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November, 2024

COMMANDER'S CORNER

David Rossner, Commander, Post 116



WE EXEMPLIFY "ACTION"

November already, time flies by when you're having fun. Last month was filled with some of the biggest events of the year. Starting off with Octoberfest hosted by the Auxiliary, some great food and vintage costumes. The Whole Hog cook off hosted by the legionnaires. A two-day event that started on Friday with 8 cooking teams prepping their swine with secret spices and sauces to try and claim the #1 prize of best overall Hog. After an all night cook each team was judged by a team from the State of NC Pork Counsel. 1st place went to Smokie Joe and second place want to our own Team Johnson. The SAL hosted another awesome steak night serving over 80 dinner and then came Halloween, which is always a great time at the post and this year was no different, the day started off with Trunk or Treat hosted by the Auxiliary, then the Boy Scouts hosted a Haunted trail through the woods which was incredible. Then we finished out the day with a Post Halloween party and pot luck dinner. The 5 Band supplied the music and then there was some of the best costumes I have ever seen.

STEPPING UP FOR WESTERN N.C.

If you didn't know The Post has been supporting the hurricane relief effort in Western North Carolina in a big way. Thanks to Krista Abshure and Patrick Dunkle and their contacts with US Veterans Corps we were able to collect and ship out over 30,000 lbs of supplies to some of the hardest hit areas to include, Ashville, Spruce Pine, Burnsville and Banner Elk. Some of the supplies were flown in by helicopter and planes out of Raeford Airport and the heavier items such as water and canned goods were trucked in. Many thanks to everyone involved.

Two of our Post members went over and above to help out with the relief effort by loading up their vehicles with food and cooking gear to drive to Spruce Pine NC and cook and serve a hot meal to all the volunteers on the front

COMMANDER'S CORNER Continued

line who did not have a hot meal for the first two weeks of the disaster. Our SAL Commander Patrick Dunkle and Long time Legionnaire Jon Gainy. Thank you so much for helping out and representing the American Legion and Post 116, you are truly Great Americans.

CIVIC DUTY

Everyone, Early voting is going on right now and election day will be 5 Nov, please exercise your right to vote. This is one of the main reasons why we and so many others joined the service, to protect our freedoms. Please make the effort to get out and vote.

11-11 11:11

Veterans Day will be here very soon and the Post has a ceremony planned for Nov, 11 at 11:11. The significance of this date and time is that this was when the armistice was signed to end World War 1. Soon after this date is when the American Legion was formed in Paris France. I hope you all can make it out for our ceremony to honor all who have served in the past and present.

Please don't forget to renew your membership. You can renew in the rec room or online at mylegion.org. if you renew online, you can print your new membership card right after your renewal is complete. Everyone please have a great month and hope to see you at the post. You can easily renew online, at the National level in about 60 seconds! https://www.legion.org/renew

David Rossner Commander Post 116









FIRST FRIDAY



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

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OFFICE HOURS

Thursdays 10a-3p
Building 2 Museum

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):

- ▶ 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 Kow?)

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 -

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 oct 30, 2024

Current Active:

812 (71.23%)

Retention:

716 (63.14%)

We are currently 100 members short of our benchmark of 80% at the end of October. If you have not renewed already, please renew now.

Renewals online process at National level in about 60 seconds!

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

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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	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: TBD (Dec 2024 -Jan 2025)

Post 116 winner to advance to District 11 Competition.

• District 11 Oratorical Competition Date: TBD Date: TBD Division 5 Oratorical Competition Date: TBD • Department of NC Oratorical Competition

• 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.

(59.78%)

(500 and above members): Oct. 23, 2024

•	Fuquay-Varina Post 116	(68.95%)
	Hickory Post 40	/41 720/\

 Hickory Post 48 (61./3%)• Wilmington Post 10 (60.88%)• Calabash Post 503

• Hendersonville Post 77 (56.07%)

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)

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Tom Cerniglia Pam Meeks Jim Zajc

COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORT

HONOR/COLOR GUARD

Mike Carrieri carrierimike@gmail.com

MEETING INFO

November 16 0900 | Bldg. 2

CALLED IN TO THE LINE-LIGHT

The highlight of this month was our requested participation in the making of a promotional video to be used by the National Headquarters to promote the American Legion nationwide. The video featured the proper folding of the Colors specifically in the context of a military funeral. It was quite an honor to be chosen for such a far-reaching project and based on the feedback we received from the videographer we did Post 116 proud! In addition, we rendered military honors to a fallen Legionnaire, and we presented a flag class to the 5th graders at Herbert Akins Elementary – another busy month for the Honor Guard. On our horizon are three particularly significant events: Veteran's Day and both the Fuquay Varina and Holly Springs Christmas parades. We will be assisting the Post with the Veteran's Day ceremony which will be on 11 November at 1100 and we are coordinating the Post's participation in both parades with the Riders, Cruisers, The Deuce and our Scouts. So another busy month is coming up!





Our next meeting is on 16 November, 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 sense of satisfaction that comes with honoring our Flag, our fallen, and representing our Post and the American Legion in throughout the community.

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Jr SHOOTERS

Todd Wenzel wenzelt@netzero.net

NRA QUALIFICATIONS

Your American Legion Junior Air Rifle Team recently began participating in the NRA Qualification Program for air rifle shooters. Dean Duplessis, Trevor Lerch & Weston Ashborn have become our first members to achieve the Pro-Marksman level of qualifications. The program differentiates between "Sporter" class air rifle competitors and "Precision" (Unlimited) class rifles. Dean and Weston shoot sporter class rifles while Trevor uses a precision rifle.

The team is always looking for help from members. You don't have to be a coach or even a shooter. If you enjoy working with youths 13-19 years old, we can use you. Contact coach Todd Wenzel at wenzelt@netzero.net for more information.





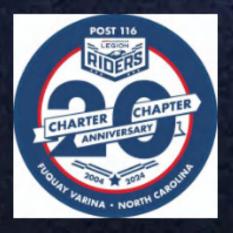




Join The Riders for a

POTLUCK

Pig Pick'in & Celebrate our 20th Anniversary with us





Bring your best crowd-pleaser Creation to share!

LIVE MUSIC BY FAST TYMES

All Legion Members Welcome
Challenge Coins and Patches Available
for Purchase

Fri November 8th 6-10pm
Pig provided by the Riders
Cook by Riders & Sons BBQ Team

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COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS

CRUISERS

Harold Boettcher harold7422@gmail.com



SENIOR SHOWS

The American Legion Cruisers of Post 116 took part in several events during September. We went to two senior care centers and held our own fall car show.

Atria Health in Cary held a Beatles themed event with a live band and several folks in period costume. Our cars were parked up in front so that residents could come out and view and sit in them. This sparked many conversations and vivid memories of that time. The Big Green Truck was of particular interest to a 95 year old Korea veteran.

Our car show was a great success! After a foggy start, we had 83 cars registered. There were many spectators throughout the day who also left donations with our parking crew. The Cruisers grill was "really cooking" and sold out of food just in time for the NFL Cook Team to take over serving both our car show and those at the post for the games. The 50/50 guys were working hard all day selling tickets, and we ended with over \$500 to the winner. In addition, our 2nd place winner got a Solo Stove and 3rd place a nice tool set. The profits generated by our car show go to support programs at our post and in the community.

Our next car show is in June 2025. In the next few months, we'll be collecting food for Back-Pack Buddies, planning for the spring show, enjoying the holidays and going to some local shows and cruise-ins. Our mission at each event is to promote The American Legion, our post, to support veterans and our community.

We'll see you on the road......





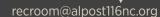






THE REC ROOM

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





THE LEAVES OF CHANGE

November is here, the leaves are changing and so have our drink specials! We will have daily beer specials as well as a seasonal cocktail menu. We will continue with our ever so popular rare whiskey rotation based on your demands and what we are able to score each month.

Join us every first Friday for fish fry from 4-7pm followed by karaoke from 7-11pm. We have free jukebox every Friday!

If you like playing Cornhole, the sons of the American Legion run an indoor tournament every Monday night at 7pm and it's only \$10 to play!

These boots are made for Line Dancing every Wednesday from 7-9pm.

Join us the Third Thursday for music bingo from 7-9pm and Third Friday for bar trivia from 7-9pm.

If you love football and you love food, join us every Sunday for all the NFL Games starting at 12pm! The Sons of the American legion serve some delicious food from 1-4pm

Let's dance the night away with Live Music by Fleming Road Band on Nov 30th from 7-10pm.

Reminder that the popcorn is free for all but please ask for assistance in popping it.

As always, Thank you for making the American Legion Post 116 & The Rec Room, your favorite place to be!

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

DAILY SPECIALS

WEDNESDAY		Ask your bart	ender about ou
CORONA	\$3.00	PEOPLE'S PORTER	\$3.50
MICHELOB ULTRA	\$2.50	BUD LIGHT	\$2.50
TUESDAY		SATURDAY	
SIERRA NEVADA PALE ALE	\$3.50	GUINNESS	\$3.50
NATURAL LIGHT	\$2.50	BUDWEISER	\$2.50
MONDAY		FRIDAY	
HAZY LITTLE THING	\$4.00	ANGRY ORCHARD	\$3.50
DOMESTIC BOTTLES	\$2.50	YUENGLING	\$2.50
SUNDAY		THURSDAY	

\$2.50

\$3.50



MUSICAL MUSINGS

KARAOKE

NOV 1st 7-11p



NOV 22nd 7-11p



MILLER HIGH LIFE

STELLA ARTOIS



EMING ROAD BAND

BAND NOV 30th 7-10p

WHISKEY Rotation





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

HEAVEN HILL BOTTLED IN BOND HENRY MCKENNA



MONTH AT A GLANCE 116

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

NOV 1

First Friday Fish Fry

NOV 14

Legion General Meeting • 7p

Dinner • 6p

7

Executive Meeting 7p

NOV 23

Chili Cook-Off • 12-4p

NOV **8**

Riders 20th Anniversary 6p

30

Meetinas

Band

Flemming Road • 7-10p

Clubs/Classes

Entertainment

Happenings Continued

4th - Cornhole - 7pm

6th - Line Dancing 7-9pm

6th - Veteran's Peer Support 7pm

8th - Free Jukebox Friday

8th - Riders 20th Anniversary Party 6pm

11th - Cornhole 7pm*

13th - Line Dancing 7-9pm

13th - Veteran's Peer Support 7pm

15th - Blood Drive 11-4

15th - Free Jukebox Friday

15th - Bar Trivia 7-9pm

18th - Cornhole 7pm*

20th - Line Dancing 7-9pm

20th - Veteran's Peer Support 7pm

21st - Music Bingo 7-9pm

21st - New Member Meetup 6-7pm

22nd - Free Jukebox Friday

24th - Line Dancing 1-3pm

25th - Cornhole 7pm*

28th - Happy Thanksgiving - Rec Room Closed

29th - Free Jukebox Friday

4th - Ways & Means Meeting 6pm

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4th - Buildings & Grounds Meeting 7pm

5th - Aux Executive Meeting 6:30pm

5th - Rental Meeting 7pm

7th - Executive Meeting 7pm

12th - Rec Room Meeting 6:30pm

13th - Finance Meeting 7pm

14th - General Meeting 7pm - Dinner 6pm

18th - Sal Executive Meeting 7pm

19th - Aux General Meeting 6:30pm

21st - Cruiser's Meeting 6:30pm

26th - Sal General Meeting 7pm

1st - Fish Fry 4-7pm

3rd - NFL Cook 1-4pm

10th - NFL Cook 1-4pm

17th - NFL Cook 1-4pm

23rd - Chili Cook off 12-4

24th - NFL Cook 1-4pm

1st - Karaoke 7-11pm

10th - Marine's Birthday

11th - Veteran's Day

16th - Aux Craft Show - 12-5

22nd - Sock Hop 6-10pm

30th - Band- Fleming Road - 7-10pm



COMMANDER David Rossner



1ST VICE Jason Williams



2ND VICE Malcolm Lewis



FINANCE Mike Cortez



ADJUTANT Paul Ferris



PARLIAMENTARIAN Myka Knox



CHAPLAIN Wayne Sherrod



George Broneski

SGT. AT ARMS

OFFICERS AT LARGE



Joey Hagar



Tony Smith



Kathy Koch



Dan Miltenberger



Robin Ober



Mark Millham



Tony Van Schaick



Chuck Feit



Kevin Poitinger

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



POST 116 LEADERS 2024/2025



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2ND VICEDarryl Robinson





FINANCEJason Medhurst



ADJUTANT Nolan Perry



CHAPLAINNolan Perry



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★ 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

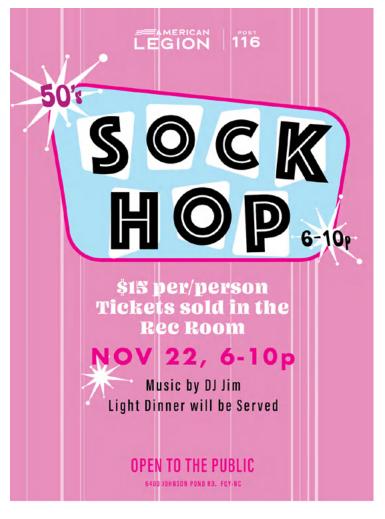
SAL Cooks: Jason Medhurst **Merchandise:** Jenn Fetzke

★ 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

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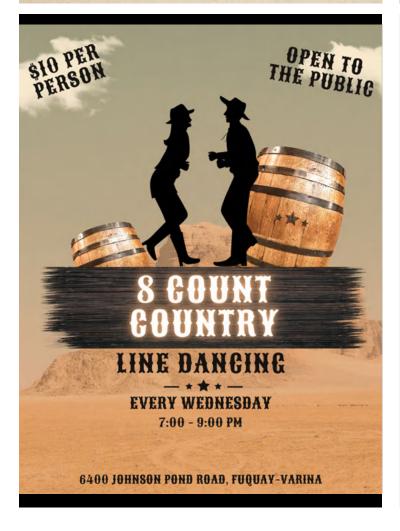
John Kuzo

Chris Craney

June 2











OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



116 GENERAL MEETING

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

DINNER 6p * MEETING 7p

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS



