For God and Country

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THE VOCIE OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 166, INC

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2018, 2019 First Place Winners of FALPA Paper Contest



August 2021

The American Legion Family of Post 166 Doing Things All Year Long

COMMANDERS NOTES

I want to thank the officers and members of this Post that supported me during the past six months. I want to recognize some of the people that stepped up to the plate when the going got rough. The first on the list is Robert "Bob" Ballew, the past Finance Officer, who was there seven days a week doing his job. He gave me good advice, and was there when the need arose.

Another person who stepped up to the plate, was Jane Mundis, When we needed an Adjutant, Jane Mundis took on the job of straightening up membership. I can't thank her enough.

And last but not least is Debbie Ballew, the Post Secretary, who did the preparations in getting our installation up and going. She did a great job. This was one of the best installations we had at our Post.

I have served as an officer in three different Posts. I very proud to be an officer of this Post. We have a great roster of members, for they stand head and shoulders above the rest. My hat is off to you the members of Post 166.

Now on to other business. I would like all officers, elected and appointed to read our Constitution and By-Laws. This is what governs our Post.

Below is Article IV, Section 6

The Executive board is in charge of this Post and the member whose job description is defined in these By-Laws WILL participate on a committee of their choice or as appointed by the Commander and must participate as part of his/her commitment to the Executive Board. Executive Board members will participate in fundraiser and/or volunteer positions.

This charge is laid out for the members of the Executive Board, but any member of this Post is welcome to apply for a position on any committee.

Article V outlines the duties of the officers. This is a must read for all officers.

I recommend that all members read the Constitution and By-Laws of this Post.

For God and Country Robert Scott Commander Post 166

RECAP OF THE 2021/2022 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

As I said in the Commander's notes, this was one of the best installation of officers I have ever attended. We had a star studded cast of dignitaries in attendance.

Leading the list was Elizabeth (Bet) Chavous, the 4th District Auxiliary Sgt-at-Arms, and Past 4th District Auxiliary President.

Timothy, AKA Timber Susskind, who would be installing the Sons Of The Legion Squadron 166.

Marie Conti, is a Past Commander of Post 166, and also Past Northern Area Commander.

In attendance was Marie's husband, Past Department Commander Jay Conti.

Our own Adjutant and Sgt.-at-Arms Jane Mundis did the honors of escorting the officers that were to be installed.

We had in attendance the officers from Post 166, the Auxiliary Unit 166, the Legion Riders Chapter 166, and the Sons of the Legion Squadron 166.

Before the Installation of Officers, we had a very delicious meal prepared by the Sugar Mill Woods Country Club.

I want to thank the Country Club, and their staff for providing us with a nice hall to hold the installation, and the great service and kindness that you showed to American Legion Post 166. Thank you

Robert Scott, Commander

AMERICAN LEGION POST 166 LIST OF OFFICERS INSTALLED

| Commander | Robert Scott |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st Vice Commander | Robert Ballew |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Mark Long |
| Adjutant | Becky Badders |
| Finance Officer | Gary Rand |
| Chaplain | Dan Nichols |
| Sgt. at Arms | Jane Mundis |
| Judge Advocate | Robert McDowell |
| Past Commander | Marie Conti |

Executive Board
Dwight DeJean, Gerald Majchrowicz, Becky Badders
Ernest (Buzz) Chainey

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 166 OFFICERS INSTALLED

| President | Judy Salo |
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| Secretary | Sherri McDaniel |
| Treasure | Debbie Ballew |
| Sgtat-Arms | Barbara Tripp |
| Executi | ve Board |
| Doren | e Bettis |

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 166 INSTALLED

Treasurer Gary Salo

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 166

| Director | Robert (Bob) Ballew |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Treasurer | Gary Salo |
| Chaplain | Ernest (Buzz) Chainey |
| Historian | Tammy Chainey |

There will be further installations at a later date for the officers of this Post that could not make this installation.

FABULOUS 4TH DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA

The 4th District meeting will be held at American Legion Post 155, located at 8565 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy, Crystal River, FL 34429, on August 1st 2021. Registration at 12:00, meeting at 1:00 p.m.

All Officers of Post 166 should try to attend.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF DRY SKIN?

ANSWER: TOWELS

SERVICE OFFICER REPORT

Hello all! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Ernest Chainey AKA Buzz, and I am proud to be the new Service Officer for Post 166.

A little background on me: My wife Tammy and I have been married twenty-eight years and we have 3 children: Lauren, Elizabeth, and Ernest Jr.

I enlisted in the United States Navy when I was eighteen years old and served for four years. Then in 2000, I enlisted in the United States Army where I was spent thirteen years, which included three tours in Iraq. I was injured In Iraq and was awarded the purple heart medal.

My desire to help my fellow veterans came out of my personal experience and frustrations which gave me the desire to make it easier to find the right help for my fellow veterans.

I recently completed the Service Officer Training Course offered by the American Legion. For those who do not know exactly what a Service Officer does, let me enlighten you. My job is to help a veteran in need any way I possibly can. That includes helping a veteran with claims for compensation, providing information, referrals and resources on education, employment, and business; and helping when other needs arise, such as finding lodging for homeless veterans, and financial assistance when needed. There are many sources available from the VA itself, as well as other organization who specialize in Veteran's needs. My job is to find the right source and to follow up with our Veterans to make sure they are receiving the help they need.

I believe I would be remiss if I didn't touch on the subject of veteran suicide as well. For your information, we lose twenty-two veterans a day to suicide, so I want to make everyone aware of the Suicide Hot line phone number, which is monitored 24 /7:

(800)273-8255 and press 1; or chat: http://www.veteranscrisisline.net

If you know of a veteran who needs help, my phone number is (352) 476-2022. I will do the best I can to assist, and if I can't find the help they need, I promise you, I will find someone who will.

For God & Country Buzz Chainey

INSTALLED OFFICERS OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 166



Front Row – Marie Conti, Mark Long, Buzz Chainey, Robert Scott, Robert Ballew, Jane Mundis, Back Row – Tom Piazza, Rebecca Badders, Gary Rand, Daniel Nichols, Robert McDowell

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 166



Left to Right – Dorene Bettis, Barbara Tripp, Sherri McDaniel, Debbie Ballew, Judy Salo, Bet Chavous Past 4th District President



From left to right – Tammy Chainey, Ernest Chainey, Gary Solo, Robert "Bob" Ballew, Jay Conti Past Department Commander

ALL OFFICERS OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 16686



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INSTALLTED OFFICERS OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 166



First I want to thank all out going officers on a job well done, and in the same vein I to congratulate all incoming officers. – Commander Robert Scott

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Sunday August $1^{st} - 4^{th}$ District meet at Post 155, Crystal River, FL - 12 noon

Sunday August 1st – Monthly Birthday Celebration Tuesday August 3rd – Executive Board Meeting 10 a.m. Saturday August 7th – Legion Riders Meeting 10 a.m. Saturday August 14th – General Membership Meeting 10 a.m.

ADJUTANT NOTES

Every Friday in August, and September, between the hours of 1400 & 1600 (2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.), the Adjutant and the Auxiliary will hold a 2022 Membership drive at Post 166. Come and pay your 2022 dues and immediately receive your 2022 membership card. Dues are \$39.00.

The dates for August are 8/6; 8/13; 8/20; 8/27 The September dates are 9/3; 9/10; 9/17; 9/24

Thank you for your membership

For God and Country Rebecca Badders Adjutant Post 166

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Until you have learned to be tolerant with those who do not always agree with you; until you have cultivated the habit of saying some kind word of those whom you do not admire; until you have formed the habit of looking for the good instead of the bad there is in others, you will be neither successful nor happy." – Napolean Hill

ADJUTANT HOURS

Members may access the

Post Adjutant

Every Monday at between the

Hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WE DID IT AGAIN – THREE TIME IN A ROW

The Florida American Legion Press Association has awarded American Legion Post 166, first place in the 2020 Best Media Contest in category 2B.

Pat wrote "Hi Bob, sorry this took so long to get to you, I thought I might see you at the convention. Congrats"

Its to late to change the Banner at the top of the newsletter, but it will be changed by the September issue.

Robert Scott Commander Editor of the Phoenix

LOUNGE CALENDAR



Sunday August 1 - Monthly Birthday Celebration
Birthday cake at 3:00PM for all the August Birthdays
Wednesday August 4 - Coast Guard Anniversary
3:00PM to 6:00PM: Celebrating 231 years of the Coast

Monday August 16 - National Bratwurst Day

4:00PM: Bratwursts & the fixings

Saturday August 21 - Rock and Roll Party

 $4\!:\!00\text{PM}$ to $7\!:\!00\text{PM}\colon$ Music from the 50's & 60's by our

own "Buzzsaw" Chainey

Guard

Monday August 23 - National Cuban Sandwich Day

4:00PM: Tampa Style Cuban Sandwiches

MORE ON THE FABULOUS 4TH DISTRICT MEETING

Hope all is well with all the Fabulous 4th District Family. We are coming up on our first District meeting of the 2021-22 year on August 1st at Post 155 in Crystal River. Registration @ 12pm Meeting @ 1pm a light lunch will be served, all donations for lunch are excepted to defray the costs of the lunch, and you will be able to eat during the meeting. Our theme will be "Represent your Post". Please wear a legion shirt that has your Post number on it with slack no shorts (jeans can be worn but must be in good repair no holes) . We also want to have no fewer than 2 representees from each Post.

SHE ASKED FOR DIAMONDS

I asked my wife what she wanted for her birthday, and she said diamonds. So, I bought her a pack of playing cards. I get out of intensive care sometime next week.....

RATE CARD FOR ADVERTISING IN "THE PHOENIX" NEWSLETTER FOR AMERICAN LEGION POST 166

Advertising Rates Effective 8/01/2021

| Business Card ad per one time | \$45.00 \$50.00 |
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| 1/4 Page ad per one time. 1/4 Page ad for 3 months 1/4 Page ad for 6 months 1/4 Page ad for 12 months | \$47.25 \$52.00 |
| 1/2 Page ad per one time 1/2 Page ad for 3 months. 1/2 Page ad for 6 months. 1/2 Page ad for 12 months | \$51.00 |
| Full page ad per onetime | \$75.00 \$85.00 |

The newsletter will be mailed to each advertise for the duration of their ad. All those who subscribe for a one year advertising subscription will be allowed to place a onetime article about their business (one page maximum) in the edition of their choosing free of charge. All artwork must be camera ready and in the JPEG image.

Rates subject to change.

MEET YOUR NEW ADJUTANT REBECCA BADDERS

Please allow me to introduce myself to you as your new Adjutant for 2021-2022. My official name is Rebecca Badders, but I like to be called Becky. I am a beach, water, music, and nature loving Florida girl who was raised in Largo, in Pinellas County. I was a member of the famous World Championship Largo Band of Gold that won 3 gold medals and the world title in 1978 at the world music contest in Kerkrade, Holland. After graduation from University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education.

I was commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Navy and departed for Wales, UK. My first 9 years of service was in the intelligence collection field and anti-submarine warfare duties for the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System. The next 4 years were spent as a drilling reservist in St. Petersburg as Unit Executive Officer and in Tampa as Unit Commanding Officer. Upon recall to active duty in 1997, I remained on active duty as a Fleet Support Officer, serving in 2 commands as the Executive Officer and as Commander Ashore in Columbia, South Carolina from 2003-2005.

Along the way, I earned 3 master degrees: Master of Arts in Special Education, Master of Science in Business Management(MBA) and Master of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies. In 2005, I was transferred for a 4 year tour at my final station, a substantially elevated duty as Joint Military Officer at United States Central Command, in Tampa and Doha. In the J5, I was responsible for the political, military, and security cooperation with the 5 former Soviet republics in Central Asia and back up officer for Pakistan and Afghanistan. Handling the security programs for 5 countries with approximately \$20 million budget annually was the most interesting, demanding, and challenging job I have ever attempted and accomplished.

After retirement from the Navy with 24 years of service, I continued to work for Central Command in a civilian capacity for 5 years. Following my resignation as a GS-13 for health and family reasons, I attended the University of Central Florida in Orlando, worked as a Graduate Teaching Assistant and Adjunct Professor, and completed the coursework for a doctorate in Security Studies. I also studied Russian language and culture for 3 years and culminated my learning experiences with a trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia in 2015.

After seeing 41 states and 41 countries, I moved to Citrus County in 2018 and purchased my forever home here in Homosassa. I love the Nature Coast and all the amenities

life has to offer here. I am even learning to play the dulcimer with the Nature Coast Dulcimer Players. I have been a member of the American Legion for 3 years and am now actively involved in our Post following my home purchase. I am always willing to lend a hand and help others. I can be reached at email:

baddersrebecca@gmail.com

and phone (727)637-4487, with calls answered and returned between 9 am and 9 pm. When you call, please leave a message with contact information and I will return your call/email within 24-48 hours, depending upon time of call and receipt of your message. I'm very happy to be able to serve you as your Adjutant! See you at the Post!!

For God, Country, and Family, Becky

ADJUTANT HOURS MONDAYS 1100-1400 at Post 166



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please consider getting involved at the Post. We need your help more than ever before. Volunteer for a committee, or a position in the Post. Just a few hours a month, and the willingness to help out, will make YOUR Post a HUGE success.

I know in the military, we learned never volunteer, but times have changed, and now is the time for you as a member of Post 166 to step up and say, "I'll volunteer, you can count on me."



It is with a sad heart, that I must report that the Post has lost Legionnaire Peter Vetri, and Auxiliary Member Karen Walsh. They shall be sadly missed. We wish to

extend our deepest condolences to the families of Peter Vetri and Karen Walsh on the loss of love ones.

Eternal God as we bow now before you with reverent hearts and in sublime faith, knowing You will lead us on in death as You have in life. For again You have ordered two from our mist to that realm in the west, beyond the sunset and evening star, where beauty and valor and goodness dwells forever with the unnumbered multitudes mindful of service nobly done. You have called Pete Vetri, and Karen Walsh to that everlasting rest. You have sealed his lips, with the faded blossoms of springtime and the withered leaves of autumn, You have called our friends to eternal peace, to the land of Your silent mystery.

Hear now the sorrow of those who mourn. Touch their tired hearts with healing. Protect them with Your holy care. Keep clean and bright in memory the splendid flames that has now flicked out, and shelter us with Your compassion. For your own name's sake, we pray.

Amen

"Why I'm Not A Member?"



"No One Ever

ALWAYS CARRY A MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION WITH YOU

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Each Legionnaire sees The American Legion through his own personal experience or desires. The Post will reflect the composite personality of its members. The Post officers are responsible for helping a Post outline it vision for the future. Thus, Post officers must be aware of the likes and dislikes of its members, as well as the needs of the community.

I have been asked about the position of Adjutant. Most of the time they think that the Adjutant, is a glorified secretary, and nothing could be farther from the truth.

The levels of communication in the American Legion goes as follows. From the National Headquarters to Department headquarters, then to District or County, from there it comes down to the Post Commander and the Adjutant, the Executive Board, and last in the chain is the other elected officers.

I had an elected officer tell an Adjutant that he was not a true officer, because he was not elected, but an appointed officer. He was very wrong, as you see in the levels of communication, he or she come next to the Post Commander.

The Commander and the Adjutant should know what Post records are used, where they are kept, and how to use them. Maintenance of meeting minutes is extremely important. More than one legal case has turned on what an adjutant wrote in the minutes of a meeting conducted years ago

The Adjutant is an appointed position, and he or she serves at the pleasure of the Commander.

There are only two in the Post that can sign forms at the Post. One is the Commander and the other is the Adjutant. The Commander cannot mark out where the Adjutant is to sign and sign his or her name. The same hold true, the Adjutant cannot sign where the Commander is to sign.

Another thing the only two that go to jail is the Commander and the Adjutant, for events that happen in the Post.

The Adjutant is the personnel officer and personal point of contact for individual members of the Post. They maintain membership records and minutes of meetings, check up and assist the work of the other officers, and committees, and publish official orders, announcements and communication with Post members.

The office of the Adjutant involves a great deal of work and attention to detail. An effective adjutant is an essential component of a successful Post.



CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to our Executive Board member Dwight DeJean, whose wife's, sister passed away unexpectedly. Our prayers go out to you and your wife.

Robert Scott Commander Post 166

RUMORMONGERING AND BACK BITTING

RUMORMONGERING has no place in our post!! Comments or Complaints should be directed to the Commander, with appropriate name, date, and details of any incidents, rather than passing rumors around the post. This behavior is detrimental to the moral of the Post, no matter who is involved. Be and remain positive oriented.

If you cannot speak well of an fellow Legionnaire, then do not speak ill of him or her.

ANOTHER Good Reason



| | Saturday | 7. American Legion Rideers Meeting 10 a.m. | 14. General Membership Meeting 10 a.m. | 21. Rock & Roll Party | 28. | KI DERS |
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| | Friday | 6. Post 166 and Auxiliary Unit 166 2022 Membership Drive 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | 13. Post 166 and Auxiliary Unit 166 2022 Membership Drive 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | 20. Post 166 and Auxiliary Unit 166 2022 Membership Drive 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | 27. Post 166 and Auxiliary Unit 166 2022 Membership Drive 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. | |
| | Thursday | | 12. | 19. | 26. | |
| AUGUST 2021 | Wednesday | 4. Chocolate Chip Cook Day | 11. | 18. | 25. | TO SO |
| | Tuesday | 3. Post Executive Board Meeting 10 a.m. | 10. | 17. | 24. | 31. |
| | Monday | 2. | ·6 | 16. National Bratwurst Day | 23. National Cuban Sandwich Day | 30. |
| | Sunday | 1. 4 District Meeting Post 155 Registration Noon Meeting 1p.m. Monthly birth- day celebration 1 to 4 p.m. | 8 | 15. | 22. | 29. |

Queen of Hearts Every Friday Night - 6 p.m. Last Ticket Sold, Drawing at 6:30 p.m. - 50/50 Drawing Follows The Queen of Hearts

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"Why I'm Not A Member? No One Ever *ASKED!*"

