

SEPTEMBER 2026

The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER



This month there are two particularly important dates that we should never forget – 9/11, the day our Country was turned upside down and POW/MIA Day in honor of the 81,000 Americans who are still missing!

We will hold a 9/11 Remembrance Service on **September 11th** and POW/MIA Service on **September 18th**. Both Ceremonies will start at 11:30AM. I hope that you will join us for at least one of these services as we honor those individuals who gave so much!

Membership Update: Our Legion Family is doing great with renewals, and we welcomed 34 new members this month! Our early Bird dinner is **October 11th** and we will serve from 3PM to 5PM. You **MUST RSVP** for this meal starting September 15th through October 1st and have paid your 2027 by October 1, 2027. Your RSVP means you **will** attend! The last few years we have averaged 15 people who did not show up. That money the Post spent on the meal could have been used to help support our Programs. I understand things happen, but please give us a call and let us know ASAP if you can't make it.

We have a busy calendar this month.

Hope to see everyone at the Post!

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Post 166 Commander

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AUXILIARY UNIT 166

Happy September!

I hope everyone has had a great summer.

It has been a hot one but that has not stopped us from working our programs: delivering g school supplies from Operation School Brigade to 2 schools, bringing desserts to our First Responders and our Veterans at the Bridge4Veterans, and clothing donations (thanks to all of you) delivered to the Outreach Program in Old Homosassa.

In addition to our service programs, we have two fundraiser going on:



BUILDING FUNDRAISER!

Sponsored by
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 166

DONATE \$30.00 OR MORE

RECEIVE A FREE T-SHIRT!

Help Us Build a Stronger Future
for Our Veterans and Community!

SUPPORT OUR NEW BUILDING FUND!



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 Cruise
February 1-5, 2027
The Norwegian Gem

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Information</u>
Monday 4PM Depart Port of Tampa	Cabin Rates for 2 \$1002.10 – Basic Rate
Tuesday Day At Sea	\$1298.10 – Includes Open Bar & 1 Specialty Dinning Night for 2
Wednesday 7AM – 5PM Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas	Balcony Rates for 2 \$1420.00 – Basic Rate
Thursday Day At Sea	\$1716.10 – Includes Open Bar & 1 Specialty Dinning Night for 2
Friday 7AM Arrive Post of Tampa	Travel Insurance & other Packages Available

Book Now and Lock in your Rate!
For more information and to book your cruise
Contact Alex (954) 514-4466
Use group number A3082404

I hope you will consider donating to the Building Fund for a FREE shirt and joining us on our 2nd annual Cruise!

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL 166,

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ALR CHAPTER 166

As we all know it has been hot and we have even had heat advisories, which means we do not ride as much. It gets pretty hot in jeans, vest, and a helmet especially if there is no breeze so we are really looking forward to cooler weather.

Starting in October, we are participating in rides every weekend to help our fellow Riders raise money for their Charities.

We will also sponsor a ride in October – our 2nd annual Oktoberfest Ride, which replaces the Hams n-Hogs Ride we did for years. Last year we got a lot of great feedback on the first Oktoberfest Ride. It was a really fun ride with all the proceeds going to the Citrus County Veterans Coalition Food Pantry. After the ride, we had a great Oktoberfest style meal with brat cooked in beer, german style kraut, german potato salad, even german pretzels! This will be the meal again this year. Our ride is open to everyone Trikes, Bikes, Roadsters, Street Rods, Trucks and Automobiles.

Please join us and help feed our Veterans in need!

For the cause, not the applause

Dwight Dejean, ALR Chapter 166 Director

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Oktoberfest
Charity Ride
For Citrus County Veterans
Coalition Food Pantry
Sunday October 18th
Stops Include
Cystal River Eagles
AMVETS
IRRU Social Club
Inverness Moose Lodge
\$ 15.00 Per Rider
Includes Dinner Following Ride
KSU at 10AM - Post 166
4520 S Suncoast Blvd
Raffles, Games

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

We proudly honored **Joseph Cummings** on Friday August 7th for his 51 years as a member of The Sons of the American Legion.

Joel transferred to Squadron 237 (Beverly Hills) from Squadron 492 (Betowski Van De Mark) in Waverly, New York in 2017. In November of 2023 he chose us and transferred his membership!



SAL Races

Our races are a hoot! If you haven't had a chance to join, I urge you to put in on your Calander – the third Wednesday of every month. You never know what we will be racing – it could be cars, could be horses, maybe patriots, flags, maybe even goblins or turkeys. We have a great time, and all profits go to support The American Legion Programs.

For God and Country

Randy Parrish, Squadron 166 Commander

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Chaplain's Remarks

As we move into a new month, I want to take a moment to reflect on why we belong to The American Legion Family. Beyond our Programs, community work, and our advocacy, our greatest strength is right here in our members.

Our preambles reminds us "to sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness ". Mutual helpfulness is not just a big idea. It means a phone call to a members who may not of been around as of late, or who has have missed some meetings. It means a hot cup of coffee with a buddy having a hard week. It means treating all we are in contact with dignity, respect, and courtesy.

Let us remember the sacrifices of those who came before us, let us bring patience, kindness to our families, neighbors and comrades.

Paul Herrick, Post 166 Chaplain

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jerilynn Boling, ALA

Shari L Bova, ALA

Mie Colhouer, ALA

Lete Connelly, TAL

Edward Dugan, SAL

Larry Fey, TAL

Robin Garcia, ALA

Robert Grooms, SAL

Deborah Harechmak, ALA

Lorreta Hess, ALA

Dennis Jones, TAL

Dora Jordan, ALA

Jared Koceja, SAL

Holly Lawler, ALA

Helen M Long, ALA

Kimberly Lutjens, ALA

Virginia A Olsen, ALA

Tina Overstreet, TAL

Joan Pierce, TAL

Gabriella Quast, TAL

Rose M Rezendes, ALA

Angel Sellers, ALA

Terrence Sherman, SAL

Tina N Siebert, ALA

Deborah Simmons, ALA

Christian Smith, TAL

Marvin Smith, SAL

Gerald Webb, TAL

Heidi Webber, TAL

Michelle R Young, ALA

Raymond Zeigler, TAL

Lon McAllister, SAL

Jerry Van Tassel, SAL

Terri Van Tassell, ALA

POST EVERLASTING

Marty Carey, TAL

Carrol Commans, TAL

Carla Hoffman, ALA

Sam Piazza, TAL

Tony Romiti, TAL

SEPTEMBER 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.

Your Post needs you!

Sept. 7: 3PM Cheeseburger in Paradise

10:30 – 4PM Blood Mobile

Sept. 11: 11:30AM Patriots Day Remembrance

Sept. 14: 5PM– 8PM Karaoke with Buzz Saw Entertainment **New Date, this month only**

Sept. 15: Reservations open for Early Bird Diner

Sept. 18: 11:30AM POW/MIA Day Remembrance Service

2PM – 4PM US Airforce 75th Birthday Celebration

September 30: 5PM – 7PM Oldies night with Joel N Lynn Stone

October 11: 2PM– 5PM Early Bird Dinner (RSVP required)

MONTHLY EVENTS

First Monday of the Month: 5PM to 8PM Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment **2ND Monday this month**

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 and then it's **The Bonz Game**

Raffle Board: Ongoing fundraiser for the Building Fund. Tickets are \$5.00 each and limited to 100 per game. Board consists of one \$100.00 bill plus \$100.00's in raffle tickets. Winner is drawn as soon as all tickets are sold. Winner receives \$100.00 bill and all scratch-off tickets,

Monthly Raffle Basket: Fundraiser for American Legion Family's Charities. Each month a different Family sponsors the Basket ,

Every Friday is Red Shirt Friday - Rember Everyone Deployed: Purchase your 1st drink; receive a chip for the same drink, excluding specialty drinks.

2026- 2027 OFFICERS & MEETING TIMES



Legionnaires Post 166

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: Paul Herrick

Historian: Tom Piazza

Past Commander: Marie Conti

Executive Committee Member: Ernie Chainey

Executive Committee Member: Bud Costello

Executive Committee Member: Kevin Myhill

Executive Committee Member: Frank Gigennaro

Adjutant: Dwight Dejean

Service Officer: Paul Herrick



Auxiliary Unit 166

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

President: Debbie Ballew

Secretary: Jule Rowe

Treasurer: Connie Brault

Sergeant-At-Arms: Michele Dejean

Chaplain: Barb Tripp

Historian: Debbie Simmons

Executive Committee Member: Russann Cram

Executive Committee Member: Ida Maslinski

Executive Committee Member: Dee Costello



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

Sargeant at Arms: Tony Doody

Adjutant: Mark Cram

Executive Committee Member: Bill Rowe

Executive Committee Member: Doug Norman



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

Chaplain: Paul Herrick

Historian: Marcy Hammond

Road Captain: Pam Murin

POST FAMILY FUNDRAISERS

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

MYSTERY BAGS



\$1.00
Each

Filled with Candy
A Surprise In One
Of Every 10 Bags
Surprises include
Pull Tab, Bar Chip, Cash



Sponsored by the
American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 166

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

POST 166 WEEKLY / MONTHLY EVENTS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166



QUEEN
OF
HEARTS

Drawing Every Tuesday Night

6:30 PM

Tickets: \$1.00 each

Tickets Available All Week

KARAOKE NIGHT

Date Change - September 10, 2026

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166
4520 S SUNCOAST BLVD, HOMOSASSA SPRINGS

ALL ARE WELCOME!

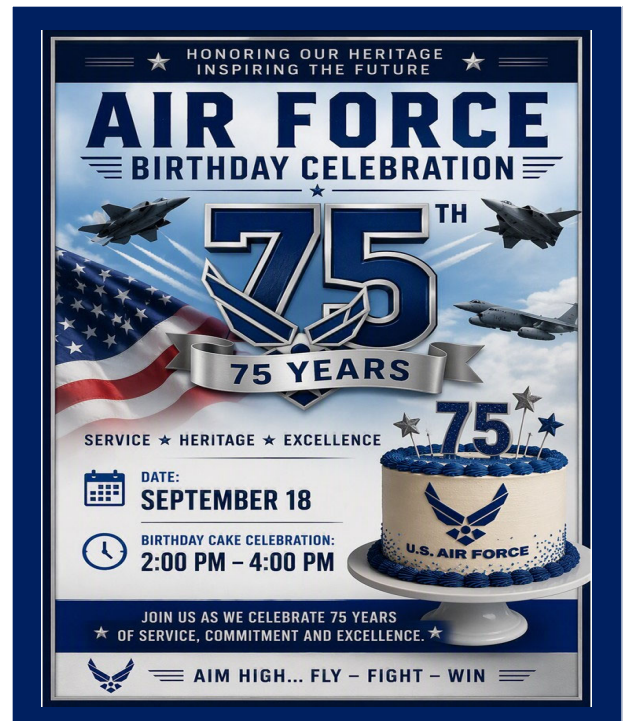
HOSTED BY
BUZZSAW ENTERTAINMENT

R.E.D. FRIDAY! REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED!

In honor of everyone deployed

Wear a RED Shirt on Friday,
Purchase your first drink
Receive a chip for the same drink

SEPTEMBER EVENTS



EVENTS CONTINUED



OLDIES NIGHT
with
JOEL & LYNN

*Singing Hits from
the '50s, '60s and '70s!*

SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 • 5 PM – 7 PM
AMERICAN LEGION POST 166, HOMOSASSA



**EARLY BIRD
DINNER**

★ **OCTOBER 11, 2026** ★
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

EARLY BIRD MEMBERS FREE ★★★★★★★★★★	GUESTS & NON-EARLY BIRD MEMBERS \$10.00 <i>per person</i>
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**BECOME AN EARLY BIRD BY
JOINING OR RENEWING YOUR
POST FAMILY 166 MEMBERSHIP
BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026**

RSVP REQUIRED
SEPTEMBER 15 – OCTOBER 4

 **RSVP AT THE POST** |
  americanpost166@gmail.com

**Join Us for
GREAT FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!**

MONTHLY CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER

EVENTS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166

4520 S. SUNCOAST BLVD., HOMOSASSA, FL



EVERY TUESDAY:
QUEEN OF HEARTS



EVERY FRIDAY:
RED SHIRT FRIDAY
REMEMBER THOSE DEPLOYED

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1  Queen of Hearts	2	3	4  Red Shirt Friday Remember Those Deployed	5 10:30 ALR Mtg
6	7 BLOOD MOBILE 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM LABOR DAY CELEBRATION 3:00 PM Cheeseburgers in Paradise	8  Queen of Hearts	9 10:30 ALA Mtg	10	11  PATRIOTS DAY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 11:30 AM Lunch Follows	12 10:30 TAL Mtg
13	14 KARAOKE NIGHT 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Buzz Saw Entertainment	15  Queen of Hearts EARLY BIRD RESERVATIONS OPEN	16	17	18  POW/MIA SERVICE 11:30 AM AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	19 10:30 SAL Mtg
20	21	22  Queen of Hearts	23	24	25  Red Shirt Friday Remember Those Deployed	26
27	28	29  Queen of Hearts	30 OLDIES NIGHT with Joel n Lynn 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM			



COMING IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER

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EARLY BIRD DINNER

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM



★ FOR GOD AND COUNTRY ★

VETERANS ★ ACTIVE DUTY ★ FAMILIES ★ FRIENDS WELCOME