



March 2024 The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year Long

Commander's Corner



The American Legion turns 105 on March 15!

The American Legion has been the leader as America's leading advocate for veterans health care and rehabilitation, children and youth programs, a strong national security policy and one-hundred percent Americanism for one hundred and five years.

From its founding in 1919, the American Legion has always been dedicated, just as our Preamble states, "to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.", regardless of religious faith, or whether they were enlisted or commissioned, black or white, male, or female.

As you have been hearing all month, nominations of Officers for our Legion Family begins in March. Nominations will be taken during March, April, and May with voting at the May meetings. We need dedicated people to keep us growing and improving; whether it is as an Officer or a volunteer with our many programs or at the Post. As the saying goes, it takes all of us working together to be the Best we can be. And that is particularly true for us!

On another note, the Presidential Preference Primary is March 19th. Only republicans may vote since Florida is a closed primary state. It is always important to vote whenever you can so your voice is heard.

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Commander

American Legion Post 166, Homosassa FL

Auxiliary Unit 166

We recently held our annual rummage sale at Howard's Flea Market. And thanks to all of you for the many donations, and to those who came and purchased items, we were able to raise enough money to help us with several of our Veterans Programs.

I want to thank our Post members for all the clothing and food donations that have been made at the Post. We are now partnering with the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa. They have a program that better aligns with our desire to help feed and clothe the homeless in our area. The Church has a volunteer who actually goes to the camps to deliver food and clothing and offer a kind word and encouragement.

We are hopeful that we will be able to resume our Troop Boxes in the near future. Our troops were located very close to the recent drone strike that killed three servicemen. We expect mail to resume there in the near future and we will be getting some cookies (per their request) out to them asap.

Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALAFL Unit 166

Veterans Updates

For those of you looking for a service officer, the information below maybe helpful:

- VA Service Office from the Villages is available on the 3rd Friday of the month from 2PM to 6PM at American Legion Post 155,(585 W Gulf to Lake Hwy, Crystal River. No appointments. First come, first served.
- Two American Legion accredited Service Officers are available by appointments
 - Wanda Thomas 352-257-0541
 - Jim Dryer (315) 240-1442



The Sons of the American Legion

The SAL Ziti dinner is this Saturday, March 2nd from 4PM to 6PM. Dinner includes Ziti with meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert. All for \$10.00. Sign up at the Post. All proceeds will go to support the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

ALR Chapter 166

Please mark your calendar for May 4, 2024. Our chapter will sponsor our annual Derby Ride with proceeds benefiting Veterans programs. More information is coming in next month's next letter.

Last month we were honored to ride with Post 155 in support of the Nature Coast Grieve Center. I am proud to say we donated \$250.00, as well as the Post, in support of the cause.



For the Cause, not the applause

Dwight Dejean, Director, American Legion Riders #166

Welcome
to our
New Members

Kim Demers, ALA
Joseph Gall, Legionnaire
Caroline Gawthrop, ALA
Joseph Knight, SAL
Lois Parrino, ALA
Kandyce Pelton, ALA
Germaine Stephenson, ALA
Shannon Wicker, ALA



Frank Registrato, Legionnaire

Monthly Events at the Post

Every Tuesday

5:30PM: Pie Slice Sale

\$5.00 suggested donation to the Building Fund

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 and Guests

The Bonz Game: Following the 50/50 Raffle

3 chances to roll 5 of a kind

\$1.00 to play

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

Excludes specialty Drinks

Open to Members and Guests

Every Friday is Red Shirt Friday

Wear Red to Support the Deployed

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

6:30PM 50/50 Raffle Followed by The Bonz Game*

**Same rules apply as Tuesday night*

First Sunday of the Month

5PM to 8PM: Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment

First Friday of the Month

Clam Chowder

2PM – 6PM: Make a \$5.00 donation to the Building Fund and receive a cup of Clam chowder

Friday, March 1

2PM to 6PM First Friday **Clam Chowder**

\$5.00 donation to the Building Fund

Red Shirt Friday Activities

Saturday, March 2

4PM to 6PM **SAL Sponsored Dinner**

Ziti & Meatball Dinner

\$10.00 - Sign up at Post

Sunday, March 3

5PM to 8PM **Karaoke with Buzzsaw** Entertainment

Tuesday, March 5

9AM to 3PM **Bloodmobile**

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Wednesday, March 6

9AM to 3PM **Blood Mobile**

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Friday, March 8 - Red Shirt Friday Activities

Tuesday, March 12

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Wednesday, March 13

4PM to 6PM **BC Band**

Friday, March 15 - Red Shirt Friday Activities

Tuesday, March 19

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Thursday, March 21

5PM **Michigan Day – Yoopers vs the Trolls**

Friday, March 23 - Red Shirt Friday Activities

Sunday, March 24

4PM to 6PM **Monthly Sunday Dinner**

Lasagna, salad, garlic bread & dessert

\$10.00 Tickets available at Canteen

Limited #, get yours before 03/17

Tuesday, March 26

Queen of Hearts, 50/50 raffle, The Bonz Game

Friday, March 29 - Red Shirt Friday Activities

Check our Social Media Accounts

Facebook: [American Legion Post 166 Homosassa, Florida](#)

Website americanlegionpost166.com

Monthly Meetings and Officers

American Legion Post 166

Executive Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday at 10AM
General Membership Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 10AM

Post Commander	Bob Ballew
1 st Vice Commander	Dwight DeJean
2 nd Vice Commander/ Adjutant	Lincoln Haynes
Finance Officer	Darrell Walters
Sergeant-At-Arms	Jane Mundis
Chaplain	Bill Rowe
Historian	Tom Piazza
Past Commander / E Board	Marie Conti
Judge Advocate / E-Board	Frank Digennaro
Executive Board Member	Tom Brown
Executive Board Member	Bud Costello
Executive Board Member	David Kaczanowski
Executive Board Member	Kevin Myhill
Executive Board Member	John Surprise

The Sons of the American Legion

Monthly Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 10AM (Sept-June)

Commander	Curtis Woods
1st Vice Commander	Greg Doody
Treasurer	Bill Rowe
Chaplain	Bill Cloke
Sergeant-At-Arms	Tony Doody

American Legion Auxiliary

Monthly Meeting: 2nd Wednesday at 10:00AM

President	Debbie Ballew
Vice President	Judy Salo
Secretary	Julie Rowe
Treasurer	Dee Costello
Chaplain	Vicky Eley
Historian	Cindy Haynes
Sergeant-At-Arms	Sherry Walters
Executive Committee	Marion Healy
Executive Committee	Jan Habich
Executive Committee	Lola Strickland

American Legion Riders

Monthly Meeting: 1st Saturday of the Month at 10:30AM Fun Ride follows

Director	Dwight DeJean
Assistant Director	Bob Ballew
Secretary/Treasurer	Debbie Ballew
Sergeant-At-Arms	Tom Brown
Chaplain	Bill Sonnycalf
Historian	Tammy Chainey
Road Captain	Pam Murrin

Building Fund Events

American Legion Post 166



Lasagna

Sunday Dinner

February 25, 2024
4PM

Dinner Served with
Salad, Garlic Bread
Dessert

Tickets available at the Canteen
With a \$10.00 donation to the
Building Fund



Help fill our pot of gold!

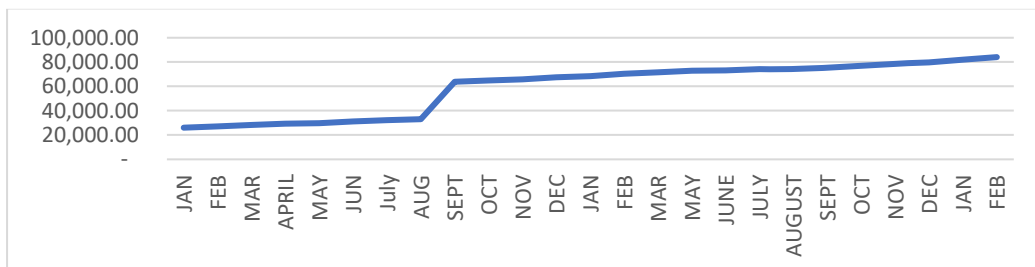
Help Grow The
Building Fund

Sign your Coin!
Just \$1.00



St. Patrick's Day Basket
 Teddy Bear, Wine,
 2 Whiskeys, 6 Beers, Hat,
 Wash Cloth, Soap, Beads,
 Garden Stone, Setting Frog,
 Bird House, Place mats,
 Outdoor Picture

Building Fund Balance - (02/28/24)



Post Photo Album

Karaoke



Adopt-A-Highway



Sweets for the Sweet



Four Chaplains



Valentine's Day Dinner

