



The Jameson Reveille



97th Anniversary Edition - 2020 Year in Review

Newsletter of the W. H. Jameson, Jr. Post 216 - Corona, California
The American Legion Department of California

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Post 216 Prepared for 2020 by Honoring

Our 96th Anniversary & The American Legion 100th Anniversary on 14 Dec. 2019

Post 216 celebrated its 96th anniversary and the 100th year of the American Legion and the 100th anniversary of the American Legion in Corona on Saturday, 14 December 2019 from 2pm to 5pm at the Legion Hall at 1024-B South Main Street. The celebration started off with the telecast of the **ARMY - NAVY** Football Game at noon; and continued with a luncheon for Legionnaires and families, and special guests that included Post 742 Commander Al Navarro, Corona Mayor Jason Scott, and Corona City Council member Wes Speake. The meeting marked the kick-off of our Post "**Pillars of Support**" fund-raising campaign to help expand and upgrade the interior of our 1929 vintage Hall. We also helped the Joe Dominguez Post 742 Toy Drive Collection with the collected donations of new unwrapped toys for distribution to local families in need.



L to R: The Hall set-up for the event, Burt Hogue cuts the anniversary cake, Post 742 Toy Drive box.

District 21 of The American Legion Auxiliary Meets at Post 216 on 5 Jan. 2020

Post 216 hosted the District 21 (Riverside County) meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary on Sunday, 5 Jan. 2020 which was headed by District 21 President Kathy Newlen with honored guest Auxiliary Department President Kathie Martinez. Auxiliary Unit 742 President Venus Brambila was hostess.

Post 216 Honors Four Chaplains Day Remembrance at 2/3/2020 Meeting

Post 216 observed Four Chaplains Day on 3 February 2020 with a simple remembrance and salute to the Four Chaplains at the start of our monthly meeting. The observance included the reading of the Four Chaplains story, a prayer, the lighting of four candles for the Chaplains, and a final salute.

L: A simple table display for our Four Chaplains Day Remembrance.

R: Post 216 Officers Roosevelt, Brightenburg, Badowski, and Hogue render a salute to the Four Chaplains.





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Post 216 Personnel Turn Out for Redlands Boy Scout Lincoln Parade & Display

On 8 February 2020, Post 216 Adjutant Glen Roosevelt helped coordinate a color guard for the Inland Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America at the 51st Annual Redlands Lincoln Pilgrimage Parade. The annual Boy Scout parade commemorates the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln; and provides an introduction to Civil War history, and to the Lincoln Shrine Museum in Redlands. Post 216 Sergeant-at-Arms Steve Doyle participated in the Civil War history display of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) Camp 18, which meets bi-monthly at the Post 216 Legion Hall. Past Post Commander Burton Hogue is also a member of SUVCW Camp 18. There is a small brass plaque monument in front of the Legion Hall that was dedicated by Post 216 to Corona's Civil War veterans in 1934. A small display case of Civil War Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) veteran badges and ribbons which was donated by Corona Civil War veteran Barnabas Savery is housed within the Legion Hall.



L: Post 216 Adj. Roosevelt, SUVCW Dept. Cmdr. Rudy Velasco, and Post 216 Sgt.-at-Arms Steve Doyle at the Lincoln Shrine SUVCW display. C: The 1934 dedicated plaque to Corona's Civil War Veterans in front of the Legion Hall. R: The Barnabas Savery GAR badge collection.

Corona High School NJROTC Annual Inspection & Pass-In-Review

On 21 February 2020, Post 216 Adjutant Glen Roosevelt and other veteran organization representatives were guests of honor at the Corona High School JROTC Annual Inspection and Pass-In-Review. Post 216 along with Joe Dominguez Post 742 helps support the NJROTC program throughout the year with awards, scholarship grants, and the selection of candidates to the American Legion Department of California Boys State program. The morning was very warm for February, and the 4 platoons of cadets were tested by the heat; but they withstood the conditions to receive their many awards, and to march in fine order past the reviewing stand commanded by Senior Instructor Captain Jeffery Dale – USN (Ret.) and First Sergeant Zinn – USMC (Ret.)



L: Corona High School NJROTC after Pass-in-Review with dignitaries. R: Honored guests with Sr. Instr. Capt. Jeffery Dale at far right.



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Post 216 Activities are Curtailed by Covid-19 Health Warnings

The 6 April 2020, Post 216 meeting was the first to be affected by the Covid-19 health advisories. Due to the advisories the meeting was postponed until 13 April; and it was conducted remotely via Zoom. Due to the on-going pandemic all our Post meetings have been conducted remotely with only very limited participation at the Legion Hall during our first remote meeting set-ups. The Hall has been equipped with sanitary supplies and Covid-19 information signs to provide warnings and guidelines about the health advisory. *All our Legionnaires are encouraged to follow the health advisories.*



Covid-19 warning signs and cleaning supplies at the Hall; and one remote Zoom meeting from the Legion Hall on our big screen TV donated by Rosemary Capuano of the Auxiliary. All subsequent business meetings have been conducted virtually from our homes.

Corona High School NJROTC Awards and Boys State Candidate

The Covid-19 health advisories also postponed the Corona High School NJROTC Annual Awards Banquet at Post 742 in May and the Department of California Boys State conference at Sacramento in June. Corona High School NJROTC Senior Instructor Captain Jeffery Dale accepted the Post 216 awards; and conducted a brief informal Awards Ceremony with prescribed face coverings at Lincoln Park in Corona on Friday 7/10/2020. The Whitcomb Scholarship Grant and ROTC awards totaled \$950.



The cadets shown are, left to right are: Humam Alnuaimi – Post 742 Award, **Cesar Campos – Post 216 Gold Award & Whitcomb Scholarship**, Elizabeth Heredia – Post 742 Award, **Allison Lester – Post 216 Bronze Award**, Captain Dale, Nolan Doupnik – Post 742 Award, **Brandon Fregeau – Post 216 Silver Award**, and Harith Alnuaimi – Post 742 Award.



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Posts 216 and 742 Memorial Day Ceremony at Corona Sunnyslope Cemetery

The Covid-19 health advisories hampered our usual Memorial Day ceremonies at Sunnyslope Cemetery on Saturday 23 May and Monday 25 May. Post 742 and Auxiliary still led the way with a limited number of volunteers who placed flags on the graves of veterans on Saturday. The usual commemorative ceremony on Monday Memorial Day was scaled down to the Honor Detail of Post 742 and Post 216 Adjutant Glen Roosevelt who along with Post 742 Commander David Brambila delivered remembrance addresses on behalf of their Posts. The Post 742 Honor Detail fired a rifle salute; and Past Commanders Al Navarro of Post 742 and Glen Roosevelt of Post 216 placed a wreath at the Soldiers Monument. The ceremony was attended by a limited number of guests due to the health advisory restrictions; but included Corona Mayor Jim Steiner, and Council Woman Jacque Casillas.



L: The flag at half-staff at the Veterans Monument at Sunnyslope. C: The wreath presented by Posts 216 & 742. R Top: Legionnaires; Glen Roosevelt (216), and Al Navarro, Freddy Garcia, Larry Hernandez, Tom Sherman & David Brambila (all of Post 742). R Bottom: The eternal resting place of our Post 216 namesake W.H. Jameson, Jr. at Sunnyslope.

Post 216 Auxiliary at Memorial Day Ceremony at Riverside National Cemetery

Rosemary Capuano of the Auxiliary continued her outstanding service to our departed Corona veterans and friends at RNC with her selfless distribution of floral arrangements that she puts together from donated flowers. Dependent on the contributions, 20-40 graves are memorialized weekly. She took time to place flags on veterans' graves in the section where her husband and our Post 216 Comrade Fred Capuano is interred. While there she noted the family of Bobby and Karen Spiegel placing 1500 flags on veterans' graves which resulted in Rosemary making a recommendation that Post 216 recognize the Spiegel family for their efforts. **Special "Thanks" to Rosemary for all she does.**



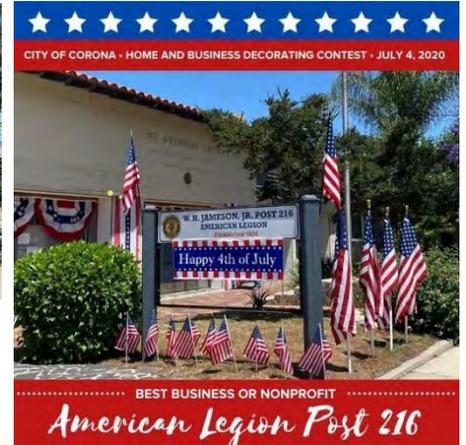


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★★★★ Post 216 Virtual 4th of July Observance & Photo Contest ★★★★★

Rosemary Capuano was also instrumental in decorating our Post 216 building for the City of Corona Virtual 4th of July event which replaced the annual parade because of the Covid-19 advisory. The virtual event consisted of the building decorations, for which Rosemary's photo of the Post garnered the winning entry for businesses; and a video virtual parade from previous parade photos which was used by the Corona Arts Commission to help produce their virtual parade video. For her outstanding efforts Rosemary has earned a "Jamie" award from the Post which will be presented at a later date.



From this to this Equals THIS ★★★
Special "Thanks" again to Rosemary for all she does.

Corona Chamber of Commerce Veterans Day "Salute to the Military"

The Corona Chamber of Commerce put on their Annual Veterans Day "Salute to the Military" on 13 November 2020 under Covid-19 gathering restrictions. Rather than being at the usual indoor venue, the event was staged outdoors in a banquet-sized tent in the parking lot of IHop. Post 216 members David Badowski, Joe Giehm, Ray Mogel, Ed Fernandez and wife Cathy, and Rosemary Capuano of the Auxiliary attended on our behalf. David Badowski accepted our membership plaque from the Chamber; and David and Rosemary presented a Commendation Certificate to Bobby and Karen Spiegel and their family for their Memorial Day flag placement efforts at Riverside National Cemetery.



Top: Post 216 Finance Officer David Badowski makes a Post 216 certificate award to Bobby & Karen Spiegel, who in turn presented Dave with our Chamber of Commerce member plaque.



Bottom: Dave and Rosemary Capuano with CoC Chairman Don Williamson; and Dave brings the plaque to the Hall.





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Finance Officer David Badowski Named Post 216 Legionnaire of the Year

Post 216 Finance Officer David Badowski was belatedly presented with the Post 216 Legionnaire of the Year Award for 2019 – 2020 at the 2 November 2020 virtual meeting. Dave's award actually dates back to 2018 when he took over as Finance Officer from Burt Hogue; and he worked to get the financial records and reporting converted to electronic files. He also took on the responsibility for getting the telephone, internet, and cable television updated and on-line; and he reworked and reactivated the vandalized video surveillance system and the alarm system. He also took over the role of building renovation planner by generating an electronic layout drawing of the building showing the planned renovation and remodeling that could be handed off to the architect and construction team. Along with Rosemary Capuano, he researched and completed our membership application to the Corona Chamber of Commerce, so we could be more connected with the Corona business community. In his spare time, he has repaired broken sprinklers, and fixed any number of other broken things around the Post. **Unfortunately, Dave and his wife have moved to Idaho in March to be near their son's family and another soon-to-arrive grandchild. Dave will be sorely missed ... and if any of our members can step up to take over some of Dave's volunteer responsibilities it would be greatly appreciated.**

Dave gets hold of the perpetual Post 216 Legionnaire of the Year Award for a little while as he picks it up with his name engraved on it; and puts it back down on display in the Hall.



City of Corona Historical Landmark Designation of Legion Hall

Post 216 Legionnaire Rich Winn, also an officer in the Corona Historical Preservation Society, took on the task of applying for City of Corona Landmark Designation for our 1929 constructed Legion Hall building; and his labors have paid off. Rich researched and wrote up an extensive historical survey of the building; and presented it to the City Planning Commission on 9 November 2020, where it was approved. The application was then passed on to the City Council on 1 December, where it was likewise accepted and approved. Great thanks to Rich for his efforts, and to Joe Giehm for appearing at the meetings to speak in support of the Landmark Designation.



Rich Winn (left) and Joe Giehm (right) bookend a circa 1937 photo of the Legion Hall during the presentation to the City Council.



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Rosemary Capuano of the Auxiliary Provides Food and Meals to Families in Need; and Helps with Wreaths Across America Placements at Riverside National Cemetery

Rosemary Capuano on behalf of the Auxiliary provided two veteran families with food for a complete Thanksgiving dinner. The Auxiliary (Rosemary) worked with a disabled veteran with six children in Dana Point by providing food weekly for the entire month of November. The other family is a senior veteran and his wife in Corona. The surplus food came from a church in Orange County (Calvary Church in San Clemente) where Rosemary's sister and she now volunteer. They received donated turkeys and hams for Christmas; and delivered them to the two veterans' families.

Rosemary and her friend Erika Letts also volunteered to help at Riverside National Cemetery on 19 December 2020 to decorate veterans' graves with evergreen wreaths from Wreaths Across America and more of the donated flowers.



L: Rosemary Capuano & Erika Letts distribute Wreaths Across America at Riverside National Cemetery on 19 December 2020.

C: A wreath and flowers as remembrances at the resting place of our Post 216 Comrade Fred Capuano who left us in Mar 2020.

R: Our Post 216 Comrade and Marine veteran Jimmy Love is remembered along with his wife Rheba Marie Love. *Semper Fi*

L: Flowers and a wreath are placed to remember our Post 216 Coast Guard buddy Vernon Stoehr ... *Semper Paradis.*

R: Rosemary and Erika helped place flowers and wreaths throughout the cemetery to help remember our veterans.



Post 216 Continues Donations, Giving, and Veteran Support Despite Covid-19 Setbacks

The Covid-19 health emergency which started in early in 2020 had a significant impact on many of our usual activities, programs, and services. We were however able to adapt and maintain our Post communications and basic functions via virtual business meetings and reduced member on-site participation in maintenance and administration. Many of the outside community programs that we support were also curtailed. However, besides the outstanding giving work of Rosemary Capuano of the Auxiliary reported above, Post 216 was able to make total donations of \$2,661 to emergency support to veterans in need, support to our neighbor Joe Dominguez Post 742, support to the Memorial Honor Detail at Riverside National Cemetery, and support to various youth activities.

Correspondingly, Post 216 received donations and support from our Legionnaires and our Corona neighbors for which we are eternally thankful.



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Building Renovation / Upgrade Project

Early in 2019 Post 216 undertook Phase 1 of a building upgrade of our 1929-built Legion Hall which had been modified and partitioned for sub-letting in 1976. Phase 1 of the upgrade was exterior painting and roof repairs which were completed in time for the May 11, 2019 **Corona Historical Preservation Society Vintage Home Tour**. The Tour was a great success; and we had hundreds of visitors. One consistent comment we heard during the tour was "... how small the Hall seemed". Indeed, the Hall had shrunk during the 1976 partitioning which was enacted to provide a sustaining revenue source for the Post. The visitors recalled weddings and dances and Quinceaneras in a Hall that was much larger.

We are now embarking on additional phases of a renovation / upgrade program that will double the size of the Hall interior, upgrade the restrooms to ADA standards, and more. See the next page for more information about fund-raising for the project, and about how you might be able to help us to achieve our goal of renovating and upgrading the Hall to better serve our veterans and community.

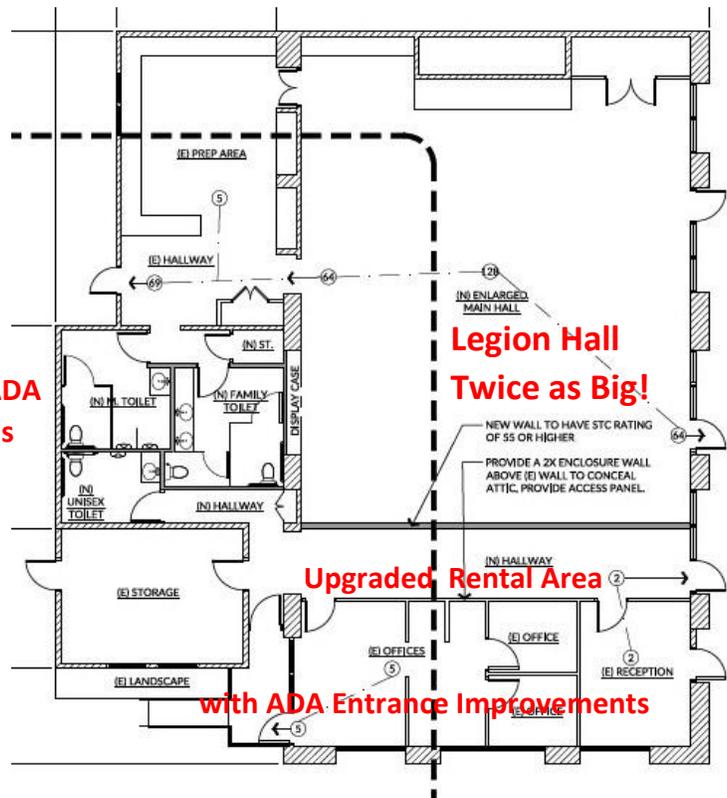
The plans for the additional phases of the renovation / upgrade program have been prepared; and are almost ready for submittal to the City for approval and permits. The plan will remove the 1976 dividing wall, double the size of the Hall interior, provide a wide entrance hallway for the rental office suite, provide a separate unisex restroom for the rental office suite, provide a men's restroom and a women's / family restroom solely for the Legion Hall use, upgrade all the restrooms to ADA standards, create another entrance door for the enlarged Legion Hall, upgrade the doors for ADA ease of access, an ADA access ramp to the rental door, redistribute and upgrade the overhead lighting and ceiling fans, make some normal repairs in the rental office suite, and finally remodel the refreshments prep area. David Badowski has been instrumental in leading the renovation project by starting with the development of the initial computer-generated concept drawings and turning those over to the architect after review and consultation with the project contractors. While Dave was developing the plans, he found many items to recommend for upgrade or repair; and he did the upgrades and repairs himself.

Please see the next page of this newsletter for how you can help with the Renovation!



Dave Badowski points out and explains the highlights of the renovation / upgrade plan during a meeting in February 2020. A portion of the architect's final drawing depicts the renovation.

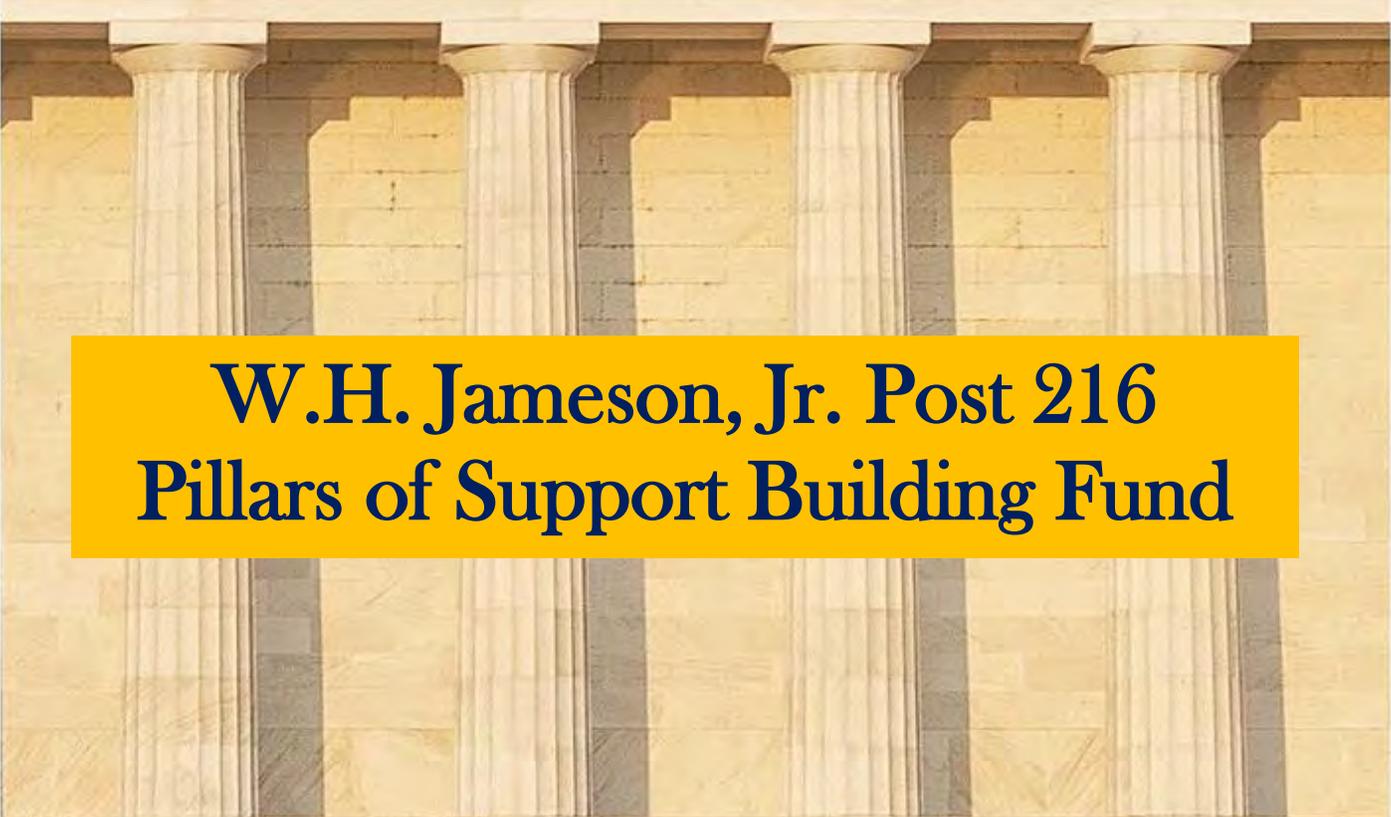
Upgraded ADA Restrooms



**Legion Hall
Twice as Big!**

Upgraded Rental Area

with ADA Entrance Improvements



W.H. Jameson, Jr. Post 216 Pillars of Support Building Fund

Platinum
\$2500 & Up

Gold
Up to \$1000

Silver
Up to \$500

Bronze
Up to \$250

Building Renovation – “*Pillars of Support*” Fundraising

Please help us to renovate our 1929-built Legion Hall by becoming one of our “*Pillars of Support*”. The American Legion was formed on the *Four Pillars* of Veterans, Defense, Americanism, and Youth. We’ve selected *Pillars of Support* for our theme for helping to renovate and expand our Legion Hall.

If you can help with a donation, please fill out the form below and mail your donation to the Post. All donations will be acknowledged with a Certificate and an engraved nameplate on the permanent *Pillars of Support* commemorative plaque which will hang in a place of honor in the renovated Hall.

Yes, I want to help with my donation for the renovation and expansion of the Post 216 Legion Hall.

Bronze Pillar donation (to \$250) \$ _____ Silver Pillar donation (to \$500) \$ _____

Gold Pillar donation (to \$1000) \$ _____ Platinum Pillar donation (\$2500+) \$ _____

Name (First, middle, last) _____

Business Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Make checks or money orders payable to: **American Legion Post 216**. With Memo: **Building Fund**.

Mail donations and this form to: **American Legion Post 216, 1024-B S. Main St., Corona CA 92882**

DO NOT SEND CASH! The American Legion is a non-profit 501(c)19 Veterans Organization.



POST 216 NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2021 – 2022

Post 216 Legionnaires have stepped forward to serve as Post Officers since 1923.

Our current mostly Vietnam – era veteran Post Officers have collectively served over the past 6 years, and longer.

Can you help us hand off the leadership of the Post and our service to the community for our next 100 years to our younger generations of veterans?

W. H. JAMESON, JR. POST 216
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**Next Meeting 7:30pm
Monday 5 April 2021
Officer Nominations
for 2021 - 2022**

Officer Nominations for the July 2021 – June 2022 year will take place during the 5 April and 3 May meetings, with elections at the 3 May meeting. If you can volunteer your time to serve as a Post Officer, please contact Adjutant Glen Roosevelt at 714-318-5723 mobile / text or email to adjutant@legionpost216.org for more details. Officer positions open will be: Commander, 1st Vice Cmdr., 2nd Vice Cmdr., 3rd Vice Cmdr., Adjutant, Finance Officer, others.