



October 2024

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

Commander's Corner



To our Legion Family:

We have weathered one of the worst storms in our history! Old Homosassa and many more areas have suffered devastating damage. Attached to this newsletter are two documents, one for the Legion and SAL and the other for the Auxiliary. They are applications for assistance from the American Legion and the Auxiliary. Copies will be available at the Post as well. If you have questions, please let me know. For the Auxiliary, please text AEF Chairman Lola Strikland at 850/445-2807 for assistance. In addition, if there is anything the Post can help with, please let reach out to me – 727/432-7220.

On a happier note:

Post 166's First Friday Clam Chowder's returns this Friday. Oktoberfest, our Halloween "Food to Die for" party, the Navy's birthday (with birthday cake!), Karaoke, The BC Band, and the Early Bird dinner are a few of the things we can look forward to in October. Not to mention football! I hope you will join us for these events that we work hard to bring to you.

Reservations for the Early Bird Dinner opened on September 25th and will close on October 10th to allow time for the food to be ordered for our Event. Please, if you RSVP and you find you will not be able to make it, let us know. The Post is paying for these meals. Last year we paid for 17 meals for people who were supposed to be at the dinner, but did not show up. There will be no extra meals, so please RSVP .

I would like to thank everyone who has renewed for the 2025 membership year. Because of you, the Legion, SAL met their goals.

Membership Numbers as of 09/27/24:

Legionnaires: 175 members including 22 new Post members for 52.71%

Auxiliary: 66 members including 11 new Unit members for 39.41%

SAL: 17 members including 4 new Squadron members for 20.73%

For God and Country

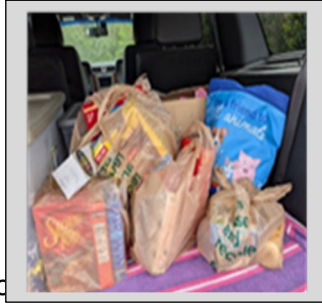
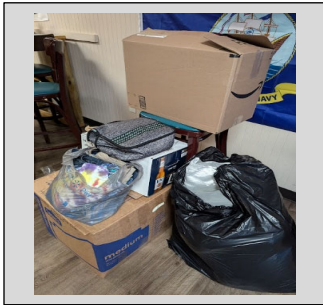
Bob Ballew, Post 166 Commander

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Auxiliary Unit 166

We were honored to have 2024-2025 Girl's State Eileen Wilson at our recent meeting. She gave us an excellent overview of the Girls State Program and we voted to participate this year.

We continue to support our Community Programs with the generous donations of food and clothing made by our Post members for the homeless. In addition to The Bread of Life Foundation at the Methodist Church where we donate food for the homeless, we are also working with the Old Homosassa Baptist Church's Outreach Program with clothing for the homeless, as well as the needs of the Bridge for Veterans Shelter.



Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALA Unit 166

ALR Chapter 166



Capture the Plaque Update

We were able to capture Chapter 155's plaque but later that night, Chapter 83 (Macclenny) showed up in the rain and captured our plaque. So, a few weeks later, five of us rode 303 miles to get our Plaque. It is now hanging in the Post where it belongs – for now until the next Chapter shows up to capture it

We continue to collect raffle prizes for our Annual Hams n Hogs ride on 10/26/24. Everyone is invited to join us, \$20.00 per person and includes a continental breakfast and a meal following the ride. We would appreciate your support! All money raised will go the Citrus County Veterans Coalition and will be used to help ensure that every Veteran in need receives a holiday meal.

For the cause, not the applause

Dwight Dejean

Squadron 166

Please welcome Mark Wagnitz as our new treasurer!

We are in the process of ordering Polo shirts with the SAL logo and should have them shortly.

I hope everyone is safe after the storm and I look forward to meeting all of the SAL members.

For God and Country

Randy Parrish

Squadron SAL Commander

2024- 2025 Officers & Meeting Times

Legionnaires

General Membership Meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00AM

Commander: Bob Ballew

Judge Advocate: Frank DiGennaro

1st Vice Commander: Dwight DeJean

Past Commander & Executive Board Member: Marie Conti

2nd Vice Commander & Adjutant: Lincoln Haynes

Executive Committee Member: Tom Brown

Sgt-at-Arms: Jane Mundis

Executive Committee Member: Bud Costello

Finance Officer: Darrell Walters

Executive Committee Member: David Kaczanowski

Chaplain: Bill Rowe

Executive Committee Member: John Surprise

Historian: Tom Piazza

Executive Committee Member: Kevin Myhill

Auxiliary Unit 166

Auxiliary Membership Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 10:00AM

Exceptions: No meetings in July & August.

Lunch follows for those interested

President: Debbie Ballew

Sergeant-At-Arms: Sheri Walters

Vice President: Cindy Haines

Executive Committee: Ida Maslinski

Secretary: Open

Executive Committee: Judy Salo

Treasurer: Dee Costello

Executive Committee: Vicky Eley

Chaplain: Lola Strickland

Executive Committee: Jan Habich

Historian: Julie Rowe

SAL Squadron 166

SAL Membership Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of the Month at 10:00AM

Exceptions: No meetings in June, July & August.

Commander: Randy Parrish

Treasurer: Mark Wagnitz

Vice Commander: Ernest (Buzz) Chainey

Chaplain: Bill Cloke

ALR Chapters166

Riders Membership Meetings are held the 1st Saturday of the Month at 10:00AM

Fun ride follows the meeting

Director: Dwight Dejean

Sergeant-At-Arms: Tom Brown

Assistant Director: Bob Ballew

Road Captain: Pam Murrin

Secretary/Treasurer: Debbie Ballew

Chaplain: Bill Sonnycalf



Legionnaires

Philip Blauvelt	Harry Ochs
Eric Ebosh	Mark Petersen
Davis Floyd	Craig Petersen
Emile Forcier	Thomas Schmidt
Donald Forsyth	Vaughn Shinaberry
Mark Henriquez	Allen Smith
Larry Jones	Michael St. Germain
John Kisslan	Charles Wicker
Laurie Lang	Fred Williams
Joseph Michelli	John Woodward
David Ochs	Kristine Seago

Auxiliary

Julie Blight	Lee Bartosek
Joanne Pelton	Roxanne Krejci
Vena Conway	Susan Pitcher
Linda Rose	Naomi Ayres
Carol Caccia	Monica Cotty
Marcy Hammond	

Sons of the American Legion

John Bartosek	Lary Pelton
Richard Bradley	James Reid

MONTHLY EVENTS

Every Tuesday

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 & guests

The Bonz Game: Following the 50/50 Raffle

\$1.00 to play; 3 chances to roll 5 of a kind.

Winner receives a chip redeemable for 2 beers, wine or well drinks or one chip for top shelf drink. Excludes specialty drinks.

Open to members and guests

Every Friday is Red Shirt Friday-

Support the Deployed

Noon to 7PM: Purchase your first drink & receive a chip for the same drink, excludes specialty drinks

First Monday of the Month

5PM to 8PM: Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment

First Friday Clam Chowder – Starts on October 6, 2024

2:30PM – 6PM October through April

Monthly Sunday Dinners

September through June

Follow us: Facebook: [American Legion Post 166 Homosassa, Florida](#); Website: americanlegionpost166.com

DAILY EVENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 1

6:30PM Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Friday, Oct. 4 Red Shirt Friday Activities

2PM to 6PM Clam Chowder

Saturday, Oct 5 10:30AM Riders Meeting/Fun Ride

Sunday, Oct. 6

4PM Monthly Sunday Dinner (Oktoberfest) Ticket Event

Monday, Oct, 7

5PM to 8PM Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment

Tuesday, Oct. 8

6:30PM Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Wednesday, Oct. 9 10AM ALA Meeting

Thursday, Oct 10 Last day to RSVP for Early Bird Dinner

Friday, Oct. 11 Red Shirt Friday Activities

Saturday Oct. 12 10AM American Legion Meeting

Sunday Oct. 13 4PM Navy Birthday with Cake

Tuesday, Oct. 15

6:30PM Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Thursday, Oct. 17 5PM Early Bird Dinner, **RSVP required**

Friday, Oct. 18 Red Shirt Friday Activities

Saturday, Oct.19 -10AMSAL Meeting

3PM Visit from Post 14 (St Pete)

Tuesday, Oct. 22

6:30PM Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Wednesday, Oct 23 4PM to 7PM The BC Band

Friday, Oct. 25 Red Shirt Friday Activities

Saturday, Oct 26 Hams n Hogs charity Ride

Tuesday, Oct. 29

6:30PM Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Thursday, Oct. 31 5PM Food to Die For Halloween Costume

Friday Nov. 1 Red Shirt Friday Activities

2PM to 6PM Clam Chowder

Sunday, Nov. 3 10:30AM Riders Meeting/Fun Ride **new date**

Monday, Nov., 4

5PM to 8PM Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment

Tuesday, Nov. 5

6:30PM Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Friday, Nov 8 9:30AM to 12:30PM ALA Meeting **new date**

Includes breakfast, special projects

Special Guest President Charlotte Bass

Red Shirt Friday Activities

Saturday, Nov. 9 10AM American Legion Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 10 -USMC Birthday with Cake

Monday, Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Includes breakfast, dinner, raffles, gifts, and pictures

Poppies at various locations

Tuesday, Nov. 12

6:30PM Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Wednesday, Nov. 13 4PM – 7PM Music by Twisted D

Friday Nov. 15 Red Shirt Friday Activities

2PM to 6PM Clam Chowder

Saturday, Nov 16 -10AM SAL Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 17 4PM Monthly Sunday Dinner

Tuesday, Nov. 19

6:30PM Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Wednesday, Nov. 20 9AM Flag Retirement

Friday Nov. 22 Red Shirt Friday Activities

Tuesday, Nov. 26

6:30PM Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Wednesday, Nov. 27 Grab and Go Turkey Dinner – **Must sign up**

Thursday, Nov 28 Thanksgiving **Post Closed**

Friday, Nov. 29 Red Shirt Friday Activities;

OCTOBER EVENTS



**American Legion
Post 166**

**October 6, 2024
4PM**

**Bratwurst
Sauerkraut
German Potato Salad
Red Cabbage
Black Forest Cupcakes**

Tickets available for
\$10.00 donation to
the Building Fund



**EARLY BIRD DINNER
Thursday October 17th - 5PM**

**FREE
Salisbury Steak Dinner**

With 2025
membership dues
paid by 09/30/24
Catered by Art's Diner



Guests welcome for a \$15.00 donation
RSVP for dinner at the Post or Facebook
between 09/25 & 10/10



**Calling All
Pinellas County
Transplants &
members**

**Please join us
Saturday Oct. 19 at 3PM
When Post 14's (St. Pete)
Bus Trip visits our Post**




The BC Band

**60's, 70's, and 80's
Rock, Pop, & County**

**October 23, 2024
4PM To 7PM
American Legion Post 166**

**Saturday, October 26, 2024
Sixth Annual Hams & Hogs
Charity Ride**




**Open to
Trikes, Bikes, Roadsters, Street Rods, Trucks and Automobiles**

**Sponsored By
The American Legion Riders Chapter 166
For Citrus County Veterans Coalition Food Pantry
Games & Money Raffles at Every Stop**

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per participant or ham

Registration at American Legion Post 166: 9AM
4520 S Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa
Continental Breakfast provided

Kick Stands Up/Start Your Engine: 10AM

Stops:
Eagles Club: 5340 W Grover Cleveland Blvd, Homosassa
IRRU Social Club: 922 US Hwy 41 S, Inverness
American Legion 77: 4375 S Little Al Point, Inverness
American Legion 237: 6726 N Lecanto Hwy, Beverly Hills
American Legion 155: 6585 W Gulf to Lake Hwy, CR

**Ride ends at Post 166 with Raffle Drawing & Game Winners
Announced. Dinner provided.**

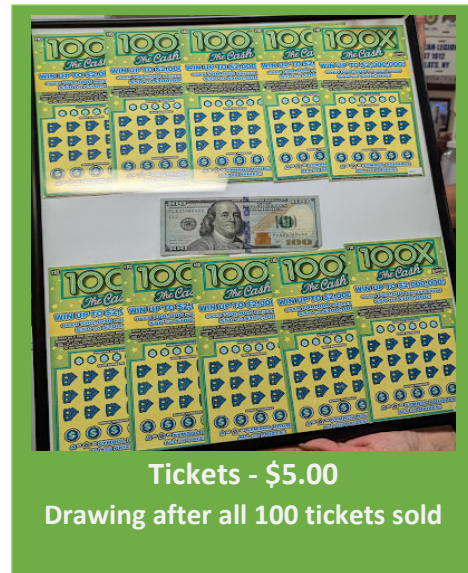
For More Information: Call Dwight at 352/587-7773

**HALLOWEEN
COSTUME PARTY**

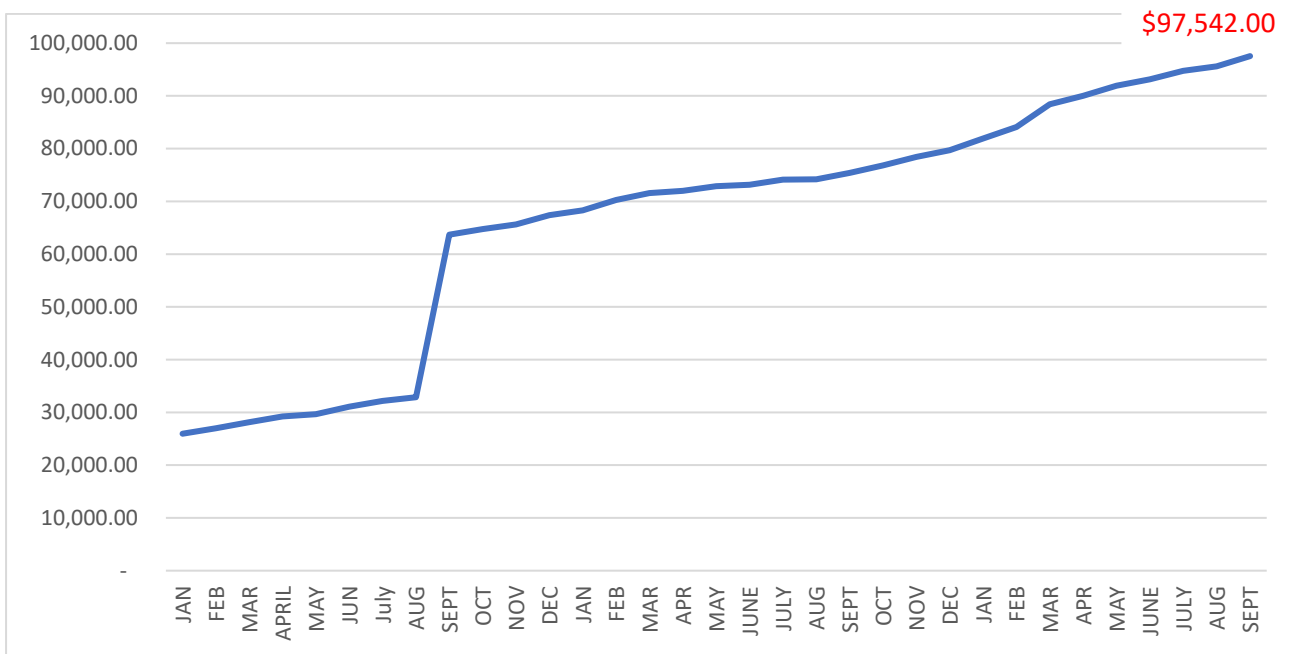
**October 31st
5PM**



ON GOING BUILDING FUND EVENTS



Building Fund as of 09/30/24



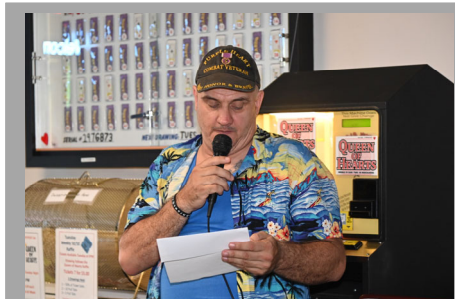
Special thanks to Kevin and Carol Myhill for their donation of the September Monthly Sunday Dinner. The Pulled pork meal was delicious. And Phyllis's dessert was too!

If you couldn't make it, you missed a great meal. We hope you will be able to attend October's Monthly Sunday Diner as we celebrate Oktoberfest!

Anyone interested in participating the Monthly Sunday Dinners, either monetary or cooking a dish, please let the bartenders know or email us at Americalpost66@gmail.com

Post Photo Album

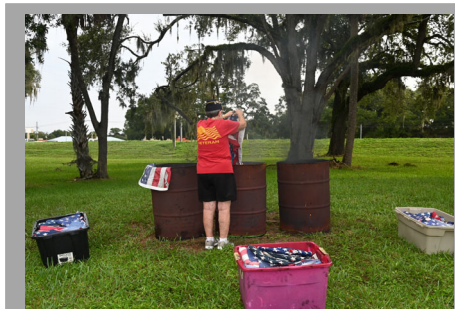
Celebrating Cheeseburger in Paradise (Post 166)



Patriot's Day




















Quarterly Flag Retirement



October 2024

American Legion Post 166 – 4520 S Suncoast Blvd, Homosassa - americanlpost166@gmail.com (352)765-3949

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		10AM Executive Committee Mtg 			 2pm to 6PM Clam Chowder	10:30AM ALR Mtg Fun Ride Follows 
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	KARAOKE NIGHT With KJ Buzz 5pm – 8PM		10:00AM ALA Mtg 	Last day to RSVP for Early Bird Dinner		10:00AM AL Mtg 
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. NAVY	Columbus Day			5PM Dinner 		10:00AM SAL Mtg  3PM Visit Post 14 St. Pete
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			4-7PM The BC Band 			Hams N Hogs Charity Run benefiting CCVC Food Pantry – Open to Everyone
27	28	29	30	31	Red Shirt Friday: Wear a red shirt on Friday, purchase your 1st drink; receive a chip for the same, excludes specialty drinks Queen of Hearts: 50/50 raffle & the Bonz Game follows	
				5PM Halloween Party 		

10/6: 4PM Octoberfest \$12.00 donation to the Building Fund for a ticket - German style food

10/17: Early Bird Dinner. Free Salisbury Steak dinner catered by Art's Diner for members who renewed by 09/30. Must RSVP between 09/20-10/10

10/31: 5PM Halloween Costume Party - FOOD TO DIE FOR !

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Red Shirt Friday 2PM – 6PM First Friday Clam Chowder	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30AM ALR Mtg This month only Fun Ride Follows 	KARAOKE NIGHT With KJ Buzz 5PM – 8PM	10AM Executive Committee Mtg 			Red Shirt Friday 10:00AM ALA Mtg – President Charlotte Visit 	10:00AM AL Mtg  District Meeting - Post 149 Newberry
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	9AM to 3PM Bloodmobile Veterans Day Breakfast, Dinner, & Gifts for Vets Poppies		4PM to 7PM Music by Twisted D		Red Shirt Friday	10:00AM SAL Mtg 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Monthly Sunday Dinner			9AM Flag Retirement		Red Shirt Friday Dept Fall Conference	Dept Fall Conference
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Grab & Go Dinner Thanksgiving Dinner	Thanksgiving	Red Shirt Friday 7:30PM Bonz Game	

Red Shirt Friday: Wear a red shirt on Friday, purchase your first drink; receive a chip for the same, excludes specialty drinks

Queen of Hearts: 50/50 raffle & the Bonz Game follows

November 11th Veterans Day Activities: 9-11 Thank you Breakfast by ALA; 3:30-6:30 Thank you Dinner by SAL; gifts, raffle, & pictures for Post 166 Veteran's Wall