

October 2025

The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year

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It has been another long hot summer but it is almost over. Now that October is here, time goes fast! Before we know it, it will be Christmas time. Our busier months will be in full swing, once our Winter members arrive.

We had a busy September at the Post and it looks like October will be as well. I want to thank everyone who came out for Cheesburgers in Paradise Event. This always turns out to be our biggest event of the year and it was again this year. Thank you to those members who attended our 911 Remembrance Service – We must not forget! And if you gave blood –Thank You! We also retired over 1,000 flags in September.

October's calendar is full already. In addition to twice a month Karaoke and Race Night, First Friday with Clam Chowder returns; Chris Patti will be back entertaining us, we will have a Halloween Party and our Early Bird Dinner will be October 13th at 4PM.

The Early Bird dinner will be catered by Luigi's; on the menu is ham, sweet potato, green beans, rolls and dessert. To be eligible, you must have paid your 2026 membership dues by September 30th. In addition you will need to RSVP so that we do not purchase meals for people who don't attend. Please if you RSVP, be here! Each year we have approximately 12 no-shows (two years ago it was 16), those are meals the Post had to pay for. There will be a sign up sheet at the Post. You can also email us at [americanpost166@gmail.com](mailto:americanpost166@gmail.com) or call (352)765-3949. Guests and non-early birds are welcome at \$15.00 each, just sign up. Please RSVP by October 9<sup>th</sup>.

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Post 166 Commander

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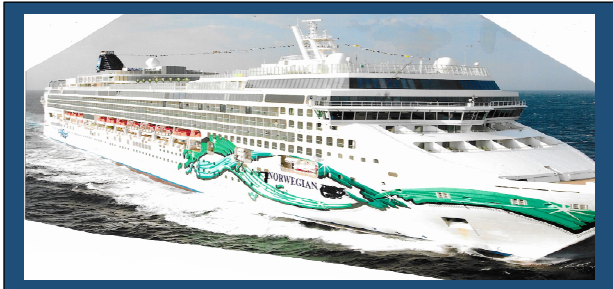
## AUXILIARY UNIT 166

### *Treats for Fire Station 3*



Saying Thank You to our First Responders. We started this last year and the firemen love to see us coming!

### *7 Day Cruise to Support AEF*



There is still time to sign up for our 7-day ALA cruise on the Norwegian Dawn., leaving out of Tampa with stops in Cozumel, Belize, Honduras, and Costa Maya. See the flyer on the Fundraiser Page for more details.

### *Plant Sale benefitting Bridge 4 Veterans*



Thank you, thank you, to all came out on Saturday (and in the rain) to support our fundraiser for Bridge 4 Veterans. It was definitely a success!



We could not have done it without our Chairperson Sherri Walters, and her team: Ida Maslenski, Jan Habich and everyone who pitched to help and donated plants!

Service not self

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL 166

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## ALR CHAPTER 166

### **Meet & Greet at Post 335 Sunday**



Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Our Riders Chapter attended a Meet and Greet at Post 335 in New Port Richey, hosted by their Rider's Chapter. We took the scenic route through Hernando Beach, Aripeka and then Little Road. The Post had a nice buffet set up with Hamburgers, hot dogs and sides for everyone. Unfortunately, no plaque as theirs had already been captured by another Chapter.

### **ALR 166 Oktoberfest Ride**



**Charity Ride**  
**For Citrus County Veterans**  
**Coalition Food Pantry**  
**October 25th**  
**\$ 20.00 Per Bike / Vehicle**  
**Includes Dinner Following Ride**  
**KSU at 11AM - Post 166**  
**4520 S Suncoast Blvd**  
**Raffles, Games**

Just a reminder that our **Charity Ride for the Citrus County Veterans Food Coalition Food Pantry** is coming up next month on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Everyone - Trikes, Bikes, Roadsters, Street Rods, Trucks and Automobiles are invited to join us. Kickstands up at 10AM. Oktoberfest themed meal will be served following the Ride. We will have Gift Certificates to raffle and a lottery board Raffle (winners announced after the Ride) and 50/50 raffles at each stop – all to raise money for a great cause – ensuring our Veterans in need have food.

Also, if you would like to donate food for the Food Pantry, there is a box set up at the Post for non-perishable food (no glass containers).

For the cause, not the applause

Dwight Dejean, ALR Chapter 166 Director

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## SQUADRON 166

Hello, it's starting to cool down a little. Hope everyone is doing well. Please stop into the Post. It would be nice to see. Don't forget the races on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5PM. Be safe !

For God and Country

Randy Parrish , Squadron Commander

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (AS OF 09/21/25)

Reece Baldwin, Legionnaire

Hillary Barnes, Auxiliary

Martin Dietsch, Legionnaire

Amy Ellis, Auxiliary

Sherri Gee, Auxiliary

James Hart, Legionnaire

Elton Haymans, Legionnaire

John Hunter, Legionnaire

Tiffany Martin, Auxiliary

David Moore, Legionnaire

Jeannene Petrizzi, Auxiliary

Pamela Rank, Auxiliary

John Roby, SAL

Heather Staton, Auxiliary

Sue Thompson, Auxiliary

Sam Williams, Legionnaire

## POST EVERLASTING



**Steven Wimmer, USA**

## OCTOBER 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.**

**Sept. 30:** Last day to pay 2026 membership dues and be eligible for Early Bird Dinner

**October 9:** Last day to RSVP for Early Bird Dinner

**Oct. 13:** 4PM Early Bird Dinner

**October 16:** 6-7PM Music by Chris Patti

**October 25:** ALR Chapter 166 Oktoberfest Ride: KSU 11AM

**October 26:** Children's Halloween Stroll at Shopping Plaza

**October 30:** 4PM Halloween Party (Costume Contest)

## MONTHLY EVENTS

First Friday Clam Chowder returns this month (2PM to 6PM)

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

The Bonz Game: Following the 50/50 Raffle

Every Friday: Red Shirt Friday: Purchase your 1st drink; receive a chip for the same drink, excluding specialty drinks

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

Third Wednesday of the Month: 5PM SAL Race Night

## FORMING A NEW COMMITTEE

### **Join Our Committee: Help Us Research Commercial Property or A Building Purchase**

We are forming a new committee to research and guide the purchase of a commercial property or building, and we need your expertise! If you have experience in commercial finance, grants, building or environmental codes, architecture, or other related fields, and are a member of Post 166 American Legion family, we invite you to join us in this important endeavor.

As a committee member, you'll share your knowledge and provide valuable insights to help shape our decision-making process. Your experience can help us ensure we make the best choice for this significant investment.

Interested? If you are ready to collaborate and contribute to a successful project, we'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Legion member Bud Costello at budcostello3@gmail.com (cell: 727-729-9950) to volunteer to be part of this exciting opportunity.

## **2025- 2026 OFFICERS & MEETING TIMES**

### **Legionnaires**

#### **Membership meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Month at 10:00AM**

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

### **ALR Chapter 166**

#### **Membership meeting : 1<sup>st</sup> 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	

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## POST FAMILY FUNDRAISERS / EVENTS

### 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**

First & Third Monday

## Karaoke



5 to 8 PM

Featuring  
Buzzsaw  
Entertainment

Best Costume Prize

### Halloween Party

YOU ARE INVITED  
It's Going to be a  
Spooktacular Good Time

October  
30<sup>th</sup> – 5PM

Spooky Drinks



CHRIS PATTI



**AMERICAN  
LEGION**  
POST 166

4520 S Suncoast Blvd Homosassa, FL, 34447  
October 16 5-7PM



### Jane's Famous Clam Chowder

**Donate \$8.00 To  
The Building Fund For  
A Cup of Clam Chowder  
& Crackers**

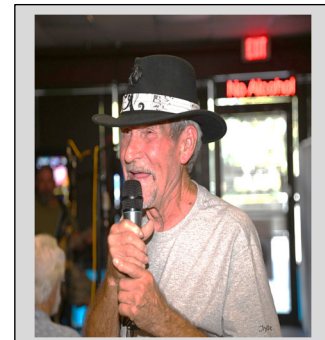
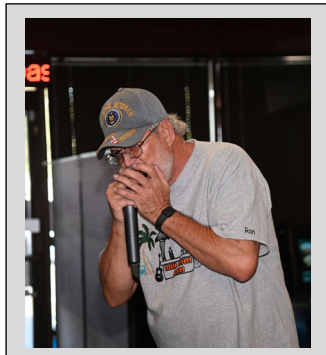


## POST PHOTO ALBUM

### Cheeseburger in Paradise



### Island Outpost Pickers



### 911 Remembrance Ceremony



### Flag Retirement



## MONTHLY CALENDAR

# October 2025

## Disability Employment / Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					<b>RED-SHIRT FRIDAY</b> 2PM-6PM First Friday Clam Cowder	 10:30AM ALR Mtg Fun Ride Follows
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	 <b>KARAOKE</b> 5PM – 8PM	10AM Executive Committee Mtg 	 10:00AM ALA Mtg	Last day to RSVP for Early Bird Dinner	<b>RED-SHIRT FRIDAY</b>	 10:00AM AL Mtg
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	4PM Early Bird Dinner Columbus Day <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. NAVY</b>		5PM SAL Race Night 	Chris Patti 5PM – 7PM 	<b>RED-SHIRT FRIDAY</b>	 10:00AM SAL Mtg
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	 <b>KARAOKE</b> 5PM – 8PM				<b>RED-SHIRT FRIDAY</b>	ALR Oktoberfest Ride 11AM KSU
26	27	28	29	30	31	November 1
***** <b>NATIONAL DAY OF THE DEPLOYED</b> ***** 1PM – 4PM Not So Haunted Halloween Stroll (Plaza)		 <b>FIRST RESPONDERS DAY</b> *****		 <b>HALLOWEEN PARTY</b> 5PM	<b>RED-SHIRT FRIDAY</b> 	 10:30AM ALR Mtg Fun Ride Follows

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