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AMERICAN

October, 2024

COMMANDER'S CORNER David Rossner, Commander, Post 116



RECAP

Greetings everyone, it's been another busy month for the Legion Family. We started out with the Grill and Chill on the first of the month, rolled right into Fish fry the following Friday, End of Summer Bash on Saturday and the first NFL cook for the year on Sunday. At the End of Summer Bash we had two special ceremonies', one was to dedicate our new fire pit area which is now called "The Legion Lodge". The other ceremony was our mortgage burning ceremony. This was very special to many of our older members who were members when building 1 was built or were part of the team who refinanced in 2015. We had 6 past commanders, several past adjutants, and many other past post officers, and members. The day was a great success. The next weekend September 15 th we had the Riders bike show where we had groups from Clayton, Garner, Raleigh, Lillington much more of the surrounding area. another big success. The 21 st was the Rider Poker run. The 29 th was the Cruisers Fall Car show which is always big hit with everyone. If you are ever looking for something to do, we have events most weekends.

We also have events going on during the week, such as karaoke, line dancing, trivia, darts, and cornhole. Please check out the calendar for dates and times. <u>www.ALPost116nc.org</u> I would like to give a big shout out to our many volunteers who help put these events on. As you know we are a total volunteer force and nothing would happen without our volunteers. Many thanks to all of you.



COMMANDER'S CORNER Continued

Generosity Flows Free

I do want to mention something I have noticed about our legion family; I am not going to mention names but people's generosity to the post sometimes amazes me. Just this month, I was in a meeting and the rec room wanted to buy a new light for over the pool table and they were asking for money to buy it. When out of nowhere a member speaks up and says he would pay for it. Then another member was out at the new Legion Lodge and said we need a ceiling fan out there and he said I'll buy it if you put it up. Then lastly if you were at the End of Summer Bash, you saw this, the last ticket for the gun raffle was auctioned off. A \$20.00 ticket was sold for \$600.00. This kind of generosity is just amazing and it's what makes are post so special.

Thanks to you all.

Have You Seen Bldg 2?

Have you seen the new paint and floors in building 2? They look great! This was a project done with post volunteers in conjunction with Home Depot. Awesome job and thanks to all who helped. Don't know if you know this but Home Depot is now at the Army & Airforce Exchange and the Navy's NEX. If you are familiar with Home Depot's military discount it does not count for lumber and appliances. To get special military discounts on appliances and tax free you have to shop on line. Go to the Home Depot website scroll down to the bottom of the page under "resources" select "Military Discounts and Benefits", then scroll down till you see the Army & AF Exchange page or NEX page and start shopping. You will be asked to verify your eligibility. These special deals will save you big money.

Keep It Clean

Just one thing I need to mention as a reminder. Conversations about politics and religion need to kept to a minimum in the rec room and for that matter any place on post property. You have to remember that everyone is entitled to their own opinions and you most likely will not change that by yelling or saying disparaging comments. The post is a family friendly environment and we need everyone to watch your language. At times it gets out of control and patrons and staff don't want to hear it, People are there to relax and enjoy themselves. If you can't control your language, you will be asked to leave. Thanks for your cooperation.

Please Renew

My last thing and on a positive note Membership renewal has been great, we are well above sixty percent but our next goal by the end of October is 80% and we need about 200 more members to renew to hit that mark. If you have not renewed, please do so as soon as you can. You can renew in the rec room or online at <u>www.mylegion.org</u> 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.

EGION 116

FIRST FRIDAY

HOT & TASTY

7p

\$12 Per Plate

> 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





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 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 <u>https://www.legion.org/renew</u>



WINNERS

A July 2024 - James Linn (203803073)

B July 2024 – Steven Hendren (203604551) August 2024 – Michael Clark (204864679) Sept. 2024 – Brendan Owens (204943814) October 2024 – 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%	908
30 Nov	76.91%	90%	1026
31 Dec	89.10%	100%	1140
31 Jan	100%	103%	1175

MEMBERSHIP STATUS Aug 26, 2024

641

Current Active:	
Retention:	

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

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	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				
are in the Class A Categor 1. Fuquay-Varina Post 2. Hickory Post 48 (61 3. Calabash Post 503 (4. Wilmington Post 10 5. Hendersonville Post	.59%) (56.99%) (56.05%)	CAN THIS!				
Upcoming Happenings						
Oct 10, 2024 Boy Scout Award nominations due to Dept.						

Oct 10, 2024 LEO and FF/EMS of the Year nominations due to Dept.

Jan 31, 2025 Nomination for Honor Guard recognition due to Dept.

Feb 13-15, 2025 Department of NC Mid-Winter Conference

Dept. Commander

Dept Vice Commander (Div. 3)

Dist. 11 Commander

COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORT

HONOR/COLOR GUARD

Mike Carrieri carrierimike@gmail.com

BUSY BUSY BUSY

September has been a very busy month for the Honor Guard – again. We were privileged to provided honors for a departed Legionnaire. We presented the Colors at the Travis Manion Memorial Run, Walk, Ruck event. In addition, we presented the Colors at the Heritage High School vs Leesville Road High School football game where the halftime show included a salute to Gold Star families and veterans of the local area. As we have so often, we presented the Colors at the Holly Springs Town Council meeting as well. We are MEETING INFO October 19 0900 | Bldg. 2



already into coordination with Raleigh, Fuquay Varina and Holly Springs as the parade season approaches. The Veterans Day parade in Raleigh and the Christmas parades will be our primary coordination focus and more information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the time we step off on each. As always, we are prepared to render honors to all veterans who have passed ensuring that their faithful service to their country is recognized and respected.



We are always looking for new members! So, if you're interested, come out to our next meeting. It is on 19 October, 0900-1100, in Bldg 2.

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.

COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS

RIDERS

Chris Stocker chris@thestockers.net



FIRST ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW

The Riders held their first annual Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet in September. We had 17 bikes register for the show and more than 100 bikes show up for the day. This was a successful event for awareness at the Post and for

bringing in funds to the Riders, the Sons working the grill and our Post through the Rec Room. Thanks to everyone's support for this event!

During the End of Summer Bash, former Rider Director Scott Meier, Lips, auctioned off the last gun raffle ticket to the tune of \$600! This not only created some excitement around the deck, but it made the gun raffle an even more



successful fundraiser. Thanks to the Sons for collaborating on this fundraiser with us!

Late summer riding weather provides lots of good riding opportunities. On September 8th, we had Riders participating in the Tunnel to Towers ride for Freedom which supports first responders and military personnel. Our group divided up and supported two rides on the 21st: the Motor Muscle Excursion to benefit Blue Knights and Whole Vet and a Bingo Run with Post 232 to benefit veteran charities.

Lastly, a few of our members put on their aprons, hats and gloves and served dinner to Post members at the General Meeting this month.





SHOW STOPPERS

Congratulations to our Motorcycle Show winners

1st Place by categories

Vintage - David Hamilton - PanHead Metric - Mack Young - BMW R1250 Bagger - Bobby Franke - Road Glide Stock - Joe Nolan - CVO Springer

People's Choice by categories

Vintage - Jessica Davis - Fatboy Metric - Mack Young - BMW R1250 Bagger - Bob Wage - Indian Chief Stock - Justin Manning - Road Glide





AMERICAN LEGION POST 116 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



6TH ANNUAL WHOLE HOG & PORK SHOULDER COOK OFF

SPONSOR LEVEL	DONATION (501 C19 VETERANS ORGANIZATION)	PIG PICK-IN W/DRINKS & ENTERTAINMENT (WEEKEND BEFORE COMPETITION)	PLAQUE	NEWSLETTER (Sent out to 2000 members every Month)	YARD SIGN	BANNER	WEEKLY ANNOUNCMENT SPONSOR (Sent out to 2000 members every Week)	10X10 BOOTH FOR SATURDAYS EVENT
TITLE	\$1,000	8	LARGE	FULL PAGE 1 YEAR	Х	Х	3 MONTHS	Х
GOLD	\$500	6	MEDIUM	1/2 PAGE 6 MONTHS	Х			
SILVER	\$250	4	SMALL	1/4 PAGE 3 MONTHS				
PIG	\$100	2	DASH PLAQUE	WRITE UP				

HELP SUPPORT THE POST BY SPONSORING THE WHOLE HOG BBQ

SPONSORS DINNER WILL BE A PARTY YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

TAL & SAL COOK TEAMS WILL BE COOKING A WHOLE HOG JUST FOR YOU ALONG WITH ALL THE FIX-INS, DRINKS, & ENTERTAINMENT!

THE SPONSORS DINNER WILL BE HELD ON 11 OCT 24. STARTING WITH SOCIAL HOUR 5 PM-6 PM, DINNER AT 6 PM, AND THEN PARTY UNTIL...

SPONSOR DINNER LOCATION: AMERICAN LEGION. 6400 JOHNSON POND RD FUOUAY-VARINA.NC (BUILDING 2)

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

WITH recroom@alpost116nc.org

DAILY SPECIALS

UNITED WE STAND.

Fall is in full effect and so are our events we have lined up for October. Please join us as we have a very busy month planned with fish fry, Karaoke, Octoberfest, NFL Sundays, music bingo, whole hog BBQ cookoff, and several bands, and a Halloween party to close out the month!

Reminder that we will not have trivia this month.

Exciting news, we have our new dishwasher installed so we are back to using glassware. Thank you for your patience as we had to use plastic for a while.

Thank you for making the Rec Room at The American Legion Post 116 your 17 /orite place to be!

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

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		
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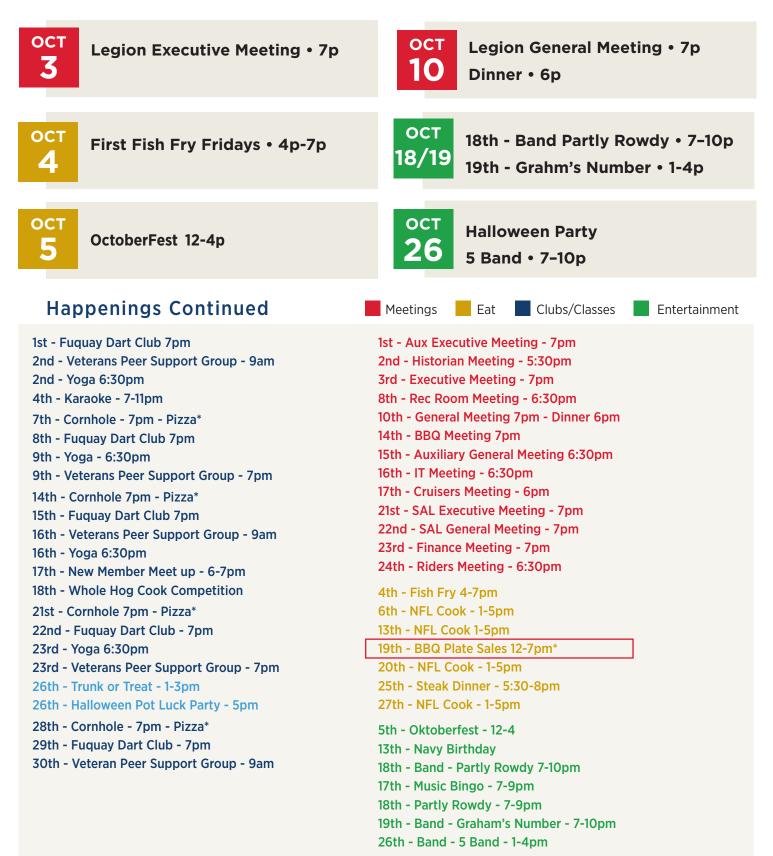


BLANTON'S BOOKER'S BROTHERS BOND BUFFALO TRACE EAGLE RARE EH TAYLOR HEAVEN HILL BOTTLED IN BOND HENRY MCKENNA

While supplies last

LEGION MONTH AT A GLANCE 116

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS



LEGION POST 116 LEADERS

2024/2025



COMMANDER David Rossner



1ST VICE Jason Williams



2ND VICE Malcolm Lewis



FINANCE Mike Cortez



ADJUTANT Paul Ferris



PARLIAMENTARIAN Myka Knox

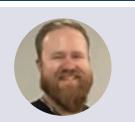


CHAPLAIN Wayne Sherrod



HISTORIAN George Broneski

SGT. AT ARMS



Joey Hagar



Robin Ober



Kevin Poitinger



Tony Smith



Mark Millham



OFFICERS AT LARGE

Kathy Koch



Tony Van Schaick



Dan Miltenberger



Chuck Feit

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POST 116 LEADERS 2024/2025 EGION AUXILIARY



PRESIDENT Margie Worley Wesley



VICE PRESIDENT Sherry Johnson



SECRATARY Diane Williams

OFFICERS AT LARGE



TREASURER Jan Powell

SGT. AT ARMS



Tamie Beaulieu



Karen Heath Ter Meer



Audie Smith



Vickie Jenkins



Pegge Kapili



Stacey Glorius Rossner

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POST 116 LEADERS

2024/2025



COMMANDER Patrick Dunkle



1ST VICE Jeremy Bielat



2ND VICE Darryl Robinson





Colby Thomas



FINANCE Jason Medhurst



ADJUTANT Nolan Perry



CHAPLAIN Nolan Perry



Mark German

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CRUISERS DIRECTOR

CRUISERS Harold Boettcher

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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

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Chair, Cmdr.: Mike Carrieri Captain: Norm Klein Captain: Mike Carrieri Joe King Mike Hollett Ed Wagner Rich Akelewicz

★ HONOR GUARD ★

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

COMMITTEE/CLUB REPORTS

AUDIT

Mark Millham

LOOKING FOR THOSE WILLING TO SERVE

The newly formed audit committee is looking for people to serve.

The Audit committee will be reviewing each committee with a budget for accuracy and recommend possible improvements in their accounting practices.

As a resource for the committees, we can help ensure that our Post remains the stellar place we have come to love!

If interested drop an email to Mark Millham <u>millham1@prexar.com</u> or reach out on slack.



PHOTOS ON THE POND

















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THANK YOU

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- 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

June 25

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 amungst peers to share their experiences or struggles.

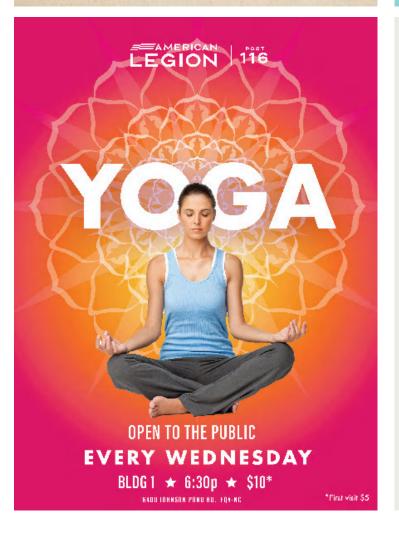
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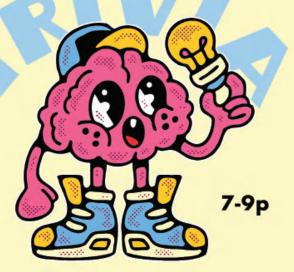
NEW MEMBERS GET THEIR FIRST DRINK ON THE COMMANDER!







THIRD FRIDAY







SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

DINNER 6p \star MEETING 7p

OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS







