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American Legion Post 166
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2026-2027 OFFICERS

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; Adjutant - Rick Bernard

AUGUST 2026

POST COMMANDER COMMENTS

Well another month has passed and Post 166 is doing quite well, thanks to all those who enjoy Post events, activities and the food coming from our kitchen. Soon we will have a regular restaurant menu, which is being developed by Chef Jay. Come out and enjoy the selections from the new restaurant menu.

As was announced at the last general membership meeting, we burned flags that we had previously retired. Thanks to Vickie and Richard Trowbridge, Mike Thomas, Darrel Morgan, Jim Rowan, II and I, approximately 3,500 were retired. We certainly could use some help.

Currently we are getting estimates for a new snack bar roof because the existing roof is falling in. We are also getting estimates for enclosing the dumpster as required by city codes.

If anyone has questions or suggestions, or wants to volunteer for the good of the Post 166 family, let the leadership know.

Jim Rowan, Commander



> LEGION RENEWALS <

Let's ramp up for 2027 renewals.

They have been sent out, and some have been mailed back to Post 166 ;

***THANK YOU** for your prompt response on renewal !

{ The early bird stamp will be on your card if renewed by Oct. 12, 2026. }

The wearing of Post 166 Legion gear is a great recruitment tool - it shows your pride of being a VETERAN, and an American Legion member. Envelopes containing registration forms and pamphlets, with our contact information are available for recruitment efforts - please take one.

Our Website and Facebook page provide information on Post 166, and entities within the Post. Facebook is updated daily/weekly with meals and events.

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



AUXILARY REPORT

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 will hold its next meeting on August 3 at 7:00 PM, and we are looking for more members to attend and get involved. This meeting will be a great opportunity to share ideas, help plan upcoming activities, and support the continued success of our unit. We will be discussing several important events, including our school supply collection, the upcoming turkey shoot concession stand, and fundraising ideas for the future.

We will also be participating in the Legion Cook-Off on August 22 and will be coming up with a game plan to defend our championship title. Your ideas, support, and participation are important, and we hope to see more members join us as we prepare for these exciting events. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at Jacqueline.shoe@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Shoe

President

American Auxiliary Unit 166



Membership report for August 2026

It's Early Bird season! Prepay your 2027 membership dues to get the early bird stamp on your card. Dues are still \$50.00 for Senior and \$10.00 for Junior members. You can pay by cash, check, or online by credit card. Please make out checks to ALA Unit 166.

Join us as we begin a new year of service to veterans, their families and the community

Our new national web page is now online, check it out!

Membership questions? Contact me by phone or email.

Louise Dixon, membership chairman

843.343.1483 adixon6173@att.net





AMERICAN LEGION POST 166

GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA



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EACH CEILING TILE



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SC 29445

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★ POST 166 ★

COOK OFF CHALLENGE

JOIN US ON

★ AUGUST 22, 2026 ★

TO HELP US JUDGE
WHICH TEAM DESERVES TO BE NAMED

★ 2026 COOK OFF CHAMPIONS ★



DINNER SERVED NOON–2 PM.
AWARDS TO FOLLOW.



TEAM ENTRY FEE \$20



COME SAMPLE THE FOOD AND
LEAVE TICKETS WITH YOUR
FAVORITE CHOICE!!!

YOU WILL BE VOTING WITH TICKETS,
5.00 @ THE GATE GETS YOU 6 TICKETS,
MORE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR 1.00 EACH.

ONE TEAM.
ONE TITLE.
ONE CHAMPION!

BRING THE HEAT.
TAKE THE TITLE.

★ COME OUT AND ENJOY ★

GREAT FOOD

AS THE BEST COOKS IN THE POST
COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER!

HALL RENTAL

For Hall Rental information contact:

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

PLEASE HELP

The American Legion is now accepting donations:

***FOR GOOD OF*
THE
*LEGION***

THANK YOU



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



ATTENTION

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

Tues. August 11th

**General Membership MTG
7PM**

Wed. August 19th

Please plan accordingly.

**Rick Bernard
Adjutant**



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

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CALENDAR BOX ON THE CLUB SIDE.
ALL ORDERS ARE PRE-PAID.**

SAL SQUADRON 166 NEWS

A message from the Commander:

Our next monthly meeting is August 5, at 7pm. Please make plans to attend.

Please volunteer when and where you can.

Help this great post

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

JASON VAN HEUMEN

COMMANDER

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***FACE
BOOK***

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

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Hello, Happy Summer to you all!

Just a quick note to let you know that I am available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for appointments to submit claims on your behalf.

I can be reached at 843-553-5454

Janise Jensen

Post Service Officer



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

To my fellow Legionnaires,

History of Military Motorcycle

What does the future hold for the military motorcycle? The horizon is incredibly exciting, with technological advancements promising to revolutionize its role even further. The trends point towards even greater stealth, autonomy, and connectivity.

The military motorcycle of tomorrow might look very different, but its core purpose – agile, rapid, and effective mobility – will undoubtedly remain. It will continue to be a vital tool for defense forces worldwide, pushing the boundaries of what’s possible on two wheels.

From the mud-splattered dispatch riders of World War I to the silent, electric scouts of tomorrow’s special forces, the military motorcycle has journeyed through a century of conflict and innovation. It has consistently adapted, proven its resilience, and earned its place as a truly dynamic and indispensable asset on the battlefield.

As we just celebrated our 250th anniversary as a Free nation, so is the change in motorcycles in terms of use and purpose. New memories, new times, new machines and new people continually striving for greatness and continued Freedom. Honor the past, cherish the present and hope for a prosperous future!

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 while riding our Steel Ponies.

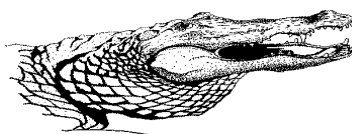
LOOK TWICE...SAVE A LIFE!!

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

Brad Levander
Director, ALR Chapter 166

FLYERS FOR ALL EVENTS

AVAILABLE ON LINE AND AT THE POST



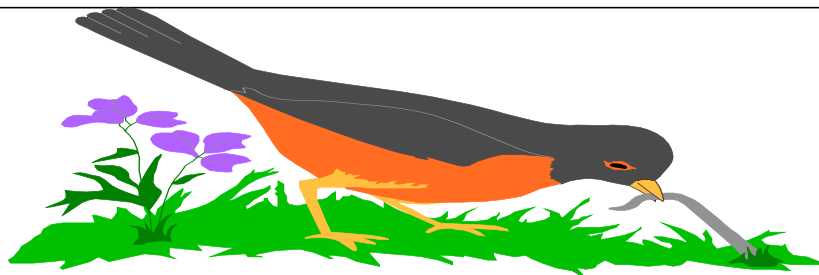
Note From Sunday Morning Breakfast Crew

I want to take a minute and say “Thanks” to all who support our Sunday Breakfast Program by your attendance. We strive to provide you and your guests with a well-prepared meal in a reasonable time.

We understand there are times when your wait time may exceed 20 minutes, however this only happens when we are overwhelmed by 50 or more menus at a time, our normal preparation time per menu is 1 minute 5 seconds. We do not have wall to wall microwave ovens like Commercial Restaurants, we have four (4) people who prepare every order fresh when ordered.

We are all volunteers who come in between 0500-0530 every Sunday to properly prepare some items- However, most are prepared as ordered.

Once Again “Thank You” for your support and patience.
Thank You



BE AN EARLY BIRD

**RENEW YOUR 2027 MEMBERSHIP
BY OCT. 12th**

**GET \$8.00 OFF YOUR
SUNDAY BREAKFAST ORDER**

SUN. OCT. 18th 8-11AM

MUST SHOW 2027 CARD

WHEN PAYING TO GET

DISCOUNT





Chaplain's Report Bill Streuber

July 2026

- I. Sickness and Distress
 - † During the month of July, I sent out one sympathy card.
 - † 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 Boy's and Girl's Banquet at the Post on June 27th and Flag Disposal/Ice Cream social on July 11th.
 - † Will be looking for a few volunteers assist with planning the Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Service. I would like to start in October planning the Memorial Service which is held in February.
- 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 soon.
 - † V.A.V.S. Quarterly Meeting
 - Attended the VAVS Quarterly meeting on June 22 via WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Streuber

Post 166 Chaplain

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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



DINNER & A MOVIE

☆ AMERICAN LEGION POST 166 ☆

AUGUST 8TH — DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM



SPAGHETTI DINNER

BY THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Famous Riders' Spaghetti Dinner —

\$10 PER PLATE

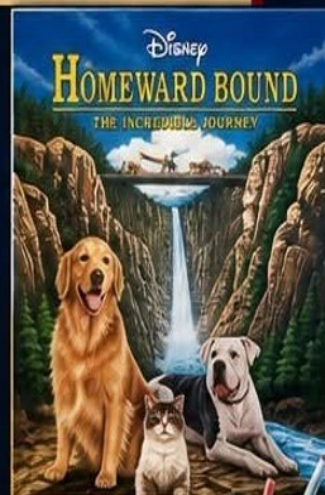
SERVED STARTING AT 5:00 PM



FEATURE PRESENTATION:

HOMeward BOUND

*A funny, heartwarming
Disney family classic.*



MOVIE SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING THE FILM

Popcorn • Movie Treats • Flavored Shaved Ices' • Soft Drinks



GET COZY & SETTLE IN

*Bring your kids, grandkids, friends —
and your favorite snuggle blanket,
inside our air-conditioned Ballroom!!!*



LOCATION

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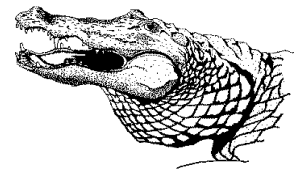
**FUN FOR THE
Whole
Family!**

*** WELCOME NEW MEMBERS***

Welcome to our new members: Sarah Mrak, John "Dustin" McMillan
Janet Rein, 1st Vice Cmdr.
Membership Chairman



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WEBSITE



TIN CAN SAILORS

Shipmates,

Bravo Zulu to everyone who helped dig and pour the slab for the shed! The heat and weather have been more intense than usual this summer, be sure to drink water and avoid outside activities when possible. Myself and XO have decided out of an abundance of caution we will postpone further construction on the shed until the weather is more permissive. We are still working on the shed; weather has delayed progress. Our regular BBQ Fundraiser date will be Saturday 19 September; prep will be the 2 days prior; please mark your calendars. A big thank you to LC Mills for a generous contribution towards the unit funds, and a shoutout to everyone who gave money towards buying commemorative bricks for the TCS plank owners. First round of nominations of officers for TCS will begin in August 2nd round nominations and voting in September, please attend these meetings in person if possible. I am going on a vacation out of the country for the entire month of August. XO Russ Nichols will be taking over my duties during my absence. However, I am always available via email if you have any concerns. We have an amazing crew, and I'm proud of you all and the difference this organization makes in the community. As always please reach out to myself, XO, or any member of TCS if you need assistance, we are here for one another!

Very Respectfully,
Richard Powell
Skipper



48 &8 REPORT

Grande Promenade is in the rear-view mirror. Congratulations and Welcome to all the new and returning Grand Officers. Job Well done to the outgoing Officers.

Nationale Promenade is September 22nd through the 26th in Gettysburg, Pa.

This month's promenade will be busy with events to be discussed. We have Nationale Promenade in September. The new membership cards are in so it would be an opportunity to get your new cards and keep us in the "Black".

Please come out and support the 40&8 and the other entities as we compete in the Legion Cook-off on Aug 22nd at 1 p.m. Plenty of food choices available.

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

America celebrated its 250th birthday last month. What a way to be a part of this great country and help our veterans who made it that way. Hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed some hamburgers and hot dogs and watched some fireworks.

Thank you for all who attended the Grand Promenade and Rendezvous and donated the delicious food. Congratulations to all new officers.

No events are scheduled for August. Our next rendezvous is the 4th Tuesday of the month. See you then.

Terri Masterson

La Presidente



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.



CRAFT & STEAK NIGHT!



**DINNER
OPTIONS:**

**RIBEYE
OR
T-BONE**

\$21.95

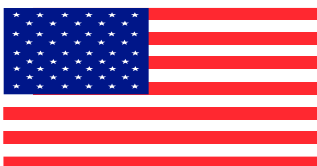
\$60.00



EVENTBRITE
LINK ABOVE!

DESIGN THEMES AVAILABLE: ★ PATRIOTIC ★ SEASONAL ★ HOLIDAY ★ MORE!

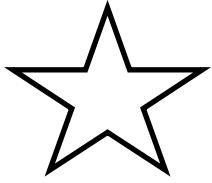
****NEEDS YOU****



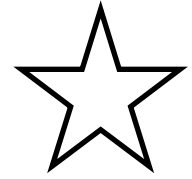
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MILITARY

“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



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