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Commander's Message

As I sit here and ponder on what to write since there have been no activity here at our Post since the COVID-19 hit us on March 16, the first thing that comes to mind is I hope everyone is safe healthy especially our Legion Family. This Virus is nothing to fool around with whether we are young or we are old. We just don't know where this enemy is hiding that is why we need to take measures to prevent the spread of this Virus. So when you visit our Legion be prepared to have your temperature taken, sanitize your hands, make sure you are wearing a mask until you're seated and please when you get up and walk around put on your mask.

Thanks to our House Committee John Granite, Bill Wolf, Phil Ludlum Sr and Spaz, many improvements have been made here at the Legion. Starting with a new lighting system, repairing the southwest corner of our building where a car ran into it and also our new parking lot. Since we made numerous donations to local charities during the pandemic, we sort of ran out of money and were unable to buy new furniture as we had

planned. It is coming but not just right now.

I would like to thank the SAL Commander Joe Verdura for the countless hours that he spent in the kitchen preparing some really good meals for our Legion family. He thought it was time to retire and enjoy life fishing in the bay and cruising around in his boat. We had to hire 2 new cooks to take his place, so be patient when ordering your food.

If anyone is interested in playing Game Night again this year, keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet which will be posted on the bulletin board next to the Men's room sometime in the latter part of August. Sign up and be prepared to have a couple months of fun comradery with other Legionnaires.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun filled summer. Ocean City is a great place to have fun but remember DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE. Call Uber, a cab or take a bus. Be smart and play it safe.

May God Bless You and May God Bless America.

Tom Wengert,
Commander



FLAG DAY WAS JUNE 14TH AND OLD GLORY HAS A MESSAGE FOR ALL

I am old Glory: For more than eleven* score years I have been the banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation of Americans.

Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom, I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty* sovereign states.

Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American faith my gently fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions. Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage.

They have looked upon me as symbol of

national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which have been granted to every American as the heritage of free men.

So long as men love liberty more than life itself; so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers; so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.



Members of the Ocean City Rotary Club and Worcester County Veterans Memorial posted US Flags at the Memorial in Ocean Pines. The flags are posted with the names of Heroes on each flag from Armed Forces Day May 16th until July 4th.

Those who posted the flags are as follows: Ocean City Rotary Club - Margaret Mudron, Donna Berg, Cathy Chambers, Dr. Larry Michnick, Dan Harris, Nancy Bradford, Sam Chambers, Steve Gragerts, Bill Ferguson and Cliff Berg. Worcester County Veterans Memorial-President Marie Gilmore, Jim Spicknall, Susan Pantone, Bob Gilmore, Ken Ingram. This Fund Raiser has been very successful for the past few years.

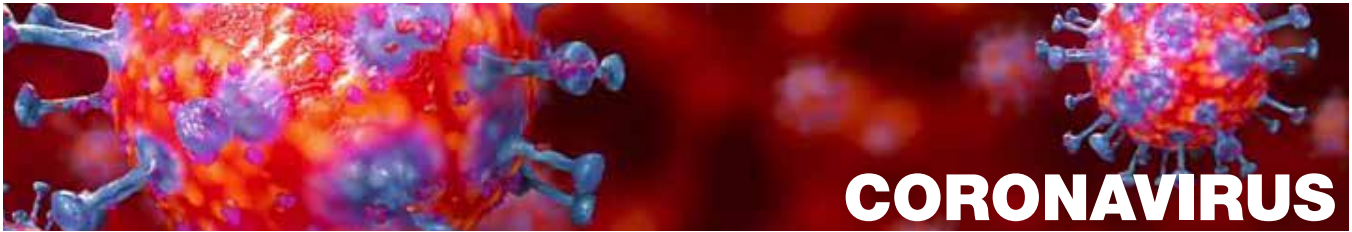


Virginia "Ginny" Harmon



Virginia "Ginny" Harmon" the last Charter Member of Synepuxent Unit #166 American Legion Auxiliary passed away on June 25, 2020 was finishing up her 74th year of Auxiliary membership. She was still active in the Auxiliary Unit and a supporter of the Al Harmon Memorial Scholarship Fund of Post #166 which was named after her hus-

band, Alfred "Al" Harmon. Her daughter Pam and son-in-law Bob Harbaugh made sure she visited the Post on a regular basis. She will be missed by the Post Historian for her recall of events and activities from years past. Virginia "Ginny" Stafford Harmon's legacy included manning the Observation Towers during WWII here in Ocean City.



WORDS REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS 19

A few of the Posts Officers have stepped forward to share a few thoughts regarding the World Changer. We thank them.

Corona Virus-19 Reflection:

The national pandemic reality began in earnest mid-March in our area. We were told the apocalypse was upon us. Potentially two million Americans could die!

Like most good citizens we adhered to the directions of our elected officials. We stayed at home, everything closed up except what someone identified as essential. We spent our time catching up on yard work, emptying closets. Read many good books. We only ventured out for necessities wearing a mask. We celebrated anniversaries, birthdays and special occasions on a new App ZOOM. Fun but certainly not the same! We even bought a car from home. We saw our hair grow long and every new day like "Ground Hog Day"!

Now let's get back to normal! Without overbearing restrictions!

People need to get back to work! Business needs to open! Kids need to play sports and do things kids do. Get back to school on time with a minimal of disruption and change! Be careful, act smart, stay away from people if you feel sick but get back to a normal life!

Bob Gilmore, Sgt-at-Arms

The corona lockdown has been an awakening experience for me. Almost like a forced vacation in reverse. I find myself spending all my time doing the things that really matters, like having real, more meaningful conversations with my wife and pulling flower garden weeds. Miss the social times in life but not ready to get back until it's safe to do so.

Chaplain Ben Dawson

While I have not necessarily been impacted by the virus itself, my work life has been extremely affected. I began working from home on March 16th and continue to do so. The transition from in person to online classes created quite an ordeal in dealing with our VA education benefi-

ciaries.

I am looking forward to returning to campus to see our students and also my colleagues.

Thanks, Shannon Hardester, Historian

COVID-19 – Stillness & Silence

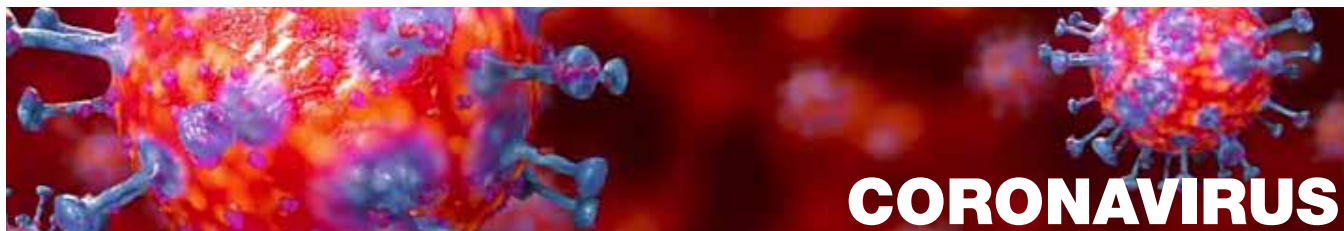
As a hearing challenged individual, (I wear two hearing aids), diminished sounds were already a way of life for me. What I was not prepared for during this pandemic was how amplified silence would become due to COVID-19. Now that is an oxymoron statement but true for me.

When asked to put my thoughts down on how I was handling the stay at home order, two things pop into my mind: the song "Sounds of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel and the book "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson. Normally I am not a deep philosophical person, so I was taken back as to why these two things immediately came to mind. Taking a step back to consider why, the following are factors I surmise contributed to those two thoughts.

Ocean City, vacation town, tourist activated, the atmosphere always charged with energy. Now Coastal Highway, devoid of vehicle traffic is silent, looking more like a paused tape recorder tape. Our beautiful beach, silent, deserted, no footprints, even the cries of the few aquatic birds seem subdued. The engine driving our town, the boardwalk, silent. No sounds nor aromas to stimulate, it seems more like a car that ran out of gas and sits empty on the side of the road.

No restaurants, happy hours, or churches to socialize. Zoom does not come close to satisfying the need to physically interact with family or friends. Going grocery shopping has the same atmosphere as walking into a funeral parlor, no one speaks or looks at you, heads usually looking down.

When you factor in the cold wet Spring to all of the above, I have a better understanding why those two thoughts came to mind. Normally I believe myself to be a happy optimistic person with



a bit of a sarcastic sense of humor. I do not see myself dwelling on the things I mentioned as I had not considered them prior to being asked.

Like most folks, I am looking forward to physically interacting with folks no matter where. Oh, to have dialog with live conversations including laughter, body language and even disagreements. I do not think it will happen, but my wish is for people to put down their smart phones, look each other in the eye and say welcome back.

Tom Devaux, Adjutant

How has the COVID-19 virus affected my life? Since I work at an essential business, the

virus has actually had little effect on me. I work six hours a day Monday through Thursday. The greatest negative impact has to do with the draconian limitation on my ability to attend worship. The greatest negative part is the fact that we are no longer able to dine out as we did before COVID-19 took over. Having worked in medicine as a Corpsman in the NAVY I am more aware of the effects of diseases on the human than most people and I do not fear this virus: I respect it, but I do not fear it, especially since the cure rate in America is above 99 percent. The bottom line; God is good and this too will pass.

John Bussard, Executive Committee



AMERICAN LEGION 2020 BASEBALL SEASON

!!! CANCELLED !!!

Our 2020 American Legion Baseball Team had a long winter waiting for the the season to begin. They looked forward to picking up where they left off from last year, by winning the Department of Maryland's Runner Up Trophy.

Then the sad, bad and terrible news came from National that the season had been cancelled. It

affected the National, Regional, State and Local Teams across the land. OUCH.

Manager Eric Snelsire, Coach Brady Hare and Post #166 Rep David Parsons will be working with our players to keep their interest in Post #166's team ready for the 2021 season.

The Coronavirus 19 did it again.



SUPPORT THE TROOPS

30 YEARS

by Sarge Garlitz

September 1990 was when it all began and I was stationed at Dover Air Force Base as a Security Policeman. It was a little over a month since Desert Shield started on August 2, 1990 and we were getting our shifts layed out 4-6 weeks in advance. I was able to return to my home in Ocean City.

I met a Stephen Decatur High School English Teacher, Lynn Barton and we talked about the needs for the troops. The bottom line was she wanted to start a drive for the needed items at SDHS. The program collecting items had just started at Synepuxent Post #166, with Art Palmer of the Hideaway Lounge at 21st Street, Bunky and Pat Hensler at the Westside Lounge in West Ocean City, Vince Coyne of Coins Pub, the VFW of Ocean City, Billy and Maddy Carter of BJ's on the Water, and Jimmy Diatris of Candy Kitchen

kicking off the program.

Several times I collected the items and took them to Dover AFB. The packed boxes were placed on a C-5 Aircraft with the Security Police that were heading to the Saudi Area. The teams collecting the needed items really worked very hard and 6 deliveries were sent abroad to the Support the Troops designation. Most of the deliveries to Dover took at least 3 vehicles each trip which made the opening season of Support the Troops a huge success.

The 30th season for Support the Troops will be starting in September. A press release will be coming also in September with a highlight of the past 30 years. FYI, on December 5th, the items will be sorted and prepared for packing. On Sunday Dec 6th, will be the packing of the boxes to be shipped on December 7th.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR 2020



John Granite

John Granite a dedicated member of Synepuxent Post #166 with 54 years of Legion Service is the Legionnaire of the Year for 2019-2020. John is a member of the Post's Executive Committee and is involved in most of the Posts activities. Last summer he was

on the Boardwalk selling tickets for the Jeep, served as Chairman for the Al Harmon Memorial Scholarship Committee and processed over a dozen scholarships. He also was an active member of the American Legion Baseball Committee, Support the Troops program, Veterans Day program, Four Chaplain Service, Memorial Day program, Donations Committee, Med Tran Program, Veterans Outreach Programs and the

First Responders Awards Program. His ability to organize and/or participate in the events was outstanding. He is also well known as the Chairman of the House Committee and organized the Post to take care of the Coronavirus ordeal. His leadership this past year has been awesome and he has the Post marching "in step" to meet its challenges.

THE LEGIONNAIRE OF YEAR PROGRAM STARTED IN 2005

2005 Elmer Muth	2013 WL "Sarge" Garlitz
2006 Frank Hoover	2014 Martin Price
2007 Jim Mills	2015 Ed Hansen
2008 Charles Rummel	2016 William Wolfe
2009 John Sauer	2017 Joe Salifia
2010 Nate Pearson	2018 Ben Dawson
2011 Paul Hawkins	2019 Jack Hyle
2012 John Granite	

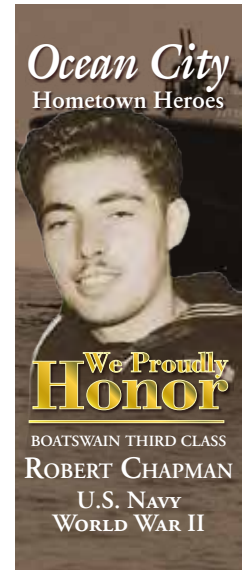
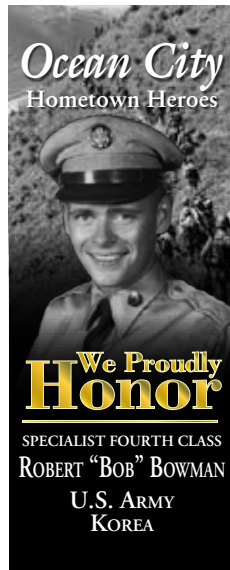
50 Years or More as Members

Membership	Name	War	Years	Branch
REGULAR	Sam E Villani	Vietnam	50	US Navy
REGULAR	Francis A Pfeifer	Vietnam	50	US Marine Corps
REGULAR	William G Baker	Vietnam	50	US Army
REGULAR	Samuel T Ludlam	Vietnam	50	US Navy
REGULAR	Ricks E Savage	Vietnam	51	US Coast Guard
REGULAR	George B Spicer	Vietnam	51	US Air Force
REGULAR	Matthew G Wiharle	Vietnam	51	US Army
REGULAR	John O Brooks	Vietnam	52	US Army
REGULAR	Bruce Gibbs	Vietnam	52	US Coast Guard
REGULAR	Phil Ludlam	Vietnam	52	US Navy
REGULAR	William G Mayne	Vietnam	52	US Army
REGULAR	Richard L Bayles	Vietnam	53	US Marine Corps
REGULAR	Stephen C Mastbrook	Vietnam	53	US Air Force
REGULAR	John G Granite	Vietnam	54	US Army
REGULAR	Albert M Hastings	Vietnam	54	US Army
REGULAR	Marvin E Shockey	Vietnam	54	US Army
REGULAR	Martin R Spindler	Vietnam	54	US Navy
REGULAR	John C Dorman	Korea	55	US Army
PUFL	William L Garlitz	Vietnam	55	US Air Force
REGULAR	Nicoll S Frederick	Vietnam	55	US Army
REGULAR	William G Wilkins	Vietnam	55	US Army
REGULAR	John J Yoncha	Korea	55	US Navy
REGULAR	William J McNelis	Korea	56	US Army
REGULAR	Dennis L Shoemaker	Vietnam	61	US Navy
REGULAR	John F Ferry	Korea	63	US Navy
REGULAR	Harold L Montgomery	Korea	63	US Air Force
REGULAR	Oscar L Brittingham	Korea	67	US Army
PUFL	William A Popa	WWII	69	US Marine Corps
PUFL	Stanley V Czajka	WWII	71	US Navy
REGULAR	Russell C Bradford	WWII	74	US Army
PUFL	James T Taylor	WWII	74	US Army

Paid Up For Life Members

Membership	Name	War	Branch
PUFL	William E Berry	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	Janeen L Birkhead	Persian Gulf	US Army
PUFL	Frederick H Bohn	Vietnam	US Marine Corps
PUFL	Jack M Brittingham	Korea	US Army
PUFL	William Broderick	Korea	US Marine Corps
PUFL	John R Bussard	Vietnam	US Navy
PUFL	Carolyn J Cipriani	Lebanon/Grenada	US Army
PUFL	Alexander D Clabia	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	Claude G Coleman JR	WWII	US Navy
PUFL	Thomas P Collins	WWII	US Navy
PUFL	Chris Colquhoun	Persian Gulf	US Navy
PUFL	Richard E Conway	Vietnam	US Navy
PUFL	Wayne L Cott	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	Stanley V Czajka	WWII	US Navy
PUFL	Frank N DelPiano	Vietnam	US Marine Corps
PUFL	Warren J Disbrow	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	Richard H Dixon	Vietnam	US Air Force
PUFL	Douglas A Dods	Persian Gulf	US Army
PUFL	Carl J Dolle JR	Vietnam	US Air Force
PUFL	Henry W Dudka	Vietnam	US Air Force
PUFL	Harold P Evans JR	Vietnam	US Navy
PUFL	Donald B Farren	Vietnam	US Marine Corps
PUFL	Michael R Feltz JR	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	Brian Flynn	Vietnam	US Marine Corps
PUFL	William L Garlitz	Vietnam	US Air Force
PUFL	Jerome D Guentner	Vietnam	US Air Force
PUFL	Richard G Hannah	Korea	US Navy
PUFL	Clifford A Hare III	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	Albert F Hastings	Vietnam	US Navy
PUFL	Earl S Hewitt	Korea	US Air Force
PUFL	Jere C Hodges	Vietnam	US Navy
PUFL	Daniel W Holtzer	Vietnam	US Air Force
PUFL	Thomas B Howard	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	Keith M Kaiser	Persian Gulf	US Navy
PUFL	Michael A LeCompte	Persian Gulf	US Coast Guard
PUFL	Thomas M Lowe	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	Harold R Macknet SR	Vietnam	US Marine Corps
PUFL	Ned P Makin	Korea	US Air Force
PUFL	Chester R Maternick SR	Korea	US Navy
PUFL	Albert C Miller	Vietnam	US Air Force
PUFL	George N Mitchell	Korea	US Army
PUFL	Thomas A Neidenbach	Vietnam	US Navy
PUFL	Peter B Palmer	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	William A Popa	WWII	US Marine Corps
PUFL	Kenneth M Rafferty	Vietnam	US Navy
PUFL	Raymond L Reed JR	Korea	US Marine Corps
PUFL	Glen A Reely	Vietnam	US Navy
PUFL	Hershel L Rose	Korea	US Army
PUFL	William H Russell	Korea	US Navy
PUFL	Lawrence J Schaub JR	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	Raymond J Semega	Vietnam	US Marine Corps
PUFL	Patrick M Sharkey	Vietnam	US Marine Corps
PUFL	Howard L Simons JR	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	Earl K Taylor	Vietnam	US Army
PUFL	James T Taylor	WWII	US Army
PUFL	Edgar W Turney	Vietnam	US Army
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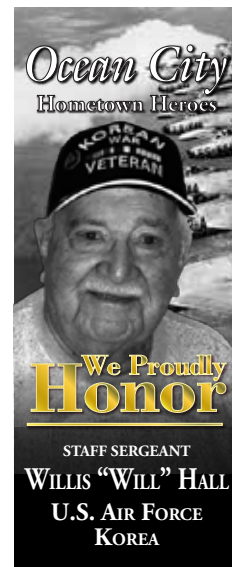
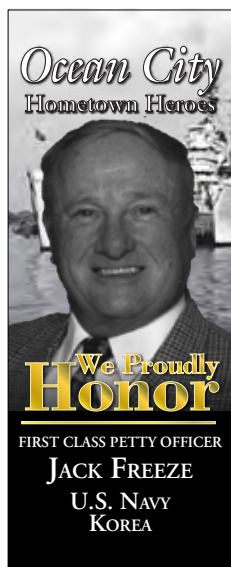
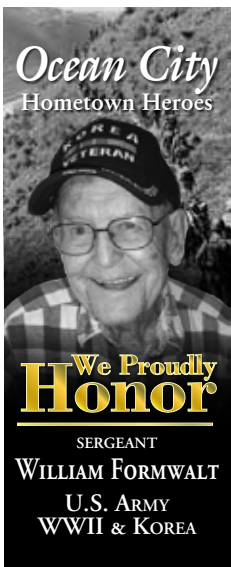
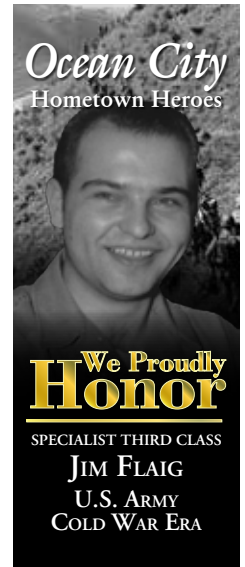


Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645 proudly presents the 2020 Ocean City Elks Hometown Heroes Military Banner Program.

We are once again happy to honor our local World War II, Korea and Cold War Era Veterans as well as well as our current Active Duty Military Personnel from Worcester County. These heroes are being honored by having their pictures featured on patriotic banners along the Ocean City Boardwalk. The banners are now on display on the boardwalk from the Pier to Fourth Street. Because of the COVID-19 situation, there was not be a 2020 banner dedication ceremony.

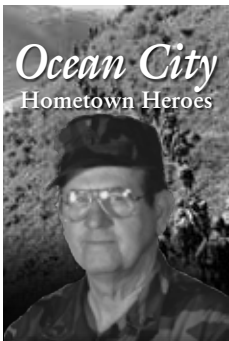
The banner presentation ceremony will be held in the Flaig-Wagner Banquet Hall on Saturday, October 24, 2020 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend our Banner Presentation Ceremony. Local businesses, fraternal organizations and citizens sponsored the banners honoring our local Hometown Heroes.

*— Pat Riordan, Banner Program Manager
Ocean City Elks Lodge 2645 Veterans Committee*



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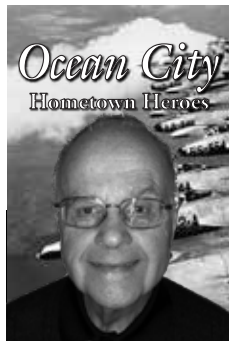
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We Proudly Honor

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WARDIE JARVIS, JR.
U.S. ARMY
KOREA
U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

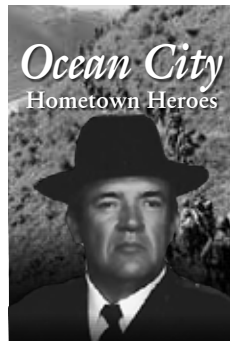
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AIRMAN FIRST CLASS
GEORGE "RON" JOBSON
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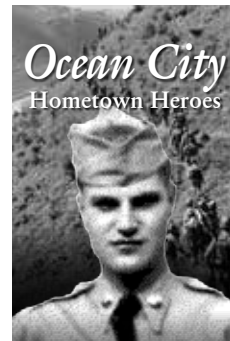
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MILITARY POLICE OFFICER
DOUG JUCKETT
U.S. ARMY
COLD WAR ERA

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CORPORAL
ROBERT A. KARLHEIM
U.S. ARMY
KOREA

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FIRE TECHNICIAN
CHARLES G. KITZIG
U.S. NAVY
KOREA

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JOHN KUSY
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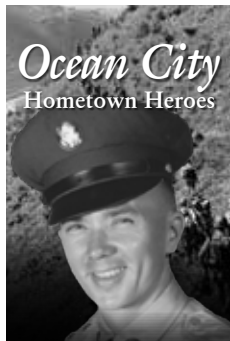
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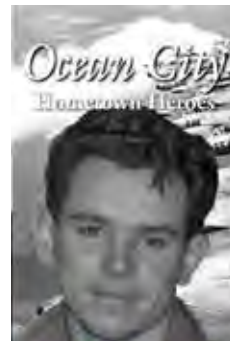
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U.S. ARMY
COLD WAR

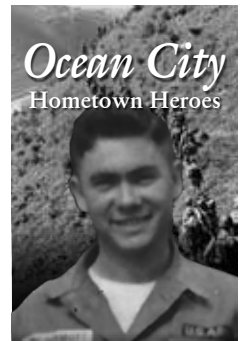
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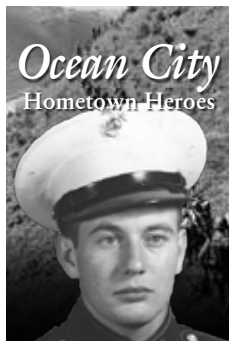
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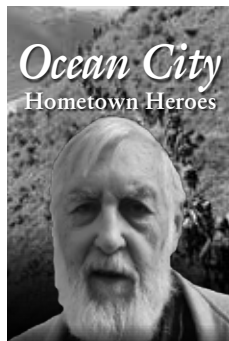
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KOREA
PURPLE HEART

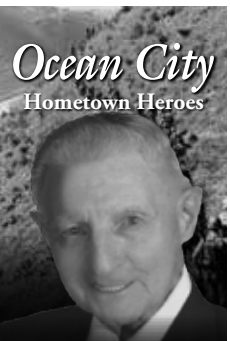
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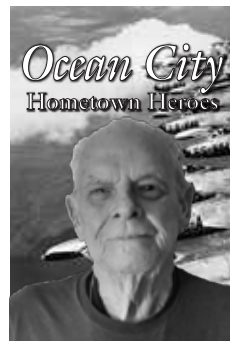
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SERGEANT
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AIRMAN SECOND CLASS
PHILIP RITTERSHOFFER
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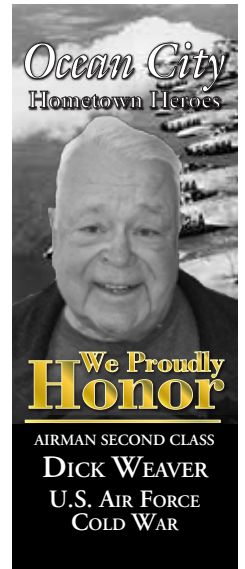
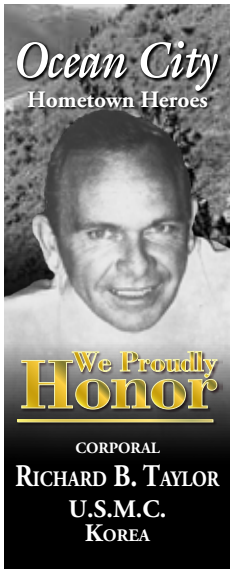
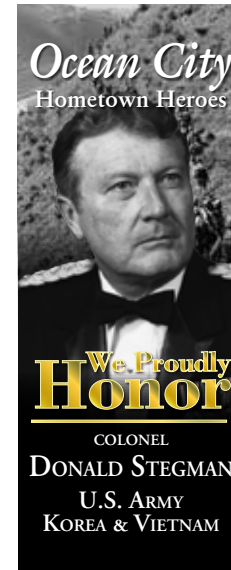
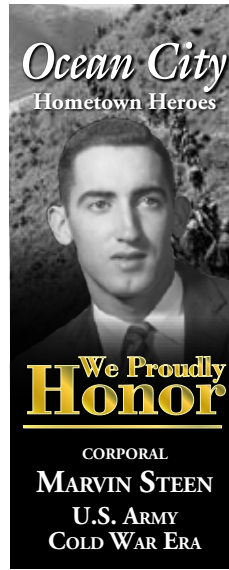
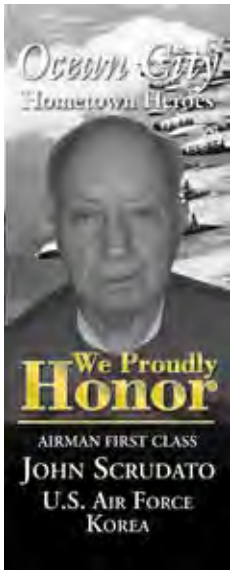
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings ALA Members!



Emily F. Nock

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve another year as your President. While the last few months have been nothing like any of us could have expected, I am so proud of everything that our unit accomplished in the last year. Even during this pandemic, we were able to donate \$3,000 to local food banks. We paid respects to a fallen soldier on his way home. We sent goody bags to veterans in need. We supported our front-line workers and we sent cards of encouragement to many.

While we may not have been as active as prior years at this time, our unit is still making a difference. Now, as we begin our return to some sense of normalcy, I look forward to continuing to build on that foundation of service. While many things are uncertain at this time, things are opening up and so are the opportunities for our Unit. We will continue to monitor the situation and always take into consideration the safety of our members. Make sure you pay attention to your email and social media to find out about new events and projects in the works.

I would also like to give a huge congratulations to all our newly elected officers! With the wonders of modern technology, we were still able to meet and hold elections while maintaining quarantine and social distancing requirements. Guidelines

permitting, we will hold our induction of new officers in August. This will be accompanied by our memorial service for those members that we have lost in the past year. We will broadcast this live on the Unit Facebook page for those that are unable to attend in person. There are still several committee chair positions that are open, so if you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to me.

If you are looking for a simple way to get involved, August 4th will mark the 230th Birthday of the US Coast Guard. With a station right in town, this a great time to show some of our local service men and women our appreciation for all they do. While we will look to do something collectively as a unit, I encourage everyone to send a card or a word of thanks their way.

I am so appreciative of all our members that have continued to serve our community and our veterans despite these trying times. It is because of your individual efforts that our unit continues to grow and be the success that it is. Thanks to all of you for continuing to make a difference. God willing, I hope to be able to see everyone face to face for our first meeting of the new year in September. Until then, stay safe, be kind, and never forget the mission of the ALA.

In the spirit of service, not self,

Emily F. Nock
Unit 166 President



President - Emily Nock
First Vice - Karen Thompson
Second Vice - Kathleen Hardester
Recording Secretary - Lois Barstis
Corresponding Secretary - Joann Wengert
Treasurer - Bonnie Strawbridge
Chaplin - Theodore Rozzano
Sgt at Arms - Lori Arillo
Color Bearers - Mary Adair and Vickie Newberger
Exec Comm. Members - Tina Preziotti, Emilie Beall and Deborah Maphis





AUXILIARY NEWS

JUNIORS STILL ROCK



Rosie Garlitz

ON HOLD! ON HOLD this has been the response to all questions posed concerning Junior Activities since March 16, 2020. The Covid-19 Pandemic has brought events to a screeching HALT! This however, has not been the case for the

Juniors of Unit #166. All Juniors were invited to write a 100 Word Essay about their thoughts, feelings and how they were spending their time during the Coronavirus Crisis. First Place was Lindsay Birkhead-Morton who received a \$50.00 prize for her Essay focusing on the Resilience of the American Spirit. Second Place was awarded to Kendahl Parsons who received a \$25.00 prize donated by Unit #166 Senior member Renee Jarvis. A huge thanks goes to the following Judges: Cindy Malament, Eileen Salafia and Renee Jarvis.

Our Juniors are presently writing notes of inspiration to local Nurses/Providers for their heroic efforts of caring for patients at the Berlin Nursing Home and the Atlantic General Hospital during the Pandemic. In addition, to others on the Front Lines of Defense keeping us safe.

Fifteen Bags of Cheer were packed by #166

A big thank you to all of the Junior members of Unit #166 for their community involvement during these trying times. Be careful, be safe.

Junior Member Kendahl Parsons and #166 Senior Member Jessie Parsons which were mailed to Veterans in Transitional Housing in Richmond, Virginia. Included in the Bags were: crossword puzzle books, word fine books, travel mugs with instant coffee packets, sketch books, playing cards and hand made cards by #166 Senior member Glenda Eichelberger.

Department of Maryland Juniors Chair, Starr Purnell is planning a Juniors Annual Meeting projected to be held in September at Post #64 in Salisbury, Maryland. Junior Units of Maryland will be recognized for their work during the 2019-2020 year. Items for Troops will be packed and pajamas folded for Casey Cares. It is not too late to donate.

One of our own Junior members received First Place on the Unit Level and Third Place on the District Level for this year's Americanism Essay Contest-" How can we address the Health and Well Being of our Veterans, Military and their families"? CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mia Lovitt!!

Thank you to all of our Juniors of #166 for working to help our community be a better place during this very trying time.

Rosie Garlitz

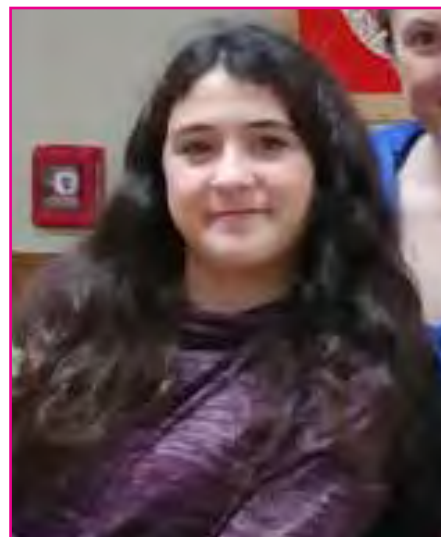
Junior Advisor Unit #166



Lindsay Birkhead-Morton 1st Place focusing on the Resilience of the American Spirit Essay Contest



Kindahl Parsons-2nd Place focusing on the Resilience of the American Spirit Essay Contest



Mia Lovitt - 1st Place Americanism Essay Contest at Unit #166 and 3rd Place on the South Eastern Shore District level.

Synepuxent Post 166, Summer 2020



2020-2021 POST OFFICERS HAVE A FLEXABLE TERM OF OFFICE



The 2019-2020 (current) officers of the Post will remain in office until September 19th and within 20 days following the below list of officers will take their positions. Their term will expire following the Department of Maryland's 103rd Convention in July 2021.

OFFICERS

Commander:	George Wengert
1st Vice Cmdr:	Pat Sharkey
2nd Vice Cmdr:	Robert Smith
Adjutant:	Tom DeVaux
Fin. Off:	George Barstis
Judge Adj:	Jack Hyle
Chaplain:	Ben Dawson
Sgt at Arms:	Bob Gilmore

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT LARGE

1. John Granite
2. John Bussard
3. Charles Spaziana
4. George Spicer
5. Phil Ludlam
6. Nelson Kelly

The Commander will appoint the following 2 officers, with the approval of the Post membership:
Scott LaCoss, Service Officer Ed Pinto, Historian

NOTE: Since the Department Convention is now scheduled for September 2020, the term for the current officers will exceed 1 year. Resolution CO-2019 adopted by the 101st Department Convention in July 2019 contained the following language in the first Resolved Clause, subsection 4, "Posts shall use the nomination, election procedures, and officer positions as outlined in the Standard Post Constitution and Bylaws to conduct the 2020 Post election cycle". This provision is exactly the situation we find ourselves in now due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, the newly elected officers for 2020/2021, (shown above) will be installed and must assume their positions within 20 days of adjournment of the Department Convention, currently scheduled for September 19, 2020.

COMMITTEES OF THE POST

Section 1. The Post may have standing committees such as, but not limited to: **Americanism, Children and Youth, National Security, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Sons of The American Legion, and The American Legion Riders.**

Section 2. Such standing committees shall consist of such members, and the chairperson thereof, as shall be designated by the Commander subject to approval of the Post Membership, unless otherwise provided in the Post Standing Rules.

A. Americanism Committee. The Americanism Committee shall be charged with the inspiration of patriotism and good citizenship by arrangements for proper observance of patriotic occasions; encouragement of patriotic and civic phases of instruction in schools; Americanization of aliens; combating anti-American propaganda by education of the general public in American ideals through public forums, etc.; and activities for community and civic betterment.

B. Children and Youth Committee. The Children & Youth Committee shall ensure that any child of a veteran in need of care and protection shall receive proper and timely service and aid; to strengthen the family unit; extend support to sound organizations and facilities that provide services for children and youth; and to maintain a well-rounded program that meets the needs of the young people in their respective community.

C. National Security Committee. The National Security Committee shall urge Post members to assist in community emergency preparedness, and to support local and national civilian defense projects.

D. Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee. The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee shall assist veterans in obtaining needed medical care and transportation to medical appointments; in the pursuance of claims and in obtaining other veteran's rights and benefits; to visit comrades who are sick or disabled; and to visit and comfort members of their families when sick or bereaved.

E. Sons of The American Legion Committee. If the Post has a Sons of The American Legion Squadron, this committee shall have supervision over the operations of the squadron.

F. The American Legion Riders Committee. If the Post has an American Legion Rider program, this committee shall have supervision over the operations of the program.

G. Operations Committee. The Post may use this committee for the purposes deemed necessary to conduct operational aspects of the Post. This Committee shall be under the supervision of the Post Executive Committee, and the specific powers and duties delegated shall be established in the Post Standing Rules.

Section 3. The Commander may nominate, subject to approval of the Post Membership, any other committees and chairpersons as deemed necessary



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WORDS FROM THE ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICER



Bill Wolf

Hi, I'm the guy who sends out the emails with information you don't bother to read. How do I know you don't bother to read them, the program that we use called Constant Contact tells me how many open the emails. Now I don't know how they know this, but it reports that normally only 39% bother to open their emails, this sometimes goes up to 45%. Now this means that when I send out 350 emails only 136 bother to open their emails. Now there are a number of reasons why you may not, you may not have seen the email because it went to your "Spam" or "Junk" folder because it is bulk email. Your hosting company may block them for the same reason, I know for a fact that outfits like AOL and Yahoo and some of the others do this

because you have not told them that alpost166@comcast.net is a good guy. Please make sure that your Hosting outfit "likes" us. Then take a look at what email program you are using, they also look at incoming mail and make decisions on whether you will see the email or not, tell them to like us. I would like to see the open rate go up to at least 80%, because we are looking at a new way to have meetings online and we need you to open your emails so we can tell you how to access the meetings. We have been having Zoom meetings. These are online meetings that everyone who has a computer can attend in person. We have been having the Executive Committee meetings and some membership meetings online and we would like you to join us! But you can't if you don't open your email to find out how to join the meeting. So when you see an email from us please open it, even if then you "trash" it, it might have some information you want to see.

Bill Wolf
Administrative Officer

ELECTED OFFICERS OF 2019-2020 EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2020

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Commander	Tom Wengert	(443) 994-2513	television9153@yahoo.com
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John Bussard	(410) 600-0056	johnbussard@hotmail.com
Bo Spicer	(410) 422-9447	gspicer8805@comcast.net



MEMORIAL DAY AT POST #166 MAY 25th

Post #166 Boys Scout Troop #261 and Girls Troop #621 made Memorial Day 2020 complete. The Memorial Day services in the area were canceled and our Scouts were again "prepared". The US Flag Code states that the US Flag is flown at Half Staff on Memorial Day from sunrise until noon. So, at noon the Scouts met Post #166 Memorial Day

Detail, 2nd Vice Commander Robert Smith, Judge Advocate Jack Hyle and Chaplain Ben Dawson complete the US Flag requirements. Chaplain Ben Dawson offered the Memorial Day prayer, the Scouts shared a Memorial Day poem, the flag was raised to Full Staff by Girls Troop #621.



Front Row: Kurt Leinemann, Jonathan Smith, Bailey Herrmann, Nicole Kiser and Emery Busko Back Row: James Smith, Nick Busko, Scout Master Ken Nichols and Joerg Leinemann.

2nd Vice Commander Robert Smith who was the leader of this event and Nicole Kiser (#621).



Jonathan Smith (#261)



Kurt Leinemann (#261)



Emery Busko (#621)



Leader James Smith (#261)



Bailey Herrmann (#621)





AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

COMMUNICATION.



Tom DeVaux

COMMUNICATION.

Do I have your attention now? Please take a minute to read this message all the way through.

It is the Post's intention to always keep membership up to date on issues, events, services, etc....going on at the Post as well as all

other topics of interest concerning the American Legion. Your contact information provided to the Post is extremely important allowing the Post to keep you updated and informed. If there are any changes to your contact data, it needs to be forwarded to the Post.

If you have not received any emails from the Post within the past 3 months it means: 1. You never provided it; 2. If provided, it may have been transposed incorrectly; 3. You changed it but did not notify the Post of your new email address. The American Legion membership for the Post for 2020 is 844 members but we have less than 350 registered email addresses on file for our mass email distribution with many of these coming back as undeliverable. This does not include the Auxiliary or SAL. Mass mailing via email is the quickest and most cost efficient manner to get information out to our members.

The Post's quarterly newsletter has been recognized as one of the finest by the American Legion nationwide. The cost to mass mail it is not cheap. We spend a tremendous amount of additional postage on undeliverable or mail forwarded on these newsletters. In addition, trying to stay on top of this is very time consuming.

Asking for your help as follows:


- 1. If you have not received an email from the Post within the last 3 months:
 - a. Please forward your current active email address (please print legibly)
- 2. If you have changed your mailing address since joining the Post:
 - a. Please forward your current mailing address
- 3. If you are not a permanent local resident:
 - a. Provide the address you want mail sent to.
 - 1. Keep in mind if you live here just

several months of the year and return home, the Post office returns your mail to the Post with the forwarding address and charges the Post for undeliverable mail but does not automatically forward it to your home address. We then have the costs of original postage, postage due as undeliverable, and additional postage if we mail it to your home address. That is a total of 3 postage costs for a single piece of mail.

We want you to be informed by keeping us informed. Forward your updated current data to: alpost166@comcast.net
Mark it to my attention: **Tom DeVaux, Adjutant**

Thank You

Tom DeVaux,
Adjutant, Post 166




**QUEEN OF HEARTS
BACK IN THE DRAW**

The latest game started on 2/2/20 and \$500.00 has been paid out to date. The winners are Mom Harcleshei (#41) 3 Clubs-\$50.00, Ruth Robinson (#52) Kind Spades-\$100.00, Anne Connelly (#16) 4 Diamonds-\$50.00, Kristy Johnson #45) Jack Diamonds-\$100.00, Michael Quilten (#28) 4 Spades-\$50.00, Chrissy Matthews (#7) 10 Spades-\$50.00, RD Martindale (#50) 8 Hearts- \$50.00.

Due to the mandated closing of the post; the first drawing of the Queen of Hearts after the reopening was on Sunday July 5th. The Jackpot was \$4,700 and the 6 of Hearts with (#24) was drawn with John McConnell as a \$50.00 winner. The Jackpot will be \$5,000.00 at the next drawing.

THE DRAWINGS ARE ON SUNDAYS AT 1630HRS. TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT THE POST EVERYDAY.



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Heavenly Father,
We thank you that we live in a country
where we are free to choose.
We also thank you that there are those who would
choose to leave their families behind
and give their lives to fight for freedom.
For those who are wounded in battle,
we ask for strength and wisdom to carry on.

Amen

Well Comrades, here we go, the beginning of another summer. A summer, I believe will be like none we have ever experienced. One of isolation from our friends and loved ones. Unable to leave our homes except for necessities, no Church, no restaurants, no normal. On top of that we have demonstrations and riots throughout our country with seemingly no law or order. Ocean City, a somewhat peaceful town is not exempt from the civil disobedience. I wonder when we will get back to normal? The new normal that is. It don't appear that normal will ever be as it was. All we can do is pray that "this too shall pass". I, like many of you, miss the fellowship we enjoy at our post and look forward to a grand reopening in the near future. Our house committee is working hard to make that happen along with the Governor's mandate but want to be sure that it will be done right. All will be done keeping in mind the well being of our members and guests. As I

stated earlier, we won't be going back to the old normal, at least for a while. We are all paying a heavy price during this time, especially our business people and those working for them, trying to keep their heads above water. I continue to pray for them and each of us to get through this quickly. Hopefully, all of you and yours are safe and well. If not, please let me know so I can pass on to the members of the post any needs you may have. One of my duties is to try to comfort and assist those on sick call. We are here for each other. We have lost several of our Comrades during this crisis and their names are posted in this bulletin. Please join me in praying for the loved ones of our recently departed. They have an extra burden to carry during this time.

I pray that we all get through this together safely and are able to enjoy the summer of 2020.

GOD Bless.

— Ben

POST EVERLASTING JULY 1ST, 2019 - JUNE 30TH, 2020

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting:

Robert H. Landefeld Jr.
Prentiss N. Miles
Elmer T. Neisser
Charles C. Tuer
George C. Watson
William Schmuft
Donald Andrews
Arnold S. Hughes
William G. Kelso
James L. Krantz
Wayne L. Moreland
Earl R. Moyer
Lennard J. Nemeo
Gary W. Shipp
Donald D. Stegman
Robert K. Keys

John Hancock
Floyd F. Bassett
William A. Baumgartner
George V. Brown
Charles G. McLean
Donald L. Olson
Stanley S. Danowich
David L. Smith
Raymond P. Whittenberger
Edward Turney
David B. Coyle
David L. Duvall
Albert H. Kessler
Floyd E. Potter
Alfred J. Tighe
John J. Sauer Sr.
John Hancock

House Committee Report

The House Committee has not had a physical group meeting for the last two months because of the “stay at home” mandate regarding the coronavirus. We have, however, been corresponding by e-mail and telephone to discuss any issues that could affect the existing conditions at the Post.

There are two issues that need to be addressed and resolved prior to the opening of the Post. In our last report we discussed the need to repair and reseal the parking lot. We have contracted with “Premier Paving” to complete the project which was approved by the membership at our regular monthly meeting. They will begin work on Thursday June 4th and should be finished in three days.

The other issue is the need to develop safety guidelines which will be used to protect our membership and staff when we re-open the Post. We are working with the Post Steward, the Executive Committee, and other interested members, to make sure that we have a comprehensive plan in place at that time.

We will keep you informed of our progress and will contact you addressing safety issues prior to opening the Post. Please continue to follow the state and local mandates regarding the coronavirus.

Your House Committee
*Chairman Phil Ludlam Sr.,
Bill Wolf, Charles “Spaz” Spaziani*



The American Legion’s National Security Policy

The American Legion believes national security must be maintained to fulfill the mandate for a strong national defense. As stated in the Preamble, “FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America... To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.”

The Legion is an organization of veterans who fought for freedoms, which they are dedicated to keeping and preserving. As one of the Four Pillars it was founded on, the Legion believes national security is upheld by keeping a well-funded Department of Defense, a good quality of life for troops and a sensible transition between service and separation.

PAYING DUES IS EASY

Paying your dues to the American Legion Family is so easy. Get your check book, an envelope and pen, address your envelope to: American Legion Post #166 PO Box 63 Ocean City, Md. 21843 or to Sons of the American Legion Squadron #166 PO Box 63 Ocean City, Md. 21843 and or AL Auxiliary Unit #166 PO Box 3024 Ocean City, Md 21843. Write Check to the Legion for \$35.00 or SAL for \$25.00 or Auxiliary for \$30.00. Now, put them in the proper envelope, add a stamp and mail them. You were told this was easy and now you know how easy it was.

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND POPPY POSTER WINNERS JUNIORS OF UNIT #166



CLASS IV-GRADES 8 THRU 9

FIRST - DELANEY McDANIEL

SECOND - ADDISON McDANIEL

CLASS V-GRADES 10 THRU 11

FIRST-LINDSAY BIRCKHEAD-MORTON

THIRD-KENDAHL PARSONS



Post Opens
Daily at Noon!

Quarterly Calendar

SUMMER 2020



JULY

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	July 16th	1900hrs
American Legion Riders Meeting		
Monday	July 20th	1800hrs
American Legion Executive Committee Meeting		
Wed.	July 22nd	Noon
First State Detachment for Marine Corps League		
Monday	July 27th	1900hrs
American Legion Membership Meeting 1800hrs Food will be served 1830hrs Guest Speaker		

SUPPORT THE TROOPS 2020

On Saturday December 5th we will be the sorting and preparing the items to be packed for the troops. The boxes will be packed on Sunday, December 6th at 0900hrs. Helping hands are needed for these two projects. The door on 24th Street (north side) will be unlocked.



AUG

Day	Date	Time
Monday	Aug 3rd	1800hrs
Vietnam Veterans of America Meeting		
Saturday/Sunday August 15th, 16th		
Ocean City Air Show		
Monday	Aug 17th	1800hrs
American Legion Executive Committee Meeting		
Tuesday	Aug 18th	1900hrs
Unit #166 Installation of Officers & Memorial Service		
Monday	Aug 24th	1900hrs
American Legion Membership Meeting 1800hrs Food will be served 1830hrs Guest Speaker		
Wed.	Aug 26th	Noon
First State Detachment for Marine Corps League		



SEPT

Day	Date	Time
Sunday	Sept 6th	1400hrs
Junior Unit #166 Meeting		
Monday	Sept 7th	1800hrs
Vietnam Veterans of America Meeting		
Monday	Sept 14th	1900hrs
Squadron #166 SAL Meeting		
Tuesday	Sept 15th	1900hrs
Unit #166 Membership Meeting		
Wed.	Sept 16th-20th	
Bike Fest Week		
Thursday	Sept 17th	1900hrs
American Legion Riders Meeting		
Monday	Sept 21st	1800hrs
American Legion Executive Committee Meeting		
Wed.	Sept 23rd	Noon
First State Detachment for Marine Corps League		
Monday	Sept 28th	1900hrs
American Legion Membership Meeting 1800hrs Food will be served 1830hrs Guest Speaker		



Saturday/Sunday August 15th, 16th



OCEAN CITY AIR SHOW

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For all of you that have computer access to the Internet there are some places you may want to visit:

- <http://www.legion.org> - Legion National Web Site
- <http://www.mdlegion.org> - Department of Maryland
- <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evtreocs/index.html> - request copies of military records
- <http://www.mdva.state.md.us> - MD Department of Veterans Affairs
- <http://www.va.gov> - US Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
- <http://www.opvets.com> - Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines

PHONE NUMBERS IMPORTANT TO VETERANS:

- Baltimore VA Medical Center.....1-800-463-6295
- Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.....1-800-522-8387
- Perry Point.....1-800-949-1003
- Maryland Veteran's Cemetery.....1-410-943-3420
- Pocomoke City VA Clinic..... 1-866-441-0287
- Elsmere VA Hospital..... 1-800-450-8262
- Cambridge VA Clinic.....1-877-864-9611

ATTENTION POST #166 LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS

Anyone who wants to receive the Observer by email please email the post at:

alpost166@comcast.net and request it with a current email address.

The hard copy of the Observer will be mailed unless you request otherwise.

RENEW MEMBERSHIPS

at <http://www.legion.org/renew>

ALL Active Duty Members should submit their 8"x10" Photos to American Legion Post 166, P.O. Box 63, Ocean City, MD 21843 to replace the current Active Wall at Post 166

Contact Sarge Garlitz

at (443) 735-1942 or firstsgt166@msn.com



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Look for some "Drink & Food Deals" coming over Face Book. Also, send us your email to receive an electronic copy of the Observer.

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