



July 2021

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



## Post 166 Hosts Memorial Day Services

The American Legion Riders Chapter 166 proudly escorted members of Post 166 to the Magnolla Cemetery in Lecanto for a Memorial Day Service. Arnold Vern Allen, the namesake of the Post, and Rhueben Haire, former commander of Post 166 and 155 and Past District and Department Commander, were honored with flowers placed on their graves.

### COMMANDER NOTES

Yes, The American Legion Family of Post 166 are doing things all year long.

On May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. at the Riverside Town Homes, Homosassa, FL., we celebrated the Life of Raymond Zapfel.

On June 14, we honored Flag Day, by having a Flag Disposal Program at the Homosassa Square Plaza. The Ceremony started at 9:30 a.m. Many tattered American Flags were disposed of by burning. We wish to thank the Homosassa Fire Department for sending a fire truck and three firefighters to assist in the ceremony.

The Post also hosted a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are very happy to announce that 17 pints of blood were donated.

Thanks to every one who came out and to all of those who participated in this Program.

I am very proud of our Post, we do things for our community, state and nation.

Before I close out these notes, I want to give a brief history of Flag Day.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> of 1777, the Continental Congress passed a resolution stating that the flag of the United States be thirteen alternating red and white stripes, with a union of thirteen white stars on a blue field. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, school teachers all over the United States began conducting patriotic ceremonies commemorating Flag Day as a way of teaching children about American history.



## GOOD BY TO A GOOD FRIEND

### ROBERT "BOB" SCHMIDT, 1923-2021

On June 22, I lost a very good friend of seventeen years, Robert "Bob" Schmidt. He passed away on the morning of June 22, 2021. He will be missed by me and a host of legionnaires who called him friend.

Robert Scott

Commander Post 166

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It is my sad duty to report the passing of a very special member of our Post 58 family. Robert "Bob" Schmidt passed away at 7 am this morning at the Cedar Creek Assisted Living facility. Bob was 98 years young and was an inspirational leader in our Post almost from its beginning. Bob was a WWII veteran of the Army Air Corps and served with the American Legion for over 50 years. Bob has held nearly every position at the Post and District level with the Legion, and has cultivated many friendships over his years of service. There will be numerous special services for Bob in the coming weeks. Please plan to attend as many as you are able. To say Bob will be missed is an understatement. He was and is loved and respected by all who knew him.

Rest in peace fellow comrade; God's good and faithful servant gone on to the Post everlasting.

Commander Post 58

John Taylor

## CONGRATULATIONS TO PHYLLIS SURPRISE FOR RECEIVING THE COMMANDERS CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION



Phyllis Surprise receives award from Commander Scott

Phyllis Surprise was selected to receive June's Commander's Certificate of Commendation for her contributions to the Post's Events. Phyllis is always ready to bake the monthly birthday cake, and any time we need a desert, she is on it! As we all know, our Post members have a sweet tooth and Phyllis keeps everyone satisfied with her cookies, pies, cakes, and cobblers. She has even made to-order Grilled Cheese sandwiches for one of our Post's functions. With her talent and eagerness to help, the Post has received many contributions for the Post, the Veteran Relief Fund, and several special projects.

A special thank you goes out to Phyllis for all she does!

## LOOKING OVER THE FAIRING

It is with great pride that I introduce to you, the 2021-2022 Officers of the American Legion Riders Chapter 166.

**Director – Bob Ballew**

**Asst Director – Greg Doody**

**Treasurer – Gary Salo**

**Sergeant of Arms – Ed Nemeth**

**Road Captain – Jerry Leuthauser**

And now that COVID is no longer the issue that it was, we look forward to getting much more involved with the Department Rides and other activities this year. Currently our next big event is Hogs and Hams, which takes place in November. Stay tuned for details.

The Riders of Chapter 166 recently attended an event sponsored by the American Legion Riders Chapter 237, to raise funds for the wreaths that we will assist them in placing at Bushnell National Cemetery at Christmas time. We were able to donate towards this great cause and ask that if anyone is interested in donating towards the purchase of wreaths, please drop off your donation at our Post and we will make sure it is used to purchase wreaths. It is awesome sight to see all the flags on our Veterans Graves.



Bushnell National Cemetery



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I want to take a moment to say thank you to the Post for their support and allowing us to provide an escort for the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, conducted at the Magnolia Cemetery. We had a strong turnout of our Riders, who are always ready to provide an escort.

As always, keep the wind to your back.

Bob Ballew, Director  
Legion Riders Chapter 166

### **U.S. CODE ON THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG, AND TO MANNER OF DELIVERY**

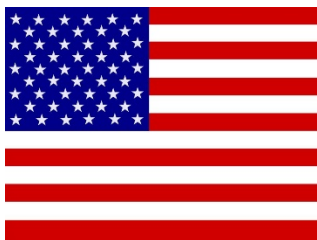
I want to thank Becky Badder, our new Sgt. At Arms, who brought this to my attention. When we say the pledge of allegiance, we put a pause between “one Nation” and “under God”. We should not pause, we should say “one Nation under God.”

Here is the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”.

It should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute. Members of the Armed forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform.

So, the next time we say the pledge, lets remember not to pause when we come to “one Nation under God,”

For God and Country  
Robert Scott  
Commander



## **DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS**

### **Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166**

Commander ..... Robert Scott  
First Vice Commander ..... Bob Ballew  
Second Vice Commander..... Mark Long  
Adjutant ..... Jane Mundis  
Sgt. At Arms ..... Becky Badder  
Chaplain ..... Dan Nichols  
Historian ..... Tom Piazza  
Finance Officer ..... Gary Rand  
Judge Advocate ..... Bob McDowell  
Executive Board Members  
Dwight DeJean, Buzz Chainey, Gerald Majchrowicz

### **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166**

President ..... Judy Salo  
Vice President ..... Michelle Tormaschy-Leuthauser  
Secretary ..... Sheryl McDaniel  
Treasurer ..... Debbie Ballew  
Sgt. At Arms ..... Barbra Tripp  
Chaplain ..... Vicky Eley  
Executive Board Members  
Dorene Bettis, Erskileena Ownes, Jan McGough

### **American Legion Riders Chapter 166**

Director ..... Bob Ballew  
Asst Director..... Greg Doody  
Treasurer..... Gary Salo  
Sergeant of Arms..... Ed Nemeth  
Road Captain..... Jerry Leuthauser

### **S.A.L. Squadron**

Commander ..... Greg Doody  
First Vice Commander..... Curt Woods  
Treasurer ..... Gary Salo  
Chaplain ..... Tony Doody  
Sgt. At Arms ..... Ed Nemeth

## **Newsletter Deadlines**

Please send your article to the Phoenix newsletter to [1938rscott@gmail.com](mailto:1938rscott@gmail.com). All articles must be in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Keep all articles brief and to the point. If you have pictures of 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.

Robert Scott  
Commander & Editor of the Newsletter

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 166

It has been a trying year for the SAL. Not only was COVID a major factor, but we lost some key members this past year. It looked like our Squadron was finally getting back on track, with Leo Furrell as our Commander, but shortly into his term, he had a heart attack and suffered other health issues. Thankfully, he is on the road to recovery, and we look forward to his return to the SAL. But once again, the Sal regrouped, and we have a new slate of Officers who I believe will do an excellent job in leading us to grow and become more active this year.

Congratulations to the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 166, 2021-2022 Officers:

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Greg Doody</b>
<b>First Vice Commander</b>	<b>Curt Woods</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Gary Salo</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Tony Doody</b>
<b>Sgt. At Arms</b>	<b>Ed Nemeth</b>

For God and Country  
Curt Woods, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

## FOURTH DISTRICT TOP THREE IN POST AND SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP

### Post Membership

Way to go!

Post 210 - Ocala with 160%, followed by Post 166 – with 148.89%, and in third place is Hawthorne with 123.53%. The fabulous fourth has nine Post over 100%. Next membership year, lets have eighteen Post over 100%.

### S.A.L Membership

In first place is Squadron 27 – Ocala Memorial – 200%, running second is Squadron 77 – Allen Rawls – 143.75%, and coming in third is Squadron 166 – Arnold Vern Allen with 127.87.

## CONGRATATIONS POST 166

Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166 is in 10<sup>th</sup> place in the state. Not bad for a small Post, being second out of nine Post in the District with percentages over 100. We can also write home to mama, that our S.A.L Squadron came in third in the fourth District.

What can I say, except that I am proud to be a member of Post 166, and Squadron 166.

Robert Scott – Commander Post 166

## BOYS STATE REPORT

At 3:00 a.m. on Sunday morning June 20<sup>th</sup>, I arrived at American Legion Post 155 to meet and greet our Boys State delegates. The bus was to leave at 4:00 a.m. and I wanted to make sure that our boys were on it.

Nicholos Post arrived around 3:45 a.m., and we got him resgstered to ride the buss. We kept waiting for Brandon Rydzewski. I kept walking the floor, hoping that he would show up. Well, the bus left at 4:05 a.m., but there was no Brandon on board.

I hung around for about thirty minutes hoping that he would show up, but alas and alack, he did not show up.

Now as Paul Harvey would say, “Now for the rest of the story.” I let Lt. Col. Brown, know that Brandon had not shown up. I explained that we had waited, but in vain.

I got a reply from Lt. Col. Brown, that Brandon’s grandmother had to be taken to hospital, but that Brandon’s father had driven Brandon to Boys State in Tallahassee, Florida.

I was one happy camper, now all I had to do was get him resgstered on the bus for the ride home. On Saturday June 26, once again I arrived at American Legion Post 155, but this time it was at 9:00 a.m., the bus showed up a little after 10 a.m.. I watched as the boys debarked from the bus, and I spotted Brandon. I kept waiting for Nicholos to get off. As you guessed it, there was no Nicholos. I soon learned that Nicholos’s dad had picked him up. As they say in the TV ad, “O what a releaf that was.”


All’s well that ends well.

For God and Country  
Robert Scott  
Commander




**LONG MAY SHE WAVE**





**CELEBRATION  
OF  
RAYMOND  
ZAPFEL  
LIFE**

**MAY 29, 2021  
11:00 A.M.  
SPORTSMAN'S RIVERSIDE  
TOWNHOMES  
HOMOSASSA, FL**





## AWARD PRESENTATION



John Boyle      Bob Ballew      Yvonne Boyl

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Post 166 for the Post's donations towards a fund raiser to help others with medical expenses.

**Memories  
Are  
Made of This**



## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 Department of Florida

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Five years seems to have gone by so quickly. I am honored to have been your Unit 166 President since 2016. I wish all of the incoming officers, Executive Board, and Unit members much success in the coming 2021-2022 Auxiliary year. Congratulations to Judy Salo on her election as the new Unit 166 President. I promise to support you and all of the officers and Executive Board members in my role as the Department of Florida District 4 President. I will wear proudly the beautiful Past Unit President pin that was given to me last year. I hope I will see many of you at the installation at Sugar Mill Woods Country Club on July 17.

### MEMBERSHIP

As of the Department of Florida Auxiliary close of books for the year on 6/17/2021, we have 136 members. Congratulation on Unit 166 reaching 124.7% of goal. District 4 holds a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish overall in Membership for the Department. This is the best finish by District 4 in a number of years and the work on membership done by Unit 166 helped in the great finish.

### OFFICER ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATION

The following members were elected as officers and Executive Board members for the 2021-2022 Unit 166 year. Note the change in the President and Sgt-at-Arms positions:

President – Judy Salo  
Vice President – Michelle Tormaschy-Leuthauser  
Secretary – Sheryl McDaniel  
Treasurer – Debbie Ballew  
Chaplain – Vicky Eley  
Sgt-at-Arms – Barbara Tripp

Executive Board –Dorene Bettis, Erskileena Owens, and Jan McGough

New officers will assume their positions on July 5 immediately after the Department of Florida convention.

Installation of new officers and Executive Board members will take place on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Sugarmill Woods Country Club. Start of the event will be at 12:00 noon. Cost for the meal is \$22 for everyone except those officers and Executive Board members being installed for Legion, ALA, SAL, and ALR.

Please plan to attend. This will be a special ceremony for our new officers and it will be a fun afternoon out. Please contact Debbie Ballew at the Post to purchase your tickets. The lunch will be served first, followed by installation of Auxiliary, SAL, ALR, and the Legion.

### UNIT 166 FUNDRAISER – MONEY RAFFLE

Winner of the money at the money raffle drawing on May 31 was Jo Goodenough from Crystal River. Her \$20 entry gave her a 25% share of the total proceeds. Barbara Tripp won the raffle basket.

At the flag burning ceremony on Monday, June 14, Natalie Scott presented a check for \$262.50 to Commander Bob Scott as their 40% share of the net proceeds.

### DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA ANNUAL CONVENTION

The convention will be held from July 1 – July 4 at Orlando World Marriot Center. At this time, we have four delegates attending – Natalie Scott, Judy Salo, Sheri McDaniel, and Alison Simon. Judy will attend the Unit President training session on July 1 accompanied by Sheri McDaniel. Natalie will attend the District President training session the same day.

### FUTURE MEETING

The next general meeting will be Monday, July 12 at 10:30 AM. President Judy Salo will send a reminder prior to the meeting.



## 2021/2022 DISTRICT MEETING DATES

Here are the tentative dates and locale for the 4<sup>th</sup> District meeting and training dates. Dates and places subject to change.

August 1, 2021 - Post 155, Crystal River.

November 14, 2021 – Post 16, Gainesville

February 13, 2022 – Post 58, Dunnellon

May 1, 2022 – DDC – Post 284, Belleview

Fourth District Training – September 19, 2021 at Post 284 Belleview.

## POST EVENTS

June was another fun filled month. We may not have as many people in the Post during the summer, but that doesn't stop us from having a good time.

The Canteen has transitioned to Summer hours, opening at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We will continue to open at 12 noon for the rest of the week.

**R.E.D. Shirt Friday** is observed every Friday. Wear a red shirt, purchase your first drink and the same second drink is free during the hours of noon and 7:00 P.M.

Did you ever wonder what **R.E.D** means and how **R.E.D. Shirt Friday** got started?

**R.E.D.** is an acronym that stands for **R**emember **E**veryone **D**eployed.

**R.E.D. Shirt Friday** originated in an email chain back in 2005, which ended with:

Wear Red on Fridays.  
Support Our Troops!  
We Live In The Land Of The Free,  
Because Of The Brave.  
For Us, Their Blood runs Rdd!!  
God Bless America.

We also have the Queen of Hearts of Fridays, with the last ticket sold at 6:00 P.M. and the drawing at 6:15 P.M. The weekly 50/50 raffle drawing follows. Tickets for both are available all week long at the Post.

Election of Officers for the 2021/2022 term has taken place, and we offer our congratulations to all the new officers. The installation of those officers will be held at

the Sugarmill Country Club on July 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon with a lunch of Caesar Salad, Penne Pasta, Blacken Chicken, Vegetable Medley, and Cake (thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the cake.) The installation of Officers will follow. Tickets are \$22.00 and are available at the Post. Last day to purchase tickets is July 10<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for Legion Family Officers and Members-At-Large. See Debbie for tickets or purchase them at the bar.

July 15<sup>th</sup> is **Natonal Give something Away Day**. A perfect excuse to cleanout your closets & food cabinet. Then donate those clothes you are not going to wear again and the food (nothing perishable or in glass containers.) that you are not going to eat. Bring these items to the Post for the “**Keeping Our Veterans Warm**” program sponsored by the auxiliary and the “**Feeding Our Veterans**” sponsored by the ALR..

Thank you everyone who has supported the Events at the Post this year. We hope to see you at the Post for more great times with our great members!

## UP COMING EVENTS

### Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: July Birthday Celebration & Fourth of July Celebration.

1:00P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Hot dogs, Chips, Banana Splits

### Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>: National Sugar Cookie Day

We will have them.

### Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>: National Jell-O-Day

Celebrate with Jell-O-Shots

### Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: Give Something Away Day.

Donation Boxes at the Post for non-perishable food (no glass containers) and clothing.

### Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>: Installations of Officers

12 noon Luncheon followed by Installation.

Sugarmill Woods Country Club.

Tickets (\$22.00) at Post.

### Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>: National Hotdog Day

4:00 P.M. Hotdogs & the fixings.

### Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>: National Chili Dog Day

4:00 P.M. Featuring Eastern N.C. Hotdogs.

**JUNE 14  
FLAG  
DAY  
CELEBRATION**

OUR THANKS  
TO THE  
CITRUS COUNTY  
FIRE DEPT.



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 166  
MONEY RAFFLE**



Natalie Scott presents a check for \$262.50 to Commander Robert Scott as the Posts share of the Money Raffle.



Natalie prepares to draw the winning ticket



And the winner is.....??????



**And The Winners Are:**

**Jo Goodenough**

A \$20 entry gave her a 25% share of the raffle proceeds

**&**

**Barbara Tripp**

won the Raffle Basket



JULY 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
American Legion Family Of Post 166 Doing Thing All YEAR LONG		COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR POST  IT'S FUN		1.	2.  Red Shirt Fridays Noon to 7:00 P.M.	3.  Legion Riders Meeting 10 A.M.
4.  July Birthday Celebration & 4th of July Celebration 1 to 4 P.M.	5.	6.  Post Executive Board Meeting 10 A.M. to Noon	7.	8.	9.  Red Shirt Fridays Noon to 7:00 P.M. National Sugar Cookie Day We will have them	10.  General Membership Meeting 10 to Noon
11.	12.  Auxiliary Unit 166 Meeting 10:30 National Jell-O Day Celebrate with a Jell-O shot	13.	14.	15.	16.  Red Shirt Fridays Noon to 7:00 P.M.	17.  Installation of Officers 12 Noon Lunch Followed By Installation
18.	19.	20.	21.  National Hotdog Day 4 P.M. Hotdogs and all the fixings	22.	23.  Red Shirt Fridays Noon to 7:00 P.M.	24.
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.  National Chili Dog Day 4 P.M. Eastern N.C. Hotdogs	30.  Red Shirt Fridays Noon to 7:00 P.M.	31

### NEW CANTEEN HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
Open 2:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday  
Open 12 noon to 9:00 P.M.



CHECK IT OUT

ALL DAY EVERY DAY

**\$1.00**

12 oz. Draft Beet

.25 Cents Off All Other Beer

### ARNOLD VERN ALLEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 166 MEETING TIMES

#### POST EXECUTIVE BOARD

July 6, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

July 10, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.

#### AUXILIARY UNIT 166

July 12, 2021 – 10:30 A.M.

#### LEGION RIDERS

July 3, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.

### QUEEN OF HEARTS

Every Friday Night  
6 P.M. Last Ticket Sold – 6:30 P.M. Drawing

Weekly 50/50 Raffle  
Drawing follows Queen of Hearts

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PLACE  
POSTAGE  
HERE

**TO:**



To our men and  
women in uniform...  
past, present  
and future

God bless you...  
and thank you.

