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January 2026 Newsletter

Chapter, Squadron, Unit and Post 516 FAMILY

Check out our Post 516 [Facebook](#) and our [New \(in work\) webpage](#)



This year marks America's Semiquincentennial. The 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

From our Post Commander

Happy New Year, Legion Family. As we welcome 2026, I want to thank every member, veteran, family, and supporter who helped make the past year meaningful and successful for our Post. Your dedication to service, community, and one another continues to exemplify what the American Legion stands for.

This month, we renew our commitment to supporting veterans, strengthening patriotism, and investing in the next generation. Winter can be a difficult season for many, so please remember: no Legionnaire stands alone. If you know a veteran or family who could use assistance, encouragement, or connection, reach out. That's why we're here.

Thank you for your loyalty, leadership, and heart. May this year bring strength, good health, and new opportunities for all.

Adrien Camposano

Commander Post 516

From Our Auxiliary President:

Wishing everyone a Happy & joyous New Year. Come in and visit us at Post 516 every Friday night for Karaoke & a good meal. Happy New Year everyone.

Retha Robbins

Unit 516 President

ALA / SAL JUNIORS PROGRAM

Happy 2026!!

Our Juniors finished 2025 by electing honorary officers. Our President is Samantha, Secretary is Theodora, and our Chaplain is Jade. We spent our final meeting of the year learning how different members of our community celebrate the holiday season. We watched informational videos about Diwali, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas. We had a small holiday party with Christmas cookies and Hanukkah jelly donuts.

On Monday, December 22, we visited Lakewood Care Center where we sang holiday songs, passed out handmade Christmas and Hanukkah ornaments and visited with the residents. Everyone had a wonderful time and the children cannot wait to return.

We are looking forward to 2026. Our meetings are the third Thursday at 6:00 pm. Please encourage your children and grandchildren ages 4 yrs to 17 yrs to join us. They must complete the application process for ALA or SAL. Our next meeting is January 15.



Thanks go out to the ALA and SAL/Santa for the Children's Holiday Party. Santa came. Even the adults visited with him. Santa brought toys for everyone!!!! [\[pictures in our scrapbook\]](#)

Marsha Srader

Junior Sponsor

From our SAL Commander

SAL Squadron meeting - 7:00 pm before darts every second Wednesday

Legion Riders meeting Noon on the first Saturday. Ride following the meeting.

Legion Diner news: Our diner is open to the public from 7 am to 2 pm. We are here to serve Veterans and our local community not just our members. All profits are used for The American Legion programs.

Historian and Hubmaster notes

We are working on a new webpage for the post family www.unit516.org

Diner open Tuesday to Saturday 7 am to 2 pm with great food

2nd Tues. TACO TUESDAY (6pm)/BINGO at 7; 3rd Tues. is [Bunco at 7:00](#)

Wednesday: Blind Draw Darts 7 pm sign up, 7:30 pm start

Every Thursday. BURGER NIGHT FREE POOL

Every Friday night Dinner at 6pm, [Karaoke at 7pm](#)

Open every Saturday until the party's over

2026 dues are due in January 2026. Drop it off, mail to the address above or pay on line
Post 516 Organizations 2026 Dues

AL: \$45 (you can [Pay On-line](#)) www.mylegion.org

ALA: \$36 (you can [Pay On-line](#)) www.legion-aux.org

SAL: \$30 (no link for SAL yet). SAL Dual Member \$17 (in addition to AL dues)

Commemorative Brick Program

We are filling around our flag pole with personalized commemorative bricks for \$65 each. purchased to honor any person or group. You do not have to be a member to buy a brick.

[Details and available logos](#); click here for the [brick order form in "pdf"](#) or ["doc"](#)

2025 – 2026 OFFICERS - They are volunteering their time for you, please help them.

Legion

Commander: **Adrien Camposano**

First Vice Cmdr: **Bobby Gallant**

2nd Vice Cmdr: **Tony Travers**

Adjutant: **Dave Etter**

Finance Officer: **Terry Tarkington**

Judge Advocate: **Glen Bowles**

Historian: **Ken Cox**

Chaplain: Vacant

Sgt. at Arms: **Vaughn Hall**

Service Officer: Vacant

Member at Large: **Brad Finger**

Past Commander: **Mike McCrady**

ALA

President: **Retha Robbins**

Vice President: **Darlene Copeland**

Secretary: **Taylor Gallant**

Treasurer: **Marsha Srader**

Sgt. at Arms: Vacant

Historian: **Judy Shipman**

Chaplain: Vacant

Executive Board: **Karen Lomas-Jones**

Executive Board: **Karen Reddout**

SAL

Commander: **Sean Looney**

Vice Commander: **T.A. Hain**

2nd Vice Commander: **David Boyd**

Finance Officer: **Bill Putman**

Adjutant: **Bill Putman**

Chaplain: **"Pistol Bob" Eaton**

Sgt. at Arms: **Vaughn Hall**

Historian: **Ken Cox**

ALR

Director: **Bill Putman**

Asst. Director: **Glen Bowles**

Finance Officer: **"Toothpick" Forshee**

Secretary: **"Mailman Joe" Ackerman**

Chaplain: **Jeff "4-F" Langdon**

Sgt. at Arms: **Vaughn Hall**

Run Coordinator: **Glen Bowles**

January 2026 - Greater Fort Worth Post 516						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	2/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Dinner 7 pm <u>Karaoke</u>	3/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Legion Riders
4/Post Closed	5/Post Closed	6/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	7/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm SAL 7:30 Darts	8/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	9/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Dinner 7 pm <u>Karaoke</u>	10/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm
11/Post Closed	12/Post Closed	13/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Taco Tuesday and Bingo	14/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts	15/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Juniors, 7 pm Post & Unit meetings	16/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Dinner 7 pm <u>Karaoke</u>	17/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 12 noon Sub Veterans
18/Post Closed	19/Post Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm <u>Bunco at</u> <u>7:00</u>	21/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts	22/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	23/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Dinner 7 pm <u>Karaoke</u>	24/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm
25/Post Closed	26/Post Closed	27/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	28/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 7 pm Darts	29/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm	30/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm 6 pm Dinner 7 pm <u>Karaoke</u>	31/Diner open 7 am to 2 pm
Check our Unit 516 Facebook and our on line schedule for more details Submarine Veterans Cowtown Base 3rd Saturday at noon						

--- Current and Coming special events in our District:

THE AMERICAN LEGION [ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#)

Local contests must be completed by **December 14, 2025**.

For information contact Joseph Campbell lokepa789@gmail.com