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American Legion Post 166
116 Howe Hall Road/P.O. Box 147
Goose Creek, SC 29445
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www.alp166sc.com

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

OCTOBER 2026

POST COMMANDER COMMENTS

Another month is coming to a close and all is well. Earlier in the month I requested the Executive Committee to release the funds to put a new roof on the pavilion, which was approved. As you all probably know, the Turkey shoot is an important fund raiser. Come out and bring all your friends and neighbors, perhaps you will win a Turkey!

The volunteer kitchen crew who prepare the Sunday breakfast needs help in the kitchen, if you can please volunteer. We truly need members who are younger to help.

The Honor Guard is looking for new members. If you are a patriotic person who likes parades and the opportunity to show your pride, this is the place for you!

That's all for now.

Jim Rowan
Commander



> LEGION RENEWALS <

The renewal rate is over 53 % ! Let's keep that number rising by renewing when your slip is received. Supporting the four pillars of the American Legion and this Post is what we are about, and continue to be.

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

>There are payment drop boxes located on the wall in the bar, and ballroom area for your convenience. <

Post 166's Facebook and Website pages 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



AUXILIARY REPORT

ALA report for October 2026

October recalls falling leaves, colorful foliage, FOOTBALL, cool days and nights, pumpkin everything, brisk temperatures. I love fall. Don't you?

October is a busy month for the Auxiliary.

Oct. 2nd We have the start of Turkey Shoot at the Post. The Auxiliary runs the Concession Stand with volunteers every night. Proceeds are used to fund our projects including serving veterans and their families and Palmetto Girls State. We need volunteers to assist. Contact Gloria Hill to volunteer to help with the concession stand.

October 17th we will host a soup and cornbread supper. This is a bowl of soup, cornbread and a dessert for \$8.00! That's a deal. We need volunteers to make the soup, cornbread and desserts, and staff the fundraiser.

October 24th is our SC Department Fall Conference in Columbia. All Auxiliary members are invited to register and attend.

Membership eligibility has changed as of the 2026 Legion Convention. More family members can qualify to become Auxiliary members.



It's Early Bird season! Prepay your 2027 membership dues by October 12th to have the early bird stamp on your card. Dues are \$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. Early Bird breakfast will be on October 18th. Renew your membership by December 7th to have your name in the drawing for a free 2028 membership renewal.

If you have membership questions, need to update your name or contact information, want to become a member, or want to transfer to our unit contact me by phone or email.

Our next meeting will be November 2nd at 7:00 pm.

In service, not self, Louise Dixon, President and Membership Chairman (843) 343-1483
adixon6173@att.net

Chaplain's Report September 2026

I. Sickness and Distress

During the month of September, 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@pm.me.

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

As always, if you feel the need for development of special programs that I can develop to assist with spiritual growth, please let me know. I would be happy to do this.

IV. Events

Prayed the invocation at the 9-1-1 Memorial Service at the Post on September 11.

I will begin working on the Four Chaplain Inter-faith Memorial Service in October. If you would like to assist me with this service, I will be at the Post on Sunday October 11 at 12:00 to begin planning. Thanks for your assistance.

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

V.A.V.S. Quarterly Meeting scheduled for September 28, 2026 at 13:00 via WebEx.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Streuber Post 166 Chaplain



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.

Riding a motorcycle can significantly improve mental health by reducing stress, enhancing focus, and promoting mindfulness.

Motorcycle Relief Project (MRP)

Provides relief to veterans and first responders with PTSD and other related issues by taking them on structured week-long adventure motorcycle relief rides.

<https://www.motorelief.org>

Events this month:

1. We will be supporting the "Fisher House Benefit Ride", PGR Charity Ride and the "Run for the Heros" ALL on 10 October. Hopefully back in time for the SAL "Fish Fry".

2. The Scooters for Hooters Cancer Benefit Ride will start at the Post on 18 October. Breakfast buffet (\$10) from 0800-1100. Registration 1100AM, KSU 1200PM. "Pink it Out" Decorations are encouraged.

3. Next ALR is Tuesday, 6th of October (7-8pm). Come early and enjoy the spectacular eats and new menus from the Kitchen.

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

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

LOOK TWICE, SAVE A LIFE!

Brad Levander

Director, ALR Chapter 166



A message from the Commander:

It's very exciting. The SAL's fish fry is October 10 starting at noon until we sell out of everything! Well, I have catfish, two baked beans, coleslaw fresh meat, hush puppies and of course, our delicious fish. We're also featuring burgers and dogs for the kids so we can feed the whole family! We will be drawing our fireworks raffle at 3 PM on October 10. Please see Jimmy Brown for tickets.

Our next monthly membership meeting is October 7 at 7 PM in the Commander office 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 & COUNTRY
Jason van Heumen
SAL COMMANDER





Laughter With A Purpose

COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER
BENEFITING BERKELEY SENIOR SERVICES

FRIDAY, OCT 9, 2026 7:00 PM (Doors open 6:00 PM)
American Legion ~ 116 Howe Hall Rd. ~ Goose Creek, SC

HEADLINER!



ANDY PITZ

Late Night with David Letterman, SiriusXM

*EVERY LAUGH HELPS SUPPORT
LOCAL SENIORS*

Join us for an unforgettable evening of (PG-16) comedy while making a meaningful difference in the lives of older adults in Berkeley County!

**PRODUCED BY CAUSE
YOU NEED A LAUGH**



MAT OREFICE

Semifinalist in CT's Funniest Comic



Laurie Yellow Sweater

2nd Place Winner of Last Comix Standing (Mohegan Sun, CT)



GINA O'CONNELL

EMCEE
NYC's Comic Strip Live

KALICIA SMITH

One of Charleston's Funny Ladies



Deleta Hodges

2026
finalist in The Clean Comedy Challenge



TICKETS: \$25 each (\$28.52* including eventbrite fees)
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/laughter-with-a-purpose-tickets-1997397218850>



Cash Bar ~ ~ Grill ~ ~ 50/50 ~ ~ Topsy Ticket

**SCAN HERE TO BUY
TICKETS!**



CONGRATULATIONS

The following Legionnaire have achieved membership milestones for the **2027** membership year:

20 YEARS

**STEPHEN G. KELLAR
JONATHAN P. SCHMIDT
RICHARD H. RIMA
NORMAN C. JONES
MERREL PETERSON
PATRICK RYAN**

25 YEARS

**WILLIAM "BILL" E. STREUBER
LONNY GORDON
THOMAS H. LEWIS Jr**

30 YEARS

**PAUL S. BOLEN JEFF MUNIZ
NORMAN P. MONROE
DEBRA D. REYNOLDS
JOHN A. SLOANE
KENT R. STRATFORD
FRANZ BRUTSCHER**

35 YEARS

BARBARA PERRY

40 YEARS

**JOHN P. PARDO
K.C. BICKLEY**

45 YEARS

**WILLIAM SHINE
WALLACE M. WILLIAMS**



50 YEARS

ROBERT F. STANCIK

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

Jim Rowan,
Post Commander



EARLY BIRD

BREAKFAST

8-11AM

SUN.OCT. 18TH

**Must have joined the Post or
renewed membership
Between July 1st to Oct 12th**

Must show membership card with

Early Bird Stamp or

PAID UP FOR LIFE CARD

TO GET

\$8.00 DISCOUNT





SAL Squadron 166



Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans

Hushpuppies

CATFISH STEW: \$3.00 A BOWL

HOT DOGS /HAMBURGERS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

DARTS / HORSESHOES/ 50/50 RAFFLE

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166

116 HOWE HALL RD, GOOSE CREEK

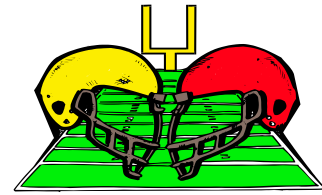
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th

* NOON TO 3, OR UNTIL EVERYTHING IS

GONE*

JUST \$12.00 PER PLATE

PUBLIC WELCOMED



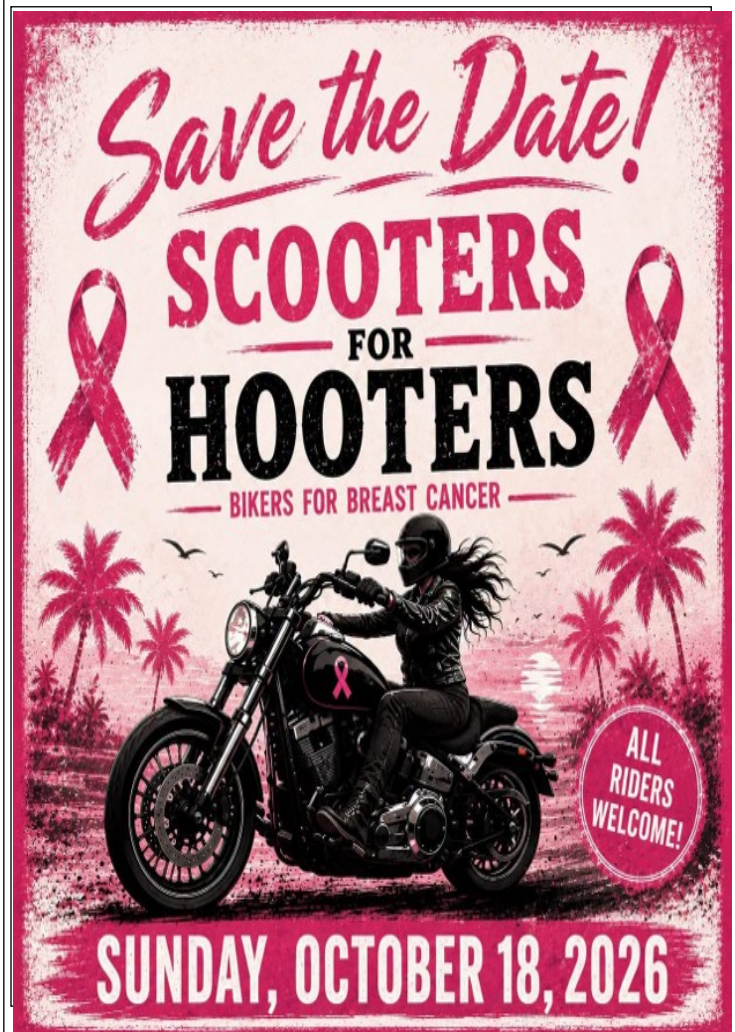
*** FOOTBALL ***

COLLEGE /PROs

5 TVs

"GOOD TIMES"

JOIN US



TAPS

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

CECIL W. SKIPWORTH

Has reported to the Supreme Commander.

The Legion family greatly grieves the loss
of this Comrade.

May Almighty God give his family comfort
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



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. October 13th

**General Membership MTG
7PM**

Wed. October 21st

Please plan accordingly.

**Rick Bernard
Adjutant**



www.patriotguard.org

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

(C) 843-530-0998

rrcharlief@aol.com

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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.**



PORCH GOOSE

W/ OUTFITS RAFFLE

**TKTS: \$2.00 EACH 6 FOR \$10.00
15 FOR \$20.00**

DRAWING : THURS. OCT. 15th 8PM
DO NOT HAVE TO PRESENT TO *WIN*
TKTS ON SALE AT BAR

HOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS:

If you need home assistance help, the following programs are available with monetary help:
Social Security, age 62 and over.

SSI Social Security Income a monthly benefit for people with little or no income.

Temporary assistance for needy families, a cash benefit paid to families with children.

VA compensation, A monthly benefit paid to Veterans who are disabled by injury or illness that developed or worsened in the line of duty. NOTE: your injury or illness has to be service related to get this.

VA HUD VASH program for veterans facing homelessness.

Navy and Marine corps relief society for veterans needing monetary relief.

Salvation Army, provides clothing, food, shelter, and monetary relief.

If you have any questions relating to your benefits you can call me on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings.

Janise K. Jensen, Post Service Officer, 843-553-5454



FREE

**WILLS & TRUST
LEGACY PLANNING
SEMINAR**

**SATURDAY NOV. 14th
1:30PM**

SIGN UP AT BAR OR OFFICE

CONTACT:

**PSO JANISE JENSEN
843-553-5454 FOR INFO**



Wills and Trusts

**AMERICAN LEGION - POST
166**

CHRISTMAS SWEEPSTAKES

RULES

1. Only 200 tickets to be sold
2. Cost per ticket is \$ 20.00
3. Grand Prize is \$ 1000.00
4. Need not be present to win
5. Drawing date & time Dec 19th at 9 P.M. at Post 166
6. Tickets purchased are tax deductible on Federal tax return
7. Drawing Sequences:

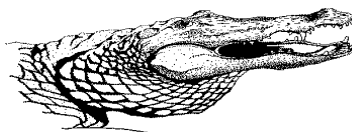
GRAND PRIZE \$ 1000.00

Then Alternate prizes as follows:

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|--------------|-------|
| 1. \$ 150.00 | 6. \$ |
| 50.00 | |
| 2. \$ 50.00 | 7. \$ |
| 100.00 | |
| 3. \$ 100.00 | 8. \$ |
| 75.00 | |
| 4. \$ 50.00 | 9. \$ |
| 100.00 | |

FLYERS FOR ALL EVENTS

AVAILABLE ON LINE AND AT THE POST





AMERICAN LEGION POST 166

GOOSE CREEK, SOUTH CAROLINA



CUSTOM CEILING TILES

HONOR A VETERAN. ★ PRESERVE A MEMORY. ★ CELEBRATE A LEGACY.

Create a lasting tribute with a custom ceiling tile that commemorates a Veteran's service time, squadron or unit, a place in time or history that is special to them, or memorializes another person in the Armed Forces.

YOUR LEGACY. OUR HONOR.

★ EXAMPLE OF CUSTOM CEILING TILE ★



★ YOUR DESIGN ★ YOUR STORY ★ YOUR TRIBUTE



PERMANENT DISPLAY
IN THE OVERHEAD OF
THE POST CANTEEN



CEILING TILE SIZE:
24" x 48"



HIGH-QUALITY
LATEX VINYL WRAP



THESE TILES WILL
NOT BE AIR-BRUSHED



A DRAWING OF YOUR DESIGN
WILL BE MADE FOR YOUR
APPROVAL PRIOR TO PRINTING

COST:

★ **\$120.00** ★
EACH CEILING TILE



SEE LORI FARROW,
CANTEEN MANAGER,
FOR DETAILS



CALL DURING REGULAR
BUSINESS HOURS:
(843) 553-5454



116 HOWE HALL ROAD
GOOSE CREEK,
SC 29445

★ **CALL OR STOP BY THE POST TO LEARN MORE
AND RESERVE YOUR COMMEMORATIVE CEILING TILE.** ★

★ HONORING SERVICE. BUILDING COMMUNITY. PRESERVING LEGACY. ★



★ ★ ★ ★ ★
**SUN UP TO
SUN DOWN**
WALK ★ RUN ★ JOG

— REMEMBERING OVER —

★ **445** ★
**SERVICEMEMBERS &
FIRST RESPONDERS
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

10 OCTOBER

— 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM —

**MENRIV PARK
NAVAL WEAPONS STATION
AT JB CHARLESTON
(NO ID NECESSARY)**

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
**TRAIL AND PAVED
AREAS TO RUN**

**NO CHARGE TO
WALK/RUN/JOG**
*in memory of
our heroes*

PLEASE REACH OUT TO
RUN FOR OUR HEROES
FOR MORE INFORMATION



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profile.php?id=61580907459415](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580907459415)



★ *Live a life worth their sacrifice* ★

★ MEAT ★ Raffle!

★ TWO BIG PRIZES – ONE GREAT CAUSE! ★

1/4 BEEF + A FREEZER!



★ ONLY ★
250
TICKETS
WILL BE SOLD!

★ **\$50** ★
A TICKET

Your chance to
WIN BIG
while supporting
our community!

RAFFLE STARTS
**OCTOBER 1,
2026**
Get your tickets early!



DRAWING
NO LATER THAN
JANUARY 18, 2027

★ Winner need not
be present to win. ★

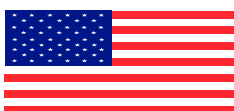
★ **LOCAL BEEF. LOCAL FARMS. LOCAL COMMUNITY.** ★

★ Thank you for your support! ★

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



★ AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ★
★ UNIT 166 ★

SOUP & CORNBREAD

FUNDRAISER



★ **\$8** ★
PER SERVING
(INCLUDES DESSERT)

★ SATURDAY
OCT 17, 2026 ★

★ 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
(OR UNTIL SOLD OUT) ★

★ AMERICAN LEGION POST 166
116 HOWE HALL ROAD, GOOSE CREEK ★



***PLAYING FRIDAY NIGHT ***
DURING PRIME RIB DINNER
IN BALLROOM OCT.30th
6-9PM

★ Presented by S.A.F.E. ★

Sunday
OCTOBER 18
★ 2026 ★
4:00PM - 7:00PM

Fun Bobby's

SILENT BOOGIE™
★ FOR A CAUSE ★
The Quietest Party in Town...
MAKING THE LOUDEST IMPACT!™

NO LOUD MUSIC
NO FLASHING LIGHTS
JUST GOOD VIBES!
Fun for everyone 18+

SILENT DISCO
LINE DANCE LESSONS WITH A PRO!
BBQ DINNER & NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS
COMPLIMENTARY BILLIARDS
SILENT AUCTION

\$25
PER PERSON
TICKET PRICE GOOD UNTIL
10/17/26
\$30 PER PERSON
DAY OF EVENT

★ NEW VENUE ★
AMERICAN LEGION 166
116 Howe Hall Rd
Goose Creek, SC 29445

SCAN TO GET YOUR TICKETS!

Proceeds benefit South Carolina Advocates For Epilepsy

F - CANCER
Comedy Show
Open to the public!

When: **Sat. Oct. 24, 2026 @ 7pm**
Where: **American Legion Post 166**
116 Howe Hall rd. Goose Creek, SC

All proceeds support

Food and drinks available!!

Comedy with a Cause!
Tickets:
\$15 in advance
\$20 at door

LOW COUNTRY

Turkey Shoot



Come join our Turkey Shoot at American Legion Post 166 at 116 Howe Hall Rd. in Goose Creek. The night of the shoots are
OCT 2,3,9,10,16,17,23,24,30,31 --
NOV 6,7,13,14,20,21,24,25 --
DEC 4,5,11,12--

The time is 7pm to 11pm. Bring your shot gun or use one of ours. The cost is \$5 per target and we supply the shells. There will be hotdogs and snacks for sale. This is open to the public. On Saturday nights from 6- 7:00 pm we have open the range for youth from ages 5 to 12, for \$2 which includes target and shell.

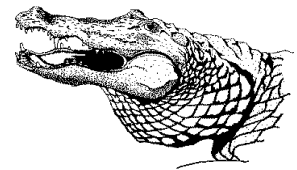


*** WELCOME NEW MEMBERS***

Welcome to our new members: Paul Weston, Kenneth W. Farrell,
Jonathan P. Schmidt, Robert Dinan, John H. Swinford III, Carl H. McCoy Jr,
Phillip C. Gregory
Janet Rein, 1st Vice Cmdr.
Membership Chairman



ALP166SC.COM
IS OUR
WEBSITE



TIN CAN SAILORS

Shipmates,

Firstly a big thanks to XO Russ Nichols for acting as Skipper while I was gone. Bravo Zulu to everyone who participated in the BBQ Fundraiser. Customers were very satisfied, the weather was nice. We netted over \$900 in profit, that could be more if we presold more pork butts so keep that in mind for next time. If you haven't paid your dues please see Yeoman Rick Bernard, he will have 2027 membership cards soon. The unit picnic is on 10 October at Marrington Plantation Picnic Grounds, food, utensils, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. If you would like adult beverages BYOB and you may also bring a personal dish or dessert. Second round nominations and voting for officers was conducted at the September meeting. Congratulations to the incoming officers: Skipper Richard Powell, XO Russ Nichols, Chaplain Bill Graves, Yeoman Rick Bernard, Disbursing Derrel Morgan, Judge Advocate Orval Mills, Master at Arms Robert Mero, Ship's Store Bill Graves, Historian Mike Thomas. I would like to shout-out the outgoing Chaplain Tony Dixon for his many years of dedicated service to his country, this post, and Tin Can Sailors. We are looking at dates for constructing the shed, this effort is being spearheaded by Derrel Morgan. We will put out dates for construction via email. We've had a few members in and out of the hospital for various reasons, please wish them a speedy recovery. Even though the weather is cooling please take care of yourselves, if you notice any health issues please seek the appropriate help. As always if you need anything myself and XO Russ Nichols are here.

Very Respectfully,
Richard Powell Skipper



48 & 8 REPORT

This month's promenade will be Oct. 27th. Color will be Black. There are a lot of events that need to be addressed.

The new membership cards are in, so please use this opportunity to get your new cards. Our dues are \$25.00/year.

The Post is still needing volunteers to help with the Turkey shoot. If you can assist them, please contact Robert Mero.

Program pins are in. Come to the promenade or see the program directors to purchase them.

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 Passe



CABANE-1067

It's finally Fall y'all. Spooky season for the young ones and trick or treats.

Congratulations to all Nationale officers.

As discussed we canceled the lasagna dinner.

Our next rendezvous will be on the 27th.

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.





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

****NEEDS YOU****

Honor Guard is looking for a few new members !!!

There is no better way to honor our fallen Veterans as a member of this elite team. Membership is open to all Post members and family members 18+ years old.

****NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED****

We will train you. Just call Dave P. at

347-245-7449

BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL !

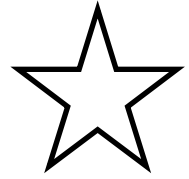
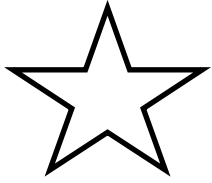


VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY

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



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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT:
AMERICANLEGIONPOST166
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