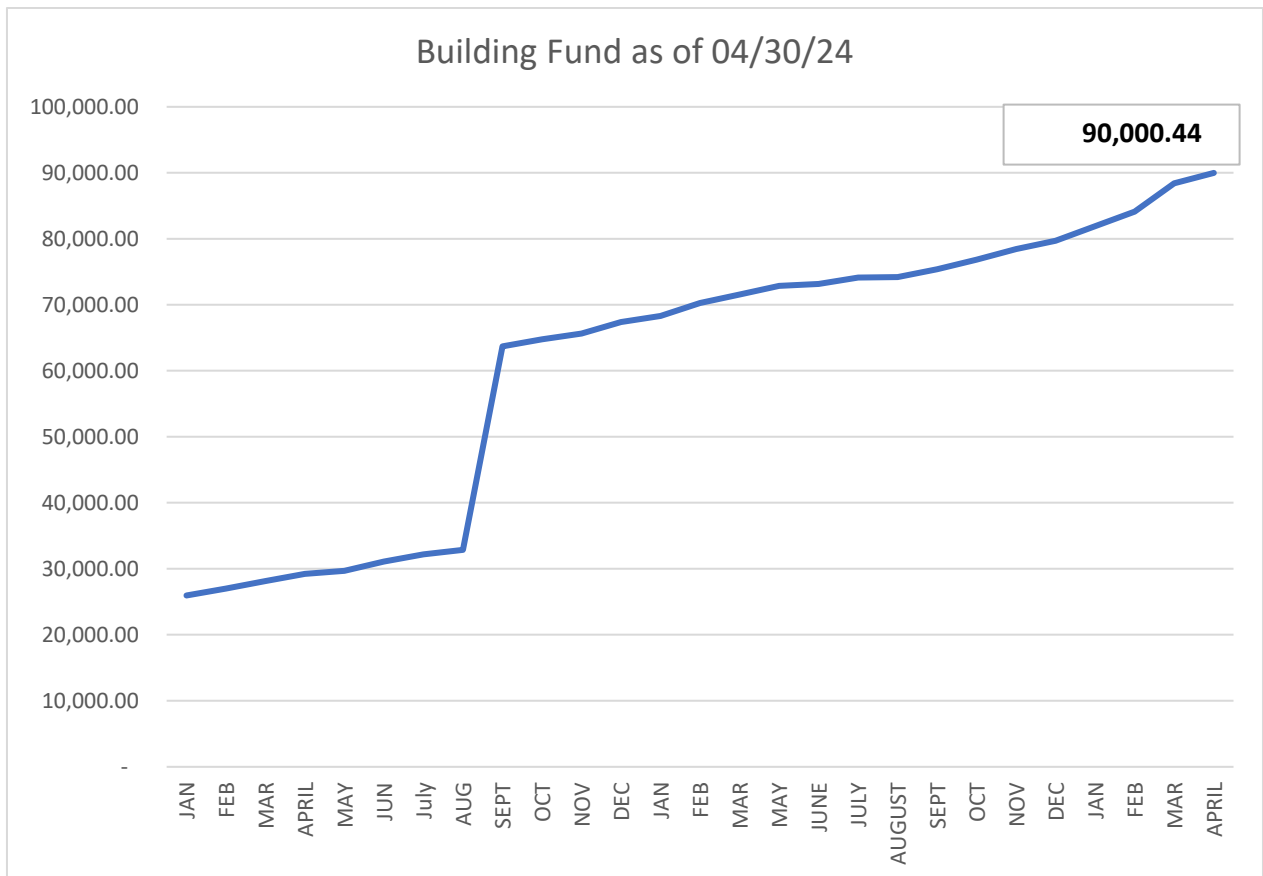
**Tickets Available at the Canteen
With a \$10.00 Donation to the
Building Fund**

**Honor a Veteran
With a
Personalized Poppy**



Veteran's Name
Branch of Service
Dates served

Let's Fill The Wall With Poppies
\$1.00 Donation to the Building Fund!



May – Military Appreciation Month

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			<i>May Day</i>	<i>National Day of Prayer</i>	Red Shirt Friday 7:00PM 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	Derby Day Ride 9AM Registration 10AM KSU
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
4PM Monthly Sunday Day - Cinco De Mayo Theme	5PM to 8PM Karaoke With Buzz Chainey <i>Nurses Day</i>	10AM Executive Committee Mtg 6:30PM Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game Slice of Pie Sale	10AM ALA Mtg <i>VE Day</i>		Red Shirt Friday 7:00PM 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	10AM AL Meeting
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day Gifts for Mom <i>Military Spouse Appreciation Day</i>	<i>Children of Fallen Patriots Day</i>	6:30PM Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game Slice of Pie Sale	9AM Adopt-a-Highway 4PM Tom Corsile, Musical Comedy Impressionist		Red Shirt Friday 7:00PM 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	10AM SAL Mtg (Last meeting until Sept,) <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		6:30PM Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game Slice of Pie Sale			Red Shirt Friday 7:00PM 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game Poppy Day	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Memorial Day (Flags at Half-staff Sunrise to noon) 9:30AM Remembrance Service @ Magnolia Cemetery 4PM Memorial Day Picnic 5PM Post Picture Poppy Distribution	6:30PM Queen of Hearts 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game Slice of Pie Sale			Red Shirt Friday 9AM – 3PM Bloodmobile 7:00PM 50-50 Raffle Bonz Game	