



September 2021

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

THE COMMANDER'S NOTEBOOK

The other day someone asked me what was the reasons for all these committees, and why should he be on one.

I explained to this person that each Legionnaire sees the American Legion through his own personal experience or desires. The Post reflects the composite personality of its members. The Post Officers are responsible for helping the Post outline it's vision for the future. Thus, the Post officers must be aware of the likes and dislikes of its members, as well as the needs of the community.

We must receive feedback from our members, and one of the ways to receive this feedback is from committees made up of members of this Post. We also receive feedback from members who attend our meetings. If you do not attend the meetings, or become a member of a committee then don't gripe about things you would like to see changed.

The Executive Board needs your input. Step up and make your voice heard, attend meetings, join a committee, and help out your Post. Members bring new ideas into the discussion of Post policy. Remember this is your Post, and you have a say so. But if you don't attend meeting, take an active part in Post activities, or committees then don't belly ache about how the Post is run.

I must apologize to Auxiliary President Judy Salo and the members of Unit 166. In the rush of trying to get the August issue out, I failed to get the Auxiliary's article into the newsletter. Please forgive me for this oversight. I made sure that I would not fail this time, so I put it next to the Commander's column.

For God and Country,

Robert Scott
Commander Post 166

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 166

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello to all. I am happy to report that during my first months as the new president of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166. That the unit is alive and doing well. We have welcomed several new members and as always, we are thankful for each of you.

Early Bird renewals are off to a great start, and we encourage every member to renew early.

Business is booming this summer in the volunteer activities done by our members. We have donated many boxes of school supplies, 5 boxes of toys, lots and lots of clothing, and pounds and pounds of nonperishable foods to different organizations. The boxes at the Post keep filling up each week and we thank you all for helping our veterans and their families.

Our next meeting is Sept 13 at 10:30AM. If you can join us GREAT. If not, we hope to see you at some of the fun events planned at the Post.

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

For God and Country.

Judy Salo
President Auxiliary Unit 166
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AMERICAN LEGION POST 166 LIST OF OFFICERS

Commander.....Robert Scott
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 ChaplainVacant
 Sgt. at ArmsJane Mundis
 Judge Advocate.....Robert McDowell
 Past Commander..... Marie Conti

Executive Board

Dwight DeJean, Gerald Majchrowicz, Becky Badder
 Ernest (Buzz) Chainey

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 166 OFFICERS

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Executive Board

Dorene Bettis

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 166

Treasurer Gary Salo

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 166

Director Robert (Bob) Ballew
 TreasurerGary Salo
 Chaplain Ernest (Buzz) Chainey
 HistorianTammy Chainey

There will be further installations at a later date for the officers of this Post that could not make this installation.

CANTEEN NEWS

September Specials: \$1.00 Draft Beer, 25¢ off all drinks & beer

Volunteer Bartender needed for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday nights from 4:15 to close, starting in October. If interested, please see Michelle or contact the Post at 352-765-3949.

Sunday September 5, there will be no "Special" Bloody Mary's due to the Cheeseburger in Paradise Party that afternoon.

SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Sadly, twenty-two Veterans per day take their own life. We all can help change this! I would like to share some information I found on the American Legion Website that could help us decrease that number. Please, if a veteran gives you a suspicion or hint about harming themselves, ask more questions: Are you thinking of hurting yourself? Have you ever tried to harm yourself before? Are you contemplating suicide? Are you thinking of dying or giving up? Do you own weapons or have access to them? Then listen to them, be sensitive, be empathetic, be compassionate, be caring, but also be persistent. Don't attempt to handle crisis alone. There are many mental health resources from the VA that are available to support veterans, servicemembers and their families in need. The following are a few ways that Legionnaires, caregivers, friends, and others can support veterans.

- **Contact the VA Crisis Line** - Qualified VA responders are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.
 1. Call toll-free at (800) 273-8255 and press 1
 2. Text the number 838255
 3. Chat online veteranscrisisline.net/chat
- **MakeTheConnection.net**: This website connects veterans, their family members and friends, and other supporters with information and solutions to issues affecting their lives.
- **BeThereforVeterans.com**: This website has suicide prevention materials available such as resources for making a difference, a message generator tool for connecting with loved ones using safe messaging, and prepared social media content for spreading the word.
- **VeteransCrisisLine.net/support/shareablematerials**
 This is another source of suicide prevention educational materials.

Thank you for reading this. Together we can help change the number!

To reach me, call the Post at (352) 765-3949 or email me at Americanpost166@gmail.com. I will get back to you as soon as I am contacted.

For God and Country
 Buzz Chainey, Service Officer
 (352) 765-3949

Looking Over The Fairing

Greetings Everyone! The ALR are asking for your prayers for a speedy recovery for our fellow Legionnaire and American Legion Rider, Tom Brown. Tom was on his way to Sturgis, when he found himself in a situation no biker wants to be in. The asphalt road suddenly ended, and he started swerving and as it progressively worsened, he lost control of his bike. He suffered broken ribs, damage to his collar bone and shoulder blade, as well as having many stitches in his hands. He is up and around but still pretty sore.

On a happier note, we just finished this month's fun ride after our Saturday meeting. We rode 91 miles and had a blast, although it was a hot day.

Our Post is honored to be the first stop for Sami's Run in October. This ride raises funds to provide Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in Citrus County. We will join the ride after serving breakfast to the participating riders.

Plans are underway for our 3rd Annual Hams N Hogs Ride. We will announce the date next month, but it will be in late November or early December. This event is open to Motorcycles. Trikes, Street rods, Trucks, and Automobiles.

Until next time, Keep The Wind To Your Back!

For God and Country

Bob Ballew
ALR Director, Chapter 166

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 166

My name is Greg Doody, and I am honored to be the new Commander of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 166.

I would like to share with you a little about myself, for those of you I haven't met yet. I am originally from Grand Rapids MI, where I retired from Steelcase after 40 years. I transferred my SAL membership three years ago from Post 47 (Comstock Park MI). Floridians refer to me as a "snowbird" since I have a home in the Northern Michigan, where I spend the summers. My brother, Tony, and I own a home in Homosassa where we come to escape the cold winter months of Northern Michigan.

I am also a member of the American Legion Riders Chapter 166 and hold the position of Assistant Director. My brother Tony and I have been getting more and more involved with the Post, which includes the recent remodel and updates to the Post.

During the last several months we witnessed a sudden decline of the SAL officers. There positions needed to be filled to ensure the existence of our Squadron. During one of the meetings, my name came up for the Commander position. My first response was no, due to the fact that not only am I a snowbird, but I have no experience as a Commander. Several members encouraged me to consider the position, which I did, and decided to run for the position, knowing that the First Vice, Curt Woods, the other officers, and members would be there to assist me.

I can assure you this transition is going to require time, but I am willing to do what every it takes and am asking for any suggestions, and input from not only the SAL members, but also the Legion Family.

I have witnessed the great collaboration between the Legionnaires, the Auxiliary, the Riders, and the SAL members. I believe the interaction between all of the American Legion Families is what makes Post 166 a success!

Once again, my thanks to the SAL members for their support. I look forward d to working with everyone!

For God and Country

Gregg Doody
SAL Commander, Squadron 166



Post 166 Adjutant Hours
Legionnaires may access
The Post Adjutant
Every Monday Between
The Hours of 11AM to 2PM

RATE CARD FOR ADVERTISING IN "THE PHOENIX" NEWSLETTER FOR AMERICAN LEGION POST 166

Advertising Rates Effective 8/01/2021

Business Card ad for 3 months\$45.00
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POST 166 ADJUTANT NOTES

Every Friday in September, between the hours of 1400 & 1600 (2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.), the Post Adjutant will hold a 2022 Membership Renewal Drive for the Legionnaires at the Post. Come and pay your 2022 dues and immediately receive your 2022 membership card.

Dues are \$39.00.

The September dates are 9/3; 9/10; 9/17; 9/24

Thank you for your membershi.p

For God and Country
Rebecca Badders
Adjutant Post 166

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."
Napolean Hill



September

Sunday September 5 – Cheeseburger in Paradise Party & Monthly Birthday Celebration

3:00PM: Birthday cake for September birthdays

4:00PM: Jimmy Buffet Themed Party

Games, Basket Raffle , Music by "Buzzsaw" Chainey
Cheeseburgers available from 4 to 5

Monday September 6 – Labor Day

3:00PM to 6:00PM: Member Appreciation Picnic at the Post

Saturday September 11 – Patriots Day

11:00AM: Continental Breakfast

11:30AM: 911 Remembrance

Sunday September 12 – Tailgate at the Post*

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Thursday September 16 – American Legion Day

9:00AM to 5:00PM Bloodmobile on site

12:00 to 5:00PM: Membership Drive of American Legion Families

Saturday September 18 – Air Force Founded

3:00PM to 6:00PM: Celebrating 74 years of the Air Force with appetizers and cake

Sunday September 19 – Tailgate at the Post*

Thursday September 23 – Key Lime Pie

2:00PM to 6:00PM: Enjoy Key Lime Pie

Sunday September 26 – Gold Star Family Day

10:30AM: Gold Star Family Breakfast sponsored by the Auxiliary

Tailgate at the Post*

Tuesday September 28 – Karaoke featuring “Buzzsaw Chainey”

6:00PM to 8:30PM

***Tailgate at the Post**

Every Sunday during football season
Food served at half time of the 1st game

COURTESIES IN MEETINGS

Members contribute to the success of a meeting when they:

1. Come to order at once when the Commander, President or Director opens the meeting.
2. Give thoughtful attention throughout the business meeting and the program.
3. Rise to address the chair, and wait to speak until recognized by the chair.
4. Sit down at once when someone else has been given the floor.
5. Rise to make a motion, but remain seated in small assemblies when seconding the motion.
6. Write a long or involved motion and give to the adjutant, when asked to do so.
7. Rise when a rising vote is requested and remain standing until the vote is taken.
8. Vote on every question.
9. Limit their remarks to their rightful share of the time of the meeting and do not infringe upon the right of others. The floor should be given to one

who has not spoken on the question, in preference to one who has spoken, if there is any question as to the precedence.

10. Rise to make reports, remain seated during the discussion of the report.
11. Refrain from conversation during the meeting.
12. The courtesy of the floor may be granted to one who is not a member when it desired to have such one speak during a business session.

These are just common courtesies, At time in a heated debate, we forget our courtesies, There is an old saying, “If you forget the first time, it is your fault, If you forget the second time, it is my fault because I did not explain the well enough. There is no third time, you will be gaveled down, and be asked to leave the meeting.

**Saturday
October 19**



EARLY BIRD DINNER

4PM to 7PM

**Renew your 2022 Membership by
September 30th And Dinner Is On Us!
Others \$10.00**

CELEBRATING THE COAST GUARD'S BIRTHDAY



**CELEBRATING
231
YEARS
STRONG**

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Thank you to all who have renewed! If you haven't, please do so. If you renew before September 30, you are eligible for our Free Early Bird Dinner to be held on October 16 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM.



CHAPLAIN POSITION OPEN

American Legion Post 166 is sad to announce that Chaplain Daniel L. Nichols had to resign due to health reasons. We want to thank Dan for being our chaplain and are sorry that he had to resign.

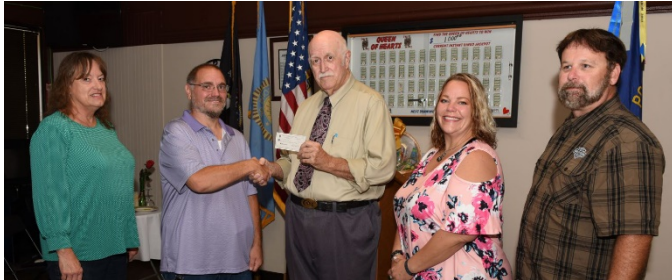
The Post is now looking for a Chaplain. The job entails saying the opening and closing prayer at meetings. He or she must be of good character and willing to visit members who are sick and ailing, give aid and comfort to the dying, and assist the family of those in distress.

If you would like to apply for this position please contact Commander Scott.



CITRUS COUNTY FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION RECEIVES CHECK FROM POST 166

American Legion Post 166 proudly presents a check to Scott Klimek, president of the Citrus County Foster Parent Association.



Cathy Needham, VP; Scott Kalvinek, President; Commander Scott; Molly Falcone, Treasure; Brian King, Director

COMMANDERS MEDICAL REPORT

It was determined that Commander Scott had Bacteremia which is the presence of bacteria in the blood, which caused a life-threatening reaction called Sepsis. He was treated with Antibiotic medicines, and IV fluids.

It was also found out he had a lung mass (a spot on his lungs). A needle biopsy of his lungs was performed. He is to follow up with his personal physician.

At present he is recovering at home. Friday he did get out and go to the Post for the membership drive.



Please keep our members who are on sick call in your prayers. It would be nice to send them a get well card, or drop them a note telling them that they are missed.

**TOM BROWN
MIKE KOBEL
ROBERT SCOTT**

JUST THINKING

This past week I had a lot of time to think. That was about all I had to do other than eat, sleep, and take pills and shots.

My thoughts turned to Post 166. Looking back at the early days of my association with this Post. I must say we have come a long way. When ever I took over the Post, I moved the meeting to a restaurant, hoping that members would come and have a dinner and then a meeting. For a year my goof wife and I had a meal and waited for a member to show up. At that time, we had about thirty two members, and just about the same amount in the bank.

Sandy and I would eat out meal, and hang around for about thirty minutes, waiting for someone to show up. But alas and alack, we would pay our bill and go home.

Then one day we had a member show up and the next month we had two or three. That was the start of Post 166 starting to grow. We moved from one place to another, and one day The Eagle said we could meet there.

That was the start of the growth of Post 166. We had a place we could meet, and have dinners. I remember our first big raffle, that was a forty-five pistol.

We did not have a Post home, but now at meetings, we had members coming out, The Post was on the move. We got the Auxiliary going, and we were walking in tall cotton.

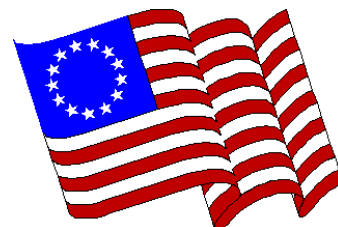
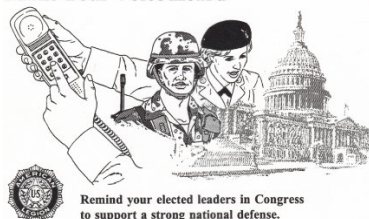
We now have a Post home, a canteen, and money in the bank. But some where along the line, we lost the drive that we had. Members did not attend the meeting like they use to. Now more members attend the bar, than attend the Post meetings.

Well, it's time for me to close this out and get ready for bed. I have lost a lot of my get up and go while I was in the hospital..

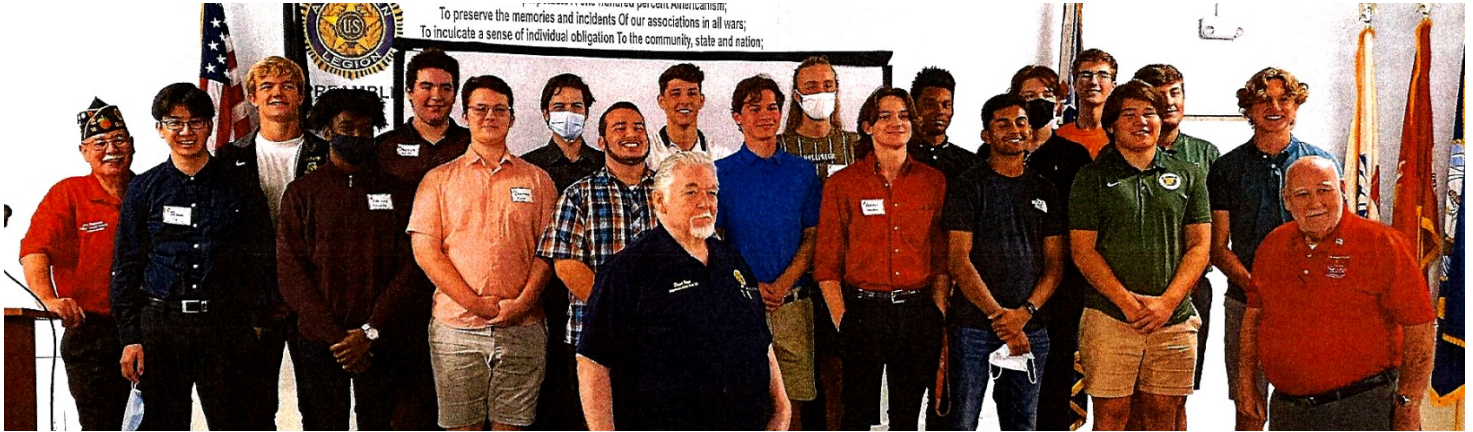
For God and Country

Commander Robert Scott

Make Your Voice Heard



AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE 2021 DELEGATES



The American Legion Boys State Program is the premier program of the American Legion.
This year Post 166 was very proud to sponsor two boys to this great program.

TROUBLES, DO I HAVE TROUBLES

Me and the wife was setting at the bar the other night, and this man was swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I ask the wife if she knew him. She said yes. "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" That is when the fight started...

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting for me to get it fixed. But somehow I always had something else more important to me. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point.

When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctor said that I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 165 in about 2 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started...

TELL US WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, AND WHAT YOU DID FOR THE GOOD OF THE POST.

September's Report

Each year we have to fill out a report and send it to the American Legion Department of Florida. In this report we tell then everything our Post did for the Good of the Legion.

What did you do for the Good of the Order, how many programs did you assist with?

How many Legionnaires did you assist?

How may Flags did you give out, and how many unserviceable flags did you turn in.

Every thing you do for the Post, write it down and give it to Adjutant.

How many meetings did you attend? Did you furnish a ride to a disable Veteran?

Just about anything you do you can count it.

Thank you for assisting the Post.

Robert Scott Commander

American Legion Post 166 – Homosassa FL September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Wacky Wednesday Be Happy	2 Thirsty Thursday	3 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	4 10AM ALR Mtg
5 3PM Sept Birthday 4PM Cheeseburger in Paradise Party 4-5 Cheeseburgers	6 Labor Day Member Appreciation Picnic at the Post	7 10AM Post Eboard Mtg Tuesday Chose Day- Chose to be You	8 Wacky Wednesday Smile	9 Thirsty Thursday	10 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	11 10AM General Membership Mtg 11AM Brunch & 911 Remembrance*
12 Bloody Mary Sunday Tailgate at the Post	13 10AM ALA Mtg Uncle Sam Day	14 Tuesday Chose Day- Chose to be Happy	15 Wacky Wednesday Have Fun	16 American Legion Day 9AM-5PM Bloodmobile 12PM-5PM Membership Dive	17 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle POW/MIA Recognition Day	18 Air Force Founded 3PM Celebrating 74 Years of the Air Force
19 Bloody Mary Sunday Tailgate at the Post	20 Harvest Moon	21 UN's International Day of Peace	22 Fall Equinox	23 Key Lime Pie Day	24 6:30PM Queen of Hearts Drawing 50/50 Raffle	25 DAV Founded
26 10:30AM Gold Star Family Brunch Bloody Mary Sunday Tailgate at the Post	27 National Family Day	28 Karaoke with Buzzsaw Entertainment	29 VFW Founded	30 National Love People Day		

Coming Events:

October 16: Early Bird Dinner 4PM to 7PM

November 11: Veterans Day - Blood Mobile/ Veterans Brunch & Lunch/Dinner

December 12: Ugly Sweater Christmas Party

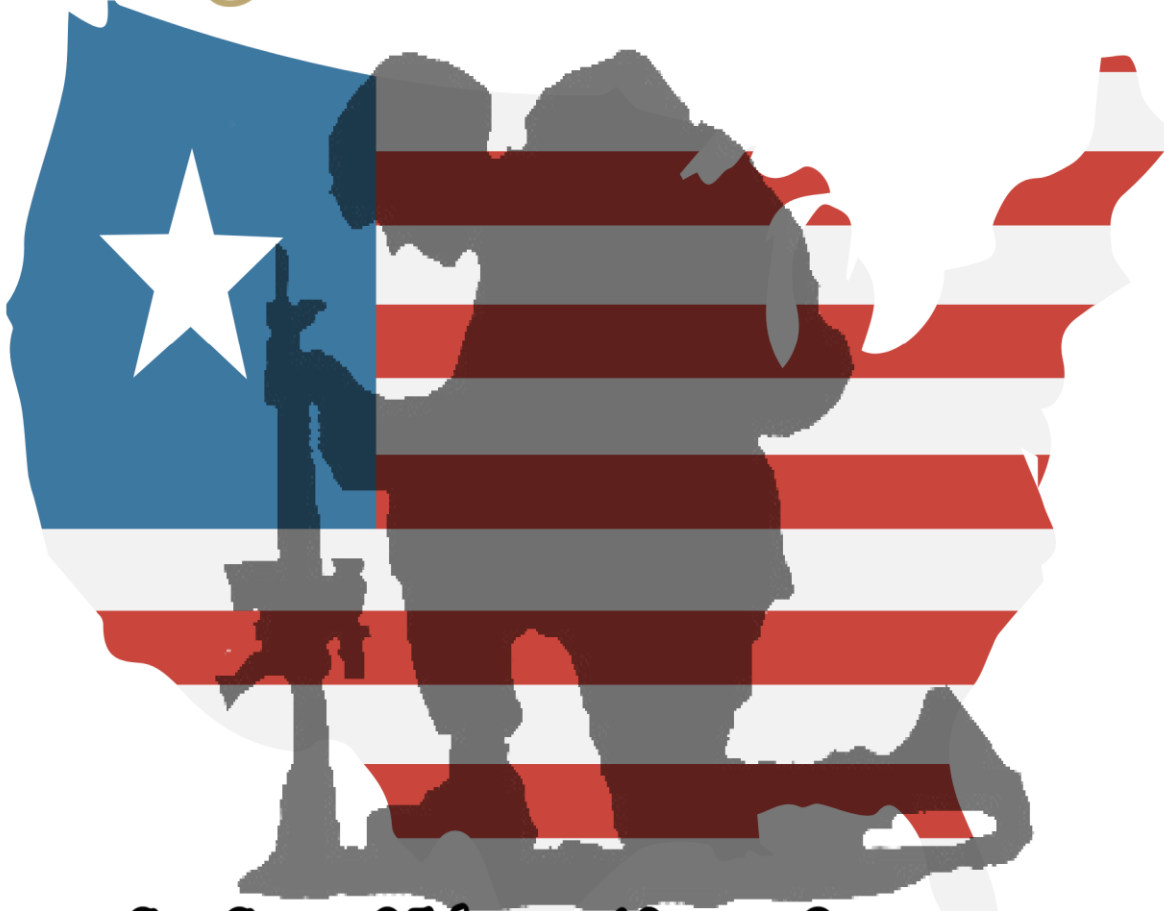
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Receive your second same drink

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12TH DISTRICT PICNIC & RIB CHALLENGE



Wickham Park Oct 2nd 2021

11am-4pm

Proceeds for Transportation to Boys & Girls State

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
BY
MAYSON BAND**



Rib Challenge Rules

2 Rack Minimum

Dry Rubs Only

Sauces on the side

Winner receives 50% of Entry Fees

\$10 Entry Fee

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TO:



To our men and
women in uniform...

past, present
and future



God bless you...
and thank you.