

GATOR EXPRESS

American Legion Post 166
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2025-2026 OFFICERS

Commander- Jim Rowan; 1st Vice Commander- Janet Rein; 2nd Vice Commander: Dave Coates; 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

APRIL 2026

POST COMMANDER COMMENTS

Thank you all for supporting Post 166 and our appendant families. Things are going well, however we have a pressing issue to resolve.

Many of you have noticed and commented on our American Legion sign out front of our building. It needs to be replaced. I saw that too and have been working on a solution.

First you should know the City of Goose Creek ordinances dictate the size and appearance of signage. There is a silver lining. The City may reimburse us for some of the costs.

At the last Executive Committee meeting I had the opportunity to show a picture for a new sign to all present and I'm pleased to report, everyone liked it.

A committee met with the sign company owner and agreed to his proposal. He is working on approval and permitting by the city. Once that's done, it will take about thirty days before the new Post sign is erected.

I am sure all members of Post 166 and appendant group members are proud to of what we stand for, so help us pay for our new Post sign by making a donation now.

I especially thank everyone who came to our recent flag disposal and helped with the actual physical work. This was the largest disposal I can remember!

Jim Rowan
Commander



>> POST 166 LEGION RENEWALS <<

**** OVER 90% is POST 166's RENEWAL RATE ****

New members into this Post, and recent transfers have pushed us over the 90 % mark. Continue to recruit, recruit, recruit....."BE THE ONE" pins are presented for this effort (3 new members).

The American Legion celebrated its 107th year ! The recent initiation ceremony was a review of the pillars for the American Legion, and welcoming these persons is a prime example of veterans supporting veterans.

The American Legion has been instrumental in support of the Veterans Administration (VA) and our benefits; Education (GI Bill & other),

Health-VA clinics & hospitals, Therapy, VA claims, and continues its legislative effort to preserve such for veterans.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT !

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

Regards - Janet Rein, 1st Vice Commander



AUXILIARY REPORT

April showers bring May flowers. So much is happening for Unit 166 this month. First round of nominations for 2026-2027. New members will be initiated into the Auxiliary. Our ever-popular Potluck Dinner will delight your tastebuds! As the 2025–2026 year winds down committee chairmen will meet to write narrative reports to be sent to Department chairmen and then on to National chairmen. It's important to report activities, time spent, number of veterans served and money spent. Did you know that all reports are compiled into a report that is presented to Congress to inform the nation what the Legion Family does to support our veterans and their families?

In membership our unit has reached 91% of our goal for 2026. If you have not paid your 2026 dues or want to transfer or reinstate your membership, get in touch with Louise Dixon.

Important dates for **April** are:

6th – Unit Meeting at 7:00 pm First round of officer nominations

11th – committee chairmen meet to write End of Year Reports

16th – Potluck Dinner at the Post 5-8 pm or until sold out

26th – Initiation of new Auxiliary members and reception 2-4 pm

Save the date for our **May 4th** meeting at 7:00 pm. See you there!

For God and Country,

Louise Dixon, President and Membership Chairman

adixon6173@att.net

(843) 343-1483



HALL RENTAL

For Hall Rental information contact:

Lori Farrow: Club Manager at 843-343-0681.



Legion Riders - "Leading the Way, Bringing Energy & Enthusiasm to the Post!"

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!** With the wind in our face riding our Steel Ponies.

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

1. We have some exciting things on the upcoming calendar; **ALL** are welcome to attend.
 - The Annual State "Legacy Ride" to the Capital will be in the Low Country from April 24-26. Riders from all over the state will be staging at Murrells Inlet American Legion and riding to the State Capital on Sunday the 26th.
2. The Post will be hosting a "Bike Night", and the theme is "Wear your favorite sports team attire". The date is May 21st (Thursday) from 6-9pm. Come out and see the bike show, support the Post and hear the roar of "Steel Ponies". More information to follow.
3. We look forward to another blessed year at the Post and providing support wherever we can. Come join us & forge some memories at our next "**OPEN**" meeting (April 7th / Tues 7-8pm).

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

This month in Military Motorcycle's Dynamic History.

Imagine a battlefield choked with smoke, the roar of artillery, a constant companion, and the only reliable way to send urgent messages across treacherous terrain. This was the reality of World War I, and into this chaos rode the intrepid dispatch rider on their motorcycle. These brave individuals became the lifeblood of communication, carrying vital orders, intelligence, and reports between front lines and HQ, often under heavy fire.

Before radio technology became widespread and reliable, the dispatch rider was critical. Their motorcycles, though rudimentary by today's standards, offered speed and maneuverability that horses or foot soldiers simply could not match.

The challenges were immense. Flat tires were a constant threat, and mechanical breakdowns in no-man's-land could be fatal. Riders carried rudimentary tool kits, often having to make repairs under incredible pressure. Yet, they persevered, their daring missions often turning the tide of small skirmishes and ensuring larger strategies could be executed. The motorcycle was not just a vehicle; it was a symbol of urgency and unwavering commitment.

The Riders will continue to "**Lead the Way**" Bringing Energy & Enthusiasm to the Post. We will continue to serve and support our members, veterans, and the community. We ride throughout the month attending and supporting various events throughout the state, **we rode over 60K miles in 2025**. We will see you on the 1st Sunday of the month for breakfast.

LOOK TWICE, SAVE A LIFE!



Brad Levander
Director, ALR Chapter 166

POST OFFICER 2026 –2027 NOMINATIONS

The following Legionnaires have been nominated for officer for 2026 – 2027.

Post Commander: Jim Rowan, 1st Vice Commander: Janet Rein / Doug Meadows

2nd Vice Commander: David Coates, Finance Officer: Lee Swerczek

Post Service Officer: Janise Jensen, Chaplain: Bill Streuber,

Judge Advocate: Richard Trowbridge: Sergeant at Arms: Robert Mero,

Historian: Mike Thomas

Second and final round nominations of officers will be conducted at this month's General membership Meeting, Wednesday April 15th, 1900, (7PM)

All Legionnaires are encourage to participate.



Rick Bernard, Adjutant



Chaplain's Report Bill Streuber

March 2026

- I. Sickness and Distress
 - † During the month of March, I sent out six 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
 - † The Post will put flags on the graves of our fallen brothers and sisters on Saturday May 23rd.
 - Plan to say a prayer before we begin putting out flags.
 - † Memorial Day Service at the Post on May 25th.
- V. Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (V.A.V.S.)
 - † We cooked a dinner meal at the Fisher House on Saturday March 7th.
 - Will plan another meal this quarter.
 - † V.A.V.S. Quarterly Meeting
 - Attending March 23 at 13:00 by WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Streuber

Post 166 Chaplain

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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



ATTENTION

Executive Committee
Meeting will be held at
7PM.

Tues. April 14th

General Membership MTG
7PM

Wed. April 15th

Please plan accordingly.

Rick Bernard
Adjutant

CONGRATULATIONS

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

30 YEARS

JOSEPH A. SCHENK

Your support of the Post is most appreciated by all of us.

Jim Rowan,

Post Commander



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Ride Captain

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BAR-B-QUE FUND RAISER

WHEN: SAT. APRIL 11th 12-3PM

**DINNER INCLUDES: PULLED BAR- B-QUE PORK
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ADVANCE ORDERS WELCOMED,

**CONTACT RICHARD POWELL AT 843-727-5109 / DON PACE AT
843-327-0129 OR RICK BERNARD AT 843-553-5454 OR
DEAN NIMOCKS AT 843-730-3610 FOR MORE INFO.**



FACEBOOK

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

USE THIS TO LOG ON



POST SERVICE OFFICER

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



POT LUCK DINNER



**THURS. APRIL 16th
5-8PM**

\$10.00 PER PLATE

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PUBLIC WELCOME

SAL SQUADRON 166 NEWS

A message from the Commander,
It was a monthly meeting will be April 1 at 7
PM. Please make plans to attend. We will be
holding nominations for offices.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
JASON VAN HEUMEN
COMMANDER
SAL SQUAD 166



NOW HIRING!

SHORT ORDER COOK
Afternoons



HELP WANTED!

American Legion Post 166

116 Howe Hall Rd., Goose Creek

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

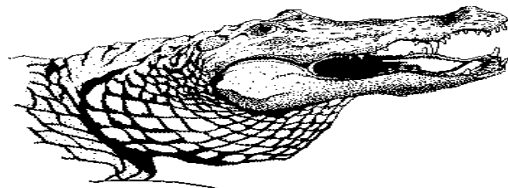
Call Lori for More Info:

843-343-0681

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES

THIS MONTH

COME JOIN THE FUN



VOITURE 1067

Thank you to all the Voyageurs who participated in the La Femmes Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Your efforts made the event very successful, and the Dames were very appreciative.

This month's promenade will be held on April 28th. The new membership cards are in, You will have to have the 2026 card to attend 40/8 events and promenades. Our membership renewal right now is 100%. Now would be a good time to check your card and renew your membership. There are currently a few Voyageurs delinquent, please contact

Steve Jackson or myself and we will get you current. Let's get membership in the **BLACK**.

If you are traveling to the Southlands Dixie Promenade, Have a safe trip. Plans are well underway for our own Gator Wreck in May. Looking for volunteers and registrations. Remember that it is the First weekend in May this year

Hope everyone has a Happy Easter and is staying healthy. This month's promenade will be first round of nominations. Make sure you have a 2026 card and come out and make your voice heard 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.

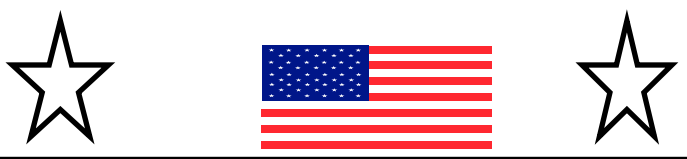
Brian (Bat) Masterson Chef de Gare



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



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MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS

MEMORIAL DAY IS MONDAY MAY 25th

This is the day we remember our departed Comrades.

On Memorial Day weekend members of the Post and community visit the final resting place of Veterans at Carolina Memorial Gardens and place an *American Flag*.

This year is going to be no different, but however the Post needs help with the purchase of flags. Twenty-six (26) gross (144 flags per gross) are going to be needed to ensure all Veterans are remembered, cost is \$159.00 per gross.

At this time I am asking all tenant organization groups and anyone who can, please help us purchase these flags.

Donations for these flags can be dropped off at the Post anytime or mailed to:

American Legion Post 166

P O Box 147

Goose Creek, SC 29445

Thank You For Your Support.

Jim Rowan, Post Commander



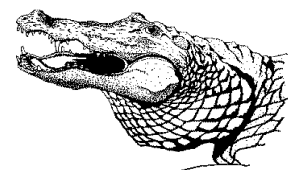
*** WELCOME NEW MEMBERS***

Welcome to our new members: Trevis Richardson, Lucius D. Ewell,
Ralph H. Sanders and James Luper.

Janet Rein, 1st Vice Cmdr.
Membership Chairman



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IS OUR
*WEBSITE***



TIN CAN SAILORS

Shipmates,

I want to give a big BRAVO ZULU to everyone in Tin Can Sailors Goose Creek. Per the Disbursing Officer we donated \$8,095 to charities and non-profits in 2025, a roughly 35% increase from the previous year! We have an upcoming BBQ fundraiser on Saturday 11 April, prep work will be Thursday/Friday 09/10 April; If you can support this endeavor every bit helps. We are currently looking into restaurants for doing a wives dinner, if you have any inputs, please contact myself or Rick Bernard. We are at 88% renewal with 61 paid members. TCS is open to any small boy sailors including cruisers, destroyers, frigates and the like. USS Hobson Memorial will be 26 April 1:30PM at the Fleet Reserve Association. If any of you needs support at any time feel free to reach out to myself, XO Russ Nichols, or the rest of TCS.

Very Respectfully

Richard Powell, Skipper

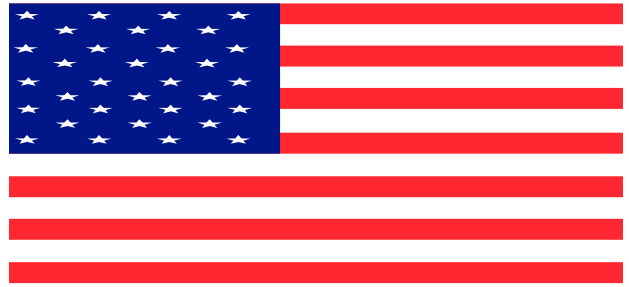


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AND FAMILY**

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THANK YOU

JIM ROWAN, POST COMMANDER



BOYS STATE

Once again the Post will be sending High School Students to Palmetto Boys State.

Donations are now being accepted and all are welcome. *Cost is \$300.00 per student.*

Donations can be mailed to the Post at American Legion Post 166

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Thank You

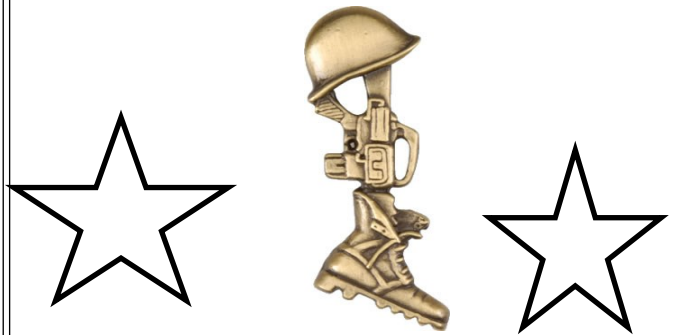
Jim Rowan, Post Cmdr.



DOG TAGS

The Post is asking for the names of relatives or friend who paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat so we can have dog tags made to be hung on our Solider Cross on Memorial Day, Monday May 25th. If you would like to honor a friend or relative please contact me at (843)553-5454 or e-mail at adjutantpost166sc@outlook.com with the name, rank, branch of service and conflict in which they gave their all.

Rick Bernard, Adjutant



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.



CALL TO STATE CONVENTION 2026

The American Legion State Convention will be held in Columbia, SC between May 14th to 18th. Cost per Delegate is \$35.00. If you want to be a delegate or need more information please come by the office or see me around the post. Delegates names and monies must be turned into Department by April 23rd.

Thank you in advance for your ATTENTION in this matter.

Any Amendments and By-Law Changes that will be voted on will be made available at April's and May's General Membership Meetings for all interested Legionnaires to review prior to the Post voting on them at convention.

Jim Rowan, Post Commander



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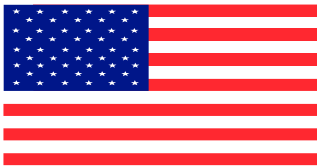


COME JOIN THE FUN



****POST 166 HONOR GUARD****

****NEEDS YOU****



CABANE 1067

Spring is in air. Warmer weather is finally here. We had a very successful Corned beef dinner for St Pattys Day. Greatful thanks to all the Dames who helped setup up and clean and brought delicious desserts. Special thank you to Chef de Gare Brian Masterson, Voiture Jim Kwam and Lee for cooking all day in the kitchen. Everything was delicious Gator wreck is right around the corner May 1st and 2nd. Please recruit as much help as we can to make it successful. I understand there will be four PGs from 1067. Let's give them an outstanding wreck. One more wreck meeting to finalize details.

Our next rendezvous is on the fourth Tuesday.

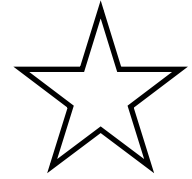
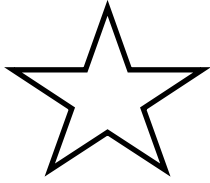
La Presidente Terri Masterson



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“ALL WELCOME”



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



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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT:
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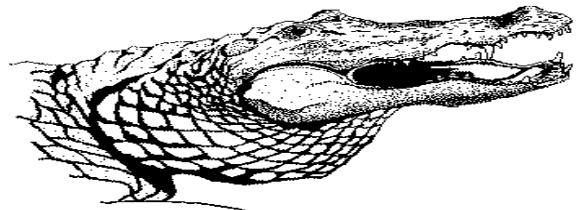
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