



THE Home Front

A POST 116 NEWSLETTER

District 11, Division 3, Dept. of North Carolina | 6400 Johnson Pond Rd., Fuquay-Varina, NC, 27526 | 919-552-7056

December, 2024

COMMANDER'S CORNER

David Rossner, Commander, Post 116



TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING

November is a proud month for our veterans, first we started off with the Marine Corps 249th Birthday on 10 Nov. and the very next day we celebrated all of our veterans with Veterans Day. The Marine Corps birthday party was a big success with about 80 members showing up for the celebration. On Veterans Day the Post had a ceremony at the flag pole sponsored by the Honor Guard which was very well attended and after that the Auxiliary sponsored a pot luck lunch, which we are all very grateful for. Originally, we observed this day as Armistice Day, observed on the 11th day of November at the 11th hour and 11th minute, it marked the end of World War 1. On June 1st 1954 Congress amended the Act of 1938 to strike out Armistice and insert Veterans. November 11th became the day to honor all veterans. Several of our Post officers also spoke at other events that happened that day and during the weekend at some of our local Veterans homes and retirement community's. Thanks to all that helped out.

SOME REALLY GOOD NEWS

The Post received a \$500.00 Donation from Post 348 in Deforest Wisconsin for our hurricane relief effort. Their Post Commander heard about our efforts in supporting the hurricane relief and called me and asked if they could help by providing a donation. Post 348's Adjutant and Judge Advocate Carol and Bill Ridgely drove from Wisconsin to deliver the check. We had a little ceremony at the Post and took some pictures. We want to thank them for their donation and believing that we are doing great work for our veterans and community.

The Post also received a \$7170.00 donation from Wellcare to be used for a new event sign in front of the Post. WellCare is the official American Legions partner for Medicare Advantage Programs. Now is open enrollment season and if you have any questions about Medicare Advantage Programs, please give Wellcare a call and talk to Jerry Diaz at 919-697-5692, he would be glad to help you.

THIS PAST MONTH

Some of our other events last month were the Auxiliary craft show which was one of the most successful shows in a long time. Both buildings were full of vendors with additional vendors in the parking area between the buildings. The Riders celebrated 20 years as a program of the American Legion in the state of North Carolina in November. Post 116 Riders were the first post to have a Riders program in North Carolina which made this event very special. There was a party held by the riders with some of the original charter members participating. One of the Charter Members is still at Post 116, Past Post 116 Commander Prestin Baker. Prestin thank you for being one of the people responsible for such a great program. The SON's annual Chili Cook Off took place last month. With 1st place honors going to Amber and Neal Best, coming in second was Gail Cawley, a close third was Tom Kopsa, People's choice Don Coberly. A big shout out to Ann Romano for our first Sock Hop. 60 tickets were sold, a great time was had by all. Last but not least NFL cook on Sundays is always a great time. Be on the look out for our new t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies that are for sale. They will be for sale at most of our events such as Sunday NFL cook, craft show, and BBQ's. Christmas tree sales went great, this was something we have not done since 2020 and many of our old customers were very happy, we brought it back. The trees we had came from western NC and were top quality.

THANK YOU

I want to take the time to give a big Thank You to all of our volunteers, without them nothing would be possible and we would be just be any other post barely making ends meet. I hope everyone realizes how special our Post is and what it takes in volunteer time raising money, and time spent making improvements to keep everything moving forward. Membership renewal, please renew your membership for 2025, your 2024 membership is up on 31 Dec 24. If you have a key card and have not renewed your membership your access card will be turned off at some point in Jan 2025.

Just a reminder, No fish fry in Jan. and Feb. 2025. We normally take a break in Jan but this year fish fry in Feb. is being canceled because it is the same weekend as the Oyster Roast and we just do not have the volunteers to support both events. See you in March. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and have a great Christmas. Hope to see you in December.

FIRST FRIDAY



HOT & TASTY

Flounder, Hushpuppies,
Green Beans & Home-made Cole Slaw

CARRY OUT or CURBSIDE

Order from your car and we'll happily bring it out

PICK UP or DINE IN

Bldg 1 Hall will be open

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY





2025

NEW YEAR'S EVE *Party*

31 DECEMBER 2024

Sparkling Memories

DJ
8P-12:30A

FOOD
6:30P-8P

\$25 PER PERSON

Tickets on sale November 30-December 15
Limited space. Tickets available through the bartenders
Open to members only



COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS Continued

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Paul Ferris
membership@alpost116nc.org

RENEWAL IS IN FULL SWING

The American Legion membership is based on the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) shown on your membership card. National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1st. The reason for this, and the goal, is to have everyone renewed for the new membership year when it begins on January 1st.

To be eligible for monthly prize drawings, renew your American Legion membership **before September 15th**. Renew early. Be an Early Bird. Get some swag!

EARLY BIRD INCENTIVES!

Monthly prizes and Membership Card lamination will be available for TAL Members that achieve Early Bird renewal status (renewing membership between 01 Jul - 15 Sep).

MONTHLY DRAWINGS AND PRIZES

Jul. (2 winners):

- A** ▶ 1x American Legion Polo shirt*
- ▶ 1x \$20 Emblem Sales Gift Certificate

- B** ▶ 1x American Legion Polo shirt*

Aug.

- ▶ 1x American Legion Polo shirt*

Sep.

- ▶ 1x American Legion H2GO Stainless Steel Water Bottle

Oct. | Jan. | Apr.

- ▶ 1x American Legion Polo shirt*

Nov. | Dec. | Feb. | Mar. | May | Jun.

- ▶ 1x American Legion Travel Mug

* (winner's choice of shirt) (valued at \$27.99)

LEGIONNAIRES (Did You Know?)

Active member numbers are published by National once payments are processed. Renewal payments made in the Rec Room or by check can take **UP TO 3 WEEKS** to process at the National level!!

Renewals online process at National level in about 60 seconds!

Renew online at <https://www.legion.org/renew>



WINNERS

A July 2024 – **James Linn** (203803073)

B July 2024 – **Steven Hendren** (203604551)

August 2024 – **Michael Clark** (204864679)

Sept. 2024 – **Brendan Owens** (204943814)

Oct. 2024 – **Russell Milette** (204563783)

November 2024 – **Philip Zabawa** 02378361)

Contact: membership@ALPost116NC.org

	2024 Achieved	2025 Goal	Target* Number
31 Jul	37%	40%	456
30 Aug	56.89%	60%	684
15 Sep	58.57%	65%	741
31 Oct	67%	80%	912
30 Nov	76.91%	90%	1026
31 Dec	89.10%	100%	1140
31 Jan	100%	103%	1175

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Nov 27, 2024

Current Active: 903 (79.21%)

Retention: 716 (63.14%)

We are currently 123 members short of our benchmark of 90% at the end of November and 237 short of our 100%. If you have not renewed already, please renew now.

Renewals online process at National level in about 60 seconds!

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COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS Continued

ADJUTANT'S ARENA

Paul Ferris

RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2025 in FULL SWING

We know that we're the best Post in the Department. Now, we can show every Post in the Department what we know. Post 116 received the First to 100% streamer for 2025. but we need your help to get back into 1st place. Only you can make it happen!

DEPATMENT AWARDS

Award	Achievement	Deadline Date
Cardinal Award UNLOCKED	Transmit 50% of their membership goal to Department Headquarters by deadline date	September 26, 2024
Carolina Award MISSED	Attain 100% membership goal by Veteran's Day	November 11, 2024
Dogwood Award	Reach 100% membership goal by December 31st	December 31, 2024
First to 100%	FIRST Post in each class that makes 100% of its 2025 Membership Goal	Variable

Post 116 Oratorical Competition

Site: TBD

Date: Dec 18, 2024 - Jan 15, 2025

Post 116 winner to advance to District 11 Competition.

School Contests Completed

Date: 17 Dec 24

District 11 Oratorical Competition completed

Date: 16 Jan 25 - 11 Feb 25

Division 3 Oratorical Competition completed

Date: 12 Feb 25 - 02 Mar 25

Department of NC Oratorical Competition (Post 6, Chapel Hill)

Date: 29 Mar 2025

2025 Oratorical Contest National Finals

Date: 16-18 May 2025

Currently, there are only five Posts in North Carolina that are in the Class A Category.

(500 and above members): Nov. 27, 2024

- Fuquay-Varina Post 116 (79.21%)**
- Hendersonville Post 77 (71.21%)**
- Wilmington Post 10 (68.99%)**
- Calabash Post 503 (67.08%)**
- Hickory Post 48 (66.17%)**

Upcoming Happenings

Dec - Jan 2024

Post Oratorical Competition

31 Jan 2025

Nomination for Honor Guard recognition due to Department

01 Feb 2025

District 11 Meeting (Post 187 - Wake Forest)

13-15 Feb 2025

Department of NC Mid-Winter Conference (Raleigh)

Dept. Commander	Dept Vice Commander (Div. 3)	Dist. 11 Commander
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Tom Cerniglia

Jim Zajc

Pam Meek



SERVICE OFFICER ASSISTANCE

You may be entitled to disability benefits from the VA

- Get help in filing a claim
- Overcoming obstacles
- Increasing your benefits status



CONTACT

**CHRIS
ROBINSON**

Service-Officer@ALPost116NC.org

Call +1 919-987-0188 for an appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Thursdays 10a-3p

Building 2 Museum

COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORT

HONOR/COLOR GUARD

Mike Carrieri
carrierimike@gmail.com

MEETING INFO

December 21
0900 | Bldg. 2

CALLED IN TO THE LINE-LIGHT

Another very busy month for the Honor Guard! We completed the assembly of our new shed, and it is now in use. Special thanks to Mike Cortez and Bob Wesley for their assistance in the acquisition and the assembly of it! Operationally we were deeply involved in several activities associated with Veterans Day. We conducted a flag ceremony as part of the Post's celebration. We presented the Colors at the Meredith College celebration honoring women veterans and visited the Oak Hill Assisted Living facility in Angier honoring the veterans residing there. We were honored by the students and faculty at Herbert Akins Middle School in their salute to all veterans. In addition, we provided a rifle salute in support of the Coast Guard's military honors for a fallen comrade. Finally, we supported the MMIA golf event at Bentwinds Golf course where we presented the Colors. As always participating in these events is most rewarding and embodies the core values of The American Legion in the community!



Our next meeting is on 21 December, 0900-1100 in Bldg 2. We are always looking for new members! We are really in need of new members and emphasize that NO experience is necessary! If you would like to feel the enormous satisfaction and honor of representing the Legion in the community and experiencing the solemn privilege of honoring veterans who have passed. Please join us!

THE REC ROOM WITH Kelly

SUN. 12p-8p M-Th. 2p-10p FRI.-SAT. 12p-11p

recroom@alpost116nc.org



THE LEAVES OF CHANGE

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Hopefully you all stopped by some time in November to try out one of our Fall cocktails.

With December here, winter is coming and so will our New Winter Cocktail Menu.

Please join us for our December Fish Fry and with our regular Karaoke guy out, we are bringing in our very own Nate and Kelly Cash for their karaoke debut!

We will have music bingo on the third Thursday and bar trivia on the third Friday.

We hope to see you all in the Rec Room!

Enjoy your holidays!

Warm Regards,
Kelly Allison, Bar Manager
American Legion Post 116

EVERY LIVE GAME EVERY SUNDAY.

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION SUNDAY NFL COOK

EVERY NFL SUNDAY 1-5p

DAILY SPECIALS

SUNDAY

DOMESTIC BOTTLES \$2.50
HAZY LITTLE THING \$4.00

MONDAY

NATURAL LIGHT \$2.50
SIERRA NEVADA PALE ALE \$3.50

TUESDAY

MICHELOB ULTRA \$2.50
CORONA \$3.00

WEDNESDAY

MILLER HIGH LIFE \$2.50
STELLA ARTOIS \$3.50

THURSDAY

YUENGLING \$2.50
ANGRY ORCHARD \$3.50

FRIDAY

BUDWEISER \$2.50
GUINNESS \$3.50

SATURDAY

BUD LIGHT \$2.50
PEOPLE'S PORTER \$3.50

Ask your bartender about our **GIFT CHIPS**

Feeling Groovy?
Buy a friend a drink!

MUSICAL MUSINGS

2025 NEW YEAR'S EVE Party

31 DECEMBER 2024

Sparkling Memories

DJ 8P-12:30A FOOD 6:30P-8P

\$25 PER PERSON

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KARAOKE CASH BASH

W/ NATE & KELLY CASH

DEC 6
7-11p

MUSIC BINGO

DEC 19
7-9p

POST WHISKEY *Rotation*



★
BLANTON'S
BOOKER'S
BROTHERS BOND

BUFFALO TRACE
EAGLE RARE
EH TAYLOR

HEAVEN HILL BOTTLED IN BOND
HENRY MCKENNA

While supplies last

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

DEC 5	Executive Meeting • 7p	DEC 12	Legion General Meeting • 7p Dinner • 6p
DEC 6	First Friday Fish Fry • 4-7p	DEC 19	Music Bingo • 7-9p
DEC 6	Karaoke Cash Bash w/ Nate & Kelly Cash • 7-11p	DEC 31	NYE Party • 7-12a

Happenings Continued

■ Meetings
 ■ Eat
 ■ Clubs/Classes
 ■ Entertainment

- 2nd - Cornhole* 7pm
- 4th - Veteran's Peer Support 7pm
- 9th - Cornhole* - 7pm
- 11th - Veteran's Peer Support - 7pm
- 16th - Cornhole* - 7pm
- 18th - Employee Christmas Party
Rec Room Closes at 6pm
- 18th - Veteran's Peer Support - 7pm
- 19th - New Member Meet up - 6-7pm
- 23rd - Cornhole* - 7pm
- 24th - Christmas Eve - Rec Room Closes at 6pm
- 25th - Merry Christmas! Rec Room is Closed
- 30th - Cornhole* - 7pm

- 2nd - Ways & Means Meeting 6pm
- 2nd - Building & Grounds Meeting 7pm
- 3rd - Aux Executive Meeting - 7pm
- 5th - Executive Meeting 7pm
- 10th - Rec Room Meeting - 6:30pm
- 12th - General Meeting 7pm - Dinner @ 6pm
- 17th - Aux General Meeting - 6:30pm
- 26th - Rider's Meeting - 6:30pm

- 1st - NFL Cook 1-4pm
- 6th - Fish Fry 4-7pm
- 8th - NFL Cook - 1-4pm
- 15th - NFL Cook 1-4pm
- 22nd - NFL Cook 1-4pm
- 29th - NFL Cook 1-4pm

- 4th - Line Dancing 7-9pm
- 6th - Karaoke Cash Bash w/ Nate & Kelly Cash 7-11pm
- 11th - Line Dancing 7-9pm
- 14th - Aux/Sal Christmas Party - 4pm
- 15th - Visit with Santa
- 19th - Cruiser's Christmas Party - 6pm
- 19th - Music Bingo - 7-9pm
- 20th - Rider's Christmas Party 6pm
- 20th - Trivia - 7-9pm
- 31st - New Years Eve Party (Limited Tickets)

* Pizza available 5:30 - while supplies last



COMMANDER
David Rossner



1ST VICE
Jason Williams



2ND VICE
Malcolm Lewis



FINANCE
Mike Cortez



ADJUTANT
Paul Ferris



PARLIAMENTARIAN
Myka Knox



CHAPLAIN
Wayne Sherrod



HISTORIAN
George Broneski

SGT. AT ARMS



Joey Hagar



Robin Ober



Kevin Poitinger

OFFICERS AT LARGE



Tony Smith



Kathy Koch



Dan Miltenberger



Mark Millham



Tony Van Schaick



Chuck Feit

Interested in serving the Post? Make sure your membership is up-to-date at: www.MyLegion.org



PRESIDENT

Margie Worley Wesley



VICE PRESIDENT

Sherry Johnson



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SGT. AT ARMS



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OFFICERS AT LARGE



Audie Smith



Pegge Kapili



Vickie Jenkins



Stacey Glorius Rossner



COMMANDER
Patrick Dunkle



1ST VICE
Jeremy Bielat



2ND VICE
Darryl Robinson



FINANCE
Jason Medhurst



ADJUTANT
Nolan Perry



CHAPLAIN
Nolan Perry

SGT. AT ARMS



Colby Thomas



Mark German

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Santa is here!
ho ho ho
15TH DEC.
Have your picture taken with Santa!
CRAFTS, HOT COCOA, SWEETS AND MORE!
COME MEET SANTA FROM 12PM-2PM AT THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, UNIT 116
6400 JOHNSON POND RD
FUQUAY VARINA, NC 27526

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RIDERS DIRECTOR

Chris Stocker



CRUISERS DIRECTOR

Harold Boettcher

★ COMMITTEE CHAIRS ★

Rec Room: Sherry Johnson
Finance: Mike Cortez
IT: Jason Williams
Ways & Means: David Rossner
Memberships: Paul Ferris
Public Relations: Dave Avis
Buildings & Grounds: Bob Wesley
Rentals: Jason Williams
Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation: Chris Robinson
Special Events: Ann Romano
BBQ: Lee Johnson
Elections: Tony Smith

Americanism & Youth: Open
Audit: Mark Millham
Girl Scouts: Kathy Koch
Boys State: Richard Stancel
Student Trooper: Richard Stancel
Junior Shooter: Todd Wenzel
BSA: Mike Lake
Deuce-Big Green Truck: Norm Klein
Welcome: Open
SAL Cooks: Jason Medhurst
Merchandise: Jenn Fetzke

★ HONOR GUARD ★

Chair, Cmdr.: Tony Van Schaick
Honor Guard Captain: Mike Carrieri
Color Guard Captain: Norm Klein
 Joe King
 Mike Hollett
 Ed Wagner
 Rich Akelewicz

Jim Hunsberger
 Al Everington
 Chauncey Scarbrough
 Dave Campbell
 Michelle Graf
 Wayne Thompson
 George Guenther

Ken Stallings
 John Velez
 Jesse Moore
 John Lockhart
 Bill Douglas
 Tony Van Schaick

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

12 DECEMBER 5PM

AMERICAN LEGION POST 116

FEEL FREE TO BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY TO DONATE TO ANGEL TREE

FOLLOWED BY:
 CANDY CANES
 HOT CHOCOLATE
 HOLIDAY MEMBER DINNER
 GENERAL MEETING

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE UGLY SWEATER!



PHOTOS ON THE POND



THANK YOU LEGION LEGENDS GOLF SPONSORS



ECLS

ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS & LAND SURVEYORS



Marina Barnes
Tree Estimates
Location: Angier NC

Commercial / Residential
Fully Insured
ACleanLookInc@gmail.com



Serving Our Community for Over 16 Years!
KRISTA ABSHURE
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THANK YOU

June 25

ECLS Global

Happy's Country Club

Lanehart Electric

Ed's Family Restaurant

Tech Dynamic

J&D Contractor Service

Hands On Physical Therapy

A Clean Look

Wellcare

Undercover Canopy

Davis Home Improvement and

Restoration

Wild Birds Unlimited

US Foods

Crossroads Ford Apex

Prestonwood Country Club

Bentwinds Country Club

MacGregor Downs Country Club

Lochmere Golf Club

Lonnie Poole Golf Course

Edward Jones

Harris Teeter

Harris Teeter

Wingin' It Bar and Grille

Bass Lake Draft House

Aviator Brewery

Carolina Trace Country Club

De O'Brien

Pine Hollow Golf Club

Taylor Morrison Farm Bureau

Perry Cotten Insurance

John Kuzo

Chris Craney

VETERAN PEER SUPPORT GROUP

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

Returning to civilian life from the military can be a difficult transition. This peer support group provides our Veterans a private space amongst peers to share their experiences or struggles.

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY

JUN	26	9a	OCT	2	9a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You do not need to be a member Coffee and donuts provided Approximately 1 hour
JUL	10	9a		9	7p	
	17	7p		16	9a	
	24	9a		23	7p	You may park on the right side of Bldg 2 for privacy if desired
	31	7p		30	9a	
AUG	7	9a	NOV	6	7p	
	14	7p		13	9a	
	21	9a		20	7p	
	28	7p		27	9a	
SEP	4	9a	DEC	4	7p	
	11	7p		11	9a	
	18	9a		18	7p	
	25	7p				



THIRD THURSDAY NEW MEMBER MEET-UP

6-7p



JUL 18	NOV 21	MAR 20
AUG 15	DEC 19	APR 17
SEP 19	JAN 16	MAY 15
OCT 17	FEB 20	JUN 19



NEW MEMBERS GET THEIR FIRST DRINK ON THE COMMANDER!

\$10 PER PERSON

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



8 COUNT COUNTRY

LINE DANCING

EVERY WEDNESDAY

7:00 - 9:00 PM

6400 JOHNSON POND ROAD, FUQUAY-VARINA

POST KARAOKE * FIRST FRIDAY



7-11p

POST KARAOKE * LIVE MUSIC

AMERICAN LEGION | POST 116

THIRD FRIDAY

TRIVIA



7-9p

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
6400 JOHNSON POND RD. FQY-NC

AMERICAN LEGION

POST 116
GENERAL MEETING

SECOND THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

DINNER 6p ★ MEETING 7p

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

AMERICAN LEGION | POST 116



PIZZA BY THE SLICE

MONDAY
CORN HOLE LEAGUE

5:30p

WEDNESDAY
DART LEAGUE

PEPPERONI \$3
MEATLOVERS \$4

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION | POST 116



CORN HOLE

EVERY MONDAY
7p ★ \$10 BLIND DRAW

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
6400 JOHNSON POND RD. FQY-NC