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## Important Post Information

As most of you know people have been going out the back door to smoke. There have been several occasions that the bartenders have went back there at night and found the door open. That door is for authorized personnel and emergency exit only. We do have a nice smoking section out front for your convenience.

## SAL Emergency Meeting

On January 23rd at 1000 there will be an Emergency SAL meeting. This will decide if we are able to keep our charter or not. If you are a Son you need to come out and support the SAL.

## Event Team Updates

Thank You all for your continuing support!  
Here is what is happening at the Post for the next 45 days. Don't forget we offer Queen of Hearts every Friday Night, with the drawing at 1815 and followed by a 50/50 Raffle Drawing.

### January 20

#### Cheese Day Celebration

Free Cheese Snack with the purchase of wine or Sangria

### February 1

#### All day Open House

**Celebration** of the anniversary of our Post Home.

1300: Flag Disposal Ceremony featuring Lecanto High School ROTC and the Homosassa Fire Department.

Food, Including Deserts Courtesy of Phyllis Surprise, Available

### February 5

1400 to 1700: **Monthly Clam Chowder Dinner**, Courtesy of Jane Mundis

### February 7

1500: Monthly Birthday Celebration for those members with February Birthdays.

Birthday Cake Courtesy of Phyllis Surprise

### February 14

All day Valentine's Day Celebration

Sweet Treat Bags for our Valentines

### February 16

1400: Fat Tuesday, Cajun Style Celebration

Jambalaya, Courtesy of Matt Levensgood, and a 50/50 Raffle

## Commander's Notes

First and foremost, I want to thank all of those who voted for me to fill out Commander Rick Starkey's term. I want you to know this is not my first rodeo. I was the Commander of Post 77, and Post 166. I have been the Sgt-At-Arms and Vice Commander for the 4th District, I was also the Boy Scout Chairman for the Department of Florida.

I am very lucky that we have such a slate of good officers, Vice Commander Matt Levensgood, Adjutant Buzz Chainey, Finance Officer Bob Ballew, Sgt-At-Arms Jane Mundis, Judge Advocate Bob McDowell. We still need members to step up to the plate to fill out the officer's slate. We have a good Executive Board. We are still looking for a few good men and woman.

I am happy to report that some of the animosity between members have dropped. The Post is no place for back biting. Nothing will destroy a Post faster than animosity. Another thing along the same lines is discussing Post business in the Lounge. What goes on in the meeting, stays in the meeting.

Talking about the Lounge, if the bartender asks you for your ID, show it with pride. If your member ID is out of date, you cannot purchase a drink. You can have your buddy purchase you a drink. It would be a good time to pay your dues and enjoy the benefits of being a legionnaire again.

My office hours will be between 1200 and 1600 hours on Monday and Wednesday. My door is always open. ( I might be late at times, but sometimes I have to take orders from headquarters. My wife has a honey do list.)

I do have some good news Vice Commander Matt has agreed to become the Boy State Chairman, and I am the Americanism and Boy Scout Chairman.

Remember that the 4th District meeting is Feb. 13. Sign in is at 0900, and the meeting starts at 1000. Check with the officers of the Post to find out when and where.

May you have a good day today and a better day tomorrow.

For God and Country,

Robert "Bob" Scott- Commander

## About the Canteen

I would like to introduce myself to all the members of the American Legion Family, who I may not have met yet.

I am Michelle, the Lead Bartender of the Canteen of Post 166.

I am originally from Ohio but transplanted to Tampa in 1981 and then in 2014, I relocated to Homosassa.

I am a formal Dental Assistant/ Office Manager of a practice in Tampa where I was employed for over thirty-two years. When the practice closed, I was utterly lost as to what to do next. I love people and being around them.

I often visited Post 166 and on one visit, I was approached by a few members and our former Bar Manager Cathy Seymour to be a bartender and I laughed at the thought of me being a bartender, as I do not drink and was clueless as how to be a bartender. Thanks to Cathy, who is a great teacher, I found my home as a bartender at the Canteen of Post 166. I am around great people and get to listen to their stories. I love getting to know everyone. That is what keeps me smiling.

With the recent changes at the Post and Canteen, I was asked if I would take on the responsibility of Lead Bartender and I am going to give it my best effort. I look forward to continuing to serve the wonderful people at Post 166

I also want to let our members and guests know that each one of you we have the honor of serving, are important to us and we take great pride in our Canteen. With concerns regarding Covid 19 and all that is happening around us, please know we take the situation very seriously. We have always kept our Canteen organized and cleaned. We have a weekly routine with two volunteers who clean the floors and bathrooms on a regular basis. We have a three-wash system for all glasses. We also have solo cups if you prefer. Hand sanitizer is everywhere in the Canteen and all the areas of the Post. We and all areas of the Post. We are constantly wiping down the bar, chairs, tables, game machines, doorknobs, etc., with a mixture of bleach and water under the guidelines of the CDC Health Dept. The night bartender goes over everything with bleach and water solution before leaving every night. It is an especially important part of the closing procedures.

We want you to feel safe and comfortable when you come to the Canteen and want you to know that your bartenders care about your safety!

Also, if you have a desire to join our team of volunteers bartenders, please stop by and pick up an application. We are always looking for smiling faces!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Post 166 Canteen.  
Michelle- Lead Bartender

## Thank You

We got an a thank you note from Ron Starkey, Rick's Brother. He wrote:

Just wanted to thank each of you for all you did on behalf of my brother, Richard Starkey. He loved the Post and all of you! I'm sure he is looking down smiling and still wondering if we still have that \$50.00 we got from him. I'm sure his wish would be the Post moves forward to bigger and better places. As the Commander, his final words would probably be "Carry on, the watch is now yours!"

## Volunteer's



# WE WANT YOU!

Our Post depends on your support! Please attend the meetings, make your voice heard and help us achieve our goals. It takes all of us working together for our Post to be the best it can be!

Just volunteer- there is a place for everyone.

Contact the Post at [americanpost166@gmail.com](mailto:americanpost166@gmail.com) to volunteer your time and expertise!

Remember it takes all of us, working together to make our Post "THE BEST IT CAN BE!"

### January 9, 2021 General Meeting Membership Meeting Highlights

The General Membership meeting was opened in proper form by Commander Robert Scott at 10:00AM on January 9, 2021.

#### Special Guests in attendance:

James Crutchfield  
4th District Commander Cherie Korn  
Northern Area Commander and Past Post 166 Commander Marie Conti  
Past Department Commander and Post 155 Financial Officer Larry White

#### Roll Call conducted by Commander Robert Scott

Acting Commander Robert (Bob)Scott: Present	Judge Advocate: Robert Mc Dowell: Present
1st Vice: Position Open	Member At large Dan Nichols: Absent
Sergeant Of Arms Jane Mundis: Present	Member At Large Mark Long: Present
Adjutant: Position Open	Member At large Dwight DeJean: Present
Historian: Ernest (Buzz) Chainey: Present	Member At large Gerald Majchrowicz: Present
Finance Officer Bob Ballew: Present	

**Quorum:** Noted

**Legion Member of the Month:** Certificate of Excellence was presented to Matt Levorgood for all his work in the last four months.

#### The following MOTIONS were made and CARRIED:

Accept the Minutes from the Special Called Executive Meeting (12/30/20) and the Executive Board Meeting (01/05/21) as read  
Matt Levorgood as First Vice to fill an open position  
Robert Scott as commander to fill the term of Rick Starkey, deceased  
Buzz Chainey as Adjutant to fill an open position  
Move to audit the Finance Report as read  
Approve up to \$450.00 for the purchase a computer for use of the Canteen and Post  
Postpone the Golf Tournament for six months and revisit it at that time  
Delay paying off the SBA loan until June; or before, if the COVID situation is over  
Debbie Ballew as a volunteer secretary for the Post

**Post Everlasting Ceremony for Comrade Richard L Starkey:** Conducted by Commander Robert Scott

**Bar Committee Report:** Lead Bartender Cathy Seymour has resigned and Michelle Tormaschy-Leuthauser has taken over the position.

**Boys State and Boy Scout Programs:** Volunteers for a chairman for Boys State and for Boy Scout Programs needed. Anyone interested, contact Adjutant / Historian Buzz Chainey at [americanpost166@gmail.com](mailto:americanpost166@gmail.com).

**District Meeting:** February 13, 2021, hosted by Post 27 at the Coleman Center in Ocala. For GPS, use Coleman Center address not Post 27.

**Post By-laws:** Department Committee has been formed and are working to get Post 166's approved.

**American Legion Riders Summit:** Scheduled for first weekend of February in Orlando

**My Health Vet ([www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov)):** Make sure you have registered and sign up for the COVID shot

**Department Constitution and By-laws:** Work in progress and will include Standing Rules, which can be changed.

**Northern Area Ball:** March 6, 2021, will be a fundraiser for Boy's State. Post 166 will donate \$50.00 for a full-page advertisement in the program.

**Special Called Meeting on December 30, 2020 Minutes:** Per Past Department Commander & Post 155 Financial Officer Larry White, the request made during the meeting for the meeting to be closed was a suggestion and should have been included In the minutes.

**Volunteer Organization Problems / Suggestions:** Past State Commander & Post 155 Financial Officer Larry White

Too many people think they know everything

Everyone wants to be number one

Everyone must work together

Each member is responsible for everything

Questions regarding the SBA loan shows that all information it is not getting out to members

Don't be afraid to ask questions; if you are not satisfied with answers, go to District

Get trained – it can all be done on-line

Don't just come to the Post to drink; do more than that

**Americanism Programs:** Presentation of Colors at a grave site and saluting the Flag both qualify

**Installation of Officers:** Ceremony performed for new and existing officers by 4th District Commander Cherie Korn

**SAL Squadron Update:** An emergency meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2021 at 10:00AM. Adjutant / Historian Buzz Chainey, also the Commander of the SAL Squadron, reported that all the Officers except him, had resigned and the SAL is in danger of folding. Help is needed to get more SAL members to attend meetings and be involved.

**Round Table Discussion:** Commander Robert Scott is exploring hosting a discussion with a representative from the Auxiliary, the Riders, the SAL Squadron, and General Membership to solve any existing issues.

There being no further business to come before the General Membership, the meeting was closed in proper form and adjourned at 11:20AM.

*Copies of the Minutes in full available to all members, upon request.*



<h1 style="text-align: center;">January <span style="float: right;">2021</span></h1>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Queen of Hearts	2 Legion Riders Meeting 10:00 A.M.
3 Monthly Birthday Celebration 3:00 P.M.	4	5 Executive Board Meeting @ 10:00 A.M.	6	7	8  Queen of Hearts	9 General Membership Meeting @ 10:00 A.M.
10	11	12	13	14	15 Entertainment with Bill Alexander 2:00 P.m. to 5:00 P.M. 50/50 Raffle Queen of Hearts	16
17	18	19	20 Cheese and Wine Day All Day Celebrate National Cheese Day at the Post.	21	22  Queen of Hearts	23
24	25	26	27	28	29  Queen of Hearts	30
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**Meeting:**

- Jan 2 - Legion Riders Meeting - 10:00 A.M.
- Jan 5 - Executive Board Meeting - 10:00 A.M.
- Jan 9 - General Membership Meeting - 10:00 A.M.

**Activities:**

- Jan 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Queen of Hearts
- Jan 3 - Monthly Birthday Celebration 3:00 P.M.
- Jan 15 - Bill Alexander - 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.
- Jan 20 - Cheese and Wine Day - All Day