

May 2026

The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



May is Election Month!

During May, our American Legion Family will elect new Officers to lead us during the 2026-2027 year. There will have one more round of nominations at the May meetings and elections will follow. It is important that you attend the meeting, so your voice is heard.

The American Legion: May 9th at 10AM

The American Legion Auxiliary: May 13th at 10AM

The Sons of the American Legion: May 16th at 10AM

The American Legion Riders Chapter 166: May 30th at 10:30AM

Mother's Day is May 10th this year and we will host breakfast for the Moms, their guests and anyone who enjoys being cooked for. See the flyer for more information.

Memorial Day, the day set aside to honor those who gave their lives for our freedom is May 25th this year. We will continue with our tradition of meeting at the Post at 9AM and caravanning to Magnolia Cemetery for our Remembrance Ceremony at 9:30AM. We will place flowers on the grave sites of Arnold Vern Allen, our Post namesake and Rheuben M Hair Sr., the seconded Commander our Post and Past Department Commander.

Later in the day (4PM), we will have a Memorial Day Picnic at the Post followed by our Post Family picture at 5:30PM. The flyer has all the details. Please wear your red shirt for the picture. The bloodmobile will be on site from 10AM to 4PM. Please give blood if you can. Every donation saves three lives!

For God and Country!

Bob Ballew, Post 166 Commander

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AUXILIARY UNIT 166

Hello all!

Our Yooper members have done it again! Their annual camper crawl was a huge success, and they were able to donate to K9Partners for Patriots and to our Unit.



We continue our support of the Community Service Program



Donation to Find-M Friends



Fire house monthly snacks



Clothing donation to Outreach Program

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL 166

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hope all is well. Election of new Officers will be held this month.

The races are doing good. This month it's Derby Races.

Hope to see more of you at our meetings – 3rd Saturday of the month at 10AM.

For God and Country

Randy Parrish, Squadron 166 Commander

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ALR CHAPTER 166

Our Poker Charity ride was a huge success! It was a beautiful day to ride, and we had the perfect number of Riders.



We appreciate the donations we received from the following organizations:

Crystal River Eagles #4272

Crystal River Eagle Riders #4272

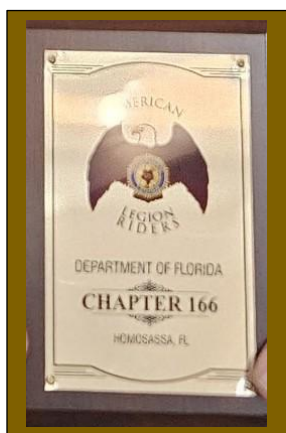
AMVETS Riders Chapter 447

American Legion Riders Chapter 77

IR-RU Family Social Club

They will be used to support our mission of supporting The American Legion programs.

Plaque Update:



Several months ago, the American Legion Riders Chapter 55 (Clermont) captured our Plaque.

On Sunday, April 26, we rode to Post 55 and retrieved it. We ran into rain on our way and got soaked but our mission was achieved and our plaque is back on our wall, but who knows how long before it is captured again.

For those unfamiliar with "Capture the Plaque," it is a fun game we play for purpose of promoting new friendships and unity among Riders in a competitive and fun way.

For the Cause, not the Applause

Dwight Dejean, ALR Chapter 166 Director,

Contact Information: (352)587-7773; ddejean1957@yahoo.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Virgina Karagas, ALA

Connie Shaw, ALA

Anthony Klein, TAL

Melissa Tadman, ALA

James Fletcher, SAL

POST EVERLASTING



William (Bill) Dennington, United States Marine Corps.

DID YOU KNOW?

Due to the recent government shutdown, the US Coast Guard was not receiving their pay, thus causing a financial hardship.

The Coast Guard Station in Yankeetown is responsible for our area. American Legion Post 166 donated to a fundraiser to help the 32 men and women stationed there. As a result of this fundraiser each one received \$100 Walmart gift cards.



The photo is the on duty crew receiving their pay cards from Post 166 member Tom Smith and his wife Cheryl, Auxiliary166 member.

MAY EVENTS

May 4: 5PM - 8PM First Monday Karaoke

May 5: Cinco de Mayo Margaritas

May 10 10AM Mother's Day Breakfast

May 20: 5PM - 8PM SAL Derby Horse Races

May 25: Memorial Day

9:30AM Memorial Service (Magnola Cemetery);

10:00AM - 4PM Bloodmobile

4:00PM: Picnic at the Post

5:30PM: Post Family Picture (wear Red)

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

Third Wednesday of the Month: 5PM SAL **Race Night**

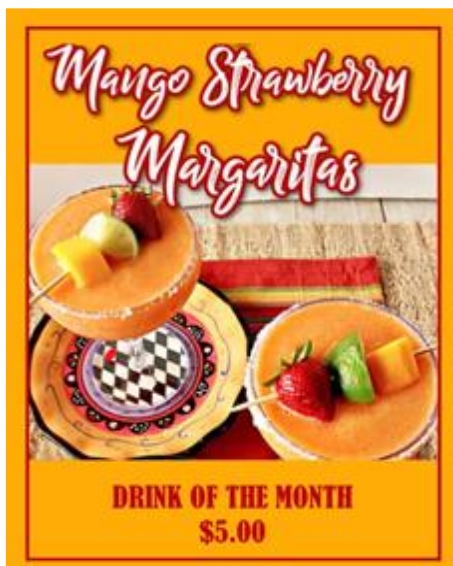
Every Tuesday of the Month **Queen of Hearts:** 6:15PM ticket sales close; 6:30PM Drawing

50/50 Raffle follows the Queen of Hearts 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.

CANTEEN

Drink Specials



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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166



**QUEEN
OF
HEARTS**

Drawing Every Tuesday Night

6:30 PM

Tickets: \$1.00 each
Tickets Available All Week

MAY 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

**Mother's day
Breakfast**

SUNDAY | MAY 10

10:00 AM

\$12.00
**PANCAKES, EGGS,
SAUSAGE, POTATOES, FRUIT**

**A Free Mimosas
For Mothers**
A Building Fundraiser

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
FAMILY
Post 166**

**MEMORIAL DAY
EVENTS**

Monday May 25, 2026

9:30AM Remembrance Service
 Magnolia Cemetery
 3131 W Gulf to Lake Hwy, Lecanto, FL 34461
 Meet at the Post at 9:00AM to Caravan to Cemetery

10:00AM – 4:00PM Bloodmobile

4:00PM Memorial Day Picnic at the Post
 Grilled Sausages, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Chips
 Tickets - \$12.00 donation to the Building

5:30PM Post Picture – Wear Red
**LAND OF THE FREE,
BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE!**

Poppies Available

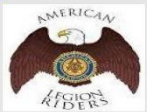
MONTHLY CALENDAR

American Legion Post 166

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May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	2  10:30AM ALR Mtg
3 Kentucky Derby	4 BE THE ONE DAY KARAOKE NIGHT 5PM – 8PM	5 Cinco de Mayo 10AM Executive Committee Mtg 	6	7	8 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	9  10:00AM AL Mtg
10 10AM Mother's Day Breakfast 	11	12 	13  10:00AM ALA Mtg Lunch follows	14	15 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	16  10:00AM SAL Mtg District Meeting
17 Armed Forces Day	18	19 	20 5PM SAL Race Night 	21	22 RED-SHIRT FRIDAY	23
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