

ROBERT H. BURNS AMERICAN LEGION POST #16  
**LEGION LINES & VIEWS**

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**The General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday October 4, 2016. Dinner at 6:00pm, meeting at 7:00pm at our Post 16 Home. The Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday October 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM**

**POST 16 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**2017 Cards are now available ... !!! Dues are \$35.00**

**!!!!!!! 2016 Membership Drawing ---- \$40 Gift Card !!!!!!!**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Membership Report for Post 16 for August, 2016**



1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Membership Report for American Legion Post 16:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Mark Herman reports that the Post 16 membership currently stands at 335 or 66%. This is a wonderful time of year, the changing of the seasons. After a long, hot, rainy summer, the fall weather and cooler temptures are finally arriving. Did you know there are more festivals, fairs and events that are scheduled in the month of October than any other time of year? This is a good time to seek out and shake the hand of the many Veterans that attend these wonderful events scattered throughout our parish and state. Look for military ball caps or unit insignias, a sure tell sign that they probably served in the military. Inform them about Post 16 and all the excellent programs it supports throughout the year. ALL are potential Legion Members. Most of all enjoy yourself during this festival season.

If you have not paid your 2017 membership, we urge you to do so. Do not jeopardize losing your benefits due to a late renewal. Don't Procrastinate, Renew NOW. Remember, veterans who are 80 years of age or those on active duty have FREE memberships. If you have any questions, our office number is 985-892-0677 ask for Mary our Post 16 sectary.

Mark Herman USN Master Chief (Retired) N.S.W.  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander and Membership Chairman



**August Membership Winner**

Our August Membership drawing winner was **Charles Kraus** of Madisonville. Unfortunately, Mr. Kraus was unable to come into the Post to pose for a picture. We talked with his wife and he has been in bad health and was in the hospital. His wife asked us to get him a \$40 gift card to Belk's so she can get him a few needed shirts.

Mike Peats



**Commander's Remarks: ..... **Richard Mecom****

Greetings:

The Post is getting closer to our membership goal of 509 members this year. Please if you have not paid your dues for the year do so by next week and speak to other Vets you know and ask them to sign up with Post 16. Our meeting is coming up October 4<sup>th</sup>, meal at 1800 and meeting starts at 1900. Start the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter off right by attending the meeting. Bring your Vet friend for a little social gathering.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander, Ignatius, has been working closely with a new group called "WE HEART VETERANS". He and I attended the grand opening and were very impressed. This is a non-profit organization that helps Vets and their Spouses. Check out their web site at [www.wehrtvets.org](http://www.wehrtvets.org) or get in touch with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander for more information.

This is only October but we have Veterans Day (11,11,11) coming up real soon. Plan to attend the event at the Justice Center on 11,11,11. Also be sure and get your Veteran I.D.'s or photos of you in uniform ready because several business offer Vets specials that day and also some even offer a free meal to Vets.

Trick or Treat coming up so watch out for the little "Rug Rats" (children) out going door to door seeking the treats. The way things are today be sure and check out those treats for them to ensure they are safe and if in doubt throw it out, it is not worth the change.

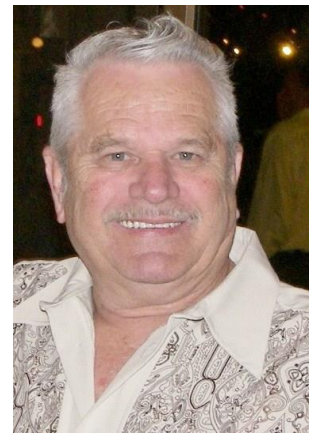
Check the newsletter for the Bingo night that will be a costume dress up night. Prizes will be given for the best. Till next month Trick or Treat.....I am trying to trick you into come to the meetings, the treat will be a fantastic social hour during the meal.

For God and Country  
Richard L. Mecom, Commander, Post 16



**Clint Lounsbury Farewell**

Clinton Leroy Lounsbury passed away on Sunday, September 4, 2016. He will be sorely missed by many fellow veterans and friends. Clint was a SPECIAL person who once you met, you never forgot. When they say "Larger than Life", He fit that description. His colorful shirts were always the talk of the Bingo Hall. Clint was always outgoing and always joking. But he could be serious too. He loved his work with the St. Tammany Honor Guard and I know it broke his heart to have to give it up due to health reasons. Clint had a big heart and was always willing to help those in need. Clint gave every member of the Honor Guard a plaque to thank them for their participation out of his own pocket. Just ask the members of the Wounded War Hero's group, or those working for Relay for Life. Clint gave his time freely and often. Our group truly lost a great friend, a true hero and a good Legionnaire.



**Clint Lounsbury**

Clint is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy Clark Lounsbury. He was the father of Raymond E. Lougue and Theresa L. Stein. Clint served three tours in Vietnam (67-68, 69-70, 70-71) as an Army Ranger, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol and a Tunnel Rat. He retired from the Army in 1987 with many honors.

**God Speed Clint**



**TID-BITS of PROTOCOL; ..... from the Adjutant's desk**

Have you ever asked yourself or wondered “Why is our **National Flag** colored the way it is?” **or** “What do the stars and stripes signify?” **or** “Why are they arranged as they are?” Well here is some information for you on those very questions.



- A) The Flag was authorized by Congress on June 14, 1777, (Flag Day) and it was decreed that there would be 1 star and 1 stripe for each State which at that time meant 13 of each.
- B) As Vermont in 1791 and Kentucky in 1792 became States and were added it became obvious that there would be too many stripes. So in 1818 Congress reduced and restricted the number of stripes to represent the 13 original colonies and declared that a single star be added for each State.
- C) The colors are explained as;
  - Red** is for valor, zeal, and fervency.
  - White** is for hope, purity, cleanliness of life and rectitude.
  - Blue** is for the color of the heavens, for reverence to God, loyalty, sincerity, Justice and truth.
- D) The Star is an ancient symbol of India, Persia and Egypt that symbolizes dominion and sovereignty, As well as lofty aspirations.

**The symbolism of the Flag was thus interpreted by George Washington:** “We take the **stars** from the heavens, the **red** from our mother country, separating it by **white** stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the **white stripes** shall go down to posterity representing liberty.”



**Third Vice Commander Report**

Happy Fall to you all of you my Legionnaire Comrades,

Although it does not feel like the Fall season just yet, it is upon us and I would guess that all of us are looking for and waiting for relief from the Summer. Seasons change and perhaps we don't give it much thought but when a new season kicks in with very cold or very hot temperatures we take notice. We often bring it to the forefront of conversation whether by a casual comment or by comment of a very noticeable awareness of the change. In either case, we notice.

Do we take notice of our comrades' change is health and/or well being when one of them or family members experiences a change, for better or for worse? I believe that many of us take steps to reach out to one in need of comfort or even a congratulations of well being or healing. We are a fabric, each one of us is a thread in the fabric of military service and humankind. Let's reach out through each other to learn about the well being of our fellow veterans and their families.

If you desire a call or visit or if you know of a comrade who would enjoy such, please let me know; or please call me to learn of someone who will be blessed by your outreach to him or her.

God bless you all,

Ignatius DeSandro  
Third Vice, Post 16  
Cell (949) 632-0534

**CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER CORNER ..... Reverend Chuck Christensen**



**Sick Call List:** The following Legionnaires and Auxiliary members are:  
Jennifer Corbett, Mae Mooney, Bay Welch, Cheyenne Lafleur, Jerry Jernigan,  
Roy Kellum, Elmer Hathaway, Bobbie Peterson, Bill & Frances Rosevally,  
Ben White, Pat Oster, Socarro Rome, Al Stumpf, David Duracher Sr., Marie  
Duracher, Ray & May Hartley, Art Bennett, Millie Fitzmorris, Belinda Burks,  
Jessica Kinchen, Al Smith, Wayne Cousins, Brenda Ogden, Richard & Donna  
Hages, Eileen Oltmann, Murphy Neil Jones, Arthur Witherup, Rusty Barketing,  
Ignatius DeSandro, Dottie DeBrock.



**Honor Guard Report**

Greetings all, Since our last communication, the Honor Guard has been busy. We've participated in events as follows:

- 08/25/16, 1200 hrs. & 1400 hrs.      Funeral for each of two fallen comrades at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, Slidell
- 09/03/16, 1400 hrs.                      Funeral: Bob Sander, Past Cmdr., Fielding Funeral Home & Cemetery American Legion District 6; Past Commander, Am. Legion Post 16.
- 09/04/16, 1500 hrs.                      Memorial Service: Capt. Les Parmenter, Christ Episcopal Church, Covington. U.S. Navy Retired
- 09/09/16, 1000 hrs.                      Funeral: Joe Dash, Past Commander, Bagnell Funeral Home, Cemetery Covington/Mandeville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8720
- 09/09/16, 1400 hrs.                      Funeral: Clint Lounsbury, Southeast Louisiana Veterans Cemetery, Slidell. Past 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, Commander & the first Commander of the Honor Guard, American Legion Post 16
- 09/11/16, 1800 hrs.                      9/11 Memorial: Victims & 1<sup>st</sup> Responders at the Justice Center
- 09/13/16, 1400 hrs.                      Order of the Flag instruction at Lake Harbor Jr. High School
- 09/14/16, 0830 hrs.                      Flag Etiquette instruction at Folsom Elementary School

We are thankful for the continued commitment of all our honor guard members. Their contributions are appreciated by more people at every event. It's hard to comprehend the depth of these emotions unless one is involved. To quote Confucius, "I hear and I forget. I see and I believe. I do and I understand."

We would like to increase our honor guard ranks. With our current strength it's often not possible to commit Honor Guard personnel to more than one location at a time. Therefore, we are forced to decline requests for our participation in events.

We look forward to seeing some new faces at the next Honor Guard meeting, on October 10, 2016, at 1600 hrs. Our meetings are on the second Monday each month, at the Post 16 hall, and rarely last more than one hour.

Thank you; God bless you and may God bless America.

**Lynn J. Schneider**, St. Tammany Veterans Honor Guard  
(985) 237-8865



La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux Voiture Locale 224

Fellow Voyageurs,

On **September 16** Voyageur **Stacy Miller** set up a POW/MIA table in the main lobby of the

Justice Center in Covington for **POW/MIA Recognition Day**. This is the fourth year he has done this.

Our next Promenade will be on **October 13 at 7pm**. The meal and social hour at 6pm.

We need all **Directeurs** to come and get the information to order pins for their programs. The **Directeurs are responsible** to get their pins and get them paid for.

Come out and join us for some fun and camaraderie, a meal and share some stories.

Al Barron  
Chef de Gare



**Remarks by Commander Ethan Sharp** ..... SALS Sqd.16

The Squadron will next meet October 4th at 6pm. Come out and support your Squadron.

There are still members that haven't paid their dues for the 2017 year. If you haven't paid your dues, please do as soon as possible.



**Junior Shooting Sports**

They Won't Put Their Eyes Out!

A lot has changed since the times of "A Christmas Story". One thing that hasn't changed is the danger of a "BB" gun in the hands of an untrained child. American Legion Post 16 is trying to do something about that, and also to promote the Shooting Sports as an activity in our community.

The Post is sponsoring a competitive Air Rifle Shooting Club for youth aged 10 through 18. Relationship to a member of the American Legion is NOT required. The club is open to all children in the proper age bracket. There will be adult supervision at all club events. An eight section Air Rifle Safety Course will be taught at the first several club meetings, and each club member will be required to pass an examination before being allowed to handle the air rifles without "up close and personal" supervision. There is a \$25 initial entry fee and a Yearly dues of \$20.00 for each member.

If you know of a child who would be interested in joining, please have him or his parents visit the Post 16 website and download a copy of the application forms and the club rules.

**James Lacassage**

# OCTOBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Check out the Post Facebook Page			Bingo 7:30pm		Bingo 10am	1 Hunter Safety Class 8-4 at Post 16
2 Hunter Safety Class 8-12 at Post 16	3	4 Post General Meeting 7pm Meal 6pm	Bingo 7:30pm	6	7 Bingo 10am	8
9 Past Presidents Lunch 2pm	10 Honor Guard Mtg. 4pm  Columbus Day	11 Auxiliary Visit Heritage Manor 2pm	12 Auxiliary Visit Forrest Manor 2pm  Bingo 7:30pm	13 Voiture 224 Promenade 7pm Meal 6pm	14  Bingo 10am	15
16	17 Jackson Veterans Home to visit Post 16. 11am	18 Post Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm	19  Bingo 7:30pm	20 Military Order of the Purple Heart Meeting 7pm	21 Jr. Auxiliary Mtg. 3:30 Library  Bingo 10am	22 Halloween Party 2pm
23  ----- 30	24  ----- 31 Halloween	25	26 Halloween Costume contest at bingo  Bingo 7:30pm	27	28 Covington Block Party 6pm  Bingo 10am	29 New Post Web Site. Check front page

