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Commander's Message

How time flies when you're having fun. That's how I feel. This summer has gone by so fast because Post 166 has been the party spot for so many nice people from other Posts in-state and out-of-state. I really hate to see summer end because it means that we won't be seeing some of our friends for another year. You have enabled us to stay afloat by your generous support when you visit us on vacation.

July has always been a very good month because it culminates with Convention Week, and that week ends with the Riders having their annual Crab Feast. According to those who attended the Crab Feast, this one was exceptional. The crabs were extremely good, the corn on the cob was very sweet and the chicken was the best ever. The Riders had many volunteers this year and they said it was much easier to serve with having the round tables instead of the long tables. The camaraderie among all who attended, not only the crab feast but just stopping into the Legion to visit, was out of this world.

August is the month where you do a lot of socializing with people who you haven't seen all year. That is exactly what we did at Post 166. It was nice seeing everyone and hoping that they don't take as long to come back. Sitting down with our Post Stewart, Sam Wiley, and our other committee

chairmen, was extremely difficult trying to plan for the events coming up in September and October because we have been so busy. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held for the first time at the American Legion this year. It was to honor two fine young men, Kurt Leinemann and Gabe Bradley, for all their accomplishments throughout their

young lives. They are the latest, in a long list of Eagle Scouts, who have come out of Troop 261.

September started off with the Sons drawing the winner for the Fishing Trip Raffle. The winner was Mike Soliday from Gettysburg, PA. Then came Bike Week which was a huge success here at our Post. Also, I would like to personally thank everyone who came and participated in our Queen of Hearts drawings, and I hope they enjoyed our food and the camaraderie with other bikers and Legion family.

I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as well as a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe in your travels and hope to see everyone next year.

May God Bless you and may God Bless this great country that we call America.

Tom Wengert,
Commander



In honor of Commander Wengert starting a sixth year leading the Post, the Executive Board voted to present him with a Five-Year Past Commander's Ring.



HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

POST STEWARD UPDATE



Sam Wiley
Post 166 Steward

And just like that... summer is over. Wow what a summer! Filled with lots of fun and laughs and lots of challenges. Staffing issues and supply issues have become the norm and don't seem to be going away any time soon. Please be patient as we navigate some difficult times. Again, we are doing the best we can with what our vendors can supply

us with. There may be times we are out of something, or we are substituting with a similar product. Just remember, it could be worse. We could be closed.

Please take a second and acknowledge our paid staff. They have been working hard this past summer. If they are doing a great job let them know. A heart felt thank you, or "nice job" goes a long way. Let's not forget our officers and volunteers of post 166. They all spend countless hours here to give a great place to call home. So be sure to thank them when you can.

As I am writing this in September COVID is still very real. Again, please monitor your health and the health of any guest you come to the post with. Please stay home if you are feeling sick or

have recently been sick. Please use the hand sanitizer, sanitizer wipes located throughout the post. Let's continue to be smart and use common sense.

Some things to look forward to at the post this fall. Keep an eye out for specials for football season. We will try to do some specials on Sundays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Game night on Wednesday will start again soon. I know those who participate always have a good time. We are hoping to have another Army/ Navy game at the post in December. We had a great turn out last year. DJ Mikey is hosting a sock hop when the cruisers are in town in October. A date has not been decided yet, but the post will be having a wonderful dinner for all our great volunteers during the past year. On November 13 the Sons will be hosting a bull and oyster roast in the main hall. Thanksgiving Day the post will be open and hosting a homemade Thanksgiving dinner for any member who wants to join us. This is free to all members. Please volunteer to help decorate the post for the holiday season when the call goes out. It's nice to relax in a cozy post during the holidays.

A small house keeping note. Please take all your belonging with you after meetings in the

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Veterans Memorial To Host In-Person Veterans Day Program

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation has announced it will once again host a traditional, in-person ceremony to commemorate Veterans Day on Thursday, Nov. 11, starting at 11 a.m. at the memorial grounds in Ocean Pines. Annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies have been a hallmark of the foundation, and the events typically draw thousands of people from across the region.

The ceremony in 2020 was held virtually because of Covid. Post 166 scheduled an indoor program after the presentation at the Veterans Memorial, at which attendees, all masked, viewed a video of the virtual ceremony.

"We are very pleased to be able to present our traditional program, when we will honor all of our veterans," Memorial Foundation President Marie Gilmore said. "Veterans Day observance gives us the opportunity to say, 'thank you for your service.' We should also reflect on the sac-

rifices made by the families of each and every veteran as they wait, and pray, for the safe return of their loved ones.

We invite you to join with us as we honor and recognize the sacrifices of all who have served to protect our freedoms," she added.

The program this year will feature guest speaker Col. Craig M. Harmon, vice-commander of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Additionally, the Delmarva Chorus will provide patriotic music.

Seating is limited and those attending are encouraged to bring a chair. The ceremony will move to the Ocean Pines Community Center in the event of inclement weather. For more information on the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines and the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Foundation, visit www.opvets.org.



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

From the Adjutant



John Bussard
Adjutant

Being new at the job of Post Adjutant, I have experienced a pretty steep learning curve. There have been over 450 existing member registrations processed thus far and a score, or so, of new members and transfers to the post. There also have been a few stumbling blocks but nothing that cannot be remedied with

some patience and perseverance. We are in the process of updating the post mailing and email lists, including the American Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary members. With over 1,500 individual named members, there will surely be some additions and corrections. Again, be patient with us as we strive to improve our communication with you.

The months of October and November will see a surge of membership registrations due to the National Organizations renewal mailings. Your prompt response to these mailings will ensure that your registration will be processed before the next deadline date mailing, and will help us meet the Department of Maryland established goals; which will also avoid a subsequent additional dues notice to you.



Some post statistics as of this writing:

- **There are over 974 Post 166 American Legion Members.**
- **Our conflict veterans are:**
 - ★ 26 WWII Veterans
 - ★ 91 Korea Veterans
 - ★ 571 Viet Nam Veterans
 - ★ 58 Lebanon/Granada Veterans
 - ★ 31 Panama Veterans
 - ★ 132 Persian Gulf Veterans, and
 - ★ 37 Global War on Terror Veterans
 - ★ 28 members have not indicated a conflict era.
- **Our Branch of service members are:**
 - ★ 395 Army
 - ★ 205 Navy
 - ★ 110 Marine Corps
 - ★ 142 Air Force
 - ★ 46 Coast Guard
 - ★ 77 members have not indicated a branch of service.

You may be aware of the fact that you, as a registered American Legion member, can register on the MyLegion.org website and maintain your own personal data. If you are computer savvy, and are willing, register there with your email address and password and check out what is documented there. When you have a change of address or a new email address or phone number you can instantly edit and change that information, and that service would help us with address and contact information changes.

John Bussard,
Adjutant

FLAG RETIREMENT AND DISPOSAL

Scout Troops 261 and 225 will be retiring and respectfully disposing of worn flags November 13, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. Retired flags will be disposed of by burning, according to U.S. Flag protocol.

Worn flags may be brought to the Ocean Pines Community Center, local Fire Departments, local American Legion and VFW Posts for collection prior to November 13. The public is invited to attend the retirement ceremony.



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA NEWS



VVA Chapter 1091

I hope everyone had a great time at the Moose Lodge for our annual picnic. All the ingredients for a great afternoon were there. Our first time Orange Crush station was a huge hit. Boy did I get crushed. For fear of missing someone I want to thank everyone that contributed and volunteered. The cake was beautiful, and the food was outstanding. The 13 Heroes table was fantastic. Once again the East Sussex Moose Lodge did an outstanding job of hosting us. It's too bad some of our members could not attend because of other commitments. Check out the video Karen Kwesko made for us. It is posted on our website also.

June Kelly, Sam Wiley, and I set up a 9/11 display at Post 166 with Flags of Heroes and Flags of Honor. One flag the has names of first responders who were killed on 9/11 and the other names of the civilian victims. A few of us went to the Board-

walk 9/11 ceremony that was outstanding. We handed out 300 handheld flags to the large crowd.

We have a request to become a major sponsor for the Worcester County Veterans Memorial golf outing and we will have our name and logo on the main banner. Bob Smith will be representing VVA 1091 at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for troop 225 on September 25. He will be presenting four Eagle Scouts with a VVA Eagle Scout Medal and Certificate. Thanks Bob.

Our meetings should be back on track now. October meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 4.

Thanks, and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Nelson Kelly,

President VVA1091

Vietnam Veterans Of America

Ocean City Chapter 1091



Socializing



VVA logo items for sale



Tradition Picnic Cake

BSA Troop 225

VVA Post 1091 has awarded four scouts from Snow Hill troop 6724 with the Vietnam Veterans of America Eagle Scout Medal. The four scouts, Raiden Lenard, Brandon Anderson, Justin Hurney and Ethan Gell also received Certificates of Recognition signed by VVA 1091 President Nelson Kelly, and checks for \$50 from VVA member Robert Smith. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor for the four was held Sept. 25 in Snow Hill.



A few more faces in the crowd



Two New Eagle Scouts Installed in Ceremony at American Legion Post



Kurt Leinemann, left, and Gabriel Bradley pose with their Scoutmaster, Kenny Nichols, after the Eagle Scout Award Ceremony. Both Kurt and Gabriel honored Scoutmaster Nichols by presenting him with mentor pins for the guidance he gave to the young men over the years.

Before Covid hit, back in 2019, two local young men achieved the coveted Eagle Scout rank of the Boy Scouts of America. Then, in early 2020 when Covid hit, Kurt Leinemann of Ocean City, and Gabriel Bradley of Ocean Pines, could not be installed as Eagle Scouts with formal ceremony that normally is held for the occasion.

That changed August 22 when Leinemann, now 19 and Bradley, 20, of Boy Scout Troop 261, were invested during a two-hour Eagle Scout Court of Honor at American Legion Post 166, in Ocean City. The Post is a sponsor of the troop and supports it with monetary donations and the use of its facilities for programs such as the Eagle Scout ceremony.

The main hall of the post was packed with well over 100 family, friends, scouts, and members of the American Legion post, to witness the ceremony. Among them was Jeorg Leinemann, Kurt Leinemann's father, one of the scout leaders present at the proceedings and the first scout in Troop 261 to have earned Eagle Scout status.

Helping to install the two young men was their Scoutmaster, Kenny Nichols, who announced at the event that he was stepping down from the post after leading the troop since 2008. Nichols was born and raised in Ocean City and now lives in Salisbury. He was honored by the two new Eagle Scouts when they were given an opportunity as part of the program to recognize with a special pin a mentor who was pivotal in their lives. Both chose Nichols.

Leinemann is a graduate of Worcester Prep in Berlin and is now attending the University of Maryland, College Park. Bradley is a Stephen Decatur alumnus who is taking classes at WorWic Community College. Both have been a member of Troop 261 since 2012.

As part of the ceremony, the two Scouts received numerous accolades from elected officials. Gov. Larry Hogan sent a message and proclamations were presented to them from State Senator Mary Beth Carozza, Delegate Wayne Hartman, and U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen. The Vietnam Veterans of America also presented them with its National Eagle Scout Medal, created in 2019 in response to periodic requests from scouting for a tribute to Eagle Scouts on behalf of Vietnam Veterans.



Auxiliary Scholarship Awarded to Josh Midley

Stephen Decatur High School Student Josh Midley was chosen as the scholarship winner for the ALA Unit 166 Scholarship for 2021. Josh had an impressive academic record, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Josh is an active member of his church and has started college at the University of Maryland. We are so proud of Josh!

Jessie Parsons

ALA Unit 166 Education Chair



Emery Busko's GaGa Pit

As Emery Busko of Scout Troop 621 closes in on becoming an Eagle Scout, we thought we would show you her completed Eagle Scout Project. It was finished back in the spring, a GaGa Ball Pit installed at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin.

For those who don't know what a GaGa pit is, here's a short explana-



tion: GaGa is a form of dodgeball that originated in Israel in the 1970s.

Players start in the "pit," an octagon-shaped court, hitting and rolling the ball with their hand to eliminate other players. When players are hit below the waist, they are out -- but players can always re-enter the game by catching a ball from the sidelines.



Scouts from Troop 261 at the the Henson rifle range summer camp. Ben Busko, Bennett Brown, Kurt Leinemann, Mason Foxwell, Johnathan Smith, Reece Soloman, Tristin Thompson, Johnny Malinowski



Riders Gun Raffle Winners

The photo at the top shows Gail Helm of Pasadena, accompanied by Jeff Jaris. Gail won the Henry rifle in the Riders' gun raffle. On the right, Chuck Lathbury is shown with Chris Burkert of Dover, winner of a 12 gauge Remington shotgun.

A VETERAN TRIBUTE

“Our country is in mourning, A veteran died today.”

*He was getting old and paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.*

*Of a war that he once fought in
And the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, everyone.*

*And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he spoke.*

*But we'll hear his tales no longer,
For ol' Joe has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Veteran died today.*

*He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.*

*He held a job and raised a family,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his passing,
'Tho a Veteran died today.*

*When politicians leave this earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing,
And proclaim that they were great.*

*Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were young,
But the passing of a Veteran
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.*

*Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his promise
And cons his fellow man?*

*Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?*

*Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.*

*It is not the politicians
With their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.*

*Should you find yourself in danger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-out?
With his ever-waffling stand?*

*Or would you want a Veteran
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Veteran,
Who would fight until the end?*

*He was just a common Veteran,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us
We may need his likes again.*

*For when countries are in conflict,
We find the Veteran's part,
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.*

*If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage
At the ending of his days.*

*Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
“Our country is in mourning,
A veteran died today.”*

AUTHOR 'UNKNOWN'



AUXILIARY NEWS

Award Winning Auxiliary Unit!



Karen Thompson

I am very excited to have been chosen to lead the way for our award-winning Auxiliary Unit for 2021-2022. We have had our first meeting of the year and things look to be a promising one. We had a record membership season last year, which was a great feeling finishing with a goal of 105 percent.

Remember, by renewing your membership each year you are helping to support our mission and advocating for those who have fought for our country. The Early Bird Membership Renewal season is underway and there are several different options for you to renew your dues. With your membership number you can log on to www.ALA-forVeterans.org and pay dues directly online, or you can also pay by phone by calling the ALA National Headquarters at 317-569-4570. Of course, you can always mail your dues directly to ,ALAPO Box 63, Ocean City, MD 21843, or pay in person at

the post. Whichever renewal method you choose, remember that your dues help make our mission outreach possible.

Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month starting at 7 p.m. We encourage every member to attend our monthly meetings because this is how you stay informed about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, and to learn exactly what makes us an award-winning unit. In addition, you have the opportunity to help veterans in your area while building new friendships. We understand that some of our members just are not able to make it to our meetings and we are pleased to announce that the minutes of each meeting will now be emailed to every member. Be on the lookout for this via constant contact email within seven days of the meeting date. These emails will include volunteer opportunities, donations list, and other ways you may help your local community and veterans.

Always remember, the American Legion Auxiliary is a community of volunteers serving veterans, military, and their families!

In the Spirit of Service not Self,

Karen Thompson

President



Delaney McDaniel receiving her award for Dept of MD ALA Junior of the Year. Pictured with Rylie Lach and Starr Purnell (Dept of MD Juniors Chair)



Rylie Lach, Honorary ALA Dept of MD Jr President 2019-2021, inducting Kendahl Parsons as incoming Jr Vice President for the ALA Dept of Md and inducting Delaney McDaniel as Dept of MD Jr Historian



ALA Unit 166 Juniors made cards for a Gold Star Mother at their 9/12/21 meeting. Pictured left to right front row (Sophia Hume, Mia Hume, Addison McDaniel); back row (Saylor Amos, Kendahl Parsons, Delaney McDaniel)



Attendees at the Junior Annual Conference for the Dept of MD held at Post 166 on 7/10/21



AUXILIARY NEWS

So very proud of our Junior members



Jessie Parsons

Our Juniors participated in the Department of Maryland Annual Juniors meeting on July 10 that was hosted by our Post. A big thank you to Emily Nock for helping us with the technology for a zoom meeting. Our ALA Juniors Unit 166 was awarded the GreenBelt Trophy for the Best All Around Juniors program for the Department of Maryland for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Due to the pandemic, awards were given for two years. Our Juniors unit was awarded first or second place in all categories for the past two years. Our own Lindsay Birkhead Morton was named Junior Member of the Year for the Department for 2019 and our own Delaney McDaniel was named Junior Member of the Year for the Department for 2020. Elections were held for Department offices for 2021-22 and Kendahl Parsons was elected Honorary Vice-President, Delaney McDaniel was elected Historian, and Addison McDaniel was elected Chaplain.

Our Juniors were featured in an Article in the August 2021 National American Legion Auxiliary Magazine about sending CARE packages to a Coast Guard unit in Hawaii. It was especially meaningful because Kirsten Brown's daughter serves in that unit. Kirsten is one of our own ALA members and also assists with co-leading our Juniors unit. To view a copy of the article. Go to www.ALAforVeterans.org. Go to the About US tab, then to Communications, where you can view copies of past National ALA Magazines.

In June 2021, Kendahl Parsons and Lindsay Birkhead-Morton participated in the 2021 Girls State Virtual Program. They had a week of learning about government. Kendahl was chosen as the Department of Maryland Girls State Representative for the Samsung Scholarship. Her application will be judged at the Regional and National levels for consideration.

We had some Poppy Poster Winners from our unit for the Department of Maryland. Lindsay Birkhead-Morton won first place for her Division entry and Delaney McDaniel won second place for her division, with Addison McDaniel

getting an honorable mention.

We took a break from meeting over the summer, but held our first meeting back on Sunday, September 12. We welcomed two new members to our Junior unit (Sophia and Mia Hume). At that meeting we discussed Emergency Preparedness, since September is National Preparedness Month. We collected school supplies for local schools and candy donations for our upcoming Make a Difference Day delivery to the Coast Guard in October. We made cards to send to a Gold Star Mother in honor of Gold Star Mothers' Day on September 26.

Our Juniors are off to a great start for the new school year. We are excited to continue our work to serve veterans and the community. A big thank you for the continued support from Marie Gilmore and Kirsten Brown for assisting with the Juniors program. We always welcome new members and their friends to participate. Please contact Jessie Parsons at 443-235-4930 if you have anyone interested in joining our ALA Juniors program.

We are so very proud of our Junior members!
Sincerely in service,

Jessie Wolfe-Parsons,
Unit #166 Junior Advisor



Jessie Parsons with Delaney McDaniel, presenting ALA Jr Unit 166 Junior of the Year award.



1ST STATE DETACHMENT MARINES

Marines Honor Marie Gilmore

On June 28 at the Post monthly membership meeting, Marie Gilmore was ambushed by The First State Marines, who presented her with an Honorary Membership. The member of First State Marines Detachment voted unanimously to recognize Marie for her dedicated commitment to veterans and their families living in Worcester County communities.

“Without Marie’s leadership our community would not have had the good fortunate to have the Wall that Heals visit the Worcester Veterans Memorial,” said Frank Del Piano past commandant of the First State Detachment. “Over the years, Marie’s exceptional leadership and organizational skills have ensured successful Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs in keeping with the promise to “Never Forget” those who sacrificed, those who served and those who were left behind, he said.

The Marines also renewed their commitment

to Marie to serve alongside her by providing mission support that she may need for future programs. Marie has been permanently added to the Marines membership roster and is entitled to participate and entitled to benefits or regular membership.



First State Detachment Marine Corps League Your 2021 Invitation to Ride the Boardwalk

Individuals, Families, and Teams are invited to Join with First State Marines on Sunday, October 17, for our Second Annual Semper Fi Bike Ride on the Iconic Boardwalk in Ocean City. We are inviting you to once again participate in this family fun event. Ride as an individual, as a family, or put your team together to enjoy a fun Fall Day on a bike ride along the Atlantic Ocean. You can register on our website firststatemarines.org. Bring your bike or rent a bike or Surrey from Bike World by calling 443-614-4007 and reserving your choice for the ride.

Share the word with your friends and neighbors and mention that this year, in addition to the Boardwalk Ride, we have expanded to include a Road Ride from the Ocean City Inlet to the Indian River Inlet (and beyond for the hard-core cyclists) and back. Individual Bike riders and Bike Clubs interested in participating can register at firststatemarines.org or through BikeReg.com.

Your entry fee is tax-deductible, with the proceeds going to the Semper Fi & America’s Fund, an organization dedicated to providing urgently needed resources and support for combat wounded, critically ill and catastrophically injured members of all branches of the U.S Armed Forces and their families.

SECOND ANNUAL SEMPER FI BIKE RIDE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
SUN, OCT 17, 2021

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| ROAD RIDE 40-MILER/63-MILER | FUN BOARDWALK RIDE 5-MILER |
| 40-MILER Round-Trip OC Inlet to Indian River Inlet 63-MILER Round-Trip OC Inlet to Gordons Pond Trail <small>REGISTER ONLINE BikeReg.com/Semper-Fi-Bike-Ride</small> | BOARDWALK ROUND-TRIP OC Inlet to 27th Street Festival Atmosphere! Bike Decoration Contest DJs - Live Music <small>REGISTER ONLINE FirstStateMarines.org</small> |

SPONSOR/INFO: WEBSERGEANT@FIRSTSTATEMARINES.ORG



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

2021 Hometown Heroes Banner Presentation Set

Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 will host its 8th Annual Hometown Heroes Military Banner Presentation Ceremony Saturday, October 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Flaig-Wagner Banquet Hall at the Lodge. The event is open to the public.

The Elks are expecting another capacity turnout for this year's event and guests are asked to use the double doors entrance on the west side of the building, then take the elevator to the second floor.

"On behalf of our 2021 Honorees and their families, I would like to pass along the sincere appreciation to all of our sponsors," said Pat Riordan, Program Manager for the Hometown Heroes program. "Your continuous support and generous contributions over the past 8 years has allowed our program to honor 280 of our local, living veterans of WW II, Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam/Vietnam Era Veterans and Active-Duty members of the United States Military currently serving around the world. Each of the banners have flown along the Ocean City Boardwalk for a full summer season, beginning with our first year

in 2014. We would not be able to make this happen without your continued support," he said. For further information call Pat at 443-623-6162.



Ocean City American Legion Post 166 Donates \$176,000

American Legion Post 166 closed out its fiscal year that ended June 30 with donations to charitable and community organizations of \$176,000, despite being closed part of the year because of Covid restrictions. The total disbursed was greater than donations made in the previous two fiscal years.

Fifty thousand dollars of the total was distributed in June alone, after accounting determined that amount was necessary to comply with a state mandate that 50 percent of the proceeds from the Post's slot machines be distributed to charities or other worthy causes.

Groups receiving donations during the fiscal year included First Responder and Paramedic organizations such as volunteer fire departments in Ocean City and surrounding communities. Registered charities throughout the region and Maryland received funds, as did church programs to help the needy. Boy and Girl scout troops received funds for projects. As befitting a veterans organization, numerous veterans groups received donations. High schools received funds and scholarships were awarded to

high school students. Cultural and environmental organizations also were on the receiving end of donations from the Post.

In the attached photo, holding the ceremonial check showing contributions for FY 2020-2021 are (L-R) Bo Spicer, Chair, Donations Committee, George Barstis, Treasurer, and Tom Wengert, Commander.



**TO THE WOMEN AND MEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES
WHO SERVED IN AFGHANISTAN
AMERICA'S LONGEST WAR**

**FROM THOSE OF US WHO SERVED BEFORE YOU IN
WWII, KOREA, VIETNAM, AND THE GULF WAR
WELCOME HOME**

YOU HAVE DISCHARGED YOUR DUTY AND WE SALUTE YOU



Afghanistan Campaign Medal

We remember you who served from the beginning and throughout the hostilities.

Those who gave their lives or were wounded. Women and Men. Enlisted and Officers.

We remember, too, your families who were left behind when you answered the call of your country.
Those who were without their wives and husbands, mothers and fathers for months or years.

Or forever.

You fought terrorists. You fought for freedom. You fought to right wrongs and in the defense of the
ideals of America.

We grieve for those who were lost. We salute, especially, those whose lives have been unalterably
changed because of the severity of their wounds. To them we give our undying gratitude. We pledge
we will always be there to help you and your families.

We are the American Legion, Marine Corps League, and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

We are your friends, neighbors, and your comrades.



**Synepuxent
Post 166**



**First State
Detachment**



**VVA Chapter
1091**

Thank you Ocean City Today for contributing space so we could present this message

THE FINAL THIRTEEN WARRIORS

SGT. JOHANNY ROSARIO PICHARDO, 25, of Lawrence, MA, assigned to 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Naval Support Activity Bahrain.



SGT. NICOLE L. GEE, 23, of Sacramento, assigned to Combat Logistics Battalion 24, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune.

STAFF SGT. DARIN T. HOOVER, 31, of Salt Lake City. His military occupational specialty was 0369, infantry unit leader.



CPL. HUNTER LOPEZ, 22, of Indio, California, rifleman.

CPL. DAEGAN W. PAGE, 23, of Omaha, Nebraska, rifleman.



CPL. HUMBERTO A. SANCHEZ, 22, of Logansport, Indiana, rifleman.

LANCE CPL. DAVID L. ESPINOZA, 20, of Rio Bravo, Texas, rifleman.



LANCE CPL. JARED M. SCHMITZ, 20, of St. Charles, Missouri, rifleman.

LANCE CPL. RYLEE J. MCCOLLUM, 20, of Jackson, Wyoming, rifleman.



LANCE CPL. DYLAN R. MEROLA, 20, of Rancho Cucamonga, California, rifleman.

LANCE CPL. KAREEM M. NIKOUI, 20, of Norco, California.

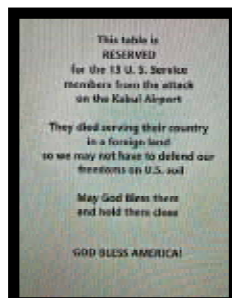


NAVY CORPSMAN MAXTON W. SOVIK, 22, of Berlin Heights, Ohio, assigned to 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton.

STAFF SGT. RYAN C. KNAUSS, 23, of Corryton, Tennessee. Knauss was assigned to 9th PSYOP Battalion, 8th PSYOP Group, Ft. Bragg.



MEMORIAL TABLES AT POST 166 AND VVA CHAPTER 1091 PICNIC



Synepuxent Post 166, Fall 2021

Eight Days in September

Starting with 9/11, the Post had one of its busiest eight-day stretch of the year. When it was all over, it was a tired crew of staff and volunteers who finished out the week.

And just remember, it's occasions like this that make Post 166

THE FRIENDLIEST PLACE IN TOWN.

But that can't keep happening without members stepping up to help, so the next time you are asked, step up and Volunteer to Help.



Donna and Sam Villain, retired deputy chief, OCVFD



Retired NYC firefighters Jerry Ritzinger (3rd from left) and Jimmy Roche with wives Terry Roche (L) and Elaine Ritzinger



Jeff and Susan Williams from the OCVFD



From left, Laurie Anderson, Beverly Sandulli and Laura Jones of the OCVFD Ladies Auxiliary.



Post 166 Chaplain Ben Dawson (L) is with Phil Turk of the OCVFD, Bryan Brubaker, Delmarva Executive Director for the Tunnels to Towers Foundation, and Cameron Turk, at the Foundation's donation's table. Foundation of Staten Island, NY, honors the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller, who was killed on 9/11, and the nation's "military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country."



LEGION RIDERS NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Bikers Fill Post 166 Front and Back

OC Bike week was one of the busiest for Post, it's staff and volunteers, filling up nightly with Legionnaire bikers and friends visiting from around – well who knows where, there were so many in town and so many license plates from so many states. By some reports heard around the city, as many as 180,000 bikers were in the area from Salisbury to Ocean City, making it, if accurate, the largest turnout yet for the annual event.

The crowds were evident at the Post also, and

on Friday of Biker's week, sales of food and drink, and shirts were reported to have been greater than St. Patrick's Day, traditionally the Post's biggest day of the year.

Both the front and back bars were operating. Food was being ordered right from the kitchen window by bikers sitting in the main hall. That's also where the Post's new shirts were on sale, and selling well.



Dancing



Busy back bar



Shirts for sale



Main Hall was filled



Crowded front bar



LEGION RIDERS NEWS & ACTIVITIES

American Legion Riders

Even though summer has come and gone, the ALR remains as busy as ever. We're working with the Legion and the OC community to continue current events as well as looking for new

ones. If you are a motorcycle rider, or just want to support the Riders, let us know. We would love to have you aboard.

American Legion Riders Annual Crab Feast

The Annual ALR Crab Feast was on July 15 this year. We appreciate all the support from, not just the Riders, but the entire Legion Community. The Riders, Legionnaires, Sons, and Auxiliary came together to make the Crab Feast happen and make it an outstanding success.



9/11 Remembrance Ride with the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club

On September 11, the American Legion Riders, Post #166, participated in a memorial motorcycle ride down the Ocean City Boardwalk from 27th St to N. Division St. The group turned off the boardwalk at the Firefighter Memorial in honor of the fallen first responders.



Sons of the American Legion Commander, Joe Verdura, helping out!



ALR Director, George Pickrell working the crowd.



Past Director Manny Perez serving some delicious crabs!



The Crowd



SAL NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Chuck Lathbury

Here we are with another Fall Season upon us already and the summer behind us and I am hoping that this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy. I know one member is who is happy, Mike Soliday from Gettysburg, Pa. Mike was the winner of the SAL Fund-

raiser Raffle of an Offshore Fishing Trip on the charter boat the Wrecker along with a \$400 Micky Fins gift card! Congratulations Mike and thanks to all who bought tickets we appreciate your continued support.

Membership for last year finished at 121 percent of goal for our detachment. While we are very happy with exceeding membership goal, we would love to see some new faces at our monthly meetings. Our detachment meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month. The meeting usually only lasts about an hour, but is filled information on how we can assist our post and its Legionnaires with all of the four pillars of the American Legion Programs. If you cannot attend the meetings, please contact us and we will be sure to keep you up to date. The post is always in need of volunteers for numerous

different events and activities held at the post. If you are able to volunteer any amount of time and would like to be added to our volunteer list, please contact myself or the post.

Upcoming events for the SAL include a Bull and Oyster Roast on Saturday November 13 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. here at post 166. Tickets are limited and available for purchase from the bar or contact the post. February will be our annual Valentines Dinner, date to be determined. Our next fundraiser raffle prize will be your very own day of fun with your own personal floating Tiki Hut on the water complete with your own captain! Keep on the lookout for further information and ticket prices.

Thank you,

Chuck Lathbury

SAL Adjutant

Queen of Hearts

The latest Queen of Hearts game started on November 1, 2020, and here we are at deadline for this issue of the Post newsletter, 45 weeks later, and still we can't report who won the jackpot because the Queen still lived at the time the newsletter went to press.

By rule, a drawing was held on September 29 as this newsletter was being printed, and all of the remaining cards were turned that day until the Queen was uncovered for one lucky person who collected \$100,000!!!

Let the next game begin!



Here it is Fall again, and guess what, the Marine Corps First State Detachment, is gearing up for the Toys for Tots drive sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserve. A few weeks ago, members of the Detachment were spotted outside the building where they store contributions, working on some renovations in the space. The photo here shows just a few of the items the First State Detachment had collected and distributed last year to area children at Christmas Time. Looking to contribute? Contact the First State Marine Corps Detachment at firststatemarines.org.



Al Harmon Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Committee has reviewed all applications for the 2021/2022 school year and has approved twelve scholarship awards. A check for \$1000 has been sent to their respective schools, with a letter stating that the scholarship money can be used for tuition, room and 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 school program. You may apply anytime during the school year.

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.

John Granite
Scholarship Committee

Steward's Column Continued from page 2
main hall and as much as possible return the hall to the way you found it. Any items I find left behind I will put upstairs on the board table. If you are looking for a misplaced item, I would start looking their first.

Thank you everyone,

Sam Wiley

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Your Color Guard Needs You



The Post Color Guard has the uniforms. It has the rifles. Now it needs a Few Good Men. Are You One?

The Color Guard began serving the Post and its members back in the 1960s. Over the years transfers from the Post, advancing age, has reduced our numbers.

That's why we're looking for new volunteers.

It's easy to become one of a special group of Post 166 members who represent the American Legion at patriotic functions, who are there for members transferred to Post Everlasting, helping to say farewell with dignity to departed veterans. Once a year in December they drive to the Veterans Home at Perry Point and distribute warm clothing to all the residents there.

Here's your chance to put on a uniform again and help out in a meaningful way.

The Post 166 Color Guard is often our face to the public at large.

Interested in feeling that special pride that comes with a sense of accomplishment and continued service?

Contact Post Commander Tom Wengert at (443) 994-2513, or television9153@yahoo.com; or Color Guard Captain Glen Reely at (443) 783-0489 or glenreely1941@gmail.com.

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



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Post 166 OC Marlins Successful Baseball Season

Congratulations to Synepuxent Post 166 OC Marlins, coaches and players, who completed another successful season of American Legion baseball this summer. Finishing with an 8-3 record the team entered District playoffs against Wicomico Post 64. The Marlins defeated Wicomico 2-1 to claim the District title for the second straight year, advancing to the Maryland state playoffs in western Maryland. After winning their initial game the Marlins lost their remaining two games at season's end. We look forward to supporting American Legion Baseball again next season

Bob Gilmore



Team Photo



Team Dinner after the Marlins won their first District Playoff game.

Synepuxent Post 166, Fall 2021



New Officers for 2021-2022

Post 166 has sworn in its new slate of Officers and Executive Committee for 2021-2022.

Returning as Commander of the Post was Tom Wengert. Other officers sworn in were Pat Sharkey, First Vice Commander; Bob Paul, Second Vice Commander; John Bussard, Adjutant; George Barstis, Finance Officer; Jack Hyle, Judge Advocate; Ben Dawson, Chaplain; Bob Gilmore, Sgt-at-Arms; Scott LaCoss, Service Officer; and Ed Pinto, Historian.

The new Executive Board consists of:

Bo Spicer, John Granite, Phil Ludlam, Harry Rey, and Charles Spaziani.



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SERVICE OFFICER



Scott LaCoss

Assistance for Veterans with VA Disability

As your Service Officer, I am here to assist veterans with filling out VA Disability and other claims paperwork. I do this by acting as the intermediary between the service member and the Maryland Department

Veteran Service Officers,

which formally represents your claims to the Veterans Administration.

I currently offer standard availability on Wednesdays, although I can always find time to make myself available. However, you must make an appointment for me to assist you. For most claim services, I need a copy of your DD214, your medical/service records and a "Power of Attorney" (VA Form 21-22) appointing the American Legion Department of Maryland Service Officers to represent you in VA claims.

Whether you are a recently separated veteran with service-connected disabilities who has not yet submitted a claim for VA Disability, or a disabled veteran with less than 100% disability, this is a great time to reassess whether or not your VA claim accurately represents your

current medical situation and needs. Many of us have service-connected ailments, which did not substantially impair our abilities to live a normal life when initially assessed. However, over time, these ailments and injuries can worsen and have more serious impacts on our lives. When that is the case, I can help you submit a claim for review and increase of your VA Disability compensation, or to seek out additional help for unique and emergent medical needs.

I'd like to add that the VA has a wide variety of programs to help veterans who are struggling after leaving the service. If you know of a veteran who needs help, either give him my contact information, or advise me of his needs and contact info and I'll take it from there.

Finally, like so many others, I will be in Florida for the Winter. Even so, I am available to consult over email, telephone, or video chat to assist you with your claims.

Yours in service,

Scott LaCoss

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GETTYSBURG VISITOR WINS SAL OCEAN CITY FISHING TRIP

On Monday September 6, the Sons of the American Legion Squad 166 held its drawing for the raffle of an all-day fishing trip and \$400 gift card. The trip was for six fishermen on the Wrecker Sportfishing Vessel with Captain Jeremy. Captain Jeremy and SAL Commander Joe Verdura pulled the ticket out of the wheel and announced Mike Soliday out of Gettysburg, Pa. was the winner of the trip. Mike has one year to book the trip and enjoy his time on the ocean. SAL Squad 166 would like to thank all who purchased tickets, Wrecker Sportfishing and all that attended the drawing.



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

As I am writing this quarterly column, I am looking forward to attending the 20th Anniversary gathering on the boardwalk to remember the almost 3,000 souls who were taken from us on 9/11/2001. On this day we celebrate the brave first responders who gave their all in those burning buildings to rescue the victims from the ravages of that terrible, cowardly act. 9/11 is a day that we will never forget!

On the brighter side, the next day (Sunday) will perhaps be the big day the "Queen of Hearts" will be drawn, and some lucky winner will go home with a very tidy sum of \$85,000. (Well, it didn't happen and at press time we are still waiting to see who it will win the jackpot.) Also on the brighter side that Sunday, the VVA 1091 held its Annual picnic.

I am writing these reminders to illustrate how quickly time flies, especially the older we get. These activities haven't happened yet but will be just a memory when you read this. Nothing is forever and we must be prepared for what may

or may not come tomorrow.

I, on a personal note have had a Blessed summer spending more time at the Post and enjoying the Comradeship of the many members I have come to know. Always a friendly smile, handshake, or salute from the many faithful. Nothing like being around so many "like people."

As we go into the fall season, let's not forget that many of our Comrades are not as fortunate, being unable to get to the Post to enjoy what is available. Just having an old friend to talk to can make a world of difference to one who is shut in or has no transportation to get out. Keep them in mind or at least let me or someone at the Post know. Even a phone call can make a world of difference. As always, I ask that if you know of someone on sick call or in need please let me know. We don't want to regret tomorrow what we neglected to do today. I also ask that you lift up in prayer the family members who have been transferred to Post Everlasting. Their names are posted in this bulletin.

As we go into this season, let us never forget the past but look forward to a future we can be proud of. Our Country needs all of our prayers.

GOD Bless,
— Ben
Chaplain

POST EVERLASTING REPORT

The following members transferred
to Post Everlasting

- Robert Huntt
- Stanley Clark Sr.
- Earl S. Hewitt
- Charles Kitzig
- Edward G. Holson
- William W. Neimiller
- Albert Blachowicz



Terry Weems, Folder-in-Chief

Here's Terry Weems of the Auxiliary, holding open one of the new shirts for sale at Post 166. Terry volunteered to fold for display and sale more than 30 dozen of the new shirts after they arrived at the Post. The Post also sold shirts at the June Legion state convention held in Ocean City. Guess who folded them and got them ready for display.



Quarterly Calendar FALL 2021



OCT

| Date | Event |
|------|---|
| 3rd | Jr Auxiliary Meeting 1400hrs |
| 4th | VVA Meeting 1800hrs Social & Food 1700hrs |
| 5th | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 11th | SAL Meeting 1900hrs |
| 12th | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 18th | Post House Committee Meeting 1600hrs |
| 18th | Post Executive Meeting 1730hrs |
| 19th | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 19th | Post Auxiliary Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs |
| 21st | ALR Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs |
| 25th | Post Membership Meeting 1900hrs Social & Food 1800hrs Speaker 1830hrs |
| 26th | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 27th | 1st State Detachment Marine Corps League Meeting 12 Noon |



NOV

| Date | Event |
|------|---|
| 1st | VVA Meeting 1800hrs Food & Social 1700hrs |
| 2nd | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 6th | Air Force vs Army Game 1200hrs |
| 7th | Jr Aux. Meeting 1400hrs |
| 8th | SAL Meeting 1900hrs |
| 9th | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 10th | US Marine Corps Est. 1775 |
| 11th | Veterans Day at WCVM 1100hrs at Post 166 1700hrs |
| 13th | US Flag Disposal WCVM 0900hrs |
| 15th | Post House Committee Meeting 1600hrs |
| 15th | Post Executive Mtg 1730hrs |
| 16th | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 |
| 16th | Post Auxiliary Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs |
| 18th | ALR Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs |
| 22nd | Post Membership Mtg 1900hrs Social Food 1800hrs Speaker 1830hrs |
| 23rd | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 24th | 1st State Detachment Marine Corps League Meeting 12 Noon |
| 25th | Thanksgiving Post Open Turkey Dinner 1400hrs-1700hrs |
| 30th | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |

DEC



| Date | Event |
|------|--|
| 4th | Trim a Tree Party 1300hrs |
| | Prepare items to be Boxed for troops |
| 5th | Boxes packed 1000hrs (Support the Troops) |
| 5th | Jr Auxiliary Meeting Following packing of boxes |
| 6th | VVA Meeting 1800hrs Social 1700hrs |
| 7th | Pearl Harbor Day |
| 7th | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 11th | Army vs Navy Game 1500hrs |
| 13th | SAL Meeting 1900hrs |
| 14th | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 20th | House Committee Mtg 1600hrs |
| 20th | Post Executive Meeting 1730hrs |
| 21st | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 21st | Post Auxiliary Christmas Party 1700hrs |
| 22nd | 1st State Detachment Marine Corps League Meeting 12 Noon |
| 27th | NO AL MEETING |
| 28th | Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs |
| 31st | New Years Eve Party 2000hrs (BRING A DISH) |
| 1st | New Years Day "Bring Your leftover snacks" 1300hrs |



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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
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