

GATOR EXPRESS

American Legion Post 166
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2025-2026 OFFICERS

Commander– Jim Rowan; 1st Vice Commander- Janet Rein; 2nd Vice Commander - Mariela Anderson; Finance Officer: Lee Swerczek; Post Service Officer - Janise Jensen; Chaplain - Bill Streuber; Judge Advocate - Richard Trowbridge; Sergeant-at-Arms - Robert Mero; Historian– Mike Thomas; Adjutant - Rick Bernard

FEBRUARY 2026

POST COMMANDER COMMENTS

If you haven't heard, Lewis Harper is the new Captain of Post 166 Honor Guard. Our Honor Guard is surely one of the best. When you talk to Captain Harper, give him a hearty **congratulations**.

As usual there are numerous events planned for February and Valentine's Day in particular. Take your "sweetie" to the Post for dinner and dancing !

I'm happy to report our finances are improving. There is significant volunteer work being done to raise funds for improvement in our kitchen, restrooms and ballroom. We'll keep you posted.

Speaking of volunteers, if you have time and want to help improve our post, step up and offer your assistance. Look at the monthly calendar of what's happening and join in.

It is my honor to be the Post Commander and I am working to improve our facilities and membership. If you have any questions about plans or suggestion's, feel free to talk to me.

Jim Rowan
Commander



>> Post 166 Legion Renewals <<

STARTING OUT 2026 on the right track.... POST 166 RENEWAL RATE IS OVER 80 % !

Let's keep the momentum up and encouragement to renew your membership recruit new members, or transfer others into this Post.

Be pro-active in the post - - volunteer when you can in any event, activity, program, or in the kitchen, this shows your support and involvement for us the veterans, and our local community.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

You can renew by cash, check, money order, bank check, credit card, and on-line at Mylegion.com. Contact me if you have any questions or concerns at the Post, or call (843) 553-5454.

Regards -
Janet Rein, 1st Vice Commander

AUXILARY REPORT

February will be another busy month for our Auxiliary Unit. Starting with our regular meeting on Monday the 2nd at 7 pm. Following the meeting we will have a reception in honor of Joyce Willis who has stepped down from her office as president and will be moving soon. Make plans to attend February 8th Four Chaplains Service at the Post. Our unit supports the Four Chaplains Chapel Fund each year. The heroism of these Chaplains is something we should know and celebrate. Don't forget the Valentine Dinner Dance. We love the band Wildflower Station. Good music you can sing along with and dance. Bring your sweetie and enjoy an excellent meal and great music. If you are able, come on the 21st to clean up the storage room. The space needs some organizing and clearing out.

You know our Chaplain, Hannah, will be welcoming her baby boy in March. We are collecting money to purchase a big-ticket item from her Baby Shower Registry. Copies of the links to her registries at Target and Amazon will be available at our meeting. I plan to donate to the group gift and get an individual gift from me. Her shower will be held following our March 2nd meeting. Please plan to attend.

Membership – our goal for 2026 is 141 members. We are at 83% of goal. You can pay your \$50.00 membership by cash, check, money order at the Post, or you can pay online at www.legion-aux.org or by phone at (317) 569-4570 8 am-4:30 .

Questions? Concerns? Contact me:

Louise Dixon President ALA Unit 166
(843) 343-1483 adixon6173@att.net



STOREROOM
CLEAN UP



SAT. FEB.21st
9AM

**COFFEE & DONUTS
PROVIDED**

*****JOIN US*****

Bat Masterson

ATTENTION

**Executive Committee
Meeting will be held at
7PM.**

Tues. Feb.10th

**General Membership MTG
7PM**

Wed. Feb.18th

Please plan accordingly.

**Rick Bernard
Adjutant**

CONGRATULATIONS

The following Legionnaire have
achieved membership milestones for
the **2026** membership year

20 YEARS

**MONTY MONTAMBO
VICKI S. LABERGE
ROBERT COMBS**

25 YEARS

RONALD E. JONES

35 YEARS

DARREN G. HAINES

Your support of the Post is most appre-
ciated by all of us.

Jim Rowan,
Post Commander



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Ride Captain**

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Thank You

SHOW YOUR PRIDE*

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ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
CALENDAR BOX ON THE CLUB SIDE.
ALL ORDERS ARE PRE-PAID.**

FACEBOOK

The new page is simply
entitled "American
Legion Post 166 Goose
Creek SC"

USE THIS TO LOG ON



American Legion Riders Post 166

Invites Everyone to Attend
Our Spaghetti Dinner
(includes Dessert & Tea)



When: February 19, 2026

Where: American Legion Post 166
116 Howe Hall Road
Goose Creek, SC

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Cost: \$8.00



All Proceeds Help Support Our Veteran Programs

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Now that the Holiday season is over, let us not forget to help our homeless veterans at Patriot Villas. Patriot Villas is a facility that houses our homeless veterans. They are asking for:

Laundry pod, sponges, dish soap, instant coffee regular, sugar, creamer, toilet paper, grits, Oatmeal, Ketchup, Mayo & Mustard, salt & pepper, spam / Vienna Sausages, canned Chicken / Tuna, Fruit Cups /Canned Fruit, Popcorn / Crackers, Pork n Beans, complete Hormel Dinners, Corned Beef Hash, canned lima Beans, peas , corn, green beans, Shelf Milk, Juice, canned soda,

We have a drop tub at the entrance to the post where you can bring your donations.

Also, if you or someone you know needs help filing for a claim, I am in the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Janise Jensen

Post Service Officer, 843-553-5454



To my fellow Legionnaires,

As Motorcycle Riders we have a unique means of showing our support with the “**Roar**” of our engines, and the Sound of Freedom!

As the Rider Preamble says - For God and Country, we associate ourselves together!

FEBRUARY 12, 1973

Operation Homecoming

Operation Homecoming began. The operation returned 591 American Prisoners of War (POWs) held by North Vietnam following the Paris Peace Accords that ended U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. From February 12 to April 4, 1973, there were 54 C-141 missions flying out of Hanoi bringing former POWs home. Of the POWs repatriated to the United States, a total of 325 served in the U.S. Air Force, a majority of whom were bomber pilots shot down over North Vietnam or Viet Cong controlled territory. The remaining 266 consisted of 138 U.S. Navy personnel, 77 soldiers serving in the U.S. Army, 26 U.S. Marine Corps members and 25 civilian employees of American government agencies.

1. Wow, it's hard to believe it's 2026. We're already more than 25% through the “new” century! As we flip the calendar to another page, it brings even MORE excitement and anticipation of new memories to make, new roads to explore and new friendships to be forged. Last year Post 166 Legion Riders rode over 60K miles supporting various event. It's a fresh start to 12 exciting months of adventure, and I hope you are as enthusiastic about it as I am with an increased focus on Growth, Engagement and Retention.

2. We have some exciting things on the upcoming calendar.

- The Annual State “Legacy Ride” to the Capital will be in the Low Country and have planned on stopping by the Post in April.
- We have a couple of “Bike Nights” at the Post which will bring in lots of revenue and allow us to share our cherished history with the Low Country.

3. We are looking forward to another blessed year at the Post and providing support wherever we can. Come join us and forge some memories.

SHOW UP, SHOW OUT AND REAP THE REWARDS OF PARTICIPATING!

We will continue to “**Lead the Way**” and to serve and support our members, veterans and the community, on the 1st Sunday of each month assisting the Kitchen Staff serving breakfast.

Brad Levander
Director, ALR Chapter 166
b.levander10@gmail.com

“Leading the Way, Bringing Energy & Enthusiasm to the Post!”



VOITURE 1067

This month's promenade will be held on February 24th. The new membership cards are in, You will have to have the 2026 card to attend 40/8 events and promenades. Now would be a great time to renew your membership and keep us in the BLACK.

I would like to Thank the kitchen and bar staff of the Post (Lee Swerczek, Lori Farrow, Fred Kiley, Debbie and Elijah, the Bartenders Ahna, Becca, Amy, Terri and Leila for the outstanding job they did supporting the Joint Carolinas Promenade. There were many great compliments from our Guests. Thank you to all the Voyageurs and Dames for making the Joint Carolinas a great success. It was good to see old friends and make new ones.

Plans are already in the works for our own Gator Wreck in May. Looking for volunteers.

I would still like to see more participation in our Voiture activities in the coming year. This is your Voiture, Help make it all it can be.

Brian (Bat) Masterson
Chef de Gare



CABANE 1067

Thank you to all the Dames who worked effortlessly to make the Joint Carolinas happen. Nothing goes unnoticed. Setting up the hospitality. The decorations and all the delicious food.

I'm sure we will enjoy this little break in February since there are no events scheduled. Looking forward to our corned beef in March.

Our next rendezvous will be the 4th Tuesday of the month.

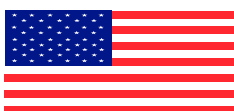
La Presidente
Terri Masterson



FLAG DROP BOX

There is a flag drop off box located in front of the Post. This box is designated for old worn out flags that need to be disposed of. If you have such a flag at home or at your business, you may come by anytime and drop it off in the Flag Retirement Box or bring it inside and we'll make sure it is properly disposed in a proper manner.

Jim Rowan, Post Commander



LOTS OF ACTIVITIES

THIS MONTH

COME JOIN THE FUN



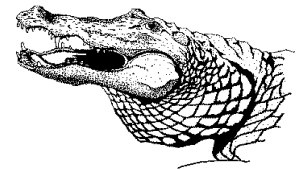
*** WELCOME NEW MEMBERS***

Welcome to our new members: Jose Romubio, Michael C. Jenkins, Samuel J. Freeman, Robert W. Ware, Thomas D. Mitchum, Brian Evans, Jeffrey Asselin, Stanley Singer, Marshall Davis, Ronald Y. Redondo, Dean Johnson, Alvin Heyward, Sean Egnew, Cecil McCrackin, Lewis Law, Patrick C. Williams III, Charles Gongola, Phillip Monroe, Clyde Scaff, Robert Gurevitz, Richard Troy

Janet Rein, 1st Vice Cmdr.



ALP166SC.COM
IS OUR
WEBSITE



TIN CAN SAILORS

Shipmates,

I hope everyone is safe and taking care of themselves during this winter season. Bravo Zulu to the crews that cooked for the two events in December, from what I hear turnout was excellent. We have tentatively selected Saturday 11 April for our next BBQ Fundraiser. We also chose 10 October for the unit picnic. We are still discussing date and locations for the wives dinner. Ship store reports new T-shirts celebrating Navy's 250s anniversary available for order, as well as hoodies with unit logo. 2026

Membership cards are available with Yeoman Rick Bernard, if you haven't renewed yet please do at your earliest convenience. Take care of yourselves over the holiday season and remember myself and XO Russ Nichols are here if you need anything.

Very Respectfully

Richard Powell, Skipper

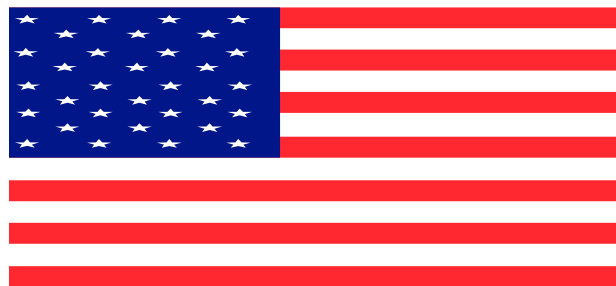


**PLEASE DONATE TO THE POST BY
SHARING THIS LINK WITH FRIENDS
AND FAMILY**

[HTTPS://WWW.PAYPAL.COM/DONATE/?HOSTED_BUTTON_ID=R876A3VN2U2D8](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=R876A3VN2U2D8)

THANK YOU

JIM ROWAN, POST COMMANDER



DAYTONA 500 RACE PARTY

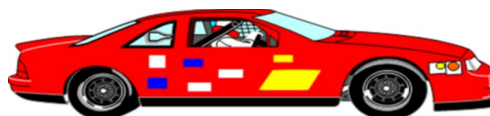


SUN.FEB.15th 2PM

SHRIMP BOIL \$10.00



*** JOIN US ***

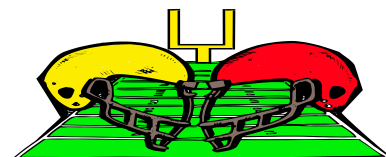
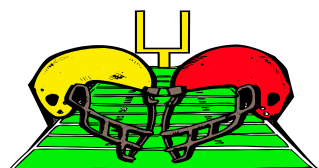


SUPER BOWL PARTY

SUNDAY FEB. 8Th 4PM

POT LUCK

JOIN US



**COME DINE
WITH US**

GOOD FOOD

GREAT TIMES

FREE BIRTHDAY MEAL

This is a special invitation to all members of the Legion Family. On your birthday, if we are serving food, (6 days a week), your meal is free. Just show your waitress your current membership card and ID card when ordering.

A special birthday present from the Post.





AMERICAN LEGION POST 166

LAWN CARE SERVICES REQUEST – 2026 SEASON

📍 116 Howe Hall Road • Goose Creek, South Carolina



SERVICE PERIOD

May 1, 2026 – November 1, 2026

Service performed every two (2) weeks



SCOPE OF WORK

- ✓ **Mowing of all grassy areas** within property boundaries
 - ✓ **Weed eating** along vegetation areas and hard surface edges
 - ✓ **Occasional pickup and disposal** of fallen limbs and tree debris
 - ✓ **Minor movement** of outdoor seating or common-area items as needed ¹
- 🕒 Property may be viewed on-site during normal business hours.



PROPERTY MAP



SITE VISITS

✓ **Monday – Friday | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

Vendors are encouraged to visit the property to review scope and prepare pricing.



WHO MAY SUBMIT PRICING

- ✓ Licensed lawn care contractors
- ✓ Independent providers
- ✓ Veteran-owned or local businesses
- ✓ Individuals offering services



FORMAL BID SUBMISSION

This notice serves as a formal request for lawn care pricing for the 2026 growing season.



Submit proposals to:

- **Finance Officer**
- American Legion Post 166
- 116 Howe Hall Road
- Goose Creek, SC 29445



Deadline for Submission: February 15, 2026

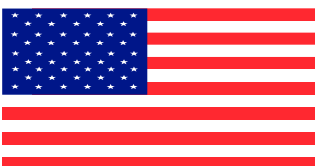


ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

American Legion Post 166 is a 501(c)(9) Veterans Organization, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS and the State of South Carolina.

All support directly benefits veterans, their families, and community programs.

POST 166 HONOR GUARD





Chaplain's Report Bill Streuber

January 2026

I. Sickness and Distress

- † During the month of December, I sent out one sympathy and two get well cards.
- † If you know of any members who are in sickness or distress, please notify me at (843)469-8154 or email me at westreuber@homesc.com.

II. Prayers

- † If you would like me to pray for you or family members, please text me or email me and I will include them in my devotional time.

III. Spiritual Health

- † If anyone is interested in any special programs that I can develop to assist with spiritual growth, please let me know. I would be very happy to do this.

IV. Events

- † I am preparing for the Four Chaplain Interfaith Memorial Service to be held at Post 166 on February 8, 2026 at 14:00.

V. Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (V.A.V.S.)

- † We visited and cooked a meal at the Ralph H. Johnson Fisher House on Saturday December 6th.
 - I would like to thank all those who came out and cooked for us that evening.
 - It was very successful and we will make plans to cook for them at least once every quarter.
 - Be looking and listening for our next date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Streuber

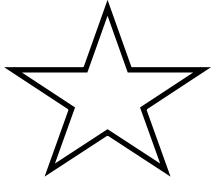
Post 166 Chaplain

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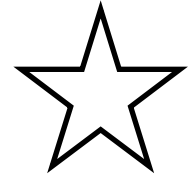
VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY

MILITARY

“ALL WELCOME”



**AMERICAN
LEGION**



BE THE ONE

LEGIONNAIRES; RECRUIT *3* NEW MEMBERS,

GET A *BE THE ONE PIN*

JANET REIN, 1st VICE. CMDR.

ATTENTION

**THE AUXILIARY ASKS YOU TO PLEASE BRING
COUPONS TO SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES
OVERSEAS**

BOX IS IN THE BAR

WANTED*

**ALUMINUM CANS ; PLEASE BRING
YOUR EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS
ONLY TO THE POST FOR
RECYCLING. THEY SUPPORT OUR
JROTC PROGRAM.**

BLESSING BOX

A Blessing Box has been set up in front of the Post next to the Flag Retirement Box. This box is for anyone who would like to donate nonperishable items for those in need in the local community. Items can be put in the box anytime. Let us show the community the American Legion Post 166 really does care.

Jim Rowan,
Post Commander



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT:
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GOOD INFO TO BE HAD.



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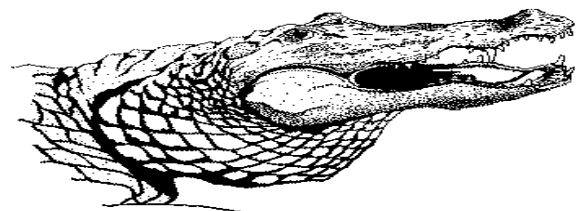
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SAL SQUADRON 166 NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER:

The SAL would like to thank everyone that participated in our annual chili cook off!

This year we had 11 delicious entries!

Congratulations to the winners!

1st place Jason van Heumen

2nd place Alyssa Brag

3rd Place & The Peoples' Champion D.J. Pearson

This was a great event and a fund day! I would like to extend a special thank you to Lori Farrow, for your support and help!!

Our next monthly membership meeting is February 4th at 7pm, please make plans to attend.

Volunteer when and where you can, remember it is the members that make a post great!

For God & Country,

Jason van Heumen



June 6, 1944 Normandy Landings

There is an effort to organize a tour to the Normandy Memorial located in Bedford Virginia on 6 June 2026, if you are interested. Please contact Don Pace at 843-327-0129 or see me at the Post.



Thank you
Don Pace



LOTS OF ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

COME JOIN THE FUN

MEMBER INITIATION

**AMERICAN LEGION
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

SUN. MARCH 15th 2PM

JOIN US



Jim Rowan, Post Cmdr.

OVERFLOW

PARKING

**IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE
MAGISTRATE COURT**

**PARKING LOT
BEHIND THE POST**

>ENTER POST<

**PROPERTY
THROUGH THE GATE
IN THE FENCE**

DON'T PARK IN RESERVED SPOT

Four Chaplain Interfaith Memorial Service

On Sunday, February 8, 2026, at 14:00, Post 166 will celebrate a Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Service. On February 3, 1943, the U.S.A.T. DORCHESTER was tragically sunk. Of the 902 young men on board, only 230 survived. Many of those survivors owe their lives to the courage and leadership exhibited by the heroic Four Chaplains, who, in sacrificing their lives, created a unique legacy of brotherhood.

This service is a tribute to those courageous Chaplains and the 672 brave young men who lost their lives on that fateful night. Further, this service honors all those who have served, and whose courage and faith have sustained our country.

It is imperative that we teach our children and youth about these great events and great sacrifices, for young people are our future. It is vital for them to understand what selfless service on behalf of others can accomplish. Please come and support this annual Memorial Service.

Bill Streuber
Post 166 Chaplain



Celebrate love this Valentine's Day

Join us for Dinner, and Dance the night away with



The Wildflower Station Band!!!

Valentine's Evening of Dinner & Dance

February 14, 2026

Celebrate Valentine's Day with an
unforgettable evening of great food,
music, and dancing!

Doors open at 5:30 PM,
Dinner at 6:00 PM

Your choice of Marry Me Chicken
or Beef Bourguignon!



Dancing with The Wildflower Station Band at 7:00 PM

Bring your sweetie—or sweeties—and join us for a
night of love, laughter, and fun!

Tickets available on Eventbrite and the Canteen for
\$25.00 a person for Dinner and Dance!!!

www.eventbrite.com/e/love-is-in-the-air-valentines-dinner-dance-tickets-1978936660824?aff=oddtddtdtcreator



(TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR FOR THE DANCE ONLY
@ 10.00 PER PERSON)