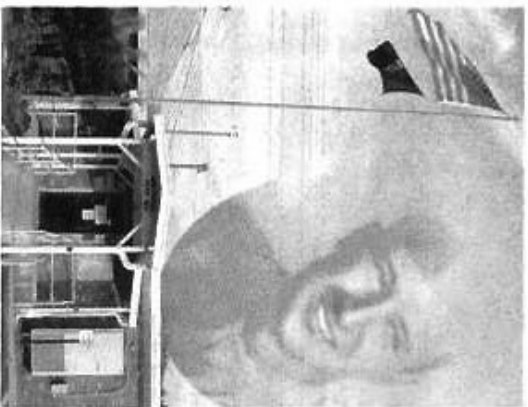


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**FROM THE COMMANDER**

Once again I want to thank all those that are helping in multitude ways (from those volunteering in the kitchen, to those helping elsewhere) in putting our Post on the path of being **the place to go for a great time**.



Check the calendar there is a lot going on the next two months!

As we move into the new year, hard decisions are going to have to be made about the future of Post 163. The major question is the one of should our post join others in going non-smoking or remain the same?

This is one question that can only be answered by our members as such we will have a vote on this subject to be held on Saturday the 13th of February 2016 from 1000 to 1400.at Post 163 in the same manner as we hold the election for officers.

The storage area where the ice machine is now located will be converted and expanded into an outside area for those that wish to continue smoking. As you have noticed the web site is still under construction. Our webmaster is working to get it back to full operation as quick as possible.

Call, email, send me a letter or just drop it in the suggestion box.

Your idea, or another in addition to yours may just be the answer we are looking for! All ideas are welcome and are placed under consideration.

See you at upcoming events.

For God and Country

Robert Hughes

Commander

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Saturday February 13th, 10 am to 2 pm. Vote!



 **GO  
VOTE**



## **UPCOMING EVENTS—JAN/FEB 2016**

- 1/1/2016 PRIME RIB DINNER 5 - 7 PM
- 1/9/2016 PAST COMMANDERS & PRESIDENTS  
SOCIAL HOUR 5-6 PM & DINNER 7 PM
- 1/14/2016 LEGION MEETINGS  
**EC @ 6:30 PM GENERAL @ 7:00 PM**
- 1/14/2016 AUXILIARY MEETINGS  
**EC @ 6:30 PM GENERAL @ 7:00 PM**
- 1/23/2016 NEW MEMBER INITIATION  
MEET & GREET 6-7 PM CEREMONY 7 PM
- 2/7/2016 4 CHAPLAINS SERVICE 3-4 PM
- 2/11/2016 LEGION MEETINGS  
**EC @ 6:30 PM GENERAL @ 7:00 PM**
- 2/11/2016 AUXILIARY MEETINGS  
**EC @ 6:30 PM GENERAL @ 7:00 PM**
- 2/13/2016 TO BE SMOKING OR NOT TO BE SMOKING  
VOTING 10 AM – 1 PM
- 2/13/2016 SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER PARTY 6 – 11 PM  
**CLASSIC SHOCK**
- 2/14/2016 GIRLS STATE INTERVIEWS 1 PM
- 2/20/2016 **4th Annual** BIG CHILL RIDE 8 AM – 5 PM
- 2/20/2016 POST #163 FAMILY JOINT BIRTHDAY PARTY 6 PM
- 2/28/2016 BOYS STATE INTERVIEWS 1 PM
- 3/19/2016 12<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT BOYS/GIRLS STATE PICNIC  
11 AM - POST #117 PALM BAY
- 3/19/2016 ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER – 4 – 8 PM  
S. A. L. CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

**FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a merry and bright Christmas Season.

Thanks to all who helped make this a special holiday for children in need by pulling a Christmas tree from the bar! Ladies I want to remind you it takes everyone to make our post great and we need everyone to complete the projects that our auxiliary does each year.

We all have wonderful ideas come to a meeting and voice those ideas! Get involved and make a difference! I want to thank those that have stepped up and helped with all of our functions. Billie, you are the best second vice!

We have the Past commander and president's dinner coming up on the 9th please, everyone, show your support.



For God and Country

Tari Miranda

President

Auxiliary Unit 163

**FROM THE AUXILIARY 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

I hope everyone had a very happy and safe holiday season. I would like to thank all of you who helped to make our 163 festivities successful. I believe that it is very important that we all keep moving forward with care and friendship for one another in an effort to keep our Post [n a positive direction. As part of a membership we are all in this together. It is what we call our family.

If you did not visit the canteen during our holidays you missed out on the beautiful decorations that made the season bright. Ladies (bartenders) you did a fantastic job. Thank you. Dewy thank you for helping to make our Christmas Tree Lighting and Eggnog Party such a success and to all those who donated the finger foods and to Madam President Terri Maranda for the heart felt toast.

From the bottom of my heart I thank all of you for your participation in our Children's Christmas Party. You restored my faith that there is still a lot of love and charity in the spirit of Christmas. You are all very special people. Thank you Commander Bob for the Legion, Riders, and the

**FROM THE AUXILIARY 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT (Cont;)**

SAL's support. Of course I must thank our Auxiliary for all that you have done. I do need to give very special thanks to my family Roger Rhodes and Poke for all the support and hard work you gave me in getting it all done. I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks Mike Hovermill for being our Santa.

It has been my pleasure to work with and for all of you. I have really enjoyed working in the kitchen and grateful for the help of Lorraine Throaux, Toni Hovermill, Roger (Poke)Rhodes S.A.L. members and Cheri Hartman who have worked through all the Auxiliary weekends. I also want to thank Jerry Larson for all the help you have given me and the love you have shown to this Post. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to do a little cooking on Tuesdays. It's given me a lot of satisfaction.

It was an honor to be a part of the WWII and Korean Brunch this year. Very special thanks to Dorothy Duke, Cheri Hartman and Poke who helped me get everything organized. But I must thank the wonderful help we received from the Hovermill family members, Mike, Steve, Butch, Mary Lowery, AJ Lowery, Alex Lowery, Richard Christenson and Star Linehan. What a great job you did. Looking forward to doing it all again. There is still a lot to get accomplished. It all can be done one step at a time and a lot of hard work. May the good Lord watch over us all. Especially those serving in harm's way.

Till next time.

Billie Pierce  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Auxiliary Unit 163

**FROM THE S. A. L. COMMANDER**

Happy new year from Squadron #163. I hope all is well with our members and their families. I hope Santa was good to all you kiddies and you got what you asked the big man for.

Ahhh, the start of a new year! As I'm sure you have heard by now there is going to be voting in February on whether or not the (legion) membership wants to continue having smoking in the canteen. Unfortunately, we as S.A.L. members do not get a vote on this subject. We do have a suggestion box that you can voice your opinion in though. Please, if you use it, don't forget to sign your name. It would



**FROM THE S. A. L. COMMANDER (Cont:)**

probably be a good idea to put your membership number on it (to keep it all legal). Please come out and be heard one way or the other.

Plans are also in the works for building a place for all the puffers to go if the vote goes in that direction.

Meanwhile in other news, on the 23rd of January it will be “Member Initiation“ with a “meet and greet” from 6-7 pm ceremony at 7 pm. All new members come on out and say hi .. Introduce yourself... And as always check this newsletter for all upcoming events.

If you like to play around in the kitchen, let me know.

Our meetings are at 4:00 pm on the first Sunday of every month “be there or be uninformed“. If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached here at the Post weekend nights or e-mail me anytime @ [salcommander@legionpost163.com](mailto:salcommander@legionpost163.com)

For god and country  
You're S.A.L. commander  
And kitchen manager  
Jerry Larson

**Saturday February 20th 2016**

**4th Annual BIG CHILL Ride 8 am 5 pm**

Scavenger hunt, raffles, prizes, Live music, Food and more!

**Post 163 Joint Family Birthday Party 6 pm**

Celebrating Post 163 Legion, Auxiliary, Son's of the American Legion Birthdays

**TAPS**

Edward R. Thompson, Phillip G. Azeredo, Joseph R. Ferrante,  
Ernest O. Wuerz, Gerson G. Hyatt, Evan A. Leggett, Eugene L. Mill,  
Ronald J. LeBlanc, John C. Boudreau, JR., Fred L. Dalrymple

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**FROM THE A.L.R. DIRECTOR**

We are now getting ready for the Riders annual Big Chill Ride on February 20th 2016. This year it is on the same day as the Post Legion Family Birthday. Working with all the other entities of the Legion this event will run all day from the breakfast in the morning to when the doors are closed at the end of the day. On this day the Post will be open to the public, this will give all of us a chance to showcase what we do to prospective new members. Watch for fliers, the Facebook page and the website for information on this as it comes available. With everyone's help we can make this one of our biggest events ever.



Remember that ALL OF THE RIDER EVENTS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE. Some photos of the events will be posted on the website as soon as we are able to do so. Have a great holiday season and hope to see you at our events.

For God and Country Robert Hughes  
Director  
Legion Riders Chapter 163

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3/16

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IN MEMORY OF STEPHEN OBER

SAMANTHA H.

IN MEMORY OF EARL McCOLLUM

4/16

JIM GREEN

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA & SHASTA GREEN

RIP & NANCY COLLINS

"KAY BIRD" & ROCK

IN MEMEORY OF FRANK A. WARNER

BARBARA TAYLOR

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT E. TAYLOR

5/16

DIGGER O'DELL

IN MEMORY OF RALPH & MARSHAL VEST

LINDA CLIFFORD

IN MEMORY OF GEROG E. ELLIS

7/16

WAYNE O. SMITH

LOU GRODOWSKY

IN MEMORY OF TOM MAGG

8/16

FRANCIS CIRCOSTA

IN MEMORY OF SUSAN E. CIRCOSTA

DR MARK HOFFMAN, DSR

IN MEMORY OF RANEE SORENSEN

11/16

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

ANTON MARTH

12/16

NINA & ROY MOORE

IN MEMORY OF RON MOORE

1/17

ROGER RHODES

IN MEMORY OF JAMMIE PIERCE

2/17

CAROL BARTON & FAMILY

IN MEMORY OF DAVID & GLORIA DEVOL

3/17

MIKE O'NEAL

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ANTHONY & CARRIE LA MARCA  
CHARLES L. & NADINE L. DURHAM

8/17

J. & E. M

9/17

VINCENT S. AMEIGH

CHERI & JERRY HARTMAN

5/18

BOBBY WENDRZYK

IN MEMORY OF CHET WENDRZYK

SUSIE AGERSTRAND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF J.P. &  
JERRY D. (BOOMER) AGERSTRAND

11/18

ROBERT M. CHILCOTT

IN MEMORY OF ELSIE & BOB CHILCOTT

1/19

JONI MANCUSO

IN MEMORY OF JOHN J. (JJ) MANCUSO

8/19

L. PAUL MURRAY

9/19

SHELDON E. KELLEY

12/19

TOM PECHACEK

SPACE COAST HONOR FLIGHT, W.W. II

6/20

LOREN & ALMA VON RIESEN

12/21

LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 163

1/23

STAR & JACK

LUCIEN & PAT WEGNER

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE & TERRY WEGNER

5/24

PATRICIA WEGNER

IN MEMORY OF LUCIEN WEGNER

JOSE (JOE) VEGA

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