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Synepuxent Observer Fall 2019



Commander's Message

WOW what a summer we have just had. So many nice vacationers have visited our Post this past summer and we have enjoyed their company immensely. I can't believe summer is almost over, how time flies when you're having so much fun. As my mind wanders, I would just like to thank everyone that has worked and volunteered to make this summer season a successful one.

July started off rather slow with the new Officers getting settled in and attending Legion College during Convention week. Also during Convention week the Legion Riders held their annual Crab Feast which was a huge success. When you want something done and you want it done right who do you go to none other than the Riders who all pitched in to make the Crab Feast what it was. For those who hung around after the Crab Feast, they were entertained by DJ Mikey. On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month we have now started Trivia night. We give away some nice prizes. I feel that if you came over and tried it once you might like it and come back again.

August was the month, because the weather got nice, where we really started concentrating on selling our Jeep raffle tickets. I want to personally thank Rosie Garlitz for getting on the phone every day making sure that the booth on the boardwalk was manned by someone selling chances on our Jeep. I would also like to thank everyone that sent their raffle tickets back with a nice donation. Our response to our mailing far exceeded anything that we expected. We would like to say thank you

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to all those that sent in more than the \$10 for the chances. This is the reason why, with your generous donations, we can donate close to \$200,000 to support our Veterans and nonprofit organizations that help and support our Veterans.

September has been a very busy month here at the Legion with Bike week which included Bike



Rosie Garlitz of Unit #166, Grace Flohr, the winner of the Jeep & Commander Tom Wengert

night on Wednesday the 11th and the Riders famous Poker run on Saturday the 14th. Both events were very successful with good food, good music, good prizes and camaraderie shared by all. We also celebrated the 100th birthday of Major John Andrews who is residing at the Berlin Nursing Home. It was our pleasure being able to celebrate his birthday with him and his friends at the Nursing

home. We made Major Andrews a Lifetime Member of our Post 166.

Before I close I would like to say thank you again to everyone who has volunteered and giving of their time here at Post 166. Without these dedicated people, our Post could not survive. You should stop in sometime, browse around, maybe then you will want to give some of your time. We are very friendly here and don't ask much of you.

I know the holidays are not too far off so I wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and hope you share it with family and friends. I also wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe and be careful wherever you may go.

May God Bless You and May God Bless America.

Tom Wengert,
Commander

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Reading Of Declaration Of Independence At Post # 166

It was a great day at American Legion Synepuxent Post #166 on July 4th when we had the 2nd Annual Reading of the Declaration of Independence. Those in the photo are those who participated in the program. L-R Post #166's Chaplain Ben Dawson, Rosie Garlitz Past President of Unit #166, Ken & Carolyn Farley of Flutes Etc.,(they played music from 1776-1780). President Mark Tyler of John Smoots' Chapter Sons of



the American Revolution (local chapter) was the Reader, Commander Sarge Garlitz of the South Eastern Shore District American Legion Dept of Md., was representing them, Post #166, and also a member of SAR John Smoot Chapter, Nancy Howard President of the OC life Saving Museum & Unit #166 and AL Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert.



Ken and Caroline Farley played the Fife with music of 1775 - 1780.



Mark Tyler President of Captain John Smoot of the Maryland Society of Sons of the American Revolution was the reader of the Declaration of Independence.



AL HARMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Committee has reviewed all applications for the 2019/2020 school year and has approved ten scholarship awards. A check for \$1000.00 has been sent to their respective schools, with a letter stating that the scholarship monies can be used for tuition, room & board, books, or any supplies that relate to their course of study. If a student continues their studies, they may reapply for an award in the next school year by submitting their last semester transcripts to the Post, stating their request. There is no need to submit a duplicate application. Students may apply to either a two year or a four year accredited college.

If you have not yet applied for a scholarship, you may pick up an application at the Post, or download on-line at www.alpost166.org. Go to "Post Programs" on the home page and click on "Scholarships" to obtain your copy. Drop the application off at the Post or mail to the address below. Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, and if selected, the awarded scholarship funds will be sent directly to your

JUNIORS AT UNIT #166 GIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

The American Legion Junior Auxiliary Unit #166 in OCMD gave school supplies to local schools. This is an Annual project for the Juniors giving school supplies to students who have the need. Also, they give supplies and Back Packs to the Veterans children in need at Diakonia.



Jessie Parson and Kendahl with Lynn Wrench at OC Elementary School.

school program.

Donations to the Scholarship Fund are always welcomed, and if you would like to donate, please make the check out to, American Legion Post 166, marked "scholarship fund". Send to, American Legion Post 166, P.O. Box 63, Ocean City, MD. 21843.

Thank you. Scholarship Committee



ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2018-2019

Unit 166 nominated US Army Chief Warrant Officer 3, Katelyn Harrington, Active Duty Service Woman of the Year for the State of Maryland. CW3 Harrington was the recipient of the award on both the State of Maryland and National Levels. Unit and Post 166 member Janeen Birckhead, sent the nomination to Past President Parley Chair Rosie Garlitz, who forwarded it to the Department of Maryland Auxiliary. CW3 Harrington's acceptance comments of this award were truly inspiring.

Unit 166 is proud of all of our nominees who have been awarded this distinction for the past consecutive 4 years. Congratulations Katelyn, you have broken "the glass ceiling" by being the 1st to win this honor nationally from the State of Maryland.

MILITARY BANNER PRESENTATION CEREMONY

The Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 cordially invites you to the 2019 Hometown Heroes Military Banner Presentation Ceremony. The Banner Presentation Ceremony will be held on Saturday October 19th 2:00PM until 4:00PM in the newly dedicated FLAIG-WAGNER BANQUET HALL. Visitors please use the double glass doors along Sinepuxent Avenue and take the elevator to the 2nd floor. This event is open to the public and everyone is welcome. Help us honor our WW II & KOREAN ERA Veterans and Active Duty Service Personnel from Worcester County currently serving in the United States Military.

These Banners have been proudly flying along the Ocean City Boardwalk since the middle of April and will continue to fly (weather permitting) until the first week in October. They are located on light posts from the Inlet Amusement Pier continuing north up the beach to 4th Street. At the end of the season the banners will then be taken down, cleaned and presented to our Hometown Heroes, or their family members on October 19th. Many thanks to local businesses,

charities, fraternal, veteran organizations, associations and citizens who sponsor the banners honoring our local Hometown Heroes.

Pat Riordan

**Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645
Veterans Committee**



UNIT #166 HOLDS ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

On Tuesday September 17th Unit #166 held their Annual Memorial Service for the deceased members of the 2018-2019 Legion year.

The lighting of the candles were done by the following:



Jessie Parson for Pearl Jordon



Emily Nock for her mother, Elizabeth Nock



Rosie Garlitz for Past Unit President Nancy Rummell



Joann Wengert for Jackie Weitzell

American Legion Baseball



Back Row: Sarge Garlitz (Post #166 Baseball Chairman), Eric Snelsire (Manager), Blake Marshall, Billy Wheatley, Jack Rosenberg, Ashten Snelsire, Hayden Snelsire, Alex Gaddis, Cole Gursky, Dawson Delaney, Gavin Bunting, Dave Parsons (Bench Coach & post #166 Rep), Cameron McDonough (Coach)
Front Row: Tristan McDonough-hit .529 and won The Tournament Batting Award, Brenner Gursky, Greyson Gursky, Rafe Parsons, Chris Bauman
On Ground: Brady Hare (Coach)

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL MARYLAND FINALS



Coach David Parsons

From the “beach in the east” to the mountains of Allegany County, baseball was the main game from July 29th thru August 3rd. Cumberland’s American Legion Post #13 was the host of the 2019 Department of Maryland’s American Legion Baseball Championship Series.

The games were played at Memorial Field in the Complex located in Potomac Park between Cumberland and Cresaptown, Maryland.

The Eight teams from across the State of Maryland were as follows: Post #211 Funkstown, Post #214/#71 Garrett County, Post #175 Severna Park, Post #70 Easton, Post #166 Ocean City, Post #60 Laurel, Post #82 LaPlata and Host Post #13 Cumberland made the field for this year.

Synepuxent Post #166 sponsor of the Ocean City Marlins were the Runner Up in the State for

this year. The Funkstown Post #211 Skunks were the State Champions and went on to Ashboro, NC for the Regional Tournament.

The OC Marlins defeated Post #82 LaPlata (16-2) & (10-0), defeated Post #214 of Garrett County (4-3). In the Championship round defeated Post #211 Funkstown (3-2) in 10 innings and lost to Post #211 Funkstown(12-11) and to Post #211 (5-4 in 8 innings. Post #211 of Funkstown, Maryland was crowned the State Champions.

Before each American Legion Baseball game both teams line up on the base lines and recites The Code of Sportsmanship with the umpires.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

- I will
- Keep the rules
- Keep faith with my teammates
- Keep my temper
- Keep myself fit
- Keep a stout heart in defeat
- Keep my pride under control in victory
- Keep a sound soul, a clean mind, and a healthy body

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Left John Granite, Ray Kudobek (SAL) & Paul Hawkins are true OC Post #166 OC Marlin Fans. Their support is appreciated.



Sarge & Rosie the 2 Die Hard baseball fans of Post #166.



OC Marlins Manager speaks to the players, fans and legion members. Looking on is the coaching staff: Cameron McDonough, Brady Hare and Post Rep and Bench Coach David Parson.



Check the American Legion website for the list of American Legion Baseball Alumni.



Squadron #166 SAL member Charlie Mann is an American Legion Baseball Alumni from Post #604 in Dallastown, PA in the 70's.



Post #166 member Bob Rose played for Chatham High School American Legion team, Chatham, New Jersey, in the early 50's.



Post #166 member John Granite is an American Legion Baseball Alumni from Post #813 in Clarence, PA in the late 50's.



PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

1. To inculcate in youth a better understanding of the American way of life and to promote the principles of 100 percent Americanism.
2. To instill in the nation's youth a sincere desire to develop within themselves a feeling of citizenship, sportsmanship, loyalty and team spirit.
3. To aid in the improvement and development of physical fitness of our country's youth.
4. To build for nations future through our youth



The Baseball Mom of Post #166's OC Marlin's Jesse Parsons presents Sarge a team picture and the baseball signed by all players when he threw out the first pitch at the opening game on June 2nd.



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

2019 American Legion Post #166 Roster:

Eric Snelsire – Manager: Eric and his wife Jocelyn reside in Ocean Pines and have three children: Ava (12), Ashten (15) and Hayden (18). Eric is the Area Sales Manager for Bayer Crop Science covering MD, DE, and VA. Jocelyn is the Director of Little Lambs Learning Center at the Community Church of Ocean Pines.

Brady Hare – Assistant Coach: Brady and his wife Amanda reside in Salisbury. Brady is the teacher assistant at Cedar Chapel Special School and serves as an assistant baseball coach at Snow Hill High School. Amanda is a 6th grade teacher at Salisbury Middle School.

Cameron McDonough – Assistant Coach: Cameron and his wife Heather reside in Whaleville. They have four children: Carly (12), Tristan (19), Alexis (21), and Haley (22). Cameron is the Launch Pad Manager at NASA - Wallops Island. Heather teaches 4th grade at Pemberton Elementary.

Dave Parsons – Assistant Coach/ Legion Liaison: Dave and his wife Jess reside in Ocean Pines with their two children: Kendal (15) and Rafe (17). Dave works for the Veterans Justice Outreach Program for Kent & Sussex Counties. Jess works as the Clinical Service Coordinator, Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health for the State of Delaware. As you know, the Parsons Family is very active in Post #166 in numerous capacities.

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#1 Luke Scott (SDHS '22): Luke is a sophomore at Stephen Decatur HS plays football and baseball . Luke has 4 years of eligibility for ALB.

#2 Hayden Snelsire (SDHS '19): will attend Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA where he will further pursue his education in Business and play baseball (RHP) in college. Has 1 year of eligibility for ALB

#3 Dawson Delaney (SDHS '19): will attend Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA where he will continue his education and play baseball (2B) in college. Dawson has 1 year of eligibility for ALB.

#6 Alex Gaddis (SDHS '19): will attend Stevenson University in Owings Mills, MD. Alex will further pursue his education and play baseball (RHP) in college. Alex has 1 year of eligibility for ALB.

#7 Ashten Snelsire (SDHS '22): Ashten is a sophomore at Stephen Decatur HS and plays football and baseball. Ashten has 4 more years of eligibility for ALB.

#8 Greyson Gursky (SHHS '20): Greyson is a senior at Snow Hill HS and plays soccer and baseball. Greyson has two years of eligibility for ALB.

#9 Gavin Bunting (SDHS '19): will attend University of Maryland in College Park, MD to pursue his education in Engineering. Gavin has 1 year of eligibility for ALB.

#11 Cole Gursky (SHHS '20): Cole is a senior at Snow Hill HS where he also plays baseball. Cole is undecided with his college plans at this time but has plans to pursue his education and baseball aspirations. Cole has 2 years of eligibility for ALB

#12 Jack Rosenberg (SDHS '19): attends Christopher Newport University in Newport News, VA. Jack will pursue

his education in communication and play baseball (LHP) in college. Jack has 1 year of eligibility for ALB.

#13 Chris Bauman (SHHS '21): Chris is a junior at Snow Hill HS where he plays baseball. Chris has 3 more years of eligibility for ALB.

#15 Brenner Gursky (SHHS '22): Brenner is a sophomore at Snow Hill HS where he plays baseball . Brenner has 4 more years of eligibility for ALB.

#16 Rafe Parsons (SDHS '21): Rafe is a junior at Stephen Decatur HS where he plays football and wrestles. Rafe has 3 more years of eligibility for ALB.

#20 Noah Ager (SDHS '20): Noah is a senior at Stephen Decatur HS where he plays baseball. Noah has 2 more years of eligibility for ALB.

#24 Blake Marshall (SDHS '20): Blake is a senior at Stephen Decatur HS where he plays golf and baseball. Blake has 2 more years of eligibility for ALB.

The following players have retired and aged out of eligibility. We thank them for their hard work and dedication:

#10 Shea Griffin (SDHS '18): attends Farleigh-Dickenson University in Teaneck, NJ to pursue his education in engineering and play baseball (LHP).

#18 Ryan Duncan (SDHS '18): Ryan attends the University of Maryland in College Park, MD where he is pursuing a degree in Engineering.

#4 Tristan McDonough (SDHS '18): will attend Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, MD. Tristan will further pursue his education and play baseball (3B/RHP).

#5 Billy Wheatley (SDHS '18): will attend Prince George's Community College in Largo, MD. Billy will further pursue his education and play baseball (3B) in college.

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I'd like to thank all of these players for the way they represented our Post #166 team as well as how they represented themselves both on and off the field. I wish all of them the greatest success in their lives and hope they can return to support American Legion Baseball in the future. Great Season fellas!

2019 Season Wrap-up

By Eric Snelsire, Manager



Manager, Eric Snelsire

The 2019 Season wrapped up last month after a very successful season. The Post #166 team compiled a season record of 16-7, winning the SES District to advance to the State Tournament held in Cumberland, MD in late July. Unfortunately, the State Tournament was

plagued with poor weather that postponed and delayed many games during the week. However, Post #166 beat teams from Garrett County Post #71, LaPlata Post #82 and battled their way to the State Championship Final. On the final day, Worcester Post #166 needed to beat the Funkstown Post #211 twice to advance to the Regional level. In an epic 10-inning battle, Post #166 won Game 1 by a score of 3-2 to force the second game. Game 2 was as good as the first, but the team fell 1-run short losing 5-4, ending the season and hope to advance to the Regional and World Series levels.

Although losing in the State Finals was difficult after battling so hard for 17-innings versus a very good Funkstown team, the season ended with lots of smiles and satisfaction from our players, coaches, and parents. The 18-man team was comprised of players from Snow Hill HS, Stephen Decatur HS and 4 19-year-old college players represented Worcester Post #166 extremely well on and off the field. It was extremely rewarding to coach this group of players. The unwavering support that the American Legion Post #166 provided to our team truly made this season one to remember. A special thanks to Sarge Garlitz and his wife Rosie who were there every step along the way supporting our team. Additionally, we are very appreciative of the efforts of Dave and Jessie Parsons who truly helped keep us organized and supported all the team's needs. Without them, none of the success would have been possible.

The American Legion Baseball is a great program that helps facilitate a great development of our local High School baseball programs. The program also exposes them to opportunities to play high-level baseball and provides great

exposure to our veterans, increase the love of country, awareness, and appreciation for those sacrifices made by those serving in the Armed Forces. In many ways, our season was much more than just baseball.

Plans for the 2020 season have already started as we begin the planning, recruiting and scheduling to facilitate the program for next season. It is our hope to continue the momentum we have from this season to reach the goal of winning a World Series for Post #166.



Below is the foundation for "Success" for our team: Post #166. Many thanks to all involved!

"4 Pillars of Success"

- 1.) **Respect:** Play the game with respect: respect each other; respect our country, the flag and our veterans; Respect our opponents, umpires, fans and the game of baseball. Moreover, we must respect the differences and diversity that each of us bring to the team. (i.e ability, skills, culture, backgrounds, responsibilities, etc.)
- 2.) **Fun:** We want to have fun playing the game (win or lose), have fun and enjoy the time we that have together at practice and games to further develop our friendships and opportunities to build new ones.
- 3.) **Compete:** Compete and play hard and hustle in all aspects, all the time. Control the things you can control (most importantly: effort, attitude, actions). Celebrate success and learn from failures. Some of the most valuable lessons will come through failure. Embrace it, learn from it and move on. Set high goals for yourself and the team. Failure is part of the path to success.
- 4.) **Love:** Love the game, love one another like brothers and fight for each other. Stay united in tough times and in good. Do not be afraid to tell someone what he or she means to you.

*"Shoot for the moon and
even if you miss,
you're still among the stars"*



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POST #166 DONATED OVER \$236,000.00 DURING PAST YEAR



The American Legion Family of Synepuxent Post #166 had a great Legion year with their projects and fund raisers. With all of the Legion Family members at Post #166 working together made our donations to the local, state and on the National Level very good. The Four Pillars of the American Legion is our motivation to take care of our mission. From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 the above amount was donated to the group of names listed below. We thank our local members of the #166 American Legion Family, our visiting Legionnaires and the local communities for their support. They are outstanding. It appears that every day is Veterans Day at Post #166.

The Cricket Center ~ Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra ~ The OC Worship Center
Atlantic General Hospital Foundation ~ Joseph House ~ Optimist Club ~ Life Crisis
American Legion Emergency Fund ~ Benedictine Foundation ~ Flags for Heroes
American Legion Md's. Heroes to Hometown/Wounded Warriors~ Heroes Haven Inc
Joan Jenkins Foundation ~ Hope 4 Recovery ~ OC Senior Bowling League ~ Worcester Tech High School
Hudson Center ~ Fisher House ~ OC US Coast Guard ~ AL Southern District ~ Salvation Army
Diakonia ~ Red Cross ~ National MS Society ~ US Marine Corps League First State ~ Kammies Jammies
Wreath Across America~ OC Drug & Alcohol Abuse ~ Worcester County Veterans Memorial
Jr Navy ROTC ~ Sons of the American Revolution ~ National Child Safety ~ Seven Star Foundation
Boys & Girls Club of Rehoboth ~ Shriner's Hospital ~ Holy Savior Church ~ Eastern Shore Coastal Hospice
4 Step Therapeutic Riding ~ Polar Bear Plunge ~ World War II Veterans Memorial Museum
Worcester County Commission on Aging ~ Community Church of Ocean Pines
Ocean City Power Squadron ~ Noel Program ~ Veterans Medical Center Perry Point
Operation We Care ~ Halo for Homeless ~ Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training
Kammy's Heart Program ~ Md. Creative Arts ~ Snow Hill High School
Stephen Decatur High School ~ American Legion Baseball ~
Worcester Prep High School ~ American Legion Boys State Program ~ Relay for Life
Strides Against Breast Cancer ~ Auxiliary Emergency Fund ~ Alzheimer Foundation
Veterans Smile Make Over Inc ~ Girl Scout Troop #621 ~ Boy Scout Troop #261
Cub Scout Pack #261 ~ Maryland State Fireman's Association ~ Legion Legacy Run
OC Recreation & Parks ~ Eastern Shore Police Association ~ ALA Poppy Program
Worcester County FOP #16 ~ American Legion Auxiliary Unit #166 ~ Auxiliary Scholarship Fund
American Legion Maryland Veterans Temporary Assistance Program
Worcester Counter First Responders ~ St. Peters Lutheran Church ~ Gulf War Memorial
Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition ~ Worcester County Family & Youth ~ OC Development Corp.
OC Baptist Church ~ Casey Cares Foundation ~ Assateague Coastal Trust ~ DAV Eastern Chapter
#34 Worcester County Recreation & Parks ~ Women Supporting Women ~ American Cancer Society
Military Order of the Purple Heart ~ Worcester County Commission for Women
Worcester County Gold ~ Worcester County Development Center
OC Downtown Assoc ~ American Legion Operation Comfort Warrior
OC Elks Scholarship Foundation ~ Helping Hometown Heroes ~ Deers Head Nursing Home
Al Harmon Memorial Scholarship Fund ~ Ocean City Lions Club ~ Maryland Boys State
OC Life Saving Museum ~ Loch Raven Veterans Center ~ National Guard Relief Program
OC Elks Lodge Banner Program ~ SESD Nursing Homes & Hospitals ~ Gold Stars Mothers & Sisters
~ Women Veterans Mental Health Program ~ Veterans Tragedy Assistance Program
Kammy's Heart Program ~ St James Homeless Shelter ~ VA Clinic at Cambridge & Pocomoke City
Assateague Coastal Trust ~ Worcester county Humane Society ~ ALA Department of Maryland
Delmarva Destroyers ~ VFW Mason Dixon Post #7234



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TICKET SELLERS ON THE BOARDS

Mary Adair	Ralph Decker	Renee Jarvis	Jessie Parsons
James Ahern	Thelma Decker	Jim Jarzynski	Richard Pennington
Jim Alberici	Frank Del Piano	Rick Johnson	Many Perez
Bob Anderson	Tony DeLuca	Janet Johnson	Tina Preziotti
Kim Anderson	Tom DeVaux	Charles Johnston	George Pickrel
Lori Arillo	Bob Dixon	Mel Jones	Al Pilarski
Lee Baker	Alan Downes	Alice Jones	Tina Pilarski
Bob Ball	Bob Eickleberger	Granville Jones	Fran Pilarski
Peggy Ball	Ron Engle	Fred Kauffman	Edmund Pinto
Woody Barnhart	Mina Engle	Nelson Kelly	Chuck Porter
John Barr	Will Farrell	June Kelly	Glen Reely
Tina Barr	Phyliss Farrell	Dave Kline	Jim Rezek
Lois Barstis	Rose Felty	Michael Konski	Diane Rezek
George Barstis	John Fitzpatrick	Monty Kraus	Bob Rose
Emilie Beall	Gwen Fitzpatrick	Louise Kraus	Marie Rose
Georgette Bieber	Paul Fohner	Carole Kruger	Karen Russo
Ray Bieber	George Furlman	Norman Kruger	Eileen Salafia
Robert Biel	James Fyffe	Rick Kubiak	Jackie Santancelo
Janet Billings	Shelia Gabell	Ray Kudobeck	Bob Schreiner
Fannie Birckhead	Sarge Garlitz	Carolyn Kuhn	Kathy Schreiner
Gary Blackstock	Rosie Garlitz	Ron Kuhn	Bill Sewell
Pat Blackstock	Bill Gibbs	Marty Kwesko	Sue Sewell
Brady Bowman	Bob Gilmore	John Leight	Pat Sharkey
Nancy Brandt	Marie Gilmore	Jamie Linebaugh	Frank Shelton
Paul Bree	Stuart Glassman	Phil Longo	George Smolenski
Bob Broderick	John Granite	Pat Longo	Kay Smolenski
Robert Broshewitz	Barry Gusst	Phil Ludlam	Karin Sobczak
John Bussard	Candy Gusst	Robert Maggio	Bo Spicer
Kenny Cartwright	Verla Hammond	Kevin Matthews	Bonnie Strawbridge
Dewey Cassler	Kathy Hardester	Penny Matthews	James Sullivan
Vera Cavey	Steve Hargrove	Paul Mazzei	Dick Tanner
Dominick Cerceo	Stockett Harmon	Lee McClafflin	Donald Thompson
Stanley Chaplinski	Paul Hawkins	Lou Etta McClafflin	Ann Thompson
Bryan Chetelat	Chris Hawkins	Mike Kraus	Linda Walter
Laurie Chetelat	George Helme	Bob Milewski	Dave Walter
Dale Christensen	Earl Hewitt	Dottie Nickerson	Jim Watkins
Martin Clark	Monica Brown Holt	Bob Nickerson	Tom Wengert
Robert Cunningham	Calvin Hook	Eric Nilsson	Joann Wengert
John Cuomo	Linda Hopkins	Hannah Nilsson	John Willmuth
JoAnn Cuomo	Mike Houdek	Emily Nock	John Wilson
Jeff Cywinski	Diane Houdek	Chris Norris	Steve Wise
Lisa Cywinski	Patti Hughes	Helen Norris	Bill Wolf
Melvin Danner	Jack Hyle	Bob Och	John Zaleski
John Davis	Lois Ingram	Annie Och	Dan Zimmerman
Pam Davis	Ken Ingram	Dan Orf	Brian Zimmerman
Donald Dawson	Annette Jaras	Kendahl Parsons	
Ben Dawson	Jeff Jaras Sr		

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POST #166 MEMBER TURNS 100 YEARS OLD

John Andrews a retired US Army Major and a resident of the Berlin Nursing Home turned 100 years old September 16th.

Commander Tom Wengert, Eric Nilsson, Comrade Anderson, Johan Nykuist and Adjutant Tom Deveux made a visit and presented Mr. Andrews a Life Membership at Synepuxent Post #166.

Boxes will be packed on Dec 1st at 0900hrs.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS PROGRAM TO KICK OFF

Support The Troops Program at Post #166. The tubs are out waiting for items to fill them up. Other locations than Post #166 will be Boggs-Disharoon Post #123 in Berlin, Bank of Ocean City in West Ocean City and the Branch on 59th Street in OC and Minuteman Press of OC at 120th Street in Ocean City.

Items needed this year are as follows:

- POWERED DRINK MIXES (cold or hot)
- READY TO EAT MEALS
- CANDY & GUM (no chocolate)
- PACKETS OF: ketchup, relish, mustard, seasoned salt, hot sauce (small packets only)
- SNACKS (small hard containers of: pretzels, chips, nuts, (no bags), snack cakes, cheese crackers & cookies
- Energy bars, tuna fish, sardines, non perishable beef jerky labels USDA Beef
- Personal Care And Clothing Items
- Small, Travel Size Containers of Personal Hygiene Items (No Aerosal Cans)
- TOILETRIES- Toothbrushes, tooth paste, dental floss, cotton swabs, shaving lotion, disposable razors, shampoo, individually wrapped packaged tissues
- PERSONAL CARE- Individually packaged baby wipes, eye drops, lip/balm, lotion, aspirin or other
- pain relievers, feminine hygiene products
- FOOT CARE- moleskin, medicated foot powder, athlete's foot ointment
- DISPOSABLE HAND WARMERS
- GOGGLE SIZE SUNGLASSES
- FINGERLESS GLOVES
- STOCKING CAPS
- 100% COTTON SOCKS AND UNDER WEAR (Shorts and long)
- READING MATERIAL - Paper back books, current magazines or comic books, Cross word puzzles, word searches, jigsaw puzzles
- GAMES - Foam footballs, basketballs, Frisbees, hacky sacks, playing cards, yo yos
- ELECTRONICS- Portable DVD, CD players, DVDs & CDs
- DISPOSABLE CAMERA
- WRITING MATERIAL - Paper, envelopes, pens, pencils
- REMINDERS OF HOME - Cards, children's Art Projects, home made cookies in air tight containers.

[Http://www.ALPost166.org](http://www.ALPost166.org)

Free AGH Flu Clinic & Health Fair



Thurs., October 10, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Holy Savior Catholic Church
1701 Philadelphia Avenue
Ocean City, MD



Atlantic General Hospital's 2019 Community Flu Clinics

Tuesday, October 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Pocomoke Fire Department
1410 Market Street Pocomoke, Md. 21851

Tuesday, October 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Taylor Bank (Snow Hill Branch)
108 West Market St. Snow Hill, Md. 21863

Wednesday, October 9, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Atlantic General Hospital (Please use Emergency Room Entrance)
9733 Healthway Dr. Berlin, Md. 21811

Thursday, October 10, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Holy Savior Catholic Church
1705 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City, Md. 21842

Wednesday, October 16, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Atlantic General Hospital (Please use Emergency Room Entrance)
9733 Healthway Dr. Berlin, Md. 21811

Saturday, October 19, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Health Fair at Ocean Pines Community Center
235 Ocean Parkway Ocean Pines, Md. 21811

Wednesday, October 23, 1p.m. to 3 p.m.
Atlantic General Women's Health
38394 Dupont Blvd. Unit H Selbyville, De. 19975

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SAL member Ray Kudobeck and Legion Member Paul Hawkins were mixing and spinning the ticket stubs.



Michael "Batman" Beatty was the TICKET DRAWER for the Boardwalk Jeep Raffle of 2019

We have a Winner!



The winner of the Jeep was Grace Flohr of Aspers, Pa. When Rosie called her to give her the news of being the winner Grace thought it was someone playing a prank. After Rosie got her to believe that she won the Jeep, she cried, so happy. Grace was in OC walking the Boardwalk on the evening of August 14th and bought a ticket. Norman and Carol Kruger were on the schedule for that date and time. It appears they were the ticket seller.



JEEP TICKET SELLERS

AL Sgt-at-Arms Bob Gilmore and Unit Past President Marie Gilmore



JEEP TICKET SELLERS

SAL Brady Bowman and AL Adjutant Tom Devaux

Synepuxent Post 166, Fall 2019

POW/MIA CHAIR OF HONOR DEDICATED AT WCVM

On Saturday, September 21st the Worcester County Veterans Memorial sponsored the dedication of the the POW/MIA Chair of Honor. It is an unoccupied seat dedicated to the memory of Prisoners of War and those designated as Missing in Action in all wars involving the United States.



The POW/MIA Chair of Honor



The Joint Color Guard of Boggs-Disharoon Post #123, Duncan Showell Post #123 of Berlin and Synepuxent Post #166 of OCMD. l-r Earl Hewitt (166), Larry Duffy (231), Keny Morris (231), Vincent Holloway (123), Jimmy Lewis (123) and Glen Reely (166) did the Firing Volley.



WCVM President Marie Gilmore, the organizer of this event was the Master of Ceremonies.



Synepuxent Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson offers the invocation.



US FLAG DISPOSAL (BURNING) NOVEMBER 16TH

Boy Scout Troop #261, Cub Scout Pack #261, Girl Scout Troop #621, Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion and Auxiliary Unit #166 will be holding their annual US Flag Disposal Program at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on November 16th. This year the Ocean City Elks #2645 Veterans Group will be participating.

This annual event will start at 0900hrs with opening remarks from Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert. Flags to be burned are being collected by Boggs-Disharoon Post #123 Berlin, Synepuxent Post #166 Ocean City, Duncan-Showell Post #231 Berlin, Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645, the Boy and Cub Scouts of #261 and Girls of Troop #627. If you have any US Flags that are torn, worn and unserviceable please get them to the above groups.

The Ocean Pines Maintenance Department will prepare the fire pit and Ocean Pines Fire Department will be standing by at the site. These are two tasks that are required for a successful project such as this. For more information please contact Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert 443-994-2513 or email television9153@yahoo.com



Dick Tanner a member of Post #166 and the Bugler of US Marine Corps League First State Detachment played TAPS.





AUXILIARY NEWS

Message from Auxiliary President



Emily F. Nock

Hello Everyone!

With Fall upon us the temperatures may be getting cool, but Auxiliary Unit 166 is remaining hot, hot, hot!!

In July, our delegates attended the Department of Maryland Convention, where our Unit received a 1st or 2nd Place in nearly every category!

We were also very honored to receive the Bessie Mercer Trophy for Best Overall Unit and the Greenbelt Trophy for Best Overall Juniors Unit!

That same month, we held a special meeting in which we presented our Unit Scholarship to local student Trent Chetelat and awarded our Juniors for their outstanding performance the previous year. We also took this time to remember those members we lost and to swear in our new slate of officers. A special thanks to past District President Nancy Bartram-Cook for serving as our installing officer.

Our unit has also continued to support our community and our entire American Legion Family. This summer we were all extremely proud to see the OC Marlins make it all the way to the State Championships. Some of our members even made the long trip to Cumberland to cheer them on. Locally, we have continued to assist with Jeep Raffle and Queen of Hearts sales as well as special events at the Post. Our summer finished up with our annual School Supply Drive. A huge thank you to all who donated and to Education Chair Jessie Wolfe-Parsons and Past Juniors Presidents Kendahl Parsons for making the deliveries!

Our first membership meeting of the new year featured a great turn out! I was very excited to see some new faces and to unveil the design for our new Unit 166 t-shirts. These will be available for sale at the post, but members will receive a discounted price at all membership meetings. Speaking of membership, make sure to get your dues paid by October 20th to qualify for Early Bird. If the Unit reaches goal by November 10, we'll be entered into a national drawing that will award 100 units with \$100. Know someone who may be interested in joining? National is also offering 2 recruitments incentives for individual members. Reach out to First Vice Karen Thompson for more information and to find out about the

new expanded eligibility guidelines.

With the 100th Birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary approaching on November 10th, now is a great time to reflect our mission statement "...to honor the sacrifices of those who served by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both home and abroad. For God and country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security." Our Unit possesses a great legacy of service. Let's all work together to see it continued.

Getting involved is easy. Currently, we are looking for non-perishable food donations for the Sheppard's Crook Food Pantry and for Halloween Candy to deliver to our US Coast Guard. The Unit will also be participating in the Out of Darkness Walk on Sept 21 and the Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K on October 19. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Berlin Nursing Home Bingo and also to deliver the Halloween candy on October 26. This is a great way to show appreciation for our local service men and women. Please reach out to me or Community Service Chair Rosie Garlitz for more information.

There are many more activities in the works for the coming months, so stay tuned to your email and the Unit Facebook page. Or better yet, come out to our next membership meeting on October 15th. Social hour begins at 1800 hours with the meeting beginning promptly at 1900 hours. With the town quieting down and the traffic clearing out, there's no excuse not to join us!

In the spirit of service, not self,

Emily F. Nock

President

AUXILIARY UNIT #166 DISTRICT AWARDS

The following are the awards that Synepuxent Unit #166 won during 2018 - 2019 American Legion Year:

FIRST PLACE: Eileen Salafia (Chair) Americanism, Rosie Garlitz (Chair) Community Service, Cancer Control, National Security, Karen Thompson (Chair) Poppies, Greta Roland (Chair) Service to Veterans, Carol Rose (Chair) Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Tina Preziotti (Chair) Children & Youth. **SECOND PLACE:** Jessie Parsons (Chair) Education.



AUXILIARY NEWS



Rosie Garlitz

JUNIOR LEADERS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL MEETING

On June 29th, Juniors of Unit 166 attended the Junior Annual Meeting at Dewey Lohman Post #109.

Honorary Junior President for the Department of Maryland, Lindsay Birkhead-Morton officiated the meeting for the second year, in an outstanding manner. Lindsay has served the Department of Maryland well and has brought in large amounts of money for her junior projects. Her first year as President, Lindsay raised over \$8,000.00 for her Fisher House Project and \$7,000.00 plus for this year's "Seven Stars Foundation". Unit and Post 166 members are proud of Lindsay's accomplishments and wish her well in her future endeavors.

PAST DEPT. ALA JUNIOR HONORARY PRESIDENT SPEAKS



Lindsay Birkhead-Morton, Past ALA Honorary Junior President of the Department of Maryland, speaks at the annual Convention in July here in Ocean City. She overviewed her past 2 years as the Honorary Junior Auxiliary President. Lindsay "Broke the Glass Ceiling" by being the first Honorary Junior President from ALA Unit 166.

The newly elected Junior Honorary Officers for 2019-2020 for the Department of Maryland level are as follows: Honorary Junior President Rylie Lach of Unit 11, Frederick, Md. Honorary Vice President, Lindsay Birkhead-Morton Unit 166, Chaplain Addison McDaniel Unit 166, Honorary Historian Kendahl Parsons Unit 166 and Honorary Sgt-at-Arms Delaney McDaniel, Unit 166. Best to all for a successful year.

While at the Junior Annual meeting, yearly awards were presented, Unit 166 Juniors received 1st Place in all categories. Once again, Unit 166 Juniors were awarded the Greenbelt Trophy for Best All Around Activities. Lindsay received the First Place Certificate for her oral report. A job well done by all.

During the Convention in July, our Juniors performed the duties as Pages for the Department. Lindsay spoke addressing the Convention Body reflecting on the past two years as Junior Honorary President of the Department. Kendahl Parsons was awarded 1st Place for her Poppy Poster and Addison McDaniel received 2nd Place for their age group. The most treasured Junior Award went to Kendahl Parsons for the Junior Auxiliary Member of the Year.

On July 23rd Kendahl was presented a plaque by Rosie Garlitz, Junior Advisor, for Unit Auxiliary Member of the year. Other Junior Awards will be presented at the Junior Fall Conference/Workshop to be held on October 13, 2019 at Francis Scott Key Post 11 in Frederick, Md. at 1030AM.

The 2019 - 2020 Junior Officers of Unit 166 will be as follows: President-Addison McDaniel, Vice President - Delaney McDaniel, Chaplain - Kendahl Parsons, Historian - Saylor Amos and Sgt-at-Arms Lindsay Birkhead-Morton.

BE PROUD, BE LOUD, BE A JUNIOR

Rosie Garlitz
Junior Auxiliary Advisor
Unit 166





AUXILIARY NEWS

AUXILIARY UNIT #166 ON A WINNING STREAK



Unit #166 Delegates and Junior Pages attending the Department Convention in July 2019. L-R (front) Jessie Parsons, Kendahl Parsons, Addison McDaniel, Marie Gilmore, Delaney McDaniel, Lindsay Birdkhead-Morton (rear) Melanie Brown, Rosie Garlitz, Emily Nock, Karen Thompson, Monica Holt. Absent: Fannie Birkhead, Mary Adaire The Unit was awarded the Bessie L. Mercer Trophy for the Best All Around Activities in the Department of Maryland.

JUNIORS WIN GREENBELT TROPHY AGAIN



Junior Unit #166 in the 2018-2019 year won the Greenbelt Trophy for the 6th time. This award is for the Best All Around Junior Activities for the Department of Maryland. The Unit has won this Trophy for past 6 consecutive years. I-r Addison McDaniel, Kendahl Parsons, Rosie Garlitz (Advisor), Lindsay Birkhead- Morton and Delaney McDaniel.



Kendahl Parsons, Addison McDaniel and Delaney McDaniel of Junior Unit #166 presented yellow roses to the officers who were installed for 2019-2020. The roses were a gift from President Emly Nock.



Past President Marie Gilmore presents a Yellow Rose to Emily Nock, newly elected President of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #166 for the 2019-2020.



RECENTLY INSTALLED UNIT OFFICERS RECEIVED ROSES

The following officers of Unit #166 were installed on September 17th by Past South Eastern Shore District Auxiliary President Nancy Bartrum - Cook.

President: Emily Nock
1st Vice President: Karen Thompson
2nd Vice President: GiGi Hardester
Treasurer: Bonnie Strawbridge
Chaplain: Teddie Rozzanno
Recording Secretary: Lois Barstis
Correspondence: Joann Wengert

Historian: Laurie Newton
Sgt-at-Arms: Lori Arillo
Color Bearers: Mary Adaire & Rosie Garlitz
Executive Committee: Emilie Beal
 Debbie Stanley Maphis
Absent: Rose Felty



AUXILIARY NEWS



Karen Thompson

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AUXILIARY

Hello all! I am excited to be your new First Vice President of the ALA Unit 166. I am approaching my third year of being involved with the American Legion Auxiliary and am loving every

minute of serving our veterans. As some of you may already know that I also work here keeping post 166 shiny and clean. I am also a member and secretary of our AL Riders #166. I thoroughly enjoy volunteering here at the post with our numerous events and during our busy summer season.

With this new position comes the responsibility of MEMBERSHIP! I am realizing that this is a process that truly never takes a break, but thankfully I am not one to be easily intimidated of a challenge. However, I need to thank Tina Preziotti for her timeless assistance as I learn the ropes of the membership process, without her I maybe a little

intimidated.... okay scared to death!

Male spouses of female Military/Veteran members of the American Legion are allowed to join the American Legion Auxiliary. So, gentlemen get your pen out and complete that membership enrollment form. If you have any questions for me please send me an email at ALABEACH166@gmail.com . Also, if you have changed your phone number, email address, home address or if you have not been receiving any emails please be sure that I have your correct contact information.

We are in the process of purchasing T-shirts for our fall fundraiser! These shirts can be purchased right here at the post and I will be sure to email everyone when they arrive!

Remember the post is always in need of volunteers so please contact me for list of events here at Post 166.

Karen Thompson
First Vice President



AMERICANISM - 1st Place tied with Disney Bell Unit 66 Eileen Salafia, Chair

CHAPLAIN – 3rd Place Teddie Rozanno, Chair

CHILDREN AND YOUTH - 2nd Place Tina Preziotti, Chair

CANCER CONTROL - 2nd Place Rosie Garlitz, Chair

COMMUNITY SERVICE - 1st Place Rosie Garlitz, Chair

GOLD STAR – 3rd Place Lois Barstis, Chair

NATIONAL SECURITY - 1st Place Rosie Garlitz, Chair

PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY ACTIVITIES – 1st Place Rosie Garlitz, Chair

BEST SENIOR POPPY REPORT – Karen Thompson, Chair

PUBLIC RELATIONS BEST ALL AROUND - 1st Place Jeanette Deskiewicz, Chair

MOST COMPLETE PUBLICITY REPORT - 1st Place Jeanette Deskiewicz, Chair

PRESS BOOK - 3rd Place Jeanette Deskiewicz, Chair -Tied with Parkville Unit 183

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION OUTSTANDING FAMILY CONTACT
2nd Place Greta Rolland, Chair

UNIT SPONSORING ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE WOMAN OF THE YEAR UNIT 166

Nominated by Janeen Birkhead and submitted by Rosie Garlitz, Chair

BESSIE L. MERCER TROPHY BEST ALL AROUND ACTIVITIES – Unit 166

BEST JUNIOR ALL AROUND ACTIVITIES – Unit 166 (Greenbelt Trophy)

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND JUNIOR AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR - Kendahl Parsons

POPPY POSTER CONTEST

Class III Grades 6-7--

2nd Place- Addison McDaniel

Class IV Grades 8-9--

1st Place- Kendahl Parsons





AMERICAN LEGION



Joe Verdura



Bill Wolf

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP

Did you know that membership is every members' business, you are the ones who can talk to neighbors and friends about joining the Legion? Hopefully you are all aware of the Legion Act that was passed by Congress and signed by President Trump. The Legion Act redefines The American Legion's membership eligibility dates. The eligibility now spans from Dec. 7, 1941, until a time when the U.S. is no longer at war, as determined by Congress. The only change is that

Congress has reduced

the number of eligibility periods from seven to two. They are April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941, and continuing. No other restrictions are changed.

Instead of denoting a number of periods of Hostility it lumps them all into just two to include the "Cold War". The periods are WWI and WWII until the end of Hostilities today. This means that those veterans who served on active duty outside of the previous periods of Hostility are now eligible to join the Legion. This include all those between the periods of declared hostility, ie. The period between WWII and the Korean War, be-

tween the Korean War and the Vietnam War, etc. In other words, everyone who has served since WWII is now eligible to be a Legion Member.

The congressionally approved act is a way to honor thousands of veterans who were killed or wounded on duty during periods not previously considered a time of war. Finally Congress has acknowledged the service and sacrifice of veterans who died or were wounded in previously undeclared periods of war, this new law honors the memories of those veterans while allowing other veterans from those previously undeclared eras to receive all the American Legion benefits they have earned through their service."

Veterans who were honorably discharged but whose service did not fall into the previous defined war eras may now join The American Legion immediately. Some veterans were ineligible to join because of the war eras that were defined by Congress. The recent bill passage and president's signature changed that.

The Sons' eligibility criteria will change along with that of The American Legion. Any son or grandson of a living American Legion member will be able to join the SAL program. (Sons and grandsons of deceased veterans are also eligible.) For example, a son of a veteran who served between 1985 and 1988 previously would not have been eligible. With the extension of the war period, that veteran would immediately be eligible for The American Legion and the son would be able to join the SAL. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is currently open to grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and adopted female descendants of eligible veterans. The Legion Act opens up a much wider area of eligibility.

This is a great chance to recruit new members, if you know of anyone who served during the "Cold War" period, please sign them up to be members of the Legion and sign up their Sons, Daughters, Wives and Mothers to be members of the SAL and Auxiliary.

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.

Joe Verdura

SAL Commander Squadron 166

Bill Wolf

1st Vice Commander

Chairman Membership Committee



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

POKER RUN A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to the Fall Poker Run committee chairperson Chuck Lathbury and co-chairperson Jeff Jaris for organizing such a successful event that was held on Saturday September 14th. We had American Legion rider volunteers Karen Thompson, Mina & Ron Engle, Bob Dixon, Pat Sharkey and Auxiliary member Patti Hughes signing up 55 total poker run participants here at post 166. The participants then rode to VFW Powellville staffed by Bo Spicer and Rosie Garlitz. The next stop was to see Lois Barstis at American Legion Post 24 in Dagsboro and then on to get their next poker card from Bob Milewski at the Ocean View VFW. Finally returning to Post 166 to see Mina Engle for their final card. Commander

Tom Wengert assisted in determining the overall top three winners which were: 3rd place Karen Doherty from Manchester PA for \$50.00, 2nd place was Thomas Fraley for \$75.00 and 1st place was Wanda Rohrer for \$100.00 both from Boonesboro MD. All participants were winners of a door prize, which included helmets, t-shirts, tote bags, gift cards to local restaurants and much more. DJ Mikey rocked us into the evening and tested everyone's trivia knowledge. Trivia winners received awesome prizes throughout the evening including t-shirts, hats, motorcycle accessories and helmets. Again a big thank you to all volunteers we couldn't have had such a successful event without each and everyone of you!



Powellville VFW- Paul Rohrer(kneeling) front- Summer Moore, Karessa Cameron, Sabrina Toothman, Stacy Fraley, Rachael Rohrer, Wanda Rohrer, Jerica Wetzel, Alex Rohrer. rear-Cody Moore, Keith Cameron, Jason Toothman, Thomas Fraley, Ben Rohrer, Deven Gay, Mat Wetzel, Brad Rohrer



Powellville VFW- Bo Spicer, Rosie Garlitz, Jessie and Bob Chenowetz of Post #39 BelAir, Md.



Mina Engle (center) of ALR Chapter #166 presents Bike Run Winners of Post #10 Boonsboro, Md. 2nd Place Thomas Fraley (\$75.00) and the 2019 winner Wanda Rohrer (\$100.00)



Powellville VFW- Christine Baldwin, Jeff Jaras Jr., Greg Small, Scott Kleiser of York, Pa.



Powellville VFW- Jeff Jaras Sr. of ALR Chapter #166



Poker Run Helpers- Mina Engle, Ron Engle, Pattie Hughes (ALA), Bob Dixon and Pat "Wonderful" Sharkey.





AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

ALR BIKE NIGHT KICKS OFF BIKE WEEK 2019

American Legion Riders held a Bike Night to kick off the Annual Bike Week on Wednesday September 11th. Bikes from up and down the East Coast were at Post #166. This is the kind of event, you have to be here to really appreciate it.



Robin Peoples (Unit #166) setting up buffet line



DJ Mikey giving Poker Run Trivia Winner Justin from post 56 his Chrome World Helmet prize



Lonnie Pacana of Post #491 in Kennett Square, Pa. volunteered to Bar Back the entire Bike Week, thanks Lonnie.



Volunteer Al Pacana of Unit #166 with her husband Lonnie is seen prepping in the kitchen.



American Legion Riders Post 166 Gun Raffle



***Limited Edition Henry Big Boy
Wildlife 2 - 44 Magnum**

***Limited Edition Franchi Affinity
Select 12 Gauge Semi-Auto Shotgun**

\$5.00 each or \$20.00 for five

Drawing on: February 3, 2020

2 tickets will be drawn and first winner will have choice of gun



Rosemary Morris of Post #11 in Frederick, Md. received \$100.00 as the 50/50 Winner from Karen Thompson.

Synepuxent Post 166, Fall 2019

QUEEN OF HEARTS CONTINUES

QUEEN OF HEARTS WINNER GETS \$105,447.00



“QUEEN OF HEARTS”
 60% TO WINNER---40% TO POST PROJECTS

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN
 IF NOT PRESENT AT DRAWING AND YOUR CARD
 CHOICE IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE MODERATOR WILL
 TRY TO CONTACT THE PHONE NUMBER ON THE
 TICKET FOR YOUR NUMBER OF CHOICE. IF THIS IS
 UNSUCCESSFUL AFTER 30 MINUTES, YOU WILL BE
 AWARDED THE MINIMUM PRIZE!!

TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH
 GAMES WILL START WHEN 200 TICKETS ARE SOLD

DRAWINGS WILL BE ON SUNDAYS @ 4:30PM

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER WILL PICK (1) CARD

PRIZE PAYOUT

WEEK 1 THRU 10	WEEK 11 THRU 25	WEEK 26 & BEYOND
2-10-----\$50.00	2-10-----\$100.00	2-10-----\$150.00
J,Q,K,A --\$100.00	J,Q,K,A --\$150.00	J,Q,K,A--\$200.00
JOKER---\$200.00	JOKER---\$250.00	JOKER---\$300.00

YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO PLAY

IF QUEEN OF HEARTS IS NOT DRAWN, REMAINING 60% WILL
 ROLLOVER TO NEXT & ADDED TO CURRENT WEEKS SALES,
 INCREASING QUEEN OF HEARTS PRIZE EACH WEEK--
 UNTIL THE QUEEN OF HEARTS IS DRAWN

IF THE PRIZE REACHES \$100,000.00, WE WILL CONTINUE TO
 DRAW UNTIL THERE IS A WINNER. EVERY CARD DRAWN
 WILL BE AWARDED THE CARDS VALUE



Lori Mills (middle) of Virginia is all smiles receiving the Queen of Hearts check for \$105,447 on July 7th. She is with the #166 Queen of Hearts committee, Sarge Garlitz, Chairman Jack Hyle, Tom Devaux and Rosie Garlitz. Not shown is Buddy Jones.



On September 1st #1 was drawn and Chuck Lathbury and Karen Thompson won \$100.00. In the photo is Charles "Spaz" Spaziani, Queen of Hearts Chairman Jack Hyle and Chuck Lathbury.

Queen of Hearts

7/14	Pot \$2500.00	Brett Mattuci #11 (10 Diamonds) \$50.00
7/21	Pot \$3700.00	Ruth Felten #29 (10 Hearts) \$50.00
7/28	Pot \$4500.00	Alice Jones #51 (Jack Clubs) \$100.00
8/4	Pot \$5000.00	Martin & Noel Spindler #25 (King Hearts) \$100.00
8/11	Pot \$5500.00	John Davis #23 (4 Spades) \$50.00
8/18	Pot \$6000.00	Nick Staehle #28 (2 Diamond) \$50.00
8/25	Pot \$6500.00	Bret Mattuci #11 (4 Clubs) \$50.00
9/1	Pot \$7000.00	Chuck @ Karen #1 (Ace Diamond) \$100.00
9/8	Pot \$7500.00	Jim Deanglis #6 (Queen Spades) \$100.00
9/15	Pot \$8200.00	Buck Shot #13 (4 Diamond) \$50.00
9/22	Pot \$8700.00	Joe S. Sies #9 (Ace Clubs) \$150.00



SAL NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Chuck Lathbury

Hello, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as the new Adjutant for the Sons of the American Legion Post 166. I have been a member here at the post for the past few years, I work in the kitchen and help out with maintenance at the post. I enjoy volunteering and am honored to have been appointed this position.

Now let me take a moment to inform you of what our Sons Squadron has been doing the past few months. Currently, the Squadron does not have any active fundraisers and we have been dedicating our time assisting the Legion with selling raffle tickets for the Jeep on the board walk. However, we will be having our annual Valentines Steak Dinner here at the post in February so please watch for those details as tickets sell out fast! Also, the Sons are currently designing a new T-shirt for our members and our guests.

These shirts should be available for you to purchase in the coming weeks. With our continuing commitment to support and assist our local community this past summer our squadron has made donations to the following programs:

- Ocean City Power Squadron
- Delmarva Destroyers Little League Team
- Assateague Coastal Trust

This is just to name a few. As always, I am proud to say that we continually support our veterans and first responder programs any way we can.

In closing I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share in this quarterly newsletter and remind everyone to take a little time and volunteer here at the post as it is desperately needed and very much appreciated. Please remember to check on your elderly Legion family members and our neighbors during the upcoming winter weather as they may need our assistance with daily activities or just to see a smiling face.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Lathbury

SQUADRON #166 MEMBER SPEAKS ON BOYS STATE 2019

Craig L. Birkhead-Morton a Senior at Snow Hill High School and a member of Squadron #166 SAL was the speaker at Post #166's General Membership meeting on Monday September 23rd. He spoke on his American Legion Boy State experience attending Maryland Boys State this past summer.

Boys State was held at McDaniel's College in Westminster, Md. during the middle of June. He was elected Speaker of the House, serving as the presiding officer of the House of Representative. As Speaker, he led the Representative body in mock legislative efforts. Boys State contributes to the learning about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American Citizenship. Craig commented that he focused on refining skills and developing knowledge of the governmental process.

Craig explored through practical application what it means to be a citizen. As a citizen of an assigned community, participated in self-imposed duties, responsibilities, rules, regulations, practices and customs essential to the maintenance

of an orderly society and government.

He is an Eagle Scout of Troop #225, helps with Post #166 Support the Troops Program, other High School programs, Snow Hill, and Worcester County Community Services Programs.



Craig L. Birkhead-Morton



RENEW, RENEW, RENEW



Tom DeVaux

American Legion membership renewals for 2020 began in July with the Post goal of 844 members. As I write this article approximately 453 Post members or roughly 54% have renewed for 2020. Why haven't the rest of you 391 members renewed? Re-

new before Oct 15 and be an Early Bird and be eligible for a free dinner on November 8 for all Early Bird renewals. It gets better, while the dinner is free for the Early Bird member, the members spouse/quest will only be charged \$5.00! You must show your 2020 membership card with the "Early Bird" stamp. If you would like to attend please advise Membership Committee Chairman, Bill Wolf via email at: wthwolf@msn or call/text him at (443) 366-2994. Contact person is subject to change.

Help the Post stay current with your data. Rather than wait for your membership renewal notice to show any changes in your address, telephone, email, etc.... please forward that information when it occurs. This is especially important in address changes as your renewal form will go to the current address on record, thus delaying the renewal in getting to you. As difficult as this subject is, please leave instructions for your survivors to notify the Post in the event of your death. First and foremost, the Post wants to be there to support the family for any help they may need with military or VA questions. Second, we want to be sure the survivors do not continue to receive renewal notices for the deceased member. This happens more times than you may think, and we don't want the survivors to think we are insensitive. Unfortunately, many times we do not get information on gravely sick or deceased members until well after the fact.

IMPORTANT - CHANGE IN AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

On July 30, 2019 the LEGION ACT was signed into law. Congress reduced the number of eligibility periods from seven to two. They are: (1) April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918, (2) December 7, 1941 and continuing. Veterans who were

honorably discharged but whose service did not fall into the previous defined war eras may now join the American Legion immediately. Previously many of these veterans only alternative was to join the SAL. Their sons therefore were not eligible to join. The LEGION ACT now allows the veteran to join the American Legion and now his son(s) are eligible for SAL. This also opens opportunities for the veteran's grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and adopted female to join the Auxiliary. We strongly encourage eligible SAL members to consider this option as it presents an opportunity for the Post to increase total membership at the Post while allowing you a greater say in what and how the Post does.

On September 16, 2019 the Post's oldest new member, John Andrew will turn 100. His family is having a private celebration for him that day. His daughter agreed to allow the Post to honor him in reaching that milestone with celebration at the Berlin nursing home John is a resident, the time and date to be determined. The Post will be represented by the Commander and several officers. Happy 100th Major Andrews!

VIETNAM VETERANS

From Oct 3 – Oct 6, at the Ocean View VFW Post 7234 there will be on site a replica of the Vietnam Wall Memorial. This wall is referred to as "The Wall That Heals". There will be continuous 24-hour access to the wall during these 4 days. On Friday, Oct. 4 at 7PM (1900 hrs) there will be a formal ceremony with various guest speakers. At that time the names of all KIA from the state of Delaware, Worcester, and Wicomico, Maryland will be read. Commander Wengert and Adjutant DeVaux were invited to participate in the formal ceremonies representing Post 166. We are encouraging all our Post members, not necessarily just Vietnam veterans to show up to honor those veterans appearing on that wall.

Stay well, Keep Safe, and GOD BLESS AMERICA

Respectfully,

Tom DeVaux,
1st Vice Commander



Synepuxent Post 166, Fall 2019



Installation of Officers

L-R Judge Advocate Jack Hyle, Service Officer WL Sarge Garlitz, Executive Committee John Bussard, SESD Commander Sharon Egerson, Commander Tom Wengert, 2nd Vice Commander Bob Smith, Adjutant Tom Devaux, Executive Committee Charles "Spaz" Spaziani and Chaplain Ben Dawson.

Absent: 1st Vice Commander Bill Wolf, Finance Officer George Barstis, Historian Shannon Hardester and Sgt-at-Arms Bob Gilmore.

The American Legion of the South Eastern Shore District, Commander Sharon Egerson held and Installation Ceremony at the Post on Friday July 19th. Those in the photo were installed for the American Legion year 2019-2020.

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Adjutant	Tom DeVaux	(302) 500-1681	tom.devaultdevaux@outlook.com
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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Ben Dawson

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

Welcome Comrades to the 4th qtr of 2019. As I look back at this time 20 years ago, it seems that the main topic of conversation was the rapidly approaching of the Bi-Centennial, or the 21st century. Mild panic was setting in. Was an computer generated activities going to shut down causing all electrical functions to stop at 0001

on 1/1/2000? Would airplanes drop from the sky, would our automobiles fail, would hospitals fail to operate? These are just some of the questions and-fears many of us shared at the time. But, when the clock ticked over to 0001 on 1/1/00, life continued as normal, and here we are today, looking back over 20 years.

We witnessed and/or experienced many tragic events; the terrible attack on 9/11, our longest war in history, massacres at our schools, devastating fires, winds and rains. Yet, here we are today, looking back, and life goes on as we know it. What will the next 20 years bring for our children and grand children? I hope that we leave them in a much better place.

On the brighter side, this past qtr has been a pretty good one here at the post. We continue, thanks to our leadership, to see many upgrades to our building, and activities for all members continue to improve.

It is always heartwarming to me when I come to the post and experience the greetings and smiles we afford each other. After all, we are all brothers and sisters.

Many of our Comrades are under the weather and/or shut in and unable to get out. Please keep them in mind if you ever consider the last "good deed" you did. There will come a time that we all will need a helping hand, a friend or Comrade to help us through the day. Maybe, just someone to talk to. As I have said before, we don't want any of our Comrades to be on the rolls of the forgotten. I would appreciate a call in the event you know of someone who is on sick call or is in need of a helping hand. We have many strong hands here at Post 166.

In closing Comrades, I ask you, as I do, to lift up in your prayers our members who are on sick call and the family members of those who have been transferred to Post Everlasting.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the Post and at our monthly meetings.

GOD Bless.

— Ben



John Sauer on DD June 6th 2009 receiving the 2008 Legionnaire of the Year Award from Commander Sarge Garlitz.

John Sauer a life member of Synepuxent Post #166 transferred to Post Everlasting on August 23, 2019. Over the past 30 plus years John was a dedicated member.

During World War II he was a member of 29th Infantry Division - 116 Infantry Regiment during the D-Day Invasion of Normandy Beach (Omaha Beach). After being wounded and transferred to a Hospital Ship in the English Channel. On this Ship, General Eisenhower awarded John the Purple Heart Ribbon and pinned it on his shirt.

During his outstanding military enlistment during World War II John received the following citations: Bronze Star Award, French Legion of Honor Award, Good Conduct Medal, Europe-Africa-Mid East WWII Medal, Army Overseas Medal, Army Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Expert Infantry Combat Badge and the World War II Victory Medal.

John Sauer was an ICON in the Ocean City area, noted for his leadership toward taking care of our Veterans. He was know by many and will never be forgotten.

POST EVERLASTING REPORT

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting

DAVID B. COYLE
DAVID L. DUVALL

ALBERT H. KESSLER
FLOYD E. POTTER
ALFRED J. TIGHE

JOHN J. SAUER SR.
PRENTISS MILES



House Committee Report

The House Committee is currently working with RYT Plumbing Inc. to clean up our water supply system. They have analyzed our water supply and found it to be very hard. Hard water causes a scale build-up which restricts the flow of water in our system. The hard water scale also causes damage to our appliances, which includes our dishwasher and ice maker. These are two of our major concerns. RYT has submitted a proposal to install a "water softener system" which would also stop our sediment problem. The proposal is

under review.

We are also working with Royal Plus Electric to insure our electrical panels are safe, meet electrical codes, and are placed in a proper location. They have worked in our building several days last week and have been disconnecting old wiring, rewiring our compressor, securing loose wiring in the building, and replacing an old panel under the stage with a new SQD panel with new breakers. Delmarva Power will be in the building on Thursday at 9:00 AM to turn off our power so that Royal Plus can complete their work.

The Committee has received a proposal from RSC, LLC Restaurant Seating to install new tables and chairs in the bar area and game room. That proposal is also under review by the House Committee.

The committee would like to remind you that this is your Post. Although we try to do our best at keeping the building and grounds in good condition and free of problem areas, we appreciate your input. There is a Comment/Suggestion box in the bar area for you to use. These Comments/Suggestions are reviewed at our regular monthly meetings. We may not be able to fulfill all of the suggestions, but we will certainly get back to you and let you know what has been decided.

We have received many positive comments from visitors throughout the area regarding our Social Quarters and staff. We would like to thank our Post steward, bartenders, kitchen personnel, & maintenance staff, for all their hard work maintaining our Post & making it "The Friendliest Place in Town"!

Your House Committee

John Granite, Chairman - Dick Hafer - Charles "Spaz" Spaziani, Bill Wolf, Phil Ludlam



JEEP TICKET SELLERS

SAL Steve Hargrove and SAL ALR George Pickrell



JEEP TICKET SELLERS

Executive Committee John Bussard and
Unit Junior Advisor Rosie Garlitz



Quarterly Calendar FALL 2019



OCT

Date	Event
6th	Jr. Auxiliary Meeting 1400hrs
7th	VVA Meeting 1800hrs Food & Social 1700hrs
10th	AGH Annual Free Health Fair & Flu Shots 1000hrs-1300hrs
14th	SAL Meeting 1900hrs
15th	AED & CPR Training 0900hrs (must be registered)
15th	ALA Meeting 1900hrs
21st	House Committee Meeting 1600hrs
21st	AL Executive Meeting 1800hrs
22nd	ALR Meeting 1900hrs
28th	AL Meeting 1900hrs Food & Social 1800hrs Speaker 1830

TRIM A TREE PARTY

The American Legion Family will hold its annual Trim a Tree Party on November 30 at 1300hrs. This is when the Military Ornaments of all branches of the Armed Services and related ornaments are put on the tree. Eggnog, cookies and lite refreshments will be served.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS 2019

On Saturday November 30th following the Trim a Tree Party will be the sorting and preparing the items to be packed for the troops. The boxes will be packed on Sunday December 1st at 0900hrs. Helping hands are needed for these two projects. The door on 24th Street (north side) will be unlocked.



NOV

Date	Event
3rd	Jr. Auxiliary Meeting 1400hrs
4th	VVA Meeting 1800hrs Food & Social 1700hrs
9th	Early Bird Dinner 1600-1900hrs
10th	US Marine Corps Est. 1775
11th	SAL Meeting 1900hrs
11th	Veterans Day at Post 1700hrs
16th	US Flag Disposal WCVM 0900hrs
18th	AL Executive Meeting 1800hrs
23rd	Prepare for Christmas Decorating 1300hrs
24th	Decorate for Christmas 0900hrs
25th	AL Meeting 1900hrs Food & Social 1800hrs Speaker 1830
26th	ALR Meeting 1900hrs
28th	Thanksgiving Post Open Turkey Dinner
30th	Trim a Tree Military Ornaments Party 1300hrs
30th	Prepare items for boxing for the troops 1400hrs



DEC

Date	Event
1st	Support the Troops Boxes Packed 0900hrs
1st	Jr. Auxiliary Meeting following packing of boxes
2nd	VVA Meeting 1800hrs Food & Social 1700hrs
3rd	Volunteers Appreciation Dinner Social Hour 1600hrs Dinner 1700hrs
7th	Pearl Harbor Day
9th	SAL Meeting 1900hrs
13th	National Guard Established 1636
16th	Executive Meeting 1800hrs
17th	ALA Christmas Party 1900hrs
23rd	NO AL MEETING
24th	Post Christmas Party Noon til closing
31st	New Years Eve 2000hrs (bring a dish/snacks)
1st	NY Day "bring your left over snacks" 1300hrs



TWO DATES TO BE ON YOUR AL FAMILIES CALENDAR

November 9th Social Hour 4:00PM to 5:00PM. Dinner 5:00PM to 7:00PM
EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP DINNER

This is for the Post 166 American Legion Family that are Life Members and those who has their 2019-2020 dues paid by October 20, 2019. If you bring a guest the cost will be \$5.00. RSVP to alpost166@comcast.net
NLT November 3rd

December 3rd Social Hour 4:00PM to 5:00PM. Dinner 5:00PM to 7:00PM
VOLUNTEER DINNER

This is for Volunteers of the American Legion Family who have Volunteered this past Legion Year. RSVP to alpost166@comcast.net
NLT November 28th

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- <http://www.legion.org> - Legion National Web Site
- <http://www.mdlegion.org> - Department of Maryland
- <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evtreacs/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

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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

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