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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



May 2021

Where prospective members are always welcome and young veterans are heard.

COMMANDERS NOTES

When I sold life insurance, I learned that in a group of people, 20% of the people did the work, and the other 80% set on their butts. As we see from this example, 80% of the people say, "Let George do it." Where would our Post be if George got tired and said to heck with it. At our General Membership Meetings, I look at all the empty seats. There will be more empty seats when the snowbirds leave. For once in my life, I would like to see a standing room only meeting. I would like to see members standing up and stating their names and say, I would like to see if we can do it this way, or I have an idea." Just think how nice it would be when we did the Pledge of Allegiance you could hear it two doors down. Say it like you mean it.

At times I feel like an old-time preacher, when he has no congregation. He preached to the choir. It's bad when the Officers outnumber the members. Let's change that. For our Post to grow, you as members must step up and take an active part. This is your Post, you own it, you are welcome to attend the Executive Board meetings, you can even ask questions, the only thing you can't do is vote. So, at the next meeting, step up to the plate and attend, you might find out that you like it.

Boy o' boy, if we had the turn out that our lounge has, man alive we would be walking and chalking. Enough said, I think I am riding a dead horse.

Changing the subject, Ralph from Post 58 stopped by our Post, and he really bragged about what a nice Post we have. I have been hearing a lot of good things about our Post, and it's not only coming from strangers, but it also coming from our members. When people tell me what a nice friendly Post we have, I have to brag and say, "Yes Sir, We Do."

Its, time to wrap up these notes. "There are two kinds of people: those who don't do what they want to do, so they write down in a diary about what they haven't done, and those who haven't time to write about it because they're out doing it." – *Richard Flournoy and Lewis R Foster*. I'll

leave you with these parting words, go in peace, remember the poor (for they are with us always), laugh and enjoy life, and have a good day today and a better day tomorrow. See you at the next meeting.

For God and Country
Robert Scott
Commander Post 166

CONGRATULATION

Our congratulations go out to Judy Salo, who received the Commanders Certificate of Commendation for the month of April. She received this award for going above and beyond in assisting a lady that passed out at our 102nd anniversary of the American Legion . Thank you for all that you do for our Post. "Words are mere bubbles of water, but deeds are drops of gold" – Old Chinese Proverb.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORT (CPR)

Yes, it's that time of year, it's time to fill in the Consolidated Post Report. This is where we tell Department of Florida and National just what we do.

If you have attended one of our events, such as one of our Post anniversaries events, or you attended a flag ceremony, let us know how many miles you drove, and did it cost you any money.

ADJUTANT & FIRST VICE COMMANDER

I want to thank Jane Mundis for all the hard work she has done to straighten out the membership cards and reports. The next time you see Jane thank her for a job well done

Matt Levengood has resigned all position in the Post. Mark Long was appointed to fill out Matt Levengood term. Mark Long has been nominated for the position of Second Vice Commander.

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 Open
 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

“Sometimes things which at the moment may be perceived as obstacles – and actually be obstacles, difficulties, or drawbacks can in the long run result in some good end which would not have occurred if it had

not been for the obstacle.” – Steve Allen

POST MEMBER HAS HIS ART ON DISPLAY AT ART CENTER

Our congratulation goes out to one of our members, Dan Nichols who was written up about his Barn Quilts Art. Dan is quite an artist whose write up appeared in the Friday's April 16th edition of the Citrus County Chronicle.

Quoting the article, “Dan Nichols is creating barn quilts fit to hang in an art gallery.”

The Performing Art Center of Citrus County showed his works on April 23rd where he talked about his art.

President Harry S. Truman once said, “I studied the lives of great men and famous women, and I found that the men and women who get to the top were those who did the jobs they had in hand, with everything they had of energy and enthusiasm and hard work.” He could be talking about Dan Nichols.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NOMINATING NEW OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee read the list of officers that they had selected.

For Commander – Robert Scott
 1st Vice Commander – Robert Ballew
 2nd Vice Commander – Mark Long
 Sergeant at Arms – Open
 Finance Officer – Open
 Five Members At Large for the Executive Board

The voting for Officers will be held on June 10, 2021, at the Post with balloting between the hours of 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. You must hold a valid up to date membership card to vote.

4th DISTRICT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

First place – Post 0210 – 160%
 Second Place – Post 0166 – 140.56%
 Third Place – Post 0230 – 118.82

Congratulations to Post 0210 for being in first place. Way to go.

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.” – Napoleon Hill

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 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 4/16/2021 we have 126 members. There are still 30 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

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

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

President – Jody Dunnege

Vice President – Michell Tormaschy-Leuthauser

Secretary – Sheryl McDaniel

Treasurer – Deborah Ballew

Chaplain – Vicky Eley

Sgt-at-Arms – Judy Salo

Historian – Open

Executive Board – Barbara Tripp, Dorene Bettis

Our third request for nominations will be held at our May meeting on the 10th at 10:30 AM at Post 166. Don't forget to bring your 2021 membership card. Election of officers will take place after the call for final nominations. 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 July 17, 2021. Location and time information will be provided soon.

Unit 166 FUNDRAISER – MONEY RAFFLE

Our \$Money Raffle\$ is starting to grow, but we have a long way to go. As of Monday, April 12, we have collected \$505. 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.

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. Attend our May 10 general meeting or stop by the bar to pick up your poppy early in May with a small donation and wear a poppy proudly in honor of our fallen soldiers since World War I on May 28.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, May 10, 10:30 AM – third nomination of officers for 2022 and election of officers Monday, June 14, 10:30 AM –Short meeting followed by transition of President and Treasurer books to new officers.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Sons of The American Legion: Founded in 1932, the Sons honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires. There are more than 355,000 members in the United States. Members include males whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American legion membership. For more information go to legion.org/sons

Squadron 166 met April 17, 2021 to decide on the meeting schedule for the summer. The Squadron decided to go back to meeting every other month. The next meeting will be June 19th, 2021.

THE DECLARATION OF ARBROATH"

SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE 1320

"As long as a hundred of us remain alive we will never be subject to tyrannical dominion, because it is not for glory or riches or honours that we fight, but for freedom alone which no worthy man loses except with his life.

THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION IS COLLECTING BRASS GROMMETS

The Department of Florida American Legion is collecting the brass grommets from retired US flags. Posts across Florida are cutting the brass grommets before retiring the flags. The idea is to gather as many of these as we can each year, so they may be melted down something of value, such as a traveling trophy to the Post with the Best Americanism program.

Once you have received a good quantity, contact Hurt Gies at 407-701-9416 or bring them down to the Dept. Convention.

BUY A POPPY TODAY BETTER YET BUY TWO

MAY EVENTS AT POST 166

Things are winding down as our friends and members go North for the summer. We will miss all the fun we had with them but in no time at all, they will be back with us.

Our First Friday Clam Chowder Event is on hiatus for the summer but will return in the fall.

Red Shirt Friday, the Queen of Hearts Drawing and the Weekly Raffle Drawing will continue to take place each Friday.

We have some great things planned for the month of May for our members and guests.

May 1st starts off the month with the Third Annual Derby Ride sponsored by our Legion Riders. Everyone is invited to participate on the ride: Trikes, Bikes, and Automobiles. The ride starts at Post 166 with a continental breakfast and registration at 10:00AM and kickstands up or "Start your engines" at 11:00AM.

There are four stops, each with a game:

- Marine Corp League (8405 Sunshine Grove Rd, Brooksville, FL 34613)
- VWF 8713 (1681 E Jefferson St, Brooksville, FL 3460)
- IRRU Social Club (922 US Hwy 41 S, Inverness, FL 34450)
- Eagles (5340 W Grover Cleveland Blvd, Homosassa, FL 34446)

The ride ends back at Post 166. Once we get back to the Post there will be a meal waiting for everyone and prizes will be awarded for the Ride games. And since it is Derby day, we will be celebrating the race with more games and a Best Derby Hat contest!

May 2nd is our monthly Birthday Celebration with cake at 3:00PM for all those with May birthdays.

May 5th we will be sipping margaritas, munching on chips and salsa, and listening to Mariachi music for Cinco de Mayo.

May 8th Put on your dancing shoes as The Last Chance Band will be back with us from 3:00PM to 6:00PM. You won't want to miss this fun time!

May 9th is Mother's Day, and we will have something special for all our mothers who come in on Sunday.

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May 15th, we celebrate National Chocolate Chip Day. Our members do love their cookies. So will we have plenty of chocolate chip cookies and a few of those will come with a surprise.

In addition, our Post has been asked to perform the dedication ceremony for the Riverhaven community's Military Memorial which honors their veteran residents. The Lecanto ROTC will join us for the dedication, as well. The ceremony is scheduled for 10:00AM. If you can, please come out and support our Post at the dedication.

May 25th is National Wine day and for you wine lovers, come in and try our special wine.

May 28th is National Poppy Day. Please support our Auxiliary and purchase a poppy or two at the Post. They will be available all month long as well.

May 31 is Memorial Day. We have a ceremony planned for the morning at the cemetery where we will pay our respects to Arnold Vern Allen and a short ceremony will be held later in the day at the Post as we honor and mourn the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces. There will be an indoor picnic starting at 4:00PM at the Post with hotdogs, apple pie and ice cream and at 6:00PM, the long awaited \$Money Raffle\$ drawing. If you have not purchased your coupon and put it in the big jug at the Post, please come in soon and do that. You can also purchase more than one coupon. Remember, the more participants and the more money, the bigger the pot will be; so, buy those coupons today and let's watch the pot grow!

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE MAY EVENTS WILL BE DONATED TO POST 166's VETERANS RELIEF FUND

We look forward to bringing you even more fun events in the future. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook for any updates or changes.

THE CHAPLAINS CORNER

Looking back over all the positions that I have held in the Post, the most satisfying has been that of being a chaplain. The greatest lesson that I have learned is to keep my mouth shut and listen. That was one of the hardest things I have ever learned to do, and I am still learning it today.

Prayer For The Month - We cherish the memories of the past, our Father, with fondness and gratitude we recall our friends and associates. Thou has truly blessed us.

The joy that causes us to anticipate Thy goodness to us again.

Let us serve Thee not with the spirit of bondage as slaves, but with cheerfulness and gladness of children, delighting ourselves in Thee and rejoicing in Thy work, that freedom and peace may abound. - Amen

Robert Scott
Chaplain for the 4th District
Post 166 Commander

VETERANS RELIEF FUND

On March 13, 2021 the General Membership voted to establish a Veterans Relief Fund and immediately funded it with an opening balance of \$500. With just word of mouth from that meeting, the fund has grown to \$1240, which includes a \$100 donation by our Legion Riders Chapter.

The Veteran Relief Fund is primarily for Veterans from our Post, but if a Veteran in our community is in need, we will do what we can to assist. The fund is not a cash cow but rather a hand up for those Veterans who find themselves in need. If a Veteran needs food, we will supply him with groceries, if he needs gas for his car, we will provide a gas card, or if he needs help with utility bills, we will go with him and make the payment. We are the first step for those Veterans in dire need and we will get them to the right agencies that can help further, if needed.

All proceeds from the May Events, including the Third Annual Derby Day Ride, sponsored by the Legion Riders of Post 166, will go to the Veterans Relief Fund. We humbly ask that you consider a donation (monetary or in the form of a gift card). There is a donation box set up at the Post or you can mail your donation to the Post at P.O. Box 727, Homosassa Springs, FL 34448.

If you know of a veteran in need, please have him or her call the Post at (352) 765-3949 and speak with Commander Bob Scott or the Post Secretary, Deb Ballew to apply for assistance. We are here to help our Veterans when they need us the most!

SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thank you, goes out to Legionnaire Richard "Rick" Oldfield for his donation of the hot dog roller. I know that I am looking forward to having a hot dog at the Post.

Once again a special thanks for your donation, People like you are what makes the Post, truly a Post Home.



Ready to ride?
Bikes
Trikes
Automobiles
All Welcome!



Games at
Every Stop!
Prizes for
High/Low
Scores

May 1, 2021 - Post 166
Registration at 10:00AM

Continental Breakfast Provided

KSU at 11:00AM

1st Stop: Marine Corp League

2nd Stop: VFW 8713

3rd Stop: IRRU Club

4th Stop: Eagles

Last Stop: Post 166

Prizes Awarded and Meal

\$15.00 Per Person

Ride Benefits Post 166 Veterans Relief Fund

Best Derby Hat Contest Following Ride

For More Information: (352)765-3949

BOY SCOUT REPORT

American Legion Post 166 congratulates our Boy Scout Chairman Joh Coble for his work as commissioner with the Withlacoochee District Scouts. The Withlacoochee District Scouts was named the "District of the Year." The Withlacoochee district includes Citrus, Hernando and Sumter counties with a total of 44 active Boy Scout Units.

Additionally, a total of 28 district members in 2020 completed their Eagle Scouts projects, the Scouting Program's highest honor.

"Leaders of our districts worked really, really hard," said the Volunteer District Commissioner John Coble, who is also a teacher at the Crystal River High School.

Coble explained that he was a Scout himself, and he was asked to join the Cub Scouts along with his son as a volunteer. Today, Coble's grandkids are Scouts.

It is important that we keep these Scouting Units afloat for the community, and it's just important to the continuation of generational traditions for the Families like the Coble's.



From left are: Brandon Kathman, District Executive; John Coble, Commissioner; and Stephen Toner, District Chairman.

PICTURE OF A POST

American Legion Post 166 is only one of many American Legion Post throughout American. Our Post family consist of Veterans, Spouses, Veterans' Sons, Daughters, and Grandchildren. We specialize in assisting Veterans and Veterans' Families and answering the needs of all Veterans.

It is our members and volunteers who drives this Post, one of the fastest growing Posts in Florida. To raise funds for the Post and to accomplish our mission, we hold fund raising events, host dinners and offer various games.

On March 30, 1992 Our Post was formed when a temporary charter was issued, and actual charter was issued in February 17, 1993. Post 166 was named in honor of Marine WO4 Arnold Vern Allen.

In 2019, after 26 years of moving from one place to another the Post finally got a Post Home. What a glorious day that was for all.

Some of the Awards Post 166 has earned.

2011 – 2012 – Aiming high for Veterans Awards

2011 – Membership Award

2012 – The 100% + 1 Membership Award

2013 – 2014 – Shooting for the Stars Award

2016 – The 100% + 1 Membership Award

2017 – 2018 – The 100% + 1 Membership Award

2018 – FALPA (Florida American Legion Press Association) Best Newsletter.

2018 – 2019 – The 100% +1 Membership Award

2019 – FLAPA (Florida American Legion Press Association) Best Newsletter

2019 – Membership Award.

High Five Award for achieving the highest Membership within the last 5 years of membership goals.

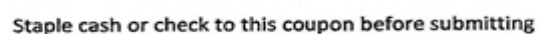
JROTC AWARDS CEREMONY

American Legion Post 166 has been invited to attend the JROTC Awards Ceremony to award two American Legion Leadership medals and two American Legion Academic medals and certificates to four outstanding cadets.

LTC David Brown also asked if we would recognize our two Boys State nominees at this Awards Ceremony. LTC David Brown and First Sgt. Kelly have supported the Boys State Program for the past 5 years.

This is a great honor, and I would like to have members of our Post come to these Awards Ceremonies to attend and show our support to JROTC programs.

The Award Ceremony will start at 6 P.M. on May 5th, at the Curtis Peterson Auditorium, Lecanto High School, 3810 W. Educational Path, Lecanto Florida.



MAY, 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FRIDAY SCHEDULE RED SHIRT FRIDAY QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING WEEKLY RAFFLE DRAWING						
2. May Birthday Celebration 3:00 PM	3.	4. Executive Board Meeting 10:00 AM	5. Cinco de Mayo	6.	7.	1. Third Annual Derby Ride Reg. 10:00 Kick stand up 11:00
9. Mother's Day	10. Auxiliary Unit 166 Membership Meeting	11.	12.	13.	14.	8. General Membership Meeting 10:00 Last Chance Band 3:00PM to 6:00 pm
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	15. National Chocolate Chip Day Riverhaven Memorial Ceremony 10:00
23.	24.	25. National Wine Day	26.	27.	28. National Poppy Day Buy a Poppy	22.
30.	31. MEMORIAL DAY \$Money Raffle\$ Drawing 6:00 PM	May 1 - Third Annual Derby Ride Registration at 10 am & Kickstands up at 11 am MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY				

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Lest We Forget

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 31, 2021