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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: ; 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

JUNE 2026

POST COMMANDER COMMENTS

As I write this, there are good things happening at our American Legion Post. Notice I said “our” Post. That’s because it belongs to all of us. Unfortunately not all of us participate. Your Post officers work diligently on your behalf.

Speaking of Post officers, the newly elected officers will be installed June 6th. Come out for the induction and enjoy the camaraderie.

You may have noticed we have a new American Legion sign out front. This was needed because the old sign was falling down. You may also have noticed the grounds are looking well groomed. Thank you to Bobby Horne.

Recently the state of South Carolina issued proclamation praising Post 166. It’s hanging in the foyer for all to see. Stop and read it, you will be proud.

We now have a professional Chef running the kitchen. Jason van Heumen will be doing the job, so come to Grill 166 and enjoy the food. That’s all for now.

Jim Rowan
Commander



> POST 166 LEGION RENEWALS <

**** POST 166's RENEWAL RATE is over 95% ****

The continued incoming transfers, and new members have increased our numbers for Post 166. The Post encourages members to RECRUIT, RECRUIT & RECRUIT by wearing Legion hats, shirts, etc. and inform fellow veterans what we are about.

There are prepared envelopes containing registration forms and pamphlets, with our contact information to take with you out to the community for recruitment efforts -please have one with you as you talk about this Post !

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

Auxiliary Unit 166 June 2026 Congratulations to the 2026–2027-unit officers. President – Jacqueline Shoe, Vice President – Louise Dixon, Secretary – Sally Miramontes, Treasurer – Donna Witt, Chaplain – Janet Rein, Sgt at arms – Deborah Coates, Historian – Cynthia Graves, Executive Committee members- Ann Kvam and Dawn McClarnon.

May was very active for our unit with several opportunities to remember and honor our Veteran community. Members assisted the Post with placing flags on Veterans graves and attended the Memorial Day ceremony at our Post. Thank you to all who brought food to share after the Memorial Day Ceremony.

In membership our unit has reached 99% of our goal for 2026. We are only 3 members away from our goal of 141 for 2026. If you have not paid your 2026 dues or want to transfer or reinstate your membership, get in touch with Louise Dixon.

Speaking of membership, 2027 membership cards will be available after our July meeting.

Important dates for June are:

1 – Unit meeting 7 pm at the Post 6 – Post Celebration Banquet – mark your calendar to attend! 7-14 - Palmetto Girls State & Palmetto Boys State; 9-14 - National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in Columbia 14- Flag Day; 14-17 – National Presidents visit in Columbia; 21- Father’s Day 27 – Palmetto Boys and Girls State Banquet – mark your calendar to attend! TBD – Executive Committee Meeting

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

For God and Country,

Louise Dixon Vice President and Membership Chairman

adixon6173@att.net

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HALL RENTAL

For Hall Rental information contact:

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





***HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY ***

AMERICA

"FREE DANCE"



SAT.JUNE 20th 6:30PM

MUSIC BY: NIGHT SHIFT BAND

FOOD AVAIL FOR PURCHASE /RAFFLES & 50/50

POST OFFICERS 2026 –2027

The following Legionnaires are your officers for 2026 – 2027.

Post Commander: Jim Rowan, 1st Vice Commander: Janet Rein, 2nd Vice Commander: Open Finance Officer: Lee Swerczek, Post Service Officer: Janise Jensen, Chaplain: Bill Streuber, Judge Advocate: Richard Trowbridge, Sergeant at Arms: Robert Mero, Historian: Mike Thomas.

Executive Committee: George Thompson, Orval Mills, Jim Rowan II, Brian “Bat” Masterson, Doug Meadows, Mike Motta , Marleen Silva, Richard Powell, Michelle Hunt, Bill Graves, Brad Levander and Jeffrey Asselin

Rick Bernard was reappointed as Post Adjutant.

2026- 2027 Officers will be formally installed on Saturday June 6th at Installation / Awards Banquet.

All Legionnaires are encourage to attend.



Rick Bernard, Adjutant

*** INSTALLATION / AWARDS BANQUET***

The Post will be having a **Awards Banquet** for Legion Year 2026 –2027 Legion, Auxiliary, Riders and SAL Officers on **Saturday June 6th**. Social hour will begin at **5PM**, program at **6PM** and dinner around **7PM**. Socializing is encouraged after the dinner. All are encouraged to come and enjoy the evening and support those who will be honored. All Legion Family Members are encouraged to attend this evening of fun and festivities.

Thank You,

Rick Bernard, Post Adjutant

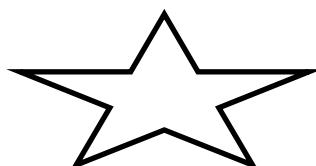
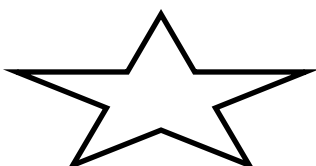


2026 BOYS & GIRLS STATE BANQUET

On Saturday, June 27th, the Post will honor the 2026 Boys and Girls State participants with a banquet. This special event will start at 6PM with program and dinner at 7PM. All members of the Legion Family are encouraged to attend this night on which this Country’s future leaders are given an opportunity to tell us all what their participation in Boys and Girl State meant to them, and what their future holds in store for them. Please RSVP by Monday June 22nd by calling the Post at 843-553-5454.

Please make plans to attend this heart-warming activity.

Jim Rowan, Post Commander



TAPS

It is my duty with great sadness
that Legionnaire:

**DAVID A. COX
RONALD D. YOW
MINYARD FLETCHER
MALCOLM INNIS**

Has reported to the Supreme Commander.
The Legion family greatly grieves the loss
of these Comrades
May Almighty God give their family 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



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ATTENTION

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

Tues. June 9th

**General Membership MTG
7PM**

Wed. June 17th

**Please plan accordingly.
Rick Bernard
Adjutant**



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**Ice Cream
Social
for Scouts USA
JULY 11th 2PM
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***9-11 2026*
SUNDAY JUNE 14th
9-11
COMMITTEE MEETING
2:30PM**

**Don Pace
Americanism Chairman**

***FACE
BOOK***

**The new
page is
simply
entitled
"American
Legion
Post 166**

POST SERVICE OFFICER

If you or someone you know has served aboard any of the following ships / duty stations, please contact me at the post.

USS Grouse (AM-15)

USS Steinaker (DD-863)

USS Naval Air Facility Washington DC

Fleet training Group San Diego CA

USS Conflict (AM-426)

USS Assurance (MSO-521)

USS Orion (AS-18)

Thank you,
Janise Jensen, Post Service Officer, 843-553-5454





SAL Squadron 166



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SATURDAY, June 20th

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DRAWING JUNE 20TH

AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 166 DURING THE SAL FISH FRY

Official Raffle Terms: Limited to 150 tickets at \$20 each. Winner must be 21+ and legally eligible to own a firearm. Transfer will be completed through a licensed FFL dealer in accordance with all laws. Any required fees are the responsibility of the winner. Prize must be claimed within 30 days or will be forfeited. Hosted by Sons of the American Legion Squadron 166.

SAL SQUADRON 166 NEWS

A message from the Commander:

I am proud to announce at the recent spring convention. SAL squad 166 received an award for reaching our membership goals. Special thank you to our Adjutant Pat McClusky for his hard work and dedication.

We are happy to announce that our fish fry is June 20 at 12 PM and will be selling fish until we sell out. It is \$15 a plate. We will be drawing the winner of our gun raffle at the fish fry. We can't wait to see everyone there.

Our next monthly membership meeting will be June 3 at 7 PM. Please make plans to attend. Please volunteer when and where you can, remember, it's us the members that make a post great

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
JASON VAN HEUMEN
COMMANDER
SAL SQUAD 166**



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

To my fellow Legionnaires,

The American Legion Riders (ALR) in South Carolina are a network of motorcycle enthusiasts who support veterans, their families, and community through rides, charitable events, and local chapter activities and Post events. The Riders ride all kinds of motorcycles and attend various events lead by a "Road Captain".

The ALR is a national program with over 125,000 members in more than 2,500 chapters worldwide. The Program unites motorcyclists who are members of the American Legion. The ALR focuses on service, camaraderie, and community impact, often participating in charitable rides and national events like the American Legion Legacy Ride.

This month in Military Motorcycle's Dynamic History.

The demands of military service have often been a powerful catalyst for innovation, and the motorcycle is NO exception. The rigorous testing and performance requirements imposed by armed forces have spurred advancements that have, in turn, benefited civilian motorcycle development. From more robust engines and durable chassis to improved suspension systems and all-terrain tires, many features we now take for granted on our everyday bikes have roots in Military applications.

Consider the sheer durability required for World War II Harley-Davidson WLA, designed to withstand the harsh realities of combat, this focus on ruggedness influenced post-war civilian models. Similarly, the desire for silent, reliable operation in special forces bikes today is pushing the boundaries of electric motorcycle technology, leading to advancements in battery life, motor efficiency, and stealth capabilities that will inevitably trickle down to consumer bikes. The military's need for innovation often drives breakthroughs that transcend the battlefield, much like the role of racing in automotive innovation has pushed the boundaries in motorsport that have led to improvements in everyday cars today.

As Motorcycle Riders we have a unique means of showing you our support with the "Roar" of our engines, and the "Sound of Freedom!" With the wind in our face riding our Steel Ponies.

LOOK TWICE...SAVE A LIFE!!

Last month we hosted "Bike Night" sponsored by Low-Country Harley Davidson and had over 100 motorcycles fill the parking lot, from various organizations. Our Chef Jason put on a "Super Spread", which was a GREAT success. This event gave Post exposure to new people and opened our doors to new endless possibilities for the future with the community.

We hope to see you on the 1st Sunday of the month for breakfast or at our Monthly 1st Tuesday night meetings at 7pm, our meetings are "OPEN" to Legion Members and guests.

Brad Levander

Director, ALR Chapter 166



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



HAT-BURNING CLASS

with Lizzie!



Limited Spots Available!

Sign Up Now!



THURSDAY, JUNE 25th

6PM

\$90.00 RSVP BY 6/18

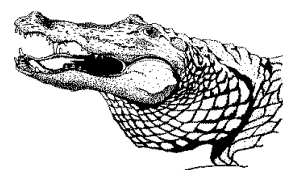


*** WELCOME NEW MEMBERS***

Welcome to our new members: Wayne A. Moore Sr, Luther Williams Jr,
Devin S. Harris, Cary S. Zimmerman, Jeffrey B. Kirksey, Timothy Schneider,
Peter Krawchuk, Michael Krawchuk, William C. Bailey
Janet Rein, 1st Vice Cmdr.
Membership Chairman



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TIN CAN SAILORS

Bravo Zulu to all the TCS members who were involved in planting flags at Carolina Memorial Garden and putting on the Memorial Day ceremony! There was excellent turnout and the program went smoothly.

A shed has been purchased to go behind the turkey-shoot shack; We will be meeting around 0900 Saturday 06 June to clean up the area and work on assembling, should only take a few hours at most.

We have tentatively penciled in Wednesday 29 July at noon for the Wives Dinner at Texas Road House in North Charleston. All members are eligible to attend, you do not need a guest but the unit will be paying for guests (members will pay their own meals) and XO Russ Nichols will be acquiring roses for dates. If you plan on attending the Wives dinner please let myself or Dean know so we can get an accurate count.

The next BBQ Fundraiser will be held Saturday 12 September, mark your calendars. We have 45+ pork butts in the freezer but if you see them cheap on sale put the word out.

The unit has purchased 16 customized bricks to go in the patio out front, these will have the names of the TCS Goose Creek plank-owners.

Summer is here, heat and humidity can exacerbate health conditions. Make sure to hydrate, wear sunscreen, and seek medical attention if you feel it's needed. As always please reach out to myself, XO Russ Nichols, or any member of TCS if you need assistance, we are here for one another!

Very Respectfully,
Richard Powell
Skipper



48 &8 REPORT

The Gator Wreck was a great success. My sincere Thanks to all the Voyageurs and Dames that stepped up to make our guests feel welcome and at home. The Cabane did a wonderful job both at the Post and at the Hospitality Suite. The Cabane did an awesome job with the Hospitality suite keeping everyone's thirst quenched and snacks galore. Dell Simpson did an outstanding job with the registrations. We had many guests from far and wide join us for our event and compliments were aplenty. To the Voyageurs, Dames and volunteers – Job Well Done. Thank you to Post 166 for allowing us to host this event.

The installation of Officers has been tentatively scheduled for June 13th. Details to follow by email/phone call.

This month's promenade is on June 23th will be busy with events to be discussed. The color is Black. We have Grande and Nationale Promenades coming up shortly. Registration forms are on the board in the canteen and are also available online.

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

I can't believe half the year has gone. It's summertime in the low country and the bustle of tourists and kids out of school make Charleston a great place. Stay cool as the temps begin to rise.

I want to say thank you to all the Dames who made the 40th annual Gator Wreck a great success. Putting the cold and rain aside the PGs still had a great time. Having in memory of Voyageur William Simpson, it went really well. A few bumps with lunchtime on Saturday but I think we all know how we can fix it for next time. Get out and help for all events.

We have final nominations and elections this month. Spread the word for any Dame to attend the rendezvous and maybe step up for an office. We sure do need help to grow our Cabane. Membership is essential to keep us alive.

Our next rendezvous is the fourth Tuesday of this month.



La Presidente, Terri Masterson



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.





Chaplain's Report Bill Streuber

May 2026

- I. Sickness and Distress
 - † During the month of May, I sent out four get-well cards and three sympathy 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
 - † Prayed the Invocation at the 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
 - Attended March 23 at 13:00 by WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Streuber

Post 166 Chaplain

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

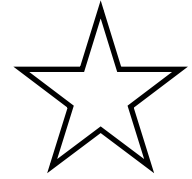
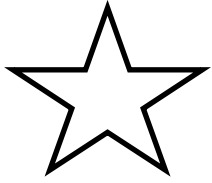
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VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY

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:
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GOOD INFO TO BE HAD.



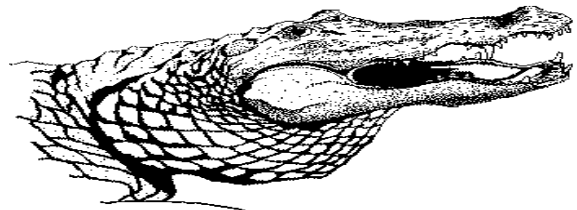
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