



June 2021

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

## COMMANDERS NOTES

My June Notes are a little different from past notes. In this month's notes, I am not complaining, I am bragging!

As Commander of American Legion Post 166, I was very honored that our Post was chosen to dedicate the Riverhaven Veterans Memorial Park. This was a great honor for me, as the commander of Post 166, to be chosen to do the dedication.

I was amazed how many people showed up for it. But there is one group that stood out. That group was the Lecanto High School's JROTC Honor Guard.



Lt. Col. Brown and First Sgt. Kelly should be very proud of his cadets, and especially this Honor Guard.

Thank you Lt. Col. Brown and First Sgt. Kelly for sending me your finest!

For God and Country

Robert Scott  
Commander Post 166

**Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go.....**



They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, so here are a couple of thousands of words...



## DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS

### Arnold Vern Allen American Legion Post 166

Commander ..... Robert Scott  
 First Vice Commander ..... Mark Long  
 Adjutant ..... Jane Mundis  
 Sgt. At Arms .....(Pro Tem.) ..... Dan Nichols  
 Chaplain ..... Open  
 Historian ..... Tom Piazza  
 Finance Officer ..... Bob Ballew  
 Judge Advocate ..... Bob McDowell

#### Executive Board Members

Dwight DeJean, Gerald Majchrowicz, Dan Nichols

### American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166

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

### American Legion Riders

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

### SAL Squadron

Commander ..... Leo Furrelle  
 First Vice Commander ..... Curt Woods  
 Sgt. At Arms ..... Ed Nesmeth  
 Adjutant ..... Open  
 Finance Officer ..... Open  
 Chaplain ..... Tony Doody

**If you're not failing now and again, it's a sign you're playing it safe. - Woody Allen**

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NEW OFFICERS TO TAKE OFFICE JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2021

Commander – Robert Scott  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Robert Ballew  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Mark Long  
 Adjutant – Jane Mundis  
 Sergeant at Arms – Open  
 Finance Officer – Open  
 Chaplain – Dan Nichols  
 Historian – Tom Piazza  
 Judge Advocate – Bob McDowell  
 Three Members At Large for the Executive Board:  
 Gerald Majchrowicz, Dwight DeJean, Becky Badders

The SAL Squadron 166 will vote for Officers on June 10, 2021, at the Post with balloting between the hours of 12:00PM and 6:00PM. You must hold a valid up to date membership card to vote.

Legion Riders Chapter 166 will vote for Officers at their June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 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 20<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



Robert "Bob" Ballew

Patty Potter



## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 Department of Florida



### REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS

#### 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 5/16/2021 we have 132 members. There are still nearly 30 members who haven't paid their dues for this year yet. We will still accept renewals counting toward our current year till about June 10 which will be the close of books for Dept of Florida.

You may pay your \$30 dues at the bar or mail them to ALA Unit 166, PO Box 767, Homosassa Springs FL 34447.

#### OFFICER ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATION

The following members were elected as officers and Executive Board members at our May 10 meeting:

President – Jody Dunnege

Vice President – Michell Tormaschy-Leuthauser

Secretary – Sheryl McDaniel

Treasurer – Debbie Ballew

Chaplain – Vicky Eley

Sgt-at-Arms – Judy Salo

Executive Board – Barbara Tripp, 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 either 11:00 AM or 12:00 PM. I'll send an email closer to the date with the actual time. Cost for the meal is expected to be \$20. Please plan to attend. This will be a special ceremony for our new officers and it will be a fun afternoon out.

#### MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to Sheri McDaniel and Dorene Bettis who received their 5 year continuous membership pins at our May 10 general meeting. They have both held officer positions and been on the Executive Board for the past four years. Alison Simon will receive her 5 year membership pin in a few days. Alison was our Unit 166 Historian for four years.

#### UNIT 166 FUNDRAISER – MONEY RAFFLE

Our \$Money Raffle\$ is starting to grow, but we want to build it higher. We have collected \$660 so far. Your participation will cause the amount to grow even more. 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. A drawing to be held at Post 166 on May 31st during the Memorial Day activities. In addition to the money drawing, there will be a second place drawing for a gift basket.

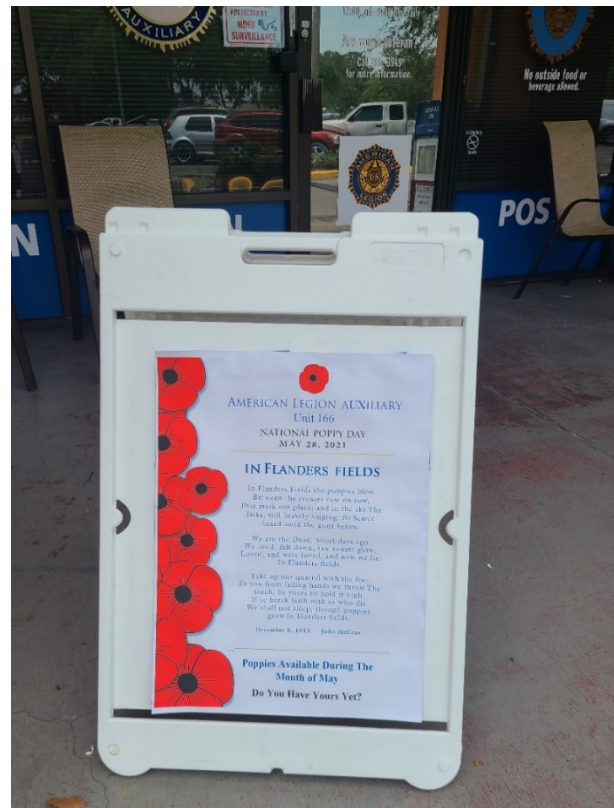
To participate, donate either \$5, \$10, or \$20. Staple either \$5, \$10, \$20 or a check to the entry coupon and drop it into the big plastic container on the table right before the bar at Post 166.

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.

Entering for the drawing will close at 5:30 PM sharp on May 31 so that we can tally the total amount in the jar.

We've added a new option for the drawing... if you are present for the drawing and are the first prize winner, you will have a choice of taking the money you have won or you may choose to take the gift basket instead. In that case, the second place winner would take the money based on their coupon selection. This applies only if the first place winner is present at the drawing. If the first place winner is not present, they will receive the money in a check.

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



### **MAY 28 IS NATIONAL POPPY DAY**

In addition to our planned distribution of poppies in May, we want to observe National Poppy Day on May 28. Stop at the bar to pick up your poppy and put your donation in the container. Wear a poppy proudly in honor of our fallen soldiers since World War I on May 28.

### **FUTURE MEETING**

Monday, June 14, 10:30 AM –short meeting followed by transition of President and Treasurer books to new officers.

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## **FOURTH DISTRICT**

To all Post Commanders and members of the Fabulous 4th District Family,

Let me introduce myself for those who do not know me my name is Jack Bennett; I am the incoming 4th District Commander for 2021-2022. I would like to thank everyone for their vote of confidence to serve as your District Commander for the upcoming year. We are going to work together to keep our District the best in the Department. I would appreciate it if every Post Commander or a designate person from that Post would be present at every District Meeting. We need to know

what is happening at the Post level and the Post need to know what is happening at District level, we need to communicate. For information to flow, it has to go both ways.

We are also in need of two individuals to fill the following Program Chairs in the District (Children & Youth and Law & Order). I would like to see some folks step up from some of our Posts to fill these positions.

Our first District Meeting will be 1 August 2021 at Post 155 in Crystal River. Registration will be at 12:00pm. Meeting will start at 1:00pm. I would like to see the Post Commander or their designated representative present at the meetings.

My Commanders Charity for the District is Project Vet Relief. I am excited about the upcoming year to meet, and work with each and every one of you commanders, your members, and your Posts. Let's have fun this year!!! Thank you for your service and your dedication to the American Legion. God Bless.

*For God and Country  
John T. "Jack" Bennett, Jr.  
Commander Elect 4<sup>th</sup> District*

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## **Arnold V. Allen American Legion Post 166**

Walk proud Post 166, we are in the top ten Posts in membership in the state. Yahoo, way to go!

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**"As long as you're going to think anyway,  
think big" .... Donald Trump**

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### **TOP THREE POSTS IN MEMBERSHIP**

Our congratulations go out to the number one Post in District 4, Thompson-McKay Post 210, with 160.00%. Way to go Post 210.

Coming in second place with 144.44% is Arnold Vern Allen.

Rounding out in third place is Hawthorne Post 230 with 120.00%

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**Remember, if you ever need a helping hand,  
you'll find one at the end of your arm ... As  
you grow older you will discover that you  
have two hands. One for helping yourself, the  
other for helping others.**

## **FLAG DAY EVENTS**

As most people know, June 14 is Flag Day, and to celebrate this important day, Post 166 will have a Flag Disposal at 9:30A.M.

There will also be a Flag Auction, of various State Flags and Foreign Flags. Highest bidder at close of Auction (6:00P.M.) wins.

American and POW Flags will be on sale for \$20.00 each. All monies from the sales of these flags go to support the Old Homosassa Veterans Memorial.

Also to celebrate Flag Day, the Post will host our second Blood Drive.

So please come out and support your Post, come out to the Flag Disposal, and while there, give some blood, and let see if we can break our record of 22 pints of Blood

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## **LOOKING OVER THE FAIRING**

On behalf of the Legion Riders Chapter 166, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Third Annual Derby Day Run and those who joined us later at the Post for the additional festivities. Thanks to the generosity of the Crystal River Eagles AIRE 4272 and their Riders, and the IRRU Family Social Club, we were able to donate \$700.00 to Post 166's Veteran Relief Fund.

The ride was for Trikes, Bikes and Automobiles, and we had some of each, including a 1934 coupe. We started our day with breakfast at the Post, made stops at the Marine Corp League, VFW # 8713, IRRU Family Social Club and the Eagles. At each stop we played a dice game and had 50/50 raffles. Back at the Post, a dinner of Kentucky Pulled Pork waited for us. We announced the "Poker" winners of the game and played a few more. Our Lead Bartender, Michelle, won the prize for the best Derby Hat. I can't wait to see what next year's Derby Ride will bring.

Our snowbird Riders have gone back North, and we will miss them. But they will return in time for our fall event, The Hogs n Ham Ride.

Until next time, Keep the wind to your back.

For God and Country  
Bob Ballew, Director  
Legion Riders Chapter 166



**Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not."**

**Walter Bagehot**

### **THIRD ANNUAL DERBY DAY RUN BEST DERBY HAT CONTEST WINNER**



Post 166's lead bartender Michelle won the best Derby Hat.

### **THANKS FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE POST**

I want to extend a special thanks to the following.

Doug and Kim Bossick who donated our new security camera system in honor of Doug's father, a WWII Navy veteran, John Bossick, who earned 13 Battle Stars, in the South Pacific.

Joe Gustinis who is always willing to help when needed and has added much needed shelving to our new podium.

And Last but not least, Henry & Dolly Oosterman who secured a burn barrel from Inter-County recycling and then modified it for Flag Disposals.

### **AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY OF POST 166 DOING THINGS IN MAY**

Yes, May is almost gone, and boy did it ever fly by. Just a recap of what all has happen this past month and what is coming up.

The Legion Riders Third Annual Derby Day Ride is now history, and it was a big success. Cinco de Mayo was a blast with margaritas and watching the guys trying to break the Pinata. We celebrated both National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day and National Wine Day, and we cannot forget the Last Chance Band. Everyone was up and dancing , boy what a night.

Another event was May 15<sup>th</sup> when we were honored to be part of the dedication of Riverhaven Veterans Memorial Park. The Lecanto High School JROTC assisted us in this ceremony.

On May 29, the Post will participate in the Celebration of Life for former Post 166 member Ray Zapfel, now a member of Post Everlasting.

And on May 31, we will visit the Magnolia Cemetery to pay our respects to Arnold Vern Allen, and Rheuben Haire (former Commander of Post 166) and to honor all Veterans who gave their lives for our country.

### **PRAYER FOR THE MONTH**

Our dear Heavenly Father, we pray that your teachings will guide us in our daily lives. Help us to follow the ideals of The American Legion and to be ready to carry on when we are called on to do so. Lord, look after those who have fallen in defense of our country. Father, we ask you to be with us always. We know that in these troubled times when the world is in great turmoil, the things we ask of you may seem insignificant, but we do pray to You to ask for a better world for all. We wish to keep the fires of freedom burning brightly in the skies over this great land of ours and we pray that we will always keep You in our hearts. Amen.

## JUNE CANTEEN SPECIALS

NOON TO 6:00 P.M.

- \$1.00 Draft Beer
  - 25 Cents off all other drinks\*
- \*Exceptions: Specialty Drinks

## JUNE POST EVENTS:

- Sunday June 6 – June Birthday Celebration  
3:00P.M. Cake served
- Saturday June 12 – Music by Keven Dunn  
3:00P.M. to 5:00P.M.
- Tuesday June 14 – Flag Day  
American and POW Flags for sale at \$20.00 each. All monies from the sales of these flags go to support the Old Homosassa Veterans Memorial  
9:30A.M. Flag Disposal at the Post.  
6:00P.M. Flag Auction of various state flags and various foreign countries Flags. Highest bidder at close of Auction wins.
- Sunday June 20 – Father's Day  
Sweets Treats for Dads
- Sunday June 21 – Summer Solstice  
Celebrate the longest day of the year with us!
- Thursday June 24 – Full Strawberry Moon  
Strawberry Specials and full moon games.

## OTHER IMPORTANT JUNE DATES

Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944 – D Day

Codenamed Operation Neptune, the largest seaborne invasion in history.

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – Army Birthday

Created 246 years ago in 1775, with volunteer soldiers with roots to the Continental Army, formed to fight the Revolutionary War. Today, the Army is the largest branch of the U.S. Military

**Take one thing with another,  
and the world is a  
pretty good sort of a world,  
and it is our duty to  
make the best of it, and be thankful.**

**Benjamin Franklin**

## MORE PICTURES OF THE RIVERHAVEN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

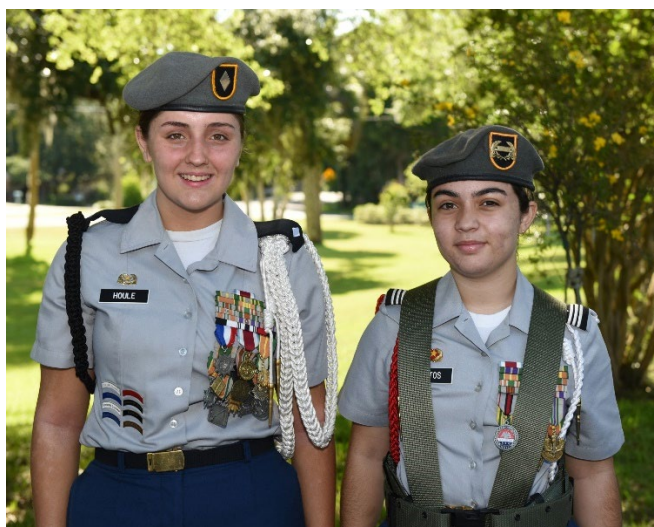


Tom Smith - Post 166



Robert Scott – Commander Post 166





Autumn Houle

Antonia Matos



Hayden Hodges

Christopher Hoag



Commander Scott & Cadet Hodge



Judge Tonner





## MAY'S PHOTO ABLUM THIRD ANNUAL DERBY RIDE



## CINCO-DE-MAYO



## LAST CHANCE BAND



## **SICK CALL**

Leo Furrelle suffered an heart attack and a broken back. He is at Seven Rivers Hospital.

Kitty Evans is at the Citrus Memorial Hospital, she is having breathing issues.

Al (Ace) Evans is back at Oak Hill Hospital with chest pains.

A prayer for our Friends.

*Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we ask your healing graces to be placed on our friends Leo Furrelle, Kitty Evans, and AL (Ace) Evans.*

*Let them continue to grow day by day with new strength and a greater awareness that You are with them throughout this difficult and painful time of their lives. Lord we ask that you restore them to health. For we ask this in Your loving name. ... Amen*

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## **HELP WANTED – FINANCE OFFICER**

American Legion Post 166 is in the market for a Finance Officer. We are looking for someone that is honest and has experience in handling financial affairs. The Post depends on fiduciary integrity and should acquire expert advice in formulating and administering its financial policy.

The finance officer usually serves as the chair of the finance committee and is in charge of all receiving and disbursing of Post funds. The Post Adjutant, in all matters relating to finance, should carry on the work in close correlation with the Finance Officer. Both officers must be covered by adequate bond. Department headquarters should be consulted for blanket bond arrangement. Post accounting forms are available to meet the requirements of American Legion Posts in maintaining a correct and permanent membership and finance record. Because of their simplicity, they require no special knowledge of bookkeeping or accounting.

Be prompt in remitting national and department per capita fees and cards to department headquarters. It is essential the finance officer maintain accurate financial records for all Post operations and activities.

If interested, please contact the Commander or the current Finance Officer, Bob Ballew

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## **HELP WANTED SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

American Legion Post 166 is interested in a Sergeant-at-Arms to arrange the meeting space and assist the Post Commander and Adjutant in preliminary arrangements for meetings. This includes leading the color detail during presentation and retirement ceremonies. He or she is the expert on flag etiquette and should know proper flag etiquette. The Sergeant-at-Arms should also play a leading role in burial details and other pageantries..

The Sergeant-at-Arms is the logical person to chair a welcome committee, which can have a tremendous influence on the Post's image, membership and relationship with members. Every Legionnaire wants to feel part of the group, particularly the new Legionnaire attending his or her first few meetings. The Sergeant-at-Arms must make certain new members are welcomed, introduced and made to feel they are important to the Post. The Sergeant-at-Arms encourages members to attend meetings and advises the commander on who should be acknowledged.

If interested please contact the commander for more information.

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## **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

In newspaper lingo, when you finish the paper, you put it to bed, and that is what I am doing right now. I'm putting this issue of the Phoenix to bed, but before I do, I have a couple of thing I would like to say.

May has been a heck of a month, and it looks like June is going to follow in the same path. If you noticed the pannel at the top of the page, now says "American Legion Family of Post 166, doing things all year long." If you look at the past calenders for this year, we have been doing things.

Being the Commander, I would like to say that this was all my doings, but that is the farthest thing from the truth. We have a great group of people that work in the background. From the officers of the Post to the bartenders, and all those inbetween, they all chip in and make this Post work and in doing so, making it one of the greatest Posts in the Fourth District.

A great big thanks from me, your Commander

Robert Scott  
Commander



JUNE 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>RED SHIRT FRIDAYS</b> Wear a red shirt and when you purchase your first drink of the day, your second same drink is free		1. Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.	2. Birthday Celebration 3:00 p.m. Cake will be served	3.	4. <b>Red Shirts</b> Friday Noon to 7:00 p.m.	5. Legion Riders Meeting 10:00 a.m.
6. D-Day Invasion Code Name Operation Neptune	7.	8.	9.	10.	11. <b>Red Shirts</b> Friday Noon to 7:00 p.m.	12. General Membership Meeting 10:00 a.m. Music by Keven Dunn 3 to 5 p.m.
13.	14. Flag Day & Blood Drive Flag Disposal 9:30 a.m. <b>Auxiliary Unit Meeting 10:30 a.m.</b>	15.	16.	17.	18. <b>Red Shirts</b> Friday Noon to 7:00 p.m.	19.
20. Fathers Day Sweet Treats for Dad	21. Summer Solstice (Longest Day Of The Year) Celebrate with us	22.	23.	24. Full Strawberry Moon Strawberry Specials & Full Moon Bakes	25. <b>Red Shirts</b> Friday Noon to 7:00 p.m.	26.
27.	28.	29.	30.	<b>CANTEEN SPECIALS NOON TO 6:00 P.M.</b> <b>\$1.00 DRAFT BEER</b> <b>.25 CENTS OFF ALL OTHER DRINKS</b> <b>EXCEPT SPECIALTY DRINKS</b>		

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**TO:**





To our men and  
women in uniform...

past, present  
and future

God bless you...  
and thank you.

