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Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 Directory for 2020/2021

Commander	Robert "Bob" Scott
1st Vice Commander ·····	Matt Levengood
Sgt. At Arms ······	Jane Mundis
Adjutant ·····	Jane Mundis
Chaplain ·····	Robert "Bob" Scott
Historian	
Finance	Bob Ballew
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Mark Long, Dan Nichols

American Legion Riders

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Asst. Director Greg Doody
Secretary
Treasurer Gary Salo
Sgt. At Arms Graham Dunnege
Chaplain
Road Captain
Historian

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 Directory

President ··········· Natalie Scott
Vice President ··· Michelle Tormaschy-Leuthauser

Secretary Jody Hansen-Walker Treasurer Janice McGough Sgt. At Arms Debbie Ballew Chaplain Vicky Eley

Executive Board Members

Dorene Bettis, Sheryl McDaniels, Sandra Tam Barbara Tripp, Pat Williams, Erskileena Owens

Sal Squadron 166 Officers

Commander	
1 st Vice Commander	Curt Woods
Sgt. At Arms	Ed Nesmeth
Adjutant	· Leo Furrell
Chaplain	
Finance Officer	

American Legion Programs

Boys State	Matt Levengood
Boys Scout ·····	Bob Scott
Americanism	Bob Scott

Commanders Notes

Jerry Brandt, Department of Florida First Vice Commander writes;

"This is the time of the year to start looking at the future, by now you have had the First call for Candidates for office for your incoming Post Officers. The question is are they ready? A good leader should always think ahead, what happens if I cant continue? Who will take my place? What will happen to the team, the Post? While visiting the Posts, I find that many of the officers are elected to a position that they do not know anything about. For example, National Commander, Bill Oxford, indicated at his first Post Meeting, he was elected Commander of the Post. Others indicated had they became the Finance Officer, or Adjutant, they did not know what to do. Would you? If this happens, would your Post step up and help? Please say yes. Please mentor them."

I know from experience what it feels like to be elected to an office, and not know the first thing about the office you were elected to. It's hard to play catch up, when some of the other officers are playing catch up with you. Its nice to be the Commander of a Post. Everybody looks up to you. They are your buddies until you have to make a hard decision that goes against them. So, if you are asked to become an Officer of the Post, think real hard, am I ready? This is not a game, just because you can balance your check book does not mean you are ready for the position of Finance Officer. This is why a candidate for a position should come up through what is called the chairs. This way when he reaches the position of Commander, he has a working knowledge of the Post.

I, as a Commander reach out to my officers for input on problems that are facing the Post. I want my officers to know their job, and are willing to learn their job. One of the biggest jobs of a Commander is passing on his knowledge to those coming up the ladder.

Now on to other subjects, boy what a blast our One Hundred- and two-year Anniversary of the American Legion was. I am very proud of this Post, and of the members that put this Anniversary bash on. It was a team effort. Another blast was the St. Paddies Day celebration. The Corn Beef and Cabbage was the greatest. What a time, good music, good food, and good friends, it can't get any better than this.

If you have a question or just want to talk, or get a problem off your chest, I am here on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1:00 p.m. Stop by my office which is a table and say hello.

May you have a good day today and a better day tomorrow.

Robert Scott - Commander



Post 166 Monthly Events

March was an exciting month for the Post. From celebrating anniversaries of our Post and the American Legion, we also had St Patty's day to celebrate. Kevin Dunn was in the house singing Irish jigs, Leo cooked up the Corned beef and Cabbage and there was a lot of Green in the Post that day. National meatball day was a hit as we served meatball subs that day. We cannot forget Peanut Butter Lovers day when we had Peanut butter cake that Nancy made for us and on Cookie day, Phyllis baked a variety of cookies to choose from. We celebrated First Friday as we always do with Jane's clam chowder, which gets better every month. The Monthly birthday celebration is catching on, Phyllis baked three cakes and there was not a slice left. All of this is possible with great people, like Judy, who are always willing to help serve and to all of you who come in and support our Events. Thank you to everyone!

In April, we have some more fun things lined up:

- April 1: April Fool's Day We have a trick or two up our sleeve
- April 2: First Friday with Jane's Clam Chowder
- April 4: Easter & Monthly Birthday Celebration Bunny cake, Easter eggs filled with candy (a prize if you get the golden egg) and more fun things planned
- April 7: National Beer & Burrito Day There will be several types of burrito s to choose from April
- 12: National Grilled Cheese Day Who does not love a grilled cheese sandwich?
- April 26: National Pretzel Day They go great with adult beverages!
- May 1: Third Annual Kentucky Derby Sponsored by the Post's Legion Riders. The ride is open to all Bikes, Trikes and Automobiles. Games at every stop. The ride starts at our Post and ends at our Post where there will be prizes awarded, raffles and a meal. You will not want to miss out on this, so come into the Post and signed up!

As always, See you at the Post!

Focus on How The Members of Post 166 Are Helping Our Veterans and Active-Duty Military



Daystar Life Center of Citrus County Volunteer - Janice McGough

Janice began volunteering just one week after retiring a few years ago. She knew she wanted to stay busy in retirement, and since her brother was involved with volunteering, she decided to volunteer as well. She found Daystar Life Center of Citrus County and has been there ever sense. She says she is proud to be involved in such a wonderful organization that does so much good.

In addition to volunteering at the Daystar's thrift store, she is the key player for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 program of "Keeping Not Just Our Veterans Warm"

But The Family As Well". To accomplish this, a donation box is available at the Post for donations of new and gently used clothing, shoes, socks, back packs, blankets, sleeping bags, and towels. Once the donations are made at the Post, Janice brings them to her home, where she washes those items that need to be cleaned, and sorts everything. She then packs the donations up and delivers them to Day Star where they are distributed to veterans in need and those veterans who are homeless in our community.

We would like to thank Janice for her dedication to our Veterans and to this great cause! More information on Daystar Life Center of Citrus County is available at their website: https://www.daystarcitruscounty.org/

Looking Over The Fairing

I am proud to announce that I have been elected as Director of American Legion Riders Chapter 166. The other newly elected officers are Greg Doody as Assistant Director and Gary Salo is our new treasurer. We are also happy to welcome our Sergeant of Arms ,Graham Dunnege, back following his recovery from a golf cart/truck collision.

We have lost a few members but the twelve members who attended our last meeting are strong, dedicated individuals who are a true asset and are committed to growing our Legion Riders.

I am happy to report that we will participate in the escort of the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall. This event takes place on April 22, 2021. The procession begins at 9:30 A.M. at Bealls on State Road 44 and Croft Avenue in Inverness and will escort The Wall to Crystal Harley Davidson. The Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall will remain there through April 26th. I would like to encourage everyone to come out to the Harley dealership during this time frame to pay your respects to the 58,279 men and women who gave their lives during the Vietnam War.

We are excited to host once again, what will be this year, the 3rd Annual Derby Day Ride on May 1st. This ride is open to everyone:- automobiles, trikes, and bikes. The stops will be announced shortly. Of course, there will be games at each stop and lots of prizes and raffles. Registration begins at 10:00 A.M. and Kick stands up at 11:00 A.M. Following the ride, a meal will be provided at our Post for all participants. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post for all that interested. So, mark your Calendar and plan on attending and bring your best Derby Hat (best one wins a prize).

As a reminder, we will be collecting food all year for our Veterans in need. There is a donation box located at the Post, so when you buy your groceries, the Legion Riders Chapter 166, humbly ask that you pick up one or two non-perishable (no glass) items and bring them the next time you are at the Post. Thank you to those who have contributed thus far.

Until next time, Ride Safe!

Bob Ballew - Director of the Legion Riders Post 166 Chapter





M1126 Infantry Carrier Vehicle



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 Department of Florida

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Natalie Scott – President

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2021

HAPPY EASTER

MEMBERSHIP

UNPAID 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE PAST DUE!

If you have not paid your 2021 Auxiliary dues yet, please do so this week. Your 2020 membership has expired and you no longer have privileges as a member including entry to a Post, purchase of beverages or food, or voting rights. Your access to Post 166 with your key card has also expired until your dues are paid. You will not be able to just renew for 2021-2022. You will either have to pay both the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 dues or you will have to rejoin on September 1. If you rejoin, your membership in ALA will begin with 2021-2022.

As of 3/19/2021 we have 120 members. So far this year, we have 74 renewals, 33 new members, 10 transfers from other posts and 3 rejoins. This is offset by 35 members who have not yet paid their 2021 dues.

You may pay your \$30 dues at the bar or mail them to ALA Unit 166, PO Box 767, Homosassa Springs FL 34447. Natalie Scott is again handling renewals and new membership. Once dues are paid, your membership card will be available at the bar within a week. If you would like to have your membership card mailed to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

MARCH 15, 2021 - 102[™] ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN LEGION

On March 15, our American Legion Post 166, SAL, Auxiliary, and ALR celebrated the 102nd anniversary of the American Legion. Our Unit 166 Auxiliary had table set up to take new membership applications, plus purchase of new Unit 166 tshirts, bracelets, and money for the Money Raffle. Boxes collected clothing and food for DayStar. Thank you to Barbara Tripp and Dorene Bettis who volunteered at the table and to Michelle Tormaschy-Leuthauser who brought

the flag balloons. And thank you to Deb Balleew who set up the table for us. When I arrived, everything was ready for us.



Barbara Tripp

NEW UNIT 166 SHIRTS

The first order for our Unit 166 shirts arrived and can be seen on several ladies at the Post This year, we are asking for pre-orders including payment. It would have been too difficult to guess how many of each style to order and what sizes. We will be sending in another order for shirts soon. Please order at the bar, including payment, by Friday, 3/26 so we can have this new order available at the April 12 meeting. If you miss this cutoff date, there will be additional order over the next months.

There are three options this year – regular crew neck tshirts, v-neck ladies tshirts, and collared golf-type polo shirts. All shirts are in cotton or a cotton/polyester blend. Cost is \$20 for the crew tshirt or v-neck and \$25 for the collared shirt. When ordering, the crew tshirts seem to be running true to a Hanes-similar men's tshirt If the shirt you order is absolutely the wrong size when you receive it, we'll hold it back for someone else and reorder the size you really need.

If you are returning to your out of area home, you can order a shirt at the Post and we will ship it to you for just \$5 per shirt.



Dorene, Jody, Deb, Vicky, Kathy, Natalie Barb



UNIT 166 FUNDRAISER - MONEY RAFFLE

Our \$Money Raffle\$ is starting to grow, but we have a long way to go. As of Sunday morning, March 21, we have collected \$445. If you haven't purchased your coupon and put it in the big jug near the bar, it's a good time to do that. You can also purchase more if you've already purchased one or more. Remember, the more participants and the more money, the bigger the pot will be. You can print and use the attached flyer or pick up some at the Post. Money Raffle will run from February through May with a drawing to be held at Post 166 on May 31st during the Memorial Day activities.

To participate, donate either \$5, \$10, or \$20. Staple either \$5, \$10, \$20 or a check to the entry coupon and drop it into the big plastic container on the table right before the bar at Post 166. You may enter as many times as you wish. Only one \$5, \$10, or \$20 entry per coupon. (If you want to enter five \$20 coupons and pay by check, you will need to write five separate \$20 checks.) On May 31st, a drawing will be held for one money winner. If you entered \$5 and your coupon is drawn, you would receive 5% of the total amount collected. If you entered \$10 and your coupon is drawn, you would receive 10% of the total amount collected. If you entered \$20 and your coupon is drawn, you would receive 25% of the total amount collected. That means that if we have excellent participation and we collect \$4000, \$5 entry winner would receive \$200, \$10 entry winner would receive \$400, or \$20 entry winner would receive \$1000. Remember, one money winner only. There will be a second coupon drawn for a gift basket. You do not need to be present to win. If you are from out of state or too far away in Florida to travel, a check will be mailed to you. The winner of the gift basket would need to pick it up at Post 166.

If you are unable to come into Post 166 and wish to enter, you may mail your entries to ALA Unit 166, PO Box 767, Homosassa FL 34447 and we'll take care of getting them put into the collection container.

All proceeds will be split with 60% going to Auxiliary Unit 166 and 40% going to Post 166.



GIRLS STATE

Our Girls State delegate, Breena, has submitted all of her paperwork to ALA Department of Florida and has been approved to attend. Vicky and Natalie will attend the Girls State orientation at Post 155 Crystal River on March 28 with Breena and her parent(s). This year's Girls State will be from Jun 7 – June 15 in Tallahassee at the University of Florida.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The following members have been nominated for officers of Unit 166 for 2021-2022:

President – Jody Hansen-Walker

Vice President – Open

Secretary - Sheryl McDaniel

Treasurer - Open

Chaplain – Vicky Eley

Sgt-at-Arms – Janice McGough

Historian – Open

eBoard – First nomination at April meeting

Phone: 352-277-1719

Our second request for nominations will be held at our April meeting on the 12th at 10:30 AM at Post 166. Don't forget to bring your 2021 membership card.

Installation of new officers and eBoard members will take place in July 2021 on a date to be identified by AL Post 166.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, April 12, 10:30 AM – second nomination of officer for 2022 Monday, May 10, 10:30 AM – third nomination of officers fo 2022 and election of officers Monday, June 14, 10:30 AM –announcement of eBoard members by elected 2022 President



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\$\$ MONEY RAFFLE \$\$

\$5 (win 5% of total proceeds)		Drawing on 5	31/21
\$10 (win 10% of total proceeds)		Do Not Need	to be present to wir
\$20 (win 25% of total proceeds)		2 nd place priz	e – gift basket
NAME:	_ PHONE:		-
EMAIL:	-		
Net proceeds to be split with 60% to Aux	iliary Unit 1	.66 and 40% to	Post 166
Staple cash or check to this coupon before	re submittir	ng	

102nd Anniversary of American Legion





































St. Patty's Day

























DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA CHILDREN AND YOUTH PICNIC APRIL 3, 2021 - NOON - 6 P.M.



AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

EVENT INFORMATION

LOCATION MAJESTIC GOLF CLUB

350 HOMESTEAD RD S | LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33936

- TAM REGISTRATION | 8AM SHOTGUN START
 COST: \$75 PER GOLFER
 INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART, & LUNCH

CONTESTS FOR:

- · LONGEST DRIVE · HOLE-IN-ONE
- PUTTING CLOSEST TO THE PIN

EXTRAS:

- 50/50 DRAWING
- 4 MULLIGANS (\$20 / TEAM)

NO SIGNS WILL BE MADE AFTER APRIL 10 PAYMENT

CUT-OFF DATE FOR SPONSORSHIPS

APRIL 10. 2021

SPONSORSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS

DONATE A GIFT FOR USE AS A RAFFLE PRIZE

SILVER HOLE SPONSOR \$100

GOLD HOLE SPONSOR \$350

SEND CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

INCLUDES HOLE SPONSOR SIGN

INCLUDES 4 GOLFERS & SPONSOR SIGN

SQUADRON 323 1124 ASHLAR AVENUE LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33936

HOTEL INFO

QUALITY INN & SUITES 1320 BUSINESS WAY EHIGH ACRES, FL 33936 (239) 369-2121 RATE: \$69 PER NIGHT

ASK FOR AMERICAN LEGION RATE * MUST BOOK BY APRIL 14 *

American Legion Post 323 1124 ASHLAR AVE | LEHIGH ACRES

MIKE MASON: (774) 578-1161 POST 323: (239) 369-3178

American Legion Department of Florida

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

GOLFERS

1) 3)_	
2)4)_	
FEES PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:	
GOLD SPONSOR (4 GOLFERS + HOLE SPONSOR SIGN	i) \$350
SILVER SPONSOR (HOLE SPONSORSHIP ONLY)	\$100
GOLFERS ONLY (\$75 PER GOLFER)	\$300
SPONSORSHIP CUT-OFF DATE: AI	PRIL 10, 2021
CONTACT INFORMATION	
POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE TEAM	
PHONE NUMBER	



May 1, 2021 Registration at 10:00AM KSU at 11:00AM \$15.00 Per Person

Rides Begins and Ends at American Legion Post 166
Ride Stops To Be Announced At A later Date
Games at Every Stop
Meal and Prizes Awarded at Last Stop, Post 166





Vietnam and all Veterans of Brevard

Present:

Florida's 33rd Annual All Veterans Reunion

The Nation's Largest Veterans Reunion PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND

April 15th - 18th, 2021

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall on display April 11 - 18, 2021

Live Music food & Drinks military vendors military displays



THE SOME GAVE ALL MOVING TRIBUTE

Wall Escort April 11th, 2021 Leaves at 10am Eastern Florida State College Cocoa Campus Reunion Web Page at: floridaveteransreunion.com

Wickham Park
321-255-4307 - 2500 Parkway Dr
Melbourne, FL
No Coolers, Glass or Pets allowed
in the Reunion Area
Per Wickham Park: Golf Carts Permitted
For the Handicapped Only And Must

For the Handicapped Only And Must Abide By FL Highway Laws Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall http://travelingwall.us



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VVBSecretary@gmail.com
Club Escort Lineup Info
vvbreunionescort@gmail.com

Apı	ril	Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166			2021		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
28	29	30 29th Anniversary of Post 166 - All Day	31	Can we fool you? Come in and see	2 Jane's Famous Clam Chowder 1:00 - 6:00 P.M. Queen of Hearts	3 Legion Riders Meeting @ 10:00 A.M.	
4 Easter & Monthly Birthday Celebra- tion @ 3:00 P.M.	5	6 Executive Board Meeting @ 10:00 A.M.	7 Beer & Burrito Day @ 4:00 P.M. Several Varieties	8	50/50 Raffle Queen of Hearts	10 General Membership Meeting @ 10:00 A.M.	
11	National Grilled Cheese Day Auxiliary Meeting 10:30 A.M.	13	14	15	50/50 Raffle Queen of Hearts	SAL Meeting @ 10:00AM	
18	19	20	21	22	50/50 Raffle Queen of Hearts	24	
25	26 National Pretzel Day - All Day	27	28	29	30 50/50 Raffle Queen of Hearts		

April 6 - Executive Board Meeting - 10:00 A.M.

April 3 - Legion Riders Meeting - 10:00 A.M.

April 10 - General Membership Meeting - 10:00 A.M.

April 12 - Auxiliary Meeting - 10:30 A.M.

April 17 - SAL Meeting - 10:00 A.M.

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Queen of Hearts

April 2 - Clam Chowder Dinner - 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

April 4 - Easter & Monthly Birthday Celebration 3:00 P.M.

April 7 - Beer & Burrito Day - 4:00 P.M.

Mar 12 - National Grilled Cheese Day - All Day

Mar 26 - National Pretzel Day - All Day

We Are 2nd In The District For Membership



Post 210 160.00% Post 166 140.56% Post 230 118.82%

Newsletter Deadlines

Please send your article to Matthew Levengood at twinpic23@yahoo.com. All articles must be in by the 25th of each month. Keep all articles brief and to the point. If you have pictures for your event, please send them in with your article. Please identify the people in the pictures. If you submit an article, please attach your name to the article.

Matt Levengood, Editor

Membership Dues

If you havent paid your 2020/2021 renewal dues yet, please do so now. You may renew your membership by cash or check at the Post 166 Canteen, at an ALA Unit 166 meeting, or by mail to ALA Unit 166, PO Box 767, Homosassa Springs, FL 34447. Within 1-2 days of my receiving your dues, I will have your membership card put into the card file box at the Post 166 Canteen. Pay your dues, and pay your \$5.00 key card entry fee at the bar to Michelle, Peggy, Raedene, and Nancey.

American Legion Post 166 Mailing Address

American Legion Post 166 P.O. Box 767 Homosassa Springs, FL 34447-0767 Post Phone #: (352) 765-3949

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American Legion Dues \$39.00

Auxiliary Membership Dues \$30.00

Sons of the Legion Dues \$34.00

Legion Riders Dues \$25.00

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