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ROBERT "BOB" SCOTT - POST COMMANDER

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January 2021

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Happy Valentines Day



Directory

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 Buzz Chainey
 Chaplain Robert "Bob" Scott
 Historian Buzz Chainey
 Finance Bob Ballew
 Judge Advocate Bob McDowell

Executive Board Members

Dwight DeJean, Gerald Majchrowicz
 Mark Long, Dan Nichols

American Legion Riders

Riders Director
 Asst. Director Bob Ballew
 Secretary
 Treasurer Buzz Chainey
 Sgt. At Arms Graham Dunnege
 Chaplain Buzz Chainey
 Road Captain
 Historian Tammy Chainey

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..... Buzz Chainey
 1 st Vice Commander.....
 Sgt. At Arms.....
 Chaplain.....
 Finance Officer.....

American Legion Programs

Boys State Matt Levengood
 Boys Scout Bob Scott
 Americanism Bob Scott

Commanders Notes

I will jump right in with out to much introduction. I want to apologize to those who tried to reach me by using my phone number in the Post roster furnished by the Department. If you need to reach me, my phone number is (352) 613-8192.

I want to brag on our Post Secretary, she does a wonderful job of keeping us straight. She has taken a load off my shoulders. She was voted in by the Executive Board, and later by the General Membership of the Post. I want to welcome her aboard.

My office hours are from 1200-1500 hours, Monday, Wednesday. You will have to bear with me when I am late. (I have errands to do, like doctor's appointments, dentist appointments). As the old saying goes, my door is always open to any and all members of this Post. My door is always open to the Sons of the Legion, and to the Riders of the Post, last but not least the American Legion Auxiliary.

Our Post is moving up and onward. We have had a bumpy month, but that is behind us now. The Post is showing growth, we now have a Boys State Chairman, and we have a Boy Scout and Americanism Chairman. On February 1st we will celebrate being in our Post home two years. As the old cigarette commercial use to say, "You've come along way baby". I am very proud of our Post and the list of fine officers. What more can I say?

Well, I can say a lot more and I will. I have had members come up to me and say that, a person is a crook, or that he spreads lies, or that he or she has done this or that. I have had it said in emails so and so stole this or that. Our Canteen is the worst place for that. The Canteen is not the only place that this goes on, it pops up in meetings, and the people who say it think they are smart, and no one will catch it.

I am tired of this. If you come to me and say that a person has done this or that to the detriment of the Post, you had best have written proof, and you must sign and date it. You can be tried for bringing false charges against someone. Only a coward would speak out behind another's back. I must say we have a lot of cowards.

We have had a bunch of members who have left the Post. We have members (I will not mention any names) that have gone over to another Organization, and the sad part is they spread their poison, that our Post harbors crooks and liars. When the times got tough, they ran. For those who stayed, my hat is off to you.

The Sons of the Legion are on their last leg, or so it seems. If those Sons of the Legion that don't come out to the meeting, and take an active part, you will lose one of the outstanding programs in the Post. That should make you proud. You can say, I helped destroy one of the Post's finest programs.

Enough said, we shall pass through the fire, and come out stronger.

Well by the hands on the clock on the wall, It is time to draw these notes to a close. May you have a great day today and a better day tomorrow.

For God and Country



Robert "Bob" Scott
Commander



Post 166 Monthly Events

First, we would like to say thank you to everyone for supporting our events! If you would like to see something added, please email the Post at americanpost@gmail.com. We are always looking for new ideas.

February 1: Post 166 Open House Event

The day begins at 12:30 with the arrival of a Citrus County Firetruck and the Presentation of Colors by Lecanto High School JROTC. Next on the agenda is Member's Recognition honoring two of our Members: Charles Mattingly and Charles Stewart. Both are fifty-year American Legion Members. This will be followed by a Flag Disposal Service.

The Post will open at 2:00 following the ceremony for a celebration of the anniversary of Post 166 who after many years, finally obtained a home of its own. We will have food available and Bill Alexander will be there, playing his guitar and singing.

February 5: Jane's Clam Chowder

Part of our ongoing monthly events. Enjoy a bowl of delicious New England Style Clam Chowder, courtesy of Jane Mundis, for a \$4.00 suggested donation.

February 7: Birthday Celebration and Super Bowl Party

Celebrating birthdays is another of our ongoing monthly events. If you were born in February, come in and enjoy a slice of birthday cake at 3:00. Don't forget to come back on your birthday and receive a free adult beverage of your choice. After birthday cake, we shift gears for Super Bowl Sunday. We have some fun events planned.

February 14: Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Sweets for our Valentines with special Bloody Mary (Shrimp and Chocolate) and other drink specials. There will be sweet treats for all.

February 16: Fat Tuesday

Party like you are in the French Quarter! Come in for a bowl of Jambalaya, King Cake and more starting at 3:00. Suggested donation \$5.00.

February 19: Music

Relax with Entertainment by Bill Alexander starting at 2:30 and then stay for the Queen of Hearts and Weekly 50/50 Drawing.

February 22: National Margarita Day

Come in and try a Margarita as we celebrate National Margarita Day

Sons of the Legion

Thank you for the Squadron members that came to the meeting this weekend, and stepped up in the open positions needed to keep us going. We nominated 1st Vice Curt Woods, Adjutant Leo Furrell, and Ed (sorry couldn't make out your last name) as our Sgt-At-Arms. We still have the Finance Officer position open, asking all members to please consider.

Special Thanks to 4th District Commander Bennett, and Adjutant Rose for taking the time to attend and assist us.

A motion was made to have our meeting every other month, it was voted on and passed. Our next meeting will be held March 27, 2021 @ 10:00. Within the next week or two, membership cards for 2021 will be completed.



Ernest "Buzz" Chainey
Squadron Commander



U.S. Army
M1126 Stryker ICV

Recognized Service Organizations

Membership in an organization is not a prerequisite to appointment of the organization as claimant's representative.

The following is a listing of national, regional, or local organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims under laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

African American PTSD Associations
 American Legion
 American Red Cross
 AMVETS
 American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc
 American GI Forum, National Veterans Outreach Program
 Armed Forces Services Corporation
 Army and Navy Union, USA
 Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America
 Blinded Veterans Association
 Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A.
 Disabled American Veterans
 Fleet Reserve Association
 Gold Star Wives of America, Inc
 Italian American War Veterans of the United States,
 Jewish War Veterans of the United States
 Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Inc
 Marine Corp League
 Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
 Military Order of the Purple Heart
 National Amputation Foundation, Inc
 National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, Inc
 National Association for Black Veterans, Inc
 National Veterans Legal Services Program
 National Veterans Organization of America
 Navy Mutual Aid Association
 Paralyzed Veterans of America, Inc
 Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A.
 Swords to Plowshares, Veterans Rights Organization, Inc
 The Retired Enlisted Association
 The Veterans Assistance Foundation, Inc
 The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc & The Veterans Coalition

United Spanish War Veterans of the United States
 United Spinal Association, Inc
 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
 Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc
 Vietnam Veterans of America
 West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance
 Wounded Warrior Project

These were posted so everyone knows what services are out there to help the Veterans and their families.

Volunteers

We have several unsung heroes who volunteer for some of the less glamorous chores that must be done. Two of those chores are cleaning the bathrooms and the floors. Jan Mundis has been coming in once a week for some time to do both and we would like to thank her for her hard work. We now have another volunteer who will be giving Jane a hand with the mats behind the bar. Tom Brown will take over the task of taking up the mats and steam cleaning them.

Tom Piazza has always volunteered to take on the responsibility of documenting the Post events with professional photos.

Thank you to both Toms!

We are still seeking a volunteer to take on the task of marketing our Post with the newspaper and the radio/TV. If you can help, please email the Post at americanpost166@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed for the Event Team. If you would like to entertain, this may be the spot for you.

Volunteers are needed for Handy Man Duties. If you enjoy tinkering and fixing things, this may be the spot for you.

There are many other areas where you can help your Post. Just email us or talk to one of the officers.

Volunteers are needed for Part time Bartender Positions. If you are a people person this position might be for you

Remember it takes all of us working together for our Post to be the best it can be.



The American Legion



**NORTHERN AREA BALL
COMMANDER**

MARIE K. CONTI

Saturday, March 6, 2021

**Legion Blue & Gold /
Military Theme**

American Legion Post #129 JAX BEACH

Tickets: \$25.00 per person

Dinner: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Salad and American Legion Birthday Cake!

DRESS: Formal / Semi-Formal Social hour 5:00-6:00, 6pm Program/Dinner. **Entertainment after Program**

Hotel is less than 5 minutes from the Post at a very reasonable rate of \$109.00 per night Rooms can be reserved through Hotel (Please call Hampton Inn @ 904-280-9101 for Reservations & mention The American Legion (Group Rate).



The American Legion



NORTHERN AREA BALL COMMANDER MARIE K. CONTI

SATURDAY: NA BALL 5PM-?

 \$25.00 per person (Very Limited Seating)

Where: American Legion Post #129

1151 4th St S,

Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Post Number: 904-249-2266

Program Ads:

 1/2 Page \$30

 Full Page \$50

Deadline for Ads February 25, 2021

Email Ads in Word or JPG Format

Email to Jconti3547@gmail.com or
mail clean copy!

Make Check (s) payable to:

Jay Conti Sr.

Email: Jconti3547@gmail.com

Hotel:

Hampton Inn JAX/Ponte Vedra
Beach

1220 Marsh Landing Pkwy

Jacksonville, FL 32250

ROOMS (\$109.00 per night)

**Please NOTE: HOTEL CUT OFF Date
at this price is February 5, 2021 due
to TPC EVENT!**

All Rooms are either One King Bed or 2 Full
Beds and come equipped with a Microwave,
MINI Fridge, Coffee and very nice Pool, plus
FREE Breakfast!

Call Hotel directly for Reservations at 904-280-9101
and mention The American Legion for the
Group Rate. Recommend reserving ASAP as
TPC is the following week and players will be
coming in to practice, you can always cancel
your room if things change.

Event Coordinator

Please contact PDC Jay Conti Sr.
352-287-1400 or mail payment (s)
with attached form to

(Sorry NO Credit Cards):

Jay Conti Sr.

7130 N. Grackle Pt

Hernando, FL 34442

SERVICE ★ HONOR ★ SACRIFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WILLIAM "RICK" JOHNSON



EXPENSES		
DATE	DESCRIPTION	COST
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TOTAL RELATED EXPENSE FOR FEBRUARY		\$

TRAVEL & HOTEL NOTES	
DATE	AIR, GROUND, HOTEL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

DRIVING			
DATE	DESCRIPTION	END	START
TOTAL MILES FOR FEBRUARY			

GENERAL NOTES

February 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Post 166 Anniversary Celebration with Flag Disposal Ceremony @ 1200 All Day Food Provided Entertainment with Bill Alexander	2	3	4	5 Monthly Clam Chowder Dinner @ 2:00-5:00 50/50 Raffle Queen of Hearts	6 Legion Riders Meeting @ 10:00 A.M.
7 Monthly Birthday Celebration 3:00 P.M.	8	9 Executive Board Meeting @ 10:00 A.M.	10	11	12 Queen of Hearts	13 District Meeting @ 0900 Post 27
14 Valentine's Day Sweet Treat Bags for the Ladies All Day	15	16 Fat Tuesday Celebrate Cajun Style Jambalaya 50/50 Raffle	17	18	19 Entertainment with Bill Alexander @ 2:30 50/50 Drawing Queen of Hearts	20 General Membership Meeting @ 10:00 A.M.
21	22 National Margarita Day	23	24	25	26 Queen of Hearts	27
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Meeting:

- Feb 6 - Legion Riders Meeting - 10:00 A.M.
- Feb 9 - Executive Board Meeting - 10:00 A.M.
- Feb 13 - District Meeting @ Post 27 - 09:00 A.M.
- Feb 20 - General Membership Meeting - 10:00 A.M.

Activities:

- Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 - Queen of Hearts
- Feb 5 - Clam Chowder Dinner - 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.
- Feb 7 - Monthly Birthday Celebration 3:00 P.M.
- Feb 14 - Valentines Day - Treats for the Ladies
- Feb 16 - Fat Tuesday - Jambalaya
- Feb 19 - Music with Bill Alexander
- Feb 22 - National Margarita Day

We Are 1st In The District For Membership



Post 166	137.22%
Post 210	135.00%
Post 230	115.29%

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 bar, 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 bar. Pay your \$30.00 dues to me, and pay your \$5.00 key card entry fee at the bar to Michelle, Peggy, Judy or Mary .

- American Legion Dues \$39.00**
- Legion Auxiliary Dues \$30.00**
- Sons of the Legion Dues \$34.00**
- Legion Riders Dues \$25.00**

Newsletter Deadlines

Please send your article to Matthew Levensgood 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 Levensgood, Editor

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