



November 2021

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

Commander's Corner

October has flown by! As I reflect on the month, there are a few things that stand out to me.

As a Navy veteran, I especially enjoyed the great party we had for the Navy's 246th birthday. We had several guests who read about the event in the newspaper and decided to join us and we are thrilled they did. One guest was a soon to be 97-year-old WWII veteran who gave a very impressive speech, and there were many other remarkable stories. I am glad we are doing this for each branch's birthdays. Next month it will be the Marines and I know we can expect a huge turnout and more great memories from them.

As Acting Commander, I have had two experiences that were special. You will find pictures of both of the events in the Photo Album section of the newsletter.

First, I had the privilege of presenting an honorary membership to Veteran Dick Meyer at his 100th birthday party. Mr. Meyer was a corporal during WWII and served in the Aleutian Campaign and the Battle of Attu, the only land battle fought on American soil in World War II.

Secondly, I was honored to be able to present the October Member of the Month award to Janice McGough. Janice is an Auxiliary member who works tirelessly supporting the Daystar Life Center and is the liaison between our Post and Daystar.

November is the month, where we all take a minute to reflect on what makes us thankful. For me, Lee Greenwood says it best:

*I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up
Next to you and defend her still today
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land
God bless the USA*

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Acting Commander

ALA President's Letter

Happy autumn to all!

As we approach the cooler weather and the (dreaded or welcome) time change, it is good to reflect on both the past and the future. We have had an excellent nine months of the year at our Post 166. Many challenges have been met, plans have changed and then changed again, and our successes have been enjoyed. Oh, for sure, we are far from perfect, but failures always helps us to strive to make better decisions the next time.

We continue to pray for Bob Scott as he faces his medical issues with his wife, Sandy. Our best wishes that they both weather this illness and can join us again soon. In the meantime, we are grateful for our acting Commander, Bob Ballew. He has already shown his leadership skills and we are privileged to have him.

This month Unit 166 was able to donate to the Building Fund, thanks to all who purchased a raffle ticket for the Cheeseburger in Paradise Basket.

Our own Janice McGeough was named Member of the Month for October. A reward well deserved. We are proud to have her in our Auxiliary.

Congratulation also go to Dee Costello, our new Vice President and to Julie Rowe, the newest member of the Executive Committee.

I would also like to extend A HUGE welcome to our new Auxiliary members. We are excited to have them join our team! Our membership is growing fast, we are in 3rd place in our district.

We have a busy month as we prepare to honor our Veterans on their special day. We will be serving breakfast and presenting our Veterans with a "Care Package," a small token of appreciation for their many sacrifices.

My parting words from someone else "If you don't take time for your wellness, you will be forced to take time for your illness."

TAKE TIME TO ENJOY LIFE

For God and Country

Judy Salo, President

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 166

I want to thank everyone who turned out to support the Oktoberfest. I am sorry I was unable to attend. But looking at the pictures I know I missed a fun time. Curt Woods took it seriously, lederhosen and all. He was instrumental in the planning, and I would like to thank him for being there when I couldn't.

Plans are underway for Veterans Day at the Post. The SAL is proud to assist the Auxiliary. We will be providing dinner starting at 4:00PM and I would like to thank our treasurer Gary Salo and his wife Judy for volunteering to cook and serve.

By the time this goes to press, I should be back in Florida, and I will have already contacted everyone with a meeting date. We have several items that we need to discuss, as well as having our Officers installed. Gary Salo was the only SAL member in town during the Post sponsored Installation. I hope to have a meet and greet once I am back so we can all spend some time together and get to know each other again.

I also want to thank Gary Salo for his work in processing our new members and with 2022 membership renewals. I understand it has not been easy dealing with the change over from mysal.org to mylegion.org. as there are still numerous problems with the software.

Welcome to our-new members! I look forward to meeting and working with you!

I apologize that I couldn't be here sooner, but medical problems kept me in Michigan where my doctors are. I look forward to seeing everyone again and getting our SAL Squadron more active at the Post.

For God and Country

Greg Doody, Commander, SAL Squadron 166

Looking Over the Fairing

The Riders were honored to be a part of the Sami Run on Oct 3rd. The Crystal River Eagles #4272 sponsored the event to raise funds for underprivileged children in Citrus County and more than met their goal. Our post provided breakfast of sausage gravy and biscuits to everyone. A big thank you to John and Phyllis Surprise for taking charge of breakfast. It was a big undertaking as they served over sixty meals.

We have been asked to participate in a Veterans Ceremony at the Old Homosassa Veterans Memorial on November 6th, which is the opening event for the Homosassa Seafood Festival. We are proud to be the only Riders group that was invited. On our way to the service, we will do a drive by for the Veterans and their wives at the Sunflower Springs Assisted Living Facilities and later at the Cypress Cove Care Center.

Plans are in the final stages for our Third Annual Hogs N Hams Ride. Breakfast and registration are from 10AM to 11:00AM, and we should be back at the Post by 5:00PM, where we will have a meal of pulled pork and lots of raffles for numerous items and announce the winners of the games held during the ride. An auction will take place as well with the items going on display and open for bid starting November 10th. Bidding will close at 6:00PM on November 20th. We hope you will join us for a fun event for a good cause – remember all trikes, bikes, roadsters, street rods, trucks, and automobiles are welcome on this ride. Admission is one ham (canned or smoked) or \$20.00 for a Veterans' holiday meal. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Until next time, keep the wind to you back.

Bob Ballew, Acting Asst. Director ALR Chapter 166

Welcome New Members!

Kelly Cate, Legionnaire

Stephen Ford, Legionnaire

Walter Gilbert, Legionnaire

Gary Harrington, SAL

Jacquelyn Holtzclaw, Legionnaire

Jay McKee, Legionnaire

Larraine McKee, ALA

Becky Mooney, ALA

Michael Mooney, Legionnaire

Gregory Moreay, Legionnaire

Tami Pierce, ALA

Eric Shumway, Legionnaire

Bill Sonnycalf, Legionnaire



November

Friday November 5- First Friday

2:00PM to 5:30PM: Jan's Clam Chowder

Saturday November 6 – Last Chance Band

300PM to 6:00PM

Sunday November 7 – Tailgate at the Post* & November Birthday Celebration

3:00PM: November Birthday Cake served

Wednesday November 10 – US Marine Corps' Birthday

3:00PM: Celebrate 246 years of the US Marine Corps and share USMC stories with fellow veterans
Appetizers and a Special Marine Corps Cake

Thursday November 11 – Veterans Day

9:00AM to 5:00PM: Bloodmobile
10:30AM to Noon: Veterans Day Breakfast
4:00PM to 6:00PM: Veterans Day Dinner
Door Prizes, Veterans Care Packages / Snacks all day

Sunday November 14 – Tailgate at the Post*

Saturday November 20 – Hams N Hogs Ride

Open to Trikes, Bikes, Roadsters, Street Rods, Trucks and Automobiles
10AM Registration & Breakfast
11AM Kickstands Up / Start Your Engines
Games at all stops
Ride ends at Post 166 with Raffle Drawings, Game Winners Announced, & Pulled Pork Dinner

Sunday November 21 – Tailgate at the Post*

Thursday November 25 – Thanksgiving

Post 166 closed

Sunday November 28– Tailgate at the Post*

Tuesday November 30 – Karaoke

Featuring "Buzzsaw Chainey"

6:00PM to 8:30PM

*Tailgate at the Post

Every Sunday during football season
Food served at half time of the 1st game

All guests of members are welcome but must be accompanied by and signed in by member.

General Membership Officers

Commander (on leave of absence)	Robert Scott
1 st Vice /Acting Commander	Bob Ballew
2 nd Vice Commander /Acting 1 st Vice	Mark Long
Adjutant	Becky Badders
Sergeant at Arms	Jane Mandis
Finance Officer	Gary Rand
Chaplain	Bill Rowe
Historian	Tom Piazza
Judge Advocate	Bob McDowell
Service Officers & Member at Large	Buzz Chainey
Executive Board Members and Gerald Majchrowicz	Dwight DeJean

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166

President	Judy Salo
Vice President	Dee Costello
Secretary	Sheri McDaniel
Treasurer	Debbie Ballew
Sgt. At Arms	Barb Tripp
Chaplain	Vicky Eley
Executive Board Members	Dorene Bettis
Janice Mc McGough, Julie Rowe and Erskileena Owens	

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 166

Commander	Greg Doody
1 st Vice Commander	Curtis Woods
Treasurer	Gary Salo
Chaplain	Tony Doody

American Legion Riders

Acting Riders Director	Greg Doody
Acting Assistant Director	Bob Ballew
Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Gary Salo
Sgt. At Arms	Open
Chaplain	Buzz Chainey
Historian	Tammy Chainey
Road Captain	J. Leuthauser

For the Latest Information

Check our Facebook Page and Website

Facebook: American Legion Post 166 Homosassa, Florida

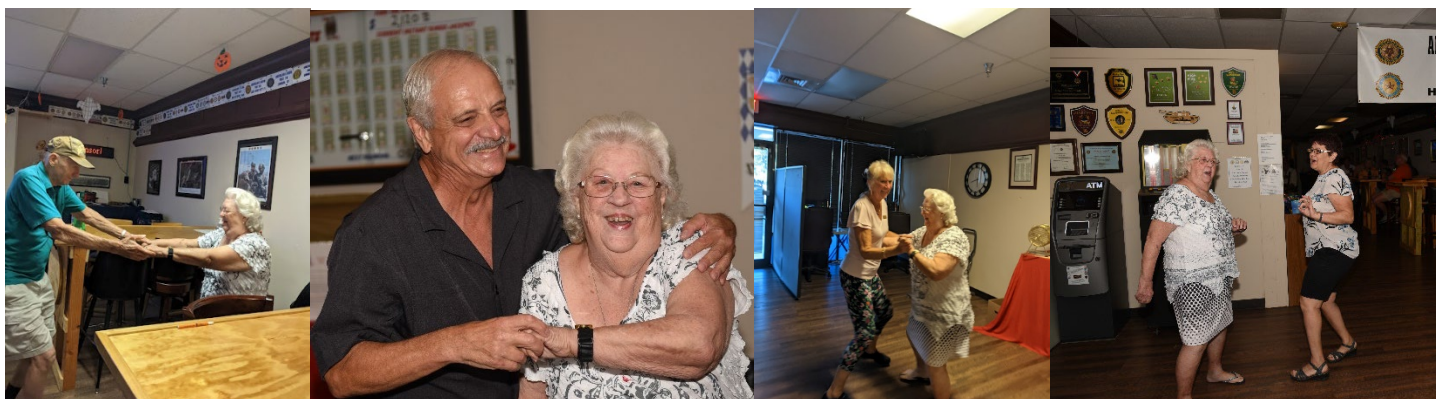
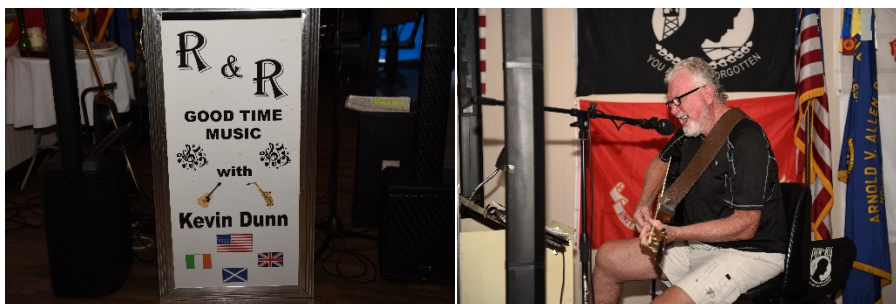
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EVENTS AT THE POST PHOTO ALBUM

Oktoberfest



Curt was dressed for the Event!



Marian and her dance partners

Honorary Member of Post 166 Veteran Dick Meyer's 100th Birthday Celebration



Navy's 246th Birthday Celebration



Memories Shared



A Corpsman and a Marine reminisce



Jane reminds every one of the "Book"

Early Bird Dinner



Member of the Month - Janice McGough



ALA Unit 166 donates to the Building Fund



2021 Veterans Day Discounts:

To honor members of the military, the following businesses in our area are offering Veterans free meals and discounts on or around Veterans Day, November 11.

[Bob Evans](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military get a free meal from a select menu on November 11. Dine-in only.

[Texas Roadhouse](#) -- Texas Roadhouse will hand out dinner vouchers at the stores' parking lots on November 11, from 11am to 2pm. Veterans and active-duty military can redeem their dinner vouchers when the restaurant opens for dinner, through May 30, 2022.

To honor members of the military, these restaurants are offering Veterans Day deals on or around November 11.

[7-Eleven](#) -- Active-duty, retired, veteran, guard, reservists, and family members get a free coffee or Big Gulp on November 11. (7-Eleven app and Veterans Advantage membership required.)

[Applebee's](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military receive a free meal from a special menu on November 11. Dine-in only.

[Beef 'O' Brady's](#) -- Veterans eat free on November 11 at participating locations with the purchase of equal or greater value up to \$10.

[Chili's](#) -- Veterans and active-duty service members get a free meal from a select menu on November 11. Available for in-restaurant only.

[Cracker Barrel](#) -- Veterans get a complimentary slice of Double Chocolate Fudge Coca-Cola Cake when dining at any location on November 11.

[Crooked Pint Ale House](#) -- Veterans get a free meal on November 11 at participating locations.

[Denny's](#) -- Veterans and military personnel get a free Build Your Own Grand Slam on November 11, from 5 a.m. to noon. Dine-in only.

[Dunkin' Donuts](#) -- On November 11, veterans and active-duty military receive a free donut at participating locations. Offer available in-store only.

[Firebirds Wood Fired Grill](#) -- Dine with a veteran or active-duty service member on November 11 at participating locations and their lunch or dinner is free. Dine-in only.

[Golden Corral](#) -- Golden Corral is handing out a free meal and beverage card between November 1 and 30, while supplies last. Military personnel can then redeem their card once for lunch or dinner Monday through Thursday from November 1 to May 31.

[Hooters](#) -- Active-duty military and veterans get 10 free boneless wings with any 10 purchased on November 11. Dine-in only.

[Huddle House](#) -- Active military members and veterans get a free MVP Breakfast Platter on November 11 at participating locations.

[Little Caesars](#) -- Veterans and active military get a free HOT-N-READY Lunch Combo at participating stores on November 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

[Outback Steakhouse](#) -- Veterans and active-duty service members get a free Bloomin' Onion and Coca-Cola product to on November 11. Offer available for dine-in or to-go (call-in orders only, not available online).

[Ruby Tuesday](#) -- Active-duty military and veterans get a free sandwich with fries or tots on November 11. Available for dine-in or call-in to-go orders.

[Sonny's BBQ](#) -- Veterans and active-duty military get a free Pulled or Sliced Pork sandwich on November 11. Dine-in or takeout only. Not available for online orders. Service members who stop by on Veterans Day will also receive a voucher for a free BBQ Egg Roll appetizer, redeemable with a valid military ID from Tuesday, Dec. 1 to Tuesday, Dec. 15. Dine-in or takeout only.

[Starbucks](#) -- Veterans, military service members and military spouses get a free tall (12-oz) hot brewed coffee at participating stores on November 11.

[Wawa](#) -- Veterans, active military members, and family members get a free cup of coffee on November 11.

[Wendy's](#) -- Active military and veterans get a free small breakfast combo on November 11 at participating locations from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Not valid for mobile orders or at kiosk.

American Legion Post 166 -Homosassa FL November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Monday Funday	10AM Post Eboard Mtg	Whacky Wednesday	Thirsty Thursday	First Friday 2PM Jan's Clam Chowder 6:30PM Queen of Hearts	3PM-6PM Last Chance Band
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10AM ALR Bloody Mary Sunday Tailgate at the Post	10:30AM ALA Mtg	Choose Tuesday Choose to be Happy	Marine Corps 246 th Birthday Bash	Veterans Day* 100 th Anniversary of the Unknown Soldier	6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	10AM General Membership Mtg
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Bloody Mary Sunday Tailgate at the Post Noon: 4 th District Mtg @ Post 16(Ocala)	Monday Funday	Choose Tuesday Choose to Smile	Whacky Wednesday	Thirsty Thursday	6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	Hams N Hogs Ride <i>Charity Event For Veterans Coalition Food Bank</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Bloody Mary Sunday Tailgate at the Post	Monday Funday	Choose Tuesday Choose to Laugh	Whacky Wednesday		6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	Enjoy your weekend
28	29	30				
Bloody Mary Sunday Tailgate at the Post	Monday Funday	6PM to 8:30PM Karaoke with Buzzsaw				

**November: A time to reflect and be thankful for all we have and to our Veterans for all they gave so
We Can Be Free**

Veterans Day

9AM-5PM Bloodmobile
10:30AM Veterans Breakfast
4PM-6PM Veterans Dinner
Snacks, Door Prize and More
Event sponsored by ALA and SAL in honor of our Veterans

Hams n Hogs Ride

Open to Trikes, Bikes, Roadsters, Street Rods, Trucks and Automobiles
10AM Registration & Breakfast
11AM Kickstands Up/Start Your Engines
Games at all stops
Ride ends at Post 166 with Raffle Drawings, Game Winners Announced, & Pulled Pork Dinner

Mark Your Calendar

12/14 – Ugly Sweater Christmas Party
4PM to 7PM BC Band
Games & Prizes
Ugliest Christmas Sweater wins a prize
12/31 – Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Post



Veterans DAY

Please Join Us As We Celebrate YOU!

9:00AM until 5:00PM, the Bloodmobile will be on site

For donating blood in the names of Veterans

10:30AM to Noon, a Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Breakfast

Will be served by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166

4:00PM to 6:00PM, a Sloppy Joe Dinner

Will be served by the Sons of the American Legion

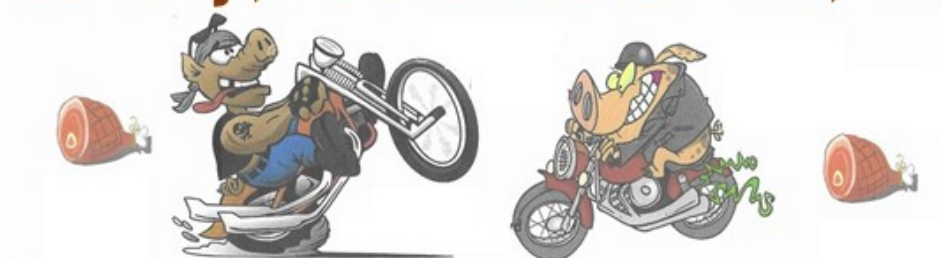
Squadron 166,

Available all day, Snacks, Veteran Drink Discounts, &

Door Prizes

All Veterans and their Families are Welcome

Third Annual Hams & Hogs Saturday, November 20, 2021



Trikes, Bikes, Roadsters, Street Rods, Trucks and Automobiles

- **Entry Fee:** One ham (canned or smoked) or \$20.00 Donation for a Veteran's Holiday Meal
- **Registration:** American Legion Post 166
4520 S Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa
10AM Breakfast Included
- **11AM Kick Stands Up/Start Your Engine**
- **Stops:**
 - American Legion 155** *6585 W Gulf to Lake Hwy, Crystal River*
 - Skipper's Whiskey River** *3451 E Louise Ln, Hernando,*
 - American Legion 237** *6726 N Lecanto Hwy, Beverly Hills*
 - IRRU Social Club** *922 US Hwy 41 S, Inverness*
 - Eagles Club** *5340 W Grover Cleveland Blvd, Homosassa*
- **Ride ends at Post 166 with Raffle Drawings, Game Winners Announced, & Pulled Pork Dinner**

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