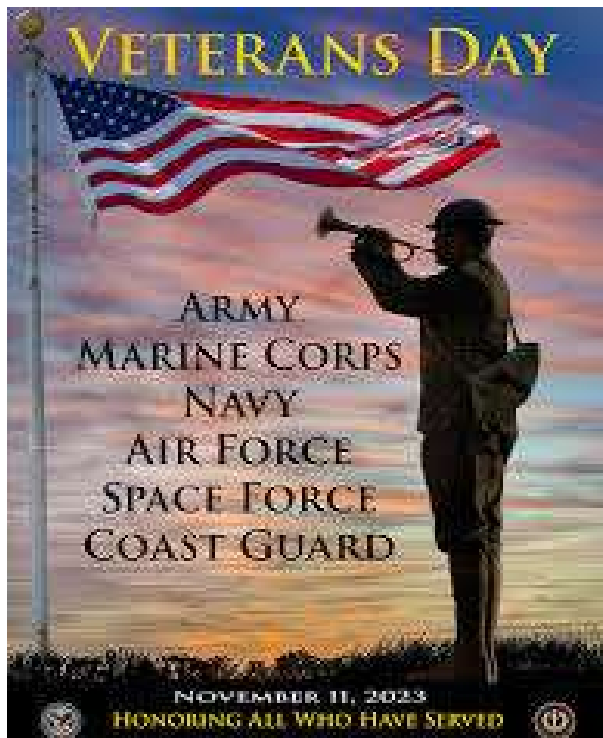




November 2024 The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year Long

Commander's Corner



We have two holidays this year to remind us to be thankful: Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

Veterans do not look alike or even think alike, but we have a strong bond in that all of us gave up a portion of our lives to serve our Country. It doesn't matter what branch, what job, what era, all of us who served know what it means to be a proud Veteran, and that I am!

I am honored to be an Officer of this Post, a privilege that is open only to those who served. Now the 18-year-old me, had no idea what being in the military was like, but bootcamp took care of that! I can honestly say that it was great experience.

To my fellow veterans, this is our day! I hope you will plan to spend a part of it with us. The Auxiliary and SAL will be spoiling us. We will also be taking pictures for our Veterans Wall. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

I am thankful for many things that serving as Commander has brought. One is the determination of our members to grow the Building Fund. This month we crossed the one hundred thousand mark. We still have a ways to go, but it feels good to know our hard work is paying off.

Membership stats as of 10/31/24 Report:

- The Legionnaires have 216 members paid for 65.06%
- The SAL: has 19 members paid for 23.17%
- The Auxiliary has jumped right out there with 123 members paid for 2025 for 72.35% Way to go!

If you have not renewed your membership for 2025 yet, please mail, or bring your renewal into the Post. December 31st will be here before we know it.

For God and Country

Bob Ballew, Post 166 Commander

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Auxiliary Unit 166

This past month has been quite challenging to our members in Old Homosassa. Many of our members' homes were heavily flooded and some lost their homes altogether. And that is when our members who were not impacted as bad, took action. With out being asked, they immediately began bringing donations to the Post.

On October 16, four Auxiliary members, Julie Rowe, Russann Cram, Phyllis Suprise, and me, came to the Post and sorted and boxed over 1200 pieces of clothing, shoes, personal items, toys, and dishes. Two members of the Legion, 1st Vice Dwight Dejean and Executive Committee member Tom Brown loaded the boxes and took them to Daystar for the "Free Clothing Benefit" they were hosting that week.

That's our American Legion Family working together for a great cause!



We work closely with the Bridge 4 Veterans Shelter and take a meal to them each month. This month we delivered Salisbury steak dinners and cupcakes from the Post's Early Bird Dinner. They have plenty of canned goods but have requested donations of pasta and pasta sauces. If you would like to donate one of these items, there is a donation box for them at the Post.



Service not Self

Debbie Ballew, President ALA Unit 166

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ALR Chapter 166



Capture the Plaque Update

Well, it's been captured again! ALR Chapter 7, (Clearwater) came in on Saturday, 10/9 and grabbed it. They visited with us for a while and then they were off to Post 155 to get their Riders' plaque too.

We will be heading out south soon to bring our Plaque back home!

This month we participated in and donated to two worthy fundraisers:

- **Jessie Place, Citrus County Children Adversary Center**, held at the Harley-Davidson Dealer and sponsored by the Punishers MC (Law Enforcement officers)
- **Soldiers Outdoor Freedom**, a non-profit located in Mississippi that helps veterans and active duty military who are suffering from post-traumatic stress to re-connect with the healing power of Nature. The ride sponsored was by American Legion Riders Post 77.

Our 6th annual Hams n Hogs ride was a great success! We raised \$3,776.20 for Citrus County Veterans Coalition Food Pantry. We had 51 riders participate. I would like to thank them for their support, everyone who donated items for our raffle, the 50/50 and the Lottery Board.

Our next fundraiser is our Derby Day Ride in May. More details to come as we get closer.



For the cause, not the applause

Dwight Dejean

Squadron 166

Hope all are well!

I still would like to meet more of the Sons. We would love to see more of you at our meetings, which are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10AM. They last about 30 minutes or less. Also, if you haven't paid your dues, please think about doing so, it will help us meet our goals.

For God and Country

Randy Parrish, Squadron SAL Commander

POST EVERLASTING



Richard J Cathy

Kenneth Parker

NEW MEMBERS

Judith Biston, ALA

Thomas Bukaweski, Legionnaire

DeAnna Congra, ALA

Kelly Henry, Legionnaire

Russell Founds, Legionnaire

Jon Weichman, SAL

Shelley Weichman ALA

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

Red Shirt Friday: Purchase your 1st 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: 2:30PM – 6PM October through April

Monthly Sunday Dinners: September through June

Follow us:

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

Website: americanlegionpost166.com

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 / Treasurer: Dee Costello

Executive Committee: Judy Salo

Chaplain: Lola Strickland

Executive Committee: Vicky Eley

Historian: Julie Rowe

Executive Committee: Jan Habich

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 Chapter 166

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


OCTOBER EVENTS

BUZZSAW ENTERTAINMENT
Featuring *KJ Buzz Chainey*



September 9, 2024
5PM to 8PM

**All USMC Veterans
Are Invited To Join usat
American Legion Post 166
Our Fellow Marines**



November 10, 2025
3PM

Semper fi !



VETERANS DAY

**The American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 166
& The SAL Squadron 166
Invite All Veterans To Join Us
As We Honor and Celebrate
You!**

- ❖ 9AM – 11AM Free Breakfast
- ❖ 3PM – 6PM Free Dinner
- ❖ Thank You Gifts For All
- ❖ Free Raffle
- ❖ Photos For The Veterans' Wall
- ❖ 9AM - 3PM Bloodmobile



Wednesday
November 13
4PM – 7PM



Twisted D is a Pinellas County Performer
Homosassa Engagements include:
The Barrell, VFW, and
Nature Coast Resort
Please Welcome him to Post 166



FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Wednesday
20TH OF NOVEMBER
9 AM

**Please join us as we retire the Flags
of our Country that have become
worn and tattered**

American Legion Post 166
4250 S Suncoast Blvd
Homosassa FL 34446
352-765-3949

Unserviceable Flag Drop Off Box
located in front of the Post.
Flags may be dropped off

Thanksgiving

November 27
4- 6PM

Grab & Go Dinner

**No need to cook
We will do it for you**
\$12.00


Includes turkey, gravy, potatoes,
vegie and dessert
Must sign up by 11/23/24



BUILDING FUND EVENTS

FIRST FRIDAY

**Donate \$5.00 To
The Building Fund For
A Cup of Clam Chowder**

Tickets - \$5.00

Drawing after all 100 tickets sold

**Sunday Monthly
Dinner**



SEAFOOD PASTA

**Scallops, Shrimp & Crab in a
Cream Sauce**

November 17 - 4PM
\$12 Building Fund Donation
Tickets Available at the Canteen

Money Goes To Building Fund

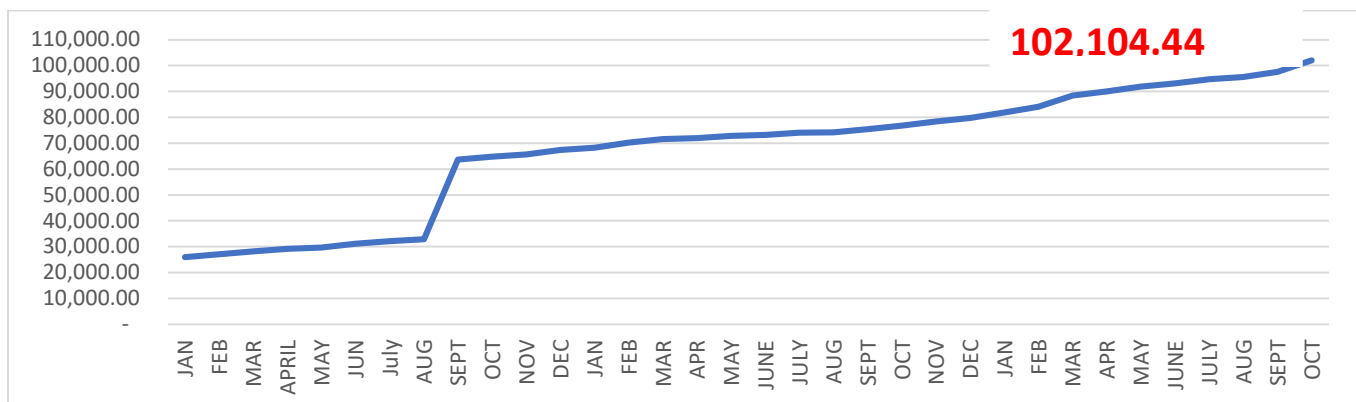


62" TALL

26" WIDE

\$5 Per Ticket

Building Fund as of 10/30/24



Thank you members for your continued support!

Post Photo Album

Celebrating Oktoberfest



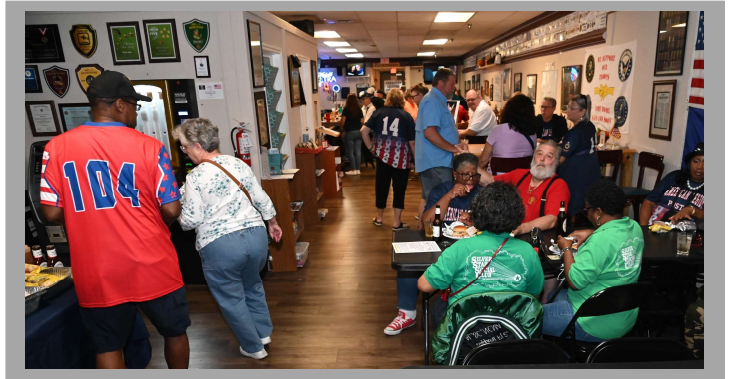
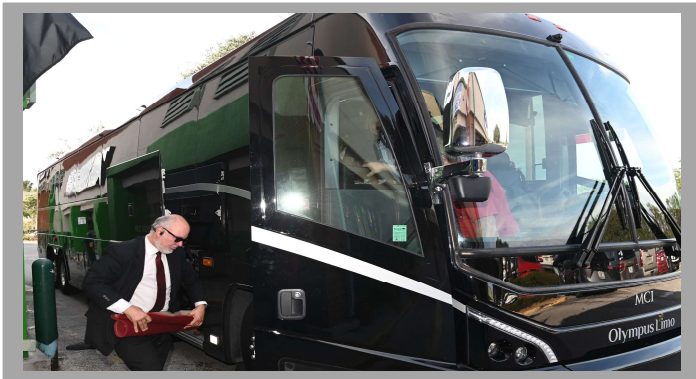
Early Bird Dinner



The BC Band



Post 14 Bus Trip



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					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 Poppies Homosassa Seafood Festival
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 3PM Cake Cutting Poppies Homosassa Seafood Festival	9AM to 3PM Bloodmobile 9AM – 6PM Veterans Day Activities 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 Post Closed	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 Breakfast; 3:00-6:30 Dinner; gifts, raffle, & pictures for Post 166 Veteran's Wall

December 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	KARAOKE NIGHT with 5PM – 8PM Karaoke	10AM Executive Committee Mtg 			2PM – 6PM Clam Chowder Red Shirt Friday	10:30AM ALR Mtg Fun Ride Follows 
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
4PM Monthly Sunday Dinner			10:00AM ALA Mtg		Red Shirt Friday	10:00AM AL Mtg  3:30PM Army
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bill of Rights Day					Red Shirt Friday	10:00AM SAL Mtg 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			 5PM – 7PM Post Open		Red Shirt Friday	
29	30	31				
	Space Force Birthday	 New Years Eve Party 2PM-4PM Oldies with Joel & Lynn 8PM Post closed				

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