



November 2025 The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year



We have so much to be thankful for! Although, sometimes we lose sight of that with so many negative things happening around us.

I am thankful for my family and my Legion Family and that I live in a country where I am free. For those of us, who are veterans, we are thankful that our fellow veterans will always have our backs. We share a special bond. A bond unlike any other that only those who took the Oath of Enlistment to support and defend the Constitution of these United States against all enemies foreign and domestic can truly understand. Regardless of your branch of service, the Oath of Enlistment, and those words will forever be a part of us.

The Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion have planned a special Veterans day for us. I hope all Legionnaires will stop by the Post to participate in the festivities. See the flyer in this newsletter for all the details.

The Bloodmobile will be on site from 10am to 4:3pm for those who can donate. Every donation saves up to 3 lives, according to Lifesouth Blood Center. What a great way to help our fellow Veterans and their families!

We will hold our quarterly Flag Retirement Ceremony on November 20th at 9am. The service is held inside the Post with the actual retirement is in the parking lot. Hope to see you there.

The Post will be closed on Thanksgiving so that our staff can spend the day with their families.

I will close this out by wishing all of you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

May you gobble til you wobble!

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Post 166 Commander

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AUXILIARY UNIT 166

We would like to thank everyone for their donations of clothing and food!



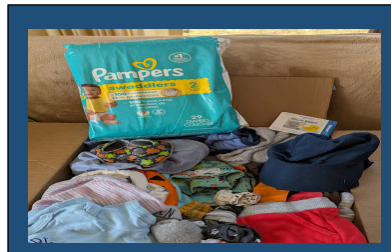
This past month 170 clothing items were delivered to the Outreach Program. Please remember we are not a thrift store, and certain items are not appropriate for those we serve. Also, please save bedding items and winter apparel until the first of the year. Once the Cold Weather Shelter opens, those items will be delivered there for those who need them most. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to store them until then. Again, thank you for your donations!

Bridge for Veterans

Greg Pelletier, president of the Bridge for Veterans attended our October meeting and explained how the program works, and the help they offer to Veterans who are temporarily displaced. We then presented him with a check for \$900.00 representing the proceeds from our Plant Sale fundraiser. We brought the Veterans lunch and dinner this month.



Help for a Veteran's Family in Need



Recently we were contacted by a Veteran who was looking for assistance. He and his wife had just had a premature baby (3 months early). They were able to bring the baby home last week and we were there to help with clothes, diapers, and a Wal*Mart gift card that should cover their upcoming needs. We plan to follow them and donate another Gift Card to them at Christmas time.

Veterans Day

On behalf of the Auxiliary, we thank all our Veterans for their service and the sacrifices that came with that promise to protect us. We invite all Veterans to start their day at the Post with us. We are providing a sausage gravy with biscuits and fruit breakfast from 9:30am to 11:30am. We also have gifts and cards. There is a lot planned for Veterans Day – check out the Poster in this newsletter.

Poppy Locations

Nov. 8 & 9: 9AM to 5PM Homosassa Arts, Crafts & Seafood Festival

Nov 11: 12PM to 7PM Marguerita Grill; Veterans Ceremony Walden Woods



Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL 166, **Contact information:** 727/432-7230; ALAFLunit166@gmail.com

ALR CHAPTER 166

October Donations

This month we made several donations and supported for some great causes!



We participated with ALR Chapter 77 on Poker Run benefiting Soldiers Freedom Outdoor, a nonprofit charity that provides outdoor activities for veterans and their families to help them heal from the hidden wounds of war such as PTSD. Their Florida location, Camp Freedom, is in Central Florida.



Sami's Run, sponsored by the Crystal River Eagles, is in its 16th year. We have participated on this ride since our Chapter was formed, The Ride is named for Sami Harris who was killed in a roll over crash. All funds raised are used for the Eagles annual Christmas party for underprivileged children and for Citrus County Children's Organization throughout the year.



Every October, The American Legion Riders participate in "Merry-Go-Around" Rides, where the district rides together to visit Posts inside and outside of their District. Points are earned and the winning District is presented with a trophy at the Fall Conference. The main objective is to raise funds and awareness for the Children & Youth programs.

For the cause, not the applause

Dwight Dejean, ALR Chapter 166 Director

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SQUADRON 166

The weather is changing, Hope everyone is good.

The SAL will be putting on a lunch at no cost on November 11th from 2-4PM: grilled hot dogs, baked beans and chips. Come out and enjoy.

The SAL will have a Basket raffle in December. Look on Facebook or the December newsletter for more information.

For God and Country

Randy Parrish , Squadron Commander

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (AS OF 10/24/25)

Sha Ash, Legionnaire

Anthony Arzillo, SAL

Mary Bigelow, ALA

Annette Fuqua, ALA

Mary Pento, Legionnaire

Basil Varney, Legionnaire

Ron Witney, SAL

Gene Wrazen, SAL#

NOVEMBER 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.

November 6: Tom Carsile, singer and comedian

November 11: Veterans Day – Celebrating our Veterans!

9:30AM – 11:30AM Veterans Breakfast provided by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166

10AM – 4:30PM Bloodmobile on site

2PM – 4PM Veterans Lunch/Dinner provided by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 166

All Day: Pictures for the Post's Veterans Wall & Thank You Cards & Gifts for All Veterans

Poppies available

November 20: 9AM Flag Retirement Ceremony

November 27: Thanksgiving – Post Closed

MONTHLY EVENTS

First Friday Clam Chowder of the Month: 2PM to 5PM

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

Third Wednesday of the Month: 5PM SAL Race Night

Every Tuesday Queen of Hearts: 6:15PM Queen of Heart ticket sales close; 6:30PM Drawing

50/50 Raffle follows and then it's **The Bonz Game**:

Every Friday Red Shirt Friday: 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	Judge Advocate: Frank DiGennaro
1st Vice Commander: Dwight DeJean	Past Commander: Marie Conti
2nd Vice Commander: Tom Brown	Executive Committee Member: Ernie Chainey
Sgt-at-Arms: Jane Mundis	Executive Committee Member: Bud Costello
Finance Officer: Darrell Walters	Executive Committee Member: John Surprise
Chaplain: Bill Rowe	Executive Committee Member: Kevin Myhill
Historian: Tom Piazza	Adjutant: Dwight Dejean

Auxiliary Unit 166

Membership meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM

President: Debbie Ballew	Executive Committee: Julie Rowe
Secretary / Treasurer: Dee Costello	Executive Committee: Barb Tripp
Sergeant-At-Arms: Kandy Pelton	

SAL Squadron 166

Membership Meetings: 3rd Saturday Month at 10:00AM

Squadron Commander: Randy Parrish	Treasurer: Mark Wagnitz
Vice Commander: Ernie Chainey	Chaplain: Bill Cloke

ALR Chapter 166

Membership meeting : 1st Saturday of the month at 10:30AM

Director: Dwight Dejean	Road Captain: Tom Brown
Assistant Director: Bob Ballew	Chaplain: Paul Herrick
Secretary / Treasurer: Debbie Ballew	Historian: Marcy Hammond
Sergeant-At-Arms: Mark Wagnitz	

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



POST FAMILY FUNDRAISERS / EVENTS



Jane's Famous Clam Chowder

Donate \$6.00 To
The Building Fund For
A Cup of Clam Chowder
& Crackers

First Wednesday Karaoke



5 to 8 PM

Featuring
Buzzsaw
Entertainment

SAL RACE NIGHT



Every Third Wednesday
Of the Month

Betting Window opens at 5PM
Bet as much or as little as you please

Six Heat Races

Winners of each heat will
Compete in the Final Race

Proceeds to benefit American Legion Charities

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 Cruise February 8-15, 2026



The Norwegian Dawn

Schedule

Sunday: 4PM Departs Tampa
Monday: Day At Sea
Tuesday: 7AM- 4:30PM
Cozumel, Mexico
Wednesday: 10AM - 5:00PM
Harvest Caye, Belize
Thursday 7AM - 5PM
Roatan (Bay Islands), Honduras
Friday: 7AM - 4PM
Costa Maya, Mexico
Saturday: Day at Sea
Sunday: 7AM Disembark

Information

Cabin rates starting at
\$1567.72 (2 persons)
Inside, Oceanview and
Balcony
Gratuities \$140.00
Travel Insurance
(optional):\$75.00 each
Perks: Beverage Package,
Internet, Dining & Shore
Excursion. Receive 2 perks
with Inside & Oceanview
cabins & 4 with Balcony

Book Now and Lock in your Rate!

For more information and to book your cruise
Contact Shandelle Johnson, Travlin Dreams Travel
813/408-1247 - Use code American Legion Auxiliary #166

VETERANS APPRECIATION

November 11, 2025

9:30 - 11:30AM Veterans Breakfast provided by
the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166

10AM - 4:30PM Bloodmobile on site

2PM - 4PM Lunch/Dinner provided by the Sons
of the American Legion Squadron 166

All Day: Pictures for the Posts Veterans Wall

Thank You Cards & Gifts for All Veterans

Thank you Veterans!

POST PHOTO ALBUM

Early Bird Dinner



CALENDAR

November 2025

American Legion Post 166 – 4520 S Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa - americanpost166@gmail.com (352)765-765-3949

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						 1 10:30AM ALR Mtg Fun Ride Follows
2	3	4 10AM Executive Committee Mtg 	5  KARAOKE 5PM – 8PM	6 Tom Corsile Singer, Comedian 	7  RED SHIRT FRIDAY	8  10:00AM AL Mtg 50th Homosassa Seafood Festival
9 50th Homosassa Seafood Festival	10	11 Veterans Day 9:30AM – 4PM Activities 10AM – 4:30PM Blood Mobile 	12  10:00AM ALA Mtg Lunch follows	13	14  RED SHIRT FRIDAY	20  10:00AM SAL Mtg
16	17	18 	19 5PM SAL Race Night 	20 9AM Flag Disposal	21  RED SHIRT FRIDAY	22
23	24	25 	26	27 Thanksgiving Post Closed	28  RED SHIRT FRIDAY	29
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