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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

MARCH 2026

POST COMMANDER COMMENTS

Things are improving at Post 166. Yesterday (Saturday) we had the Post cleanup that I explained during the February general membership meeting. To all of those who came to help, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

We have several events planned for this month, so look at the Post calendar and plan to join in! We have a flag disposal scheduled and we will need as many people as we can get to help and enjoy some comradery. We are also planning a complete repainting and redecoration of the ballroom, a huge effort that will benefit everyone.

Post finances are improving because management and officers are working diligently and more people are enjoying events at the Post. Any things you have questions about, ask and I will do my best to answer.

This month at the general membership meeting, we will take first nominations for election of Post officers according to the by-laws.
For the good of the Post.

Jim Rowan
Commander



>> POST 166 LEGION RENEWALS <<

Hooray the POST 166 RENEWAL RATE IS OVER 87 %

The continued effort to bring in new members and transfers is ongoing. Calls to members, e-mails and letters are being sent to encourage renewal to this Post. Please consider asking a fellow veteran about joining by providing information about who we are, what we do, and our mission to help veterans and others.

The Legion legacy is upheld by its input to Congress to preserve our veteran benefits.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT !

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

Janet Rein, 1st Vice Commander

AUXILARY REPORT

March brings... Time change on the 8th we spring ahead one hour. Thoughts of spring with longer days, more color as nature wakes up from her winter sleep.

In membership we are at 86% of our goal. If you have not paid your 2026 dues or want to transfer or reinstate your membership, get in touch with Louise Dixon.

Congratulations to **Mary DeMello** on being chosen to have her 2027 membership dues paid for by our Unit. More information on how your name can be entered into the next drawing will be given in September.

Important dates for **March** are:

2nd – Unit Meeting at 7:00 pm

8th – ALA Palmetto Girls State Interviews 1-6 pm

10th – Baked Goods Auction- please deliver your baked goods by 5:30 pm

Save the date for our **April 6th** meeting at 7:00 pm. See you there!

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.



THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who helped with the storeroom / attic clean up on Saturday February 21st.

Brian (Bat) Masterson





Chaplain's Report Bill Streuber

February 2026

- I. Sickness and Distress
 - † During the month of December, I sent out one sympathy and four 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 held its 2026 Four Chaplains Inter-faith Service on February 8, 2026.
 - Thank you to all who participated as well as attended the service.
 - Special thanks to the Post 166 Honor Guard for the outstanding work you do for our Post.
 - I will begin planning the 2027 service about October by forming a small committee to help make the service better and to promote the service.
- V. Veterans Administration Voluntary Service (V.A.V.S.)
 - † We are planning to cook for the veteran families at Fisher House on Saturday March 7th.
 - I plan to be at the Post around 2:00pm and gather everything we need for the meal.
 - We will cook at the Fisher House and get it ready for serving.
 - You are welcome to meet me at the Post or down at the Fisher House at 150 Wentworth St Charleston, SC 29401.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Streuber

Post 166 Chaplain

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Open to the public!

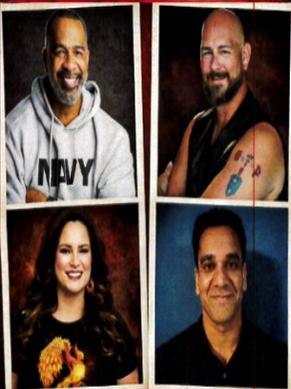
LEGION LAUGHS

COMEDY NIGHT

When: Sat. March 7, 2026 @ 7pm
Where: American Legion Post 166
 116 Howe Hall rd. Goose Creek, SC

Food and drinks available!!

Tickets:
\$15 in advance
\$20 at door




Discounted veteran tickets available online and at American Legion Post 166

Saturday, March 28th 2026

American Legion Post 166
 116 Howe Hall Rd, Goose Creek

the **Inaugural**
HOUSING HEROES
Festival!

All proceeds donated to...


RAFFLES! GAMES! FOOD!

hosted by The Sons of the American Legion Post 166

Festivities begin at 2pm!
Winners drawn at 7pm!

SAL SQUADRON 166 NEWS

A message from the Commander:

This March, join the SAL for their newest event supporting veterans here in the Lowcountry. The Inaugural Housing Heroes Festival celebrates veterans by bringing them together for a day of fun and fellowship, supporting them and all their needs. This event will feature a variety of games, food, and a raffle.

The event begins at 2PM on Saturday, March 28th with raffle winners being drawn at 7PM that night. All proceeds from the festival benefit Lowcountry Veterans and their mission to assist homeless US military veterans find housing here in South Carolina.

This months meeting will be March 4 @ 7pm. Please make plans to attend.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
JASON VAN HEUMEN
COMMANDER SAL SQUAD 166



TAPS

It is my duty to report with great sadness
that Legionnaires:

GARY JOHNSON
DENNIS W. EASTERLING

Has reported to the Supreme Commander.
The Legion family greatly grieves the loss
of these Comrades.
May Almighty God give there families com-
fort and strength during this period of need.
The Legion family sends their love and sup-
port during this time of grief.

Jim Rowan
Post Commander



ATTENTION

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

Tues. March 10th

**General Membership MTG
7PM**

Wed. March 18th

Please plan accordingly.

**Rick Bernard
Adjutant**

CONGRATULATIONS

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

25 YEARS

THOMAS L. SKOREPA

40 YEARS

WILLIAM H. BARANEK JR

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

Jim Rowan,
Post Commander



www.patriotguard.org

**South Carolina Patriot Guard Riders
Charlie "Doorman" Ford
Ride Captain**

(C) 843-530-0998

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We Are Here to Honor Your Fallen Veterans.
THIS IS A FREE SERVICE
Just Use Web Site For Our Services Or To Join
Thank You

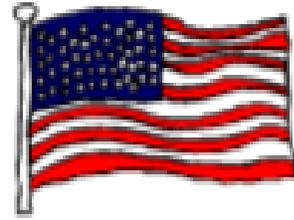
SHOW YOUR PRIDE*

**WEAR A POST SHIRT/HAT
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"

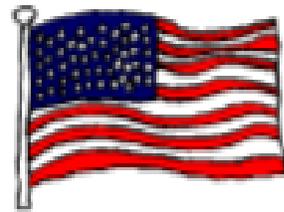
USE THIS TO LOG ON



FLAG DISPOSAL
SAT. MARCH.14TH

11AM

**"PARTICIPATION
BY ALL IS
"ENCOURAGED"**



**JIM ROWAN
POST COMMANDER**



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



Happy St. Patrick's Day



Join us for our annual
Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner
March 16, 2026

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
at American Legion Post 166
116 Howe Hall Road
Goose Creek, SC
Only \$10.00 per plate.
Corn beef, Cabbage, boiled red potatoes,
bread and dessert.



Fundraiser sponsored by
La Societe de Femme
Cabane 1067, Goose Creek, SC

GREAT TASTING BBQ PORK



WHOLE BUTTS

NOW TAKING ORDERS

SZ: 10 TO 12 LBS

COST ONLY \$35.00

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CUT OFF DATE SUN. APRIL 5th!

FREE LOCAL DELIVERY WITH ORDERS OF

3 OR MORE

PICK UP DATE FRI APRIL 10th & SAT APRIL 11th

SPONSORED BY TIN CAN SAILORS OF GOOSE CREEK

116 HOWE HALL ROAD, GOOSE CREEK

CALL 843-553-5454 TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.

POC: RICK BERNARD

RICHARD POWELL: 843-727-5109

DON PACE: 843-327-0129, DEAN NIMOCKS: 843-730-3610

NAME & PHONE NUMBER REQUIRED WITH ALL ORDERS



>BAKED GOODS AUCTION<

Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 6 PM



VOITURE 1067

This month's promenade will be held on March 24th. The new membership cards are in, You will have to have the 2026 card to attend 40/8 events and promenades. Dues collection is slow, Get current.

Voiture 735 Cleveland, TN is now taking reservations for Hillbilly Wrek scheduled for Mar. 26-28, 2026 in Cleveland, TN.

Florida is now taking reservations for Southland's Dixie scheduled for April 16-18, 2026 in Jacksonville. You don't know what you are missing if you don't go! Plans are already in the works for our own Gator Wreck in May. Looking for volunteers.

March 16th is the La Femmes Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Please come out and support them.

End of year reports are coming up, please update your directeurs of any events you have participated in and let's get our efforts counted. This includes Time, Mileage, Money expended etc.

I would still like to see more participation in our Voiture activities in the coming year. Elections are coming, Think about stepping up and holding an office. This is your Voiture, Help make it all it can be.

Brian (Bat) Masterson Chef de Gare



CABANE 1067

With cupid in the rear view mirror we have the luck of the Irish this month with our Corned beef and cabbage dinner on Monday the 16. All help is appreciated with serving, setup and dessert donations. Big thank you in advance to the Voitures who spend hours in the kitchen cooking for the Dames. It's always delicious. Wear your green or be pinched.

Don't forget we push our clocks ahead an hour on March 8th. Looking forward to more sunlight.

Our next rendezvous is on the fourth Tuesday.

La Presidente

Terri Masterson

CABANE 1067



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



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

2026-2027 POST OFFICERS

First round of nominations of Post Officers will be conducted this month at March's General Membership meeting on Wednesday March 18th at 7PM.

Legionnaires: Time to start thinking about who you want as your Post Officers for 2026 –2027.



Jim Rowan, Post Commander

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 \$149.00 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***

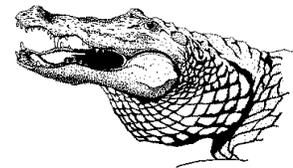
Welcome to our new members:

Paul Cornwell, Robert Warsing, Richard Washington, Justin Carter and Gerald Amidon.

Janet Rein, 1st Vice Cmdr.
Membership Chairman



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IS OUR
*WEBSITE***



TIN CAN SAILORS

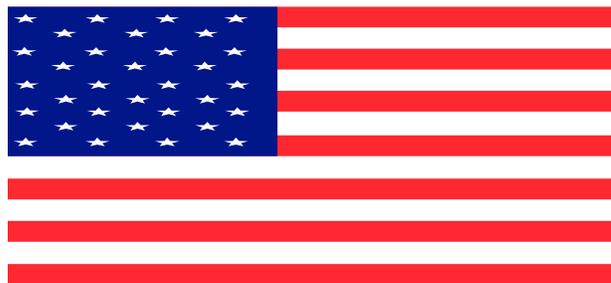


**PLEASE DONATE TO THE POST BY
SHARING THIS LINK WITH FRIENDS
AND FAMILY**

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

THANK YOU

JIM ROWAN, POST COMMANDER



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.*

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

P.O. Box 147

Goose Creek, SC 29445

Thank You

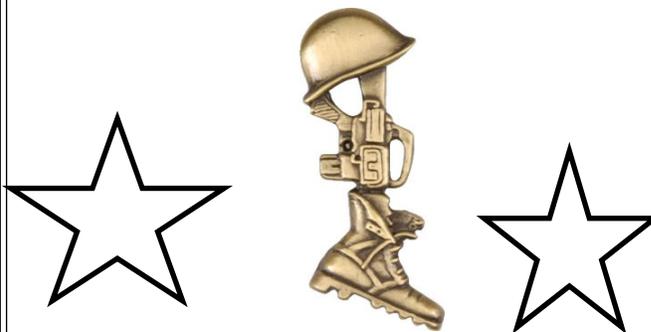
Jim Rowan, Post Cmdr.



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 9th.

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



LOTS OF ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH



COME JOIN THE FUN



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.

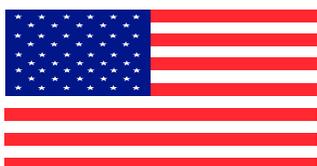


Thank you
Don Pace



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

****NEEDS YOU****



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! Riding our Two Wheeled Horses....

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

This month in Military Motorcycle’s Dynamic History.

From the muddy battlefields of World War I to the covert operations of modern special forces, the motorcycle has proven itself to be an unsung hero in military history. This incredible machine, often overlooked in favor of tanks and armored vehicles, has carved out a unique and indispensable niche through its unparalleled speed, agility, and adaptability. Join us on an exhilarating journey as we explore the role of motorcycles in the military throughout history, celebrating their dynamic evolution and the fearless riders who piloted them. From Pancho Villa’s raid to modern SOCOM missions, military motorcycles have consistently demonstrated their utility in combat,

1. We have some exciting things on the upcoming calendar; **ALL** are welcome to attend.
 - The Post 166 Legion Riders will be riding up to Columbia for the Annual Statewide “Meet & Greet” for the South Carolina Patriot Guard on March 14th, the ride will leave from the post. We support PGR regularly throughout the state.
 - The Riders will be riding up to Post 90 in South Congaree on March 21st for the Spring Legion Riders meeting.
 - American Legion Post 90 in South Congaree will be conducting a “Blessing of the Bikes” on March 28th. Performed by Christian Motorcyclist Association (CMA).
 - The Annual State “Legacy Ride” to the Capital will be in the Low Country and have planned on stopping by the Post in April 24-26. Riders from all over the state will be staging at Murrells Inlet American Legion as a destination event.
2. The Riders are in the process of building a new cabinet for the Banquet Room for the Bar area and a new platform for the POW/MIA display to honor those who have not come home yet.
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!

The Riders will continue to “**Lead the Way**” 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’ll see you the 1st Sunday of the month for breakfast.

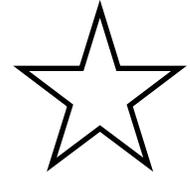
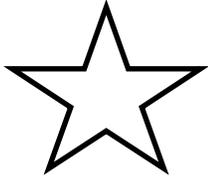
Brad Levander
Director, ALR Chapter 166
b.levander10@gmail.com



VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY

MILITARY

“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



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT:
AMERICANLEGIONPOST166
GOOD INFO TO BE HAD.



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