

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

July, 2024





Krista Abshure, Commander, Post 116

THANK YOU ALL

Dear Post 116 Legion Family,

As my time as Commander of American Legion Post 116 comes to a close, I want to assure you that you are in excellent hands with Dave Rossner as your newly elected Commander, along with the newly elected executive board members for Post 116, The Auxiliary and The Sons. The future of American Legion Post 116 is bright, and I have full confidence in the leadership team that has been chosen.

Although I may be transitioning out of my role as Commander, I want to be clear that this is not a goodbye. You will still find me actively involved at The American Legion Post 116, participating in various events, committees and activities. I am excited about the opportunity to continue serving alongside all of you in different capacities throughout the coming year.

I want to take this moment to express my deep gratitude for the privilege of working with each and every one of you. Together, we have made significant strides in effecting positive change and progress at our post. Your unwavering support, dedication, and hard work have been the driving force behind our success.

As I reflect on my time as Commander, I am grateful for the friendships that have been forged, the memories that have been created, and the shared commitment to the values and mission of the American Legion.

COMMANDER'S CORNER Continued

I want to thank you all for your trust and support throughout my tenure as Commander. I am truly humbled by the opportunity to have served in this capacity. I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and prosperity of American Legion Post 116 under the capable leadership of your newly elected officers.

I look forward to seeing all of you around The Post!

EXECUTIVE BOARD	MEMBERS	AUXILLIARY UNIT	LEADERSHIP BOARD
Commander	David Rossner	President	Margie Worley Wesley
1st Vice	Jason Williams	Vice President	Sherry Johnson
2nd Vice	Malcolm Lewis	Secretary	Diane Williams
Finance Officer	Mike Cortez	Treasurer	Jan Powell
Adjutant	Paul Ferris	Sqt. at Arms	Tamie Beaulieu Karen Heath Ter Meer
Parliamentarian	Myka Knox		Audie Smith
Chaplain	Wayne Sherrod	Officers at Large	Pegge Kapili Vickie Jenkins
Historian	George Broneski		Stacey Glorius Rossner
Sgt. at Arms	Joey Hagar Robin Ober Kevin Poitinger	SONS SQUADRON	LEADERSHIP BOARD
	Tony Smith, Kathy Koch	Commander	Patrick Dunkle
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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











COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORT

HONOR/COLOR GUARD

Dan Miltenberger dmiltenberger@gmail.com

MEETING INFO

July 20 0900 | Bldg. 2

TRUE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

June has been just as busy for the Honor Guard as May had been and maybe even busier! The highlight of this month was the combined Retreat ceremony we conducted with the color guard units from both The Police and Fire Departments. This ceremony was a new experience for many in attendance and honored all of the heroes whose flags were flying on the Police Department grounds. We presented the Col-



ors at a ceremony honoring high school seniors who enlisted in the military or committed to serving their community as first responders. We conducted a flag folding/etiquette class for the Curiosity 4H Club in Lillington teaching youngsters the meaning of the flag and how to appropriately fold it. Additionally, we presented the Colors at both monthly meetings of the Holly Springs Town Council as well as in support of the ECPI graduation in Raleigh. Finally, we presented the Colors at the Salamander's Military Appreciation

Night where all veterans and serving service members in attendance were honored by both teams and by the large crowd. While this is a lot, it is what we do, and we enjoy doing it!!



Our next meeting is on 20 July, 0900-1100 in Bldg 2. We are always looking for new members! No experience is necessary, and anyone can participate, Legionnaires and Sons. Come and join us! You will have a great deal of fun and experience the rewarding feeling that comes with honoring our Flag, our fallen, and representing our Post and the American Legion in the community.



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

CHRIS ROBINSON



Does the road to VA benefits appear foggy and obscured? Let us help you find the path. Contact your Service Officer for assistance.

CONTACT

Service-Officer@ALPost116NC.org

OFFICE HOURS

SATURDAYS

12p-4p

BUILDING 2

Museum

COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS Continued

VETERAN SERVICES

Paul Ferris service-officer@ALPost116NC.org

Veterans Experience Action Center

VEAC events bring together representatives from VA, state, and community partners to connect service members, Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors across the country—virtually and in person—to services, resources, and information, including VA benefits and health care, crisis support, memorial affairs, and peer-to-peer connections.

(VEAC)//Cary

September 12-14, 2024

(VEAC)//Charlotte

August 22-24, 2024

(VEAC)//High-Point

October 17-19, 2024

Next Generation Uniformed Services ID Card (USID)

Beginning in 2026, the old-style, blue ID cards will no longer be accepted, regardless of the printed expiration date. In order to maintain base access, please visit your nearest DEERS/ID card office to obtain a new ID. You do not need to wait until expiration date.

There are two locations in Raleigh to receive a Next generation USID. Appointments are required at both locations.

Navy Reserve Center (NRC) Raleigh 2725 Western Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27606

NC NG Headquarters ID Card Office 1636 Gold Star Dr. Raleigh, NC 27607

Veteran Services Offices to Post 116.

State VSO (NC Department of Military and Veteran Affairs – NCDMVA)

Raleigh: 413 N Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27603 (HQ only - no Customer services)
Garner: 1027 US-70 #202, Garner, NC 27529 (In PNC building), (984) 232-7060 County VSO

Wake County VSO: 4401 Bland Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 212-VETS

Harnett County VSO: 455 McKinney Pkwy, Lillington, NC 27546 (910) 893-7574

Johnston County VSO: 309 E Market St., Smithfield, NC, (919) 989-5067



VA RESOURCE I

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VA RESOURCE II









VETERANS BENEFITS LIVE VA IN MY TOWN CARY, NC

YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO MISS THIS EVENT

Should any of the following apply:

You would like to file a new claim with the VA.

You have questions about VA appeals or benefits to which you may be entitled. You have questions about VA healthcare.

Veterans and dependents will be assisted by a combined team including Veterans' Benefits and Health Administrators, Vet Center, and Veterans' Service Officers.

They will assist with the following:

Face-to-face explanation and assistance facilitating and expediting existing claims and appeals, filing new claims, and accepting all claims-related evidence for processing and providing information regarding benefit related VA programs. Updated information on the PACT Act will be available.

Who: All veterans and family members of veterans

Where: Herbert Young Community Center, 101 Wilkinson Avenue, Cary, North Carolina 27513

When: 12th, 13th, 14th of September 2024.

Hours on Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 3pm, and Saturday 9 am to 2 pm.

Please bring with you the proper documentation about your case: DD 214, all medical records about your disability both military and civilian, and dependency documents if new or not already provided to the VA.

Wait times may be long, please be patient. Coffee, water, and snacks provided free of charge.

For more information contact Richard Spyrison at CaryVEAC@gmail.com













COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS Continued

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Paul Ferris membership@alpost116nc.org

RENEWAL STARTS JULY 1ST

at the beginning of the renewal season, the eligibility list will reset. Only the Members that have renewed between July 1 st and July 24 th will be included in the drawing on July 25 th . Renew early.

Be an Early Bird. Get some swag!

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Oct. | Jan. | Apr.

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

▶ 1x American Legion Travel Mug

WINNERS

December 2024 – Justin Coufal January 2024 – Tom Stacy February 2024 – Stephen Polenz March 2024 – Edward Serwan, Jr. April 2024 – Larry C. Ward May 2024 – Mark Oats

June 2024 - **205671927-** Is it you?

Contact: membership@ALPost116NC.org

	2024 Achieved	2025 Goal
31 Jul	37%	40%
30 Aug	56.89%	60%
15 Sep	58.57%	65%
31 Oct	67%	80%
30 Nov	76.91%	90%
31 Dec	89.10%	100%
31 Jan	100%	103%

MEMBERSHIP STATUS June

Current Active: 1133
Retention: 96.23%

Renewals between 01 July – 15 September denote Early Bird renewal and eligibility for Early Bird prize drawings!

The Membership team is looking for volunteers.

As we look toward the 2025 Renewal Season starting in July, we really want to make sure that we get volunteers in place now. If you would like to assist the Membership Team, please send an email to membership@ALPost116NC.org or contact any person on the Membership Team and/or Leadership Team.



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

COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS Continued

ADJUTANT'S ARENA

Paul Ferris

RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2025 STARTS JULY 1ST

Let's show every Post in the Department what Post 116 can do and be the First to 100%. First to 100% Post Award- presented to the FIRST Post in each class that makes 100% of its 2025 Membership Goal as certified by the Department Adjutant.

Currently, there are only five Posts in North Carolina that are in the Class A Category (500 and above members):

- Fuquay-Varina Post 116 (1133 members),
- · Hickory Post 48 (736 members),
- Wilmington Post 10 (687 members),
- Hendersonville Post 77 (658 members), and
- · Calabash Post 503 (630 members)

2024 The American Legion Department of North Carolina Annual Convention

The 2024 The American Legion Department of North Carolina Annual Convention was held on 20-22 June at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh. The newly elected District, Division, and Department Commanders are listed below:

- Department of NC Commander Tom Cerniglia
- Department Vice Commander (Division 3) Jim Zajc
- District 11 Commander Pam Meeks

Upcoming Happenings

When: 11 Jul

What: Installation of Officers

Where: Post 116, Fuguay-Varina, NC

When: 01-03 Aug

What: 2024 Legion College

Where: North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC

When: 23-29 Aug

What: 2024 The American Legion National Convention

Where: New Orleans, LA

COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS

RIDERS

Chris Stocker chris@thestockers.net



BUSY BUSY BUSY

The Riders reserved a tent space for the Angier Bike Fest the first weekend of June. With a new ALR tent, the Riders took turns recruiting new members and selling gun raffle tickets. We talked to more than 30 people about Legion membership and handed out 6 applications for Sons, 3 for Auxiliary and 3 for Legionnaire. From this event, 4 members already joined our Legion!



After the tent came down in Angier, 15 Riders participated in the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation charity ride.

The same weekend, we also had some of our Riders represent at the reading of the names at the Vietnam Memorial in downtown Raleigh. This was a great milestone for the Post 116 Riders, as this was a joint request from Post 232. This shows that our efforts on reaching out to support other ALR groups in the district is working. We are building a new community of Legion Riders outside Post 116 who look to us for direction and help.

The big event of the month was attending the ROMP (Riding On Military Pride) at Post 186 in Little River, SC. This is an event held annually in different locations. We had a weekend full of great riding, camaraderie and pride



in representing American Legion Post 116 of Fuquay-Varina. Our group ranked second for the number of registered riders with 21.

We are proud to announce that from June 2023 to May 2024 we have added 29 new members, nearly half of which have never been Legion members. If you know someone with a motorcycle who is a veteran or has a veteran family member, send them our way to discuss becoming a Legionnaire, Son, or Auxiliary member and becoming a Rider today.

Talk about Rider participation and showing up! On a hot, humid Saturday morning, more than 10 Riders showed up for some TLC of the Post's back deck. They power washed, replaced some rotted wood and started painting the new railing. The Riders will assist Building and Grounds in replacing additional boards and painting the stairs and deck when the new wood dries.



ASK A RIDER OR SON FOR YOUR TICKET(S)

RAFFLE 6

Riders and Sons are selling gun raffle tickets again this year. Buy a ticket for \$20 for a chance to win one of four different guns.





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





FISCAL FITNESS

Just like that, July is here and we are stepping into a new fiscal year. This past year has been an incredible one. We have had the pleasure of meeting so many new members! There has been so much new growth, we made a slight change to how we operate behind the bar by adding a new POS system.

In keeping up with the increased demand, this new system has some pretty cool features I think you're going to love; like Google & Apple pay or scan the QR code on your receipt with your phone's camera and pay whenever you are ready to leave.

This year we are bringing in Trivia on the 3rd Friday of every month (except October) from 7-9. This event is open to the public so tell all your brainy friends and family.

Calling all bourbon drinkers! If you enjoy drinking bourbon, we have an amazing rotating bourbon list to choose from.

We have a bunch of events planned, stop by the rec room and have a drink and while you're at it, buy a friend a drink chip.

Thank you for making the Rec Room at American Legion Post 116, the place to be!

Kelly, Sarah, Danni, Erin, Jan, Sam, Pete, Jeremy, Chelsea, Jessie Mae, and our newest bartender Kayla

MUSICAL MUSINGS



JUL 13th 7-10p



JUL 18th 7-9p



JUL 19th 7-10p



JUL 27th 7-10p

DAILY SPECIALS

SUNDAY		THURSDAY	
DOMESTIC BOTTLES	\$2.50	BUDWEISER	\$2.50
PERNICIOUS	\$4.50	CORONA	\$3.00
MIMOSA	\$4.00	COSMOPOLITAN	\$5.00
BREAKFAST SHOT	\$5.00	KAMIKAZE	\$3.50
MONDAY		FRIDAY	
MICHELOB ULTRA	\$2.50	MILLER HIGH LIFE	\$2.50
GUINNESS	\$3.50	STELLA ARTOIS	\$3.50
GRAPE APE	\$4.00	DIRTY SHIRLEY	\$4.00
W00 W00	\$3.50	ROYAL FLUSH	\$5.00
TUESDAY		SATURDAY	
BUD LIGHT	\$2.50	NATURAL LIGHT	\$2.50
SIERRA NEVADA PALE ALE	\$3.00	HAZY LIL THING	\$4.00
PINEAPPLE STRAWBERRY		STRAWBERRY LEMONADE	\$5.00
RUM REFRESHER	\$5.00	WHITE TEA SHOT	\$3.50
APPLE JOLLY RANCHER SHOT	\$3.50		

WEDNESDAY

YUENGLING	\$2.50
ANGRY ORCHARD	\$3.50
MARGARITA	\$3.50
WASHINGTON APPLE	\$5.00





WHISKEY Rotation



BLANTON'S BOOKER'S BROTHERS BOND **BUFFALO TRACE EAGLE RARE EH TAYLOR**

HEAVEN HILL BOTTLED IN BOND HENRY MCKENNA PENELOPE RIO CASK FINISH



MONTH AT A GLANCE 116

JULY HAPPENINGS

JUL

General Meeting 7p Dinner • 6p

JUL 13

Band The Retroactives 7p-10p

JUL

Warrior Fishing BBQ Plates 11a-6p

JUL

Music Bingo • 7-9p

JUL

Legion Executive Meeting • 7p

JUL

Band MojoFoot • 7-10p

Happenings Continued

Meetings Eat Clubs/Classes Entertainment

7/1/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm*

7/2/24 - Fuquay Dart Club - 7:30pm

7/3/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm

7/3/24 - Pizza available 5:30*

7/4/24 - Happy 4th of July

7/5/24 - Karaoke - 7-11pm

7/8/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm*

7/9/24 - Fuguay Dart Club - 7:30pm

7/10/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm

7/10/24 - Pizza available 5:30*

7/12/24 - Luck of the Draw Dart Tournament - 7pm

7/13/24 - Christmas in July Craft Show - 12-5

7/15/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm*

7/16/24 - Fuguay Dart Club - 7:30pm

7/17/24 - Pizza available 5:30*

7/17/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm

7/18/24 - New Member Meetup - 6-7pm

7/22/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7p*

7/23/24 - Fuguay Dart Club - 7:30pm

7/24/24 - Pizza available 5:30*

7/24/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm

7/26/24 - Luck of the Draw Dart Tournament - 7pm

7/29/24 - Cornhole - \$10 - 7pm*

7/30/24 - Fuguay Dart Club - 7:30pm

7/31/24 - Yoga Class - \$10 entry - 6:30pm

7/2/24 - Membership Meeting - 5pm

7/3/24 - Historian Meeting - 5:30

7/9/24 - Rec Room Meeting - 6:30pm

7/9/24 - Auxiliary Executive Meeting - 6:30pm

7/9/24 - Veterans Affairs Meeting - 7pm

7/9/24 - Membership Meeting - 5pm

7/10/24 - Veterans Peer Support - 9am

7/11/24 - General Meeting - 7pm

7/14/24 - Executive Meeting - 1pm

7/15/24 - Sal Meeting - 7pm

7/16/24 - Aux General Meeting - 6:30pm

7/16/24 - Membership Meeting - 5pm

7/17/24 - IT Meeting - 6:30pm

7/17/24 - Veterans Peer Support - 7pm

7/18/24 - Cruisers Meeting - 6pm

7/23/24 - Membership Meeting - 5pm

7/23/24 - Sal General Meeting - 7pm

7/24/24 - Finance Meeting - 7pm

7/24/24 - Veterans Peer Support - 9am

7/25/24 - Riders Meeting - 6:30pm

7/30/24 - Membership Meeting - 5pm

7/31/24 - Veterans Peer Support - 7pm

7/18/24 - Music Bingo - 7-9pm

7/19/24 - Trivia - 7-9pm

* Pizza available 5:30 - while supplies last



LEGION POST 116 LEADERS 2024/2025



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	Interested in servin	g the Post? Make sure your membersl	nip is up-to-date at: www.MyLegio







VICE PRESIDENT Sherry Johnson



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CHAPLAIN Nolan Perry



HISTORIAN George Broneski



SGT. AT ARMS Mark German



SGT. AT ARMS Colby Thomas

★ 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: Open

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

★ HONOR GUARD ★

Chair, Cmdr.: Dan Miltenberger Captain: Norm Klein Captain: Mike Carrieri

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

THE EARLY BIRD DOES INDEED GET THE WORM

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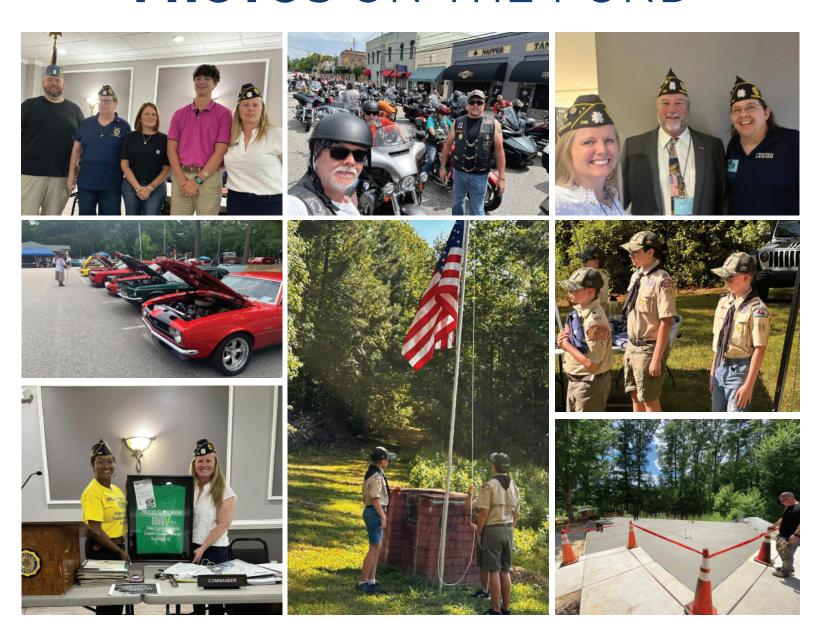
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Hands On Physical Therapy

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

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Bass Lake Draft House

Aviator Brewery

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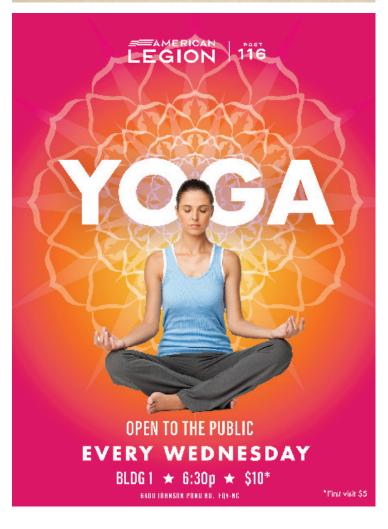
John Kuzo

Chris Craney

June 2











LEGION

116 GENERAL MEETING

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

DINNER 6p * MEETING 7p

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



