



American Legion Post 166



Synepuxent Observer *Fall 2015*

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Once again I can look back and thank many members of the Post #166 family for their dedication to the Four Pillars of the American Legion. This is the way it was meant to be. Our activities can be centered around the Pillars and all bases will be touched.

The summer has been busy and Post #166 was on the front lines. Yes, we dodged a few bullets and as they say, "we captured the flag with a win". This was done with the help of our outstanding volunteers. There will be a Volunteers Dinner in the very near future. The Volunteers will get an invitation along with a ticket for this event.

All numbers are not good. Fact, Post #166 Legion Family has over 1300 members. Fact, we had 71 of this number work the raffle booth on the boardwalk for 5 months. Thanks to those dedicated members and thanks to John Granite for his endless challenge to keep the booth manned.

Rosie and I attended the 97th National Convention in Baltimore in August. It was very rewarding and the report card for this event was an A+. As a member of the National Security Council it showed me the overall picture of the goals and missions of the organization and how it filters down the line at different levels.

A great thing has happened in Auxiliary Unit #166. They awarded Rosie a Life Time Honorary Membership. This is huge and many organizations miss this by failing to recognize someone for giving their all. I thank you from the deepest part of the heart.

The Bill for the POW/MIA Flag to fly on State Buildings has failed 2 years in a row in Annapolis. It died in Committee. On the same subject the Post sent a letter to the Mayor of Baltimore for the POW/MIA Flag to be flown during the 97th Na-

tional Convention. It was approved and it looked great at the Convention Center and their Memorial Buildings.

The Legion on the State level is requesting the Posts in each county to request the County Commissioners to flying the POW/MIA at their county buildings. Post #166 took the lead and Worcester County has approved the request. This is great and thanks to the County Commissioners of Worcester County.

Do not forget the Wounded Warrior Gala II on October 17th. Chairman John Quinn and his committee have 15 Warriors coming from Walter Reed. Tickets are \$30.00 and some are still available. If you can not attend please make a donation to Post #166's WW Fund. Rosie and Tina Preziotti have the Silent Action looking good. Rosie has the ads collected and Bill Wolf has the program book ready to go to press. Good Job!

For God and Country,
Sarge Garlitz, Commander
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Rosie and I won the Twist Contest at the Sock Hop.

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97th CONVENTION BREAKFAST JULY 12th 2015



L-R Phil Dorsey Post #191, Department Finance Officer and candidate for Sgt-at-Arms for 2015-2016, Past National Commander Rick Santos Post #136, Past Department Commander Alfred Schmidt Post #191 in conversation with Lewis Trott, Department of Maryland, 1st Vice Commander seeking the office of Department Commander for 2015-2016.

BINGO NEEDS HELP, BIG TIME

BINGO has been the heart beat of Post #166 for at least 65 years. We want to keep it going in a positive direction and some important changes need to be made. Affective the first of the year Paul Hawkins will be retiring from the position as the Chairman of our BINGO program.

In the next few weeks we are asking for a few dedicated members to please step forward to form a team. The team can learn what it takes to lead the BINGO program in 2016 and beyond. If there is an interest please contact Paul or Sarge. **We can not lose this program.**



Members of Synepuxent Unit #166 served the Convention Corp their annual breakfast at the Post on July 12th. L-R Eileen Salfia, Rosie Garlitz, Linda Beall, Katie Bear and Emilie Beall



It is Nancy Howard the Director of the OC Life Life Saving Museum. She was the guest speaker at Post #166's August 24th General Membership meeting. The membership was informed of the programs and how this Museum benefits our Community.

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2014 LEGIONAIRE OF THE YEAR

Commander Sarge Garlitz announced Ed Hansen was awarded the 2014 American Legion Member of the Year Award. He was the Service Officer of the Post and maintained an excellent program for the veterans. He worked hand in hand with the local VA Offices to make our veterans needs fulfilled.

Comrade Hansen wore many hats this Legion Year. He was very active on the Executive Committee Board, Advisor to Squadron #166 Sons



of the American Legion, Co-Director of Chapter #166 American Legion Riders, a member of the House Committee, a major leader for Bike Week, involved in all Fund Raisers, volunteered in the kitchen for Bingo and was involved in hall rentals with catering requirements. Ed was also on the committee for the Wounded Warrior Gala last November making it a huge success.

Ed Hansen is a great asset to Post #166, its members and our community. This Legionaire of the year is a Marine and we give him a real loud-SEMPER FI.



Rosie Garlitz Chair of Unit #166's Junior Auxiliary Program displays the Certificate of Merit awarded to Unit #166's Juniors for being the #1 in the Department of Maryland for all around activities.



L-R Glen Reely, Bo Spicer, Eric Nilsson, Bernie Michels, Ed Hansen, Sarge Garlitz and Bag Piper Bill Magargle. Not shown in the Pic is John Granite, Earl Hewett and Bob Deickman.

At the 97th Annual Convention for the Department of Maryland American Legion the Guard of Honor from Post #166 which included the Legion Riders was used in the program. In the photo is the Department's Guard of Honor and in the 2nd row is the Joint Guard of Post #166.

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Service Officer Notes

Are you aware of the many benefits available to you as a Veteran? Through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) there are a wide range of benefits available, probably the greatest is the VA Health Care Benefits. Others available are Education and Training, Home Loan Guaranty, VA Pensions, VA Life Insurance, Burial and Memorial Benefits and Dependents and Survivors Benefits.

You may be eligible for some or all of these benefits depending if you meet the qualifications. Eligibility for most VA Benefits is based upon discharge from Active Military Service under other than dishonorable conditions (that means all American Legion members are eligible). That however does not mean you are eligible for all the benefits, there are other requirements for some of these Benefits you may not meet. How do you find out? One of the ways is to attend the VA Benefits Seminar at the Post on Saturday, November 21, 2015 starting at 10:00 AM and should last until Noon. A "Continental Breakfast" will be available starting at 9:30 AM. Put this date on your calendar and be there!

Bill Wolf

Post Service Officer



Service Officer Bill Wolf attended a meeting with the Worcester County Commission on Aging on Sept. 15th. Synepuxent Post #166 donated to the WCCA a Chair Lift to be used in their loan closet. This chair is on loan to Grace Swisher a Veterans Widow of OC. She is very happy and appreciative for being able to have the use of it.

Service Officer News

Veterans, do you know what benefits you are eligible for from the Veterans Administration?

Come out to the Post on November 21, 2015 starting at 10:00 AM to the Veterans Benefits Seminar at Post 166. The Seminar should last until Noon and you can come at 9:30 AM for coffee and pastry.

Learn about who is eligible for benefits such as Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, Education and Training, Home Loans and Burial benefits.

Remember, you earned these benefits with your service, now it's time to collect. See you at the Seminar!

Bill Wolf

Post Service Officer

AUXILIARY NEWS



Cathy Kline in #1

Well, another summer is behind us, I hope it was a great one for everyone! The Auxiliary has been busy this summer. We have been working the motorcycle booth on the boardwalk, getting the sock hop together, selling raffle tickets at the post and fundraising for the upcoming Wounded Warrior Gala. Thank You to everyone that has been donating their time! Bless you all, without your help these things cannot be done. WAY TO GO LADIES, JOBS WELL DONE! Our Junior member Kendahl Parsons won State Juniors Girl and her Poppy poster also won 1st place

at state level, Our juniors are our future and I am so very proud of each and everyone of them. Congratulations to Carly Herl and Katie Behr for crossing over from Juniors to Senior Auxiliary Members.

On August 22nd we had a Sock-Hop fundraiser so we are able to continue doing the work of The ALA. Congrats to Past President Rosie Garlitz and Commander Sarge Garlitz for the outstanding twisting skills that won them 1st Place in the Twist Contest. Who would have thought you two could move like that! Fun was had by all and people are ready to do it again next year. We will just have to wait and see??? We are still selling raffle tickets for the quilt that is displayed at the post and will be drawn on Veteran's Day 11/11/15. We will also be doing another basket of cheer raffle to be raffled in time for Christmas. The 2nd Wounded Warrior Gala will be held on October 17, cocktails @ 1700 hours and dinner at 1800. Get your tickets early so you don't miss out on a memorable evening. November 6,7, and 8th Fall Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront. Details on Aux board at post. In closing, hope you all have a wonderful and Blessed Holiday Season with nothing but great times with your family and friends. Hope to see your smiling faces at our monthly ALA meetings.

God Bless Our Troops and God Bless The USA!

Cathy Kline
Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY NEWS

BRINGING HOME THE TROPHIES

The following awards were presented at the Department Convention to Synepuxent Unit #166 in the 336 members and over class:

Membership: Goal and Goal Plus

First Place - Children and Youth

First Place - Cancer Control (most outstanding work)

First Place - Community Service

First Place - Junior Activities

First Place - Unit sponsoring the winning Poster

First Place - National Security, Best all around program

First Place - Public Relations, Best all around work

First Place - Most Complete Publicity Report

First Place - Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, most outstanding work

First Place - Most Outstanding Family Contact

Second Place - Best Poppy Report

Third Place - Education Program

Third Place - Gold Star Program

Third Place - Past President Parley

Fourth Place - "Toot Your Horn Award"



SOUTH EASTERN SHORE AWARDS FOR 2014-2015

First Place - Americanism

First Place - Cancer Control -

First Place - All Around Activities

Second Place - National Security

Second Place - Veterans Affair & Rehabilitation

First Place - Children and Youth

First Place - Community Service

Second Place - Education

Second Place - Membership Gain



AUXILIARY NEWS



Rosie Garlitz Unit #166 Chair of the Juniors Auxiliary Program address the Department Convention regarding the future of the Juniors Program.



Kendahl Parsons of Unit #166, the Junior Auxiliary member of the Year is being recognized by the Department Chair Starr Purnell



Kendahl Parsons of Unit #166 is being escorted to the podium by Jrs. Chair Rosie Garlitz to receive the Department of Maryland's Junior Auxiliary member of the year.



Unit #166 Historian Gail Schuler was really into the 50's style at the Sock Hop. Gail's comments were, "tonight's Sock Hop is the way" it really was".



Legion member and bartender at Post #166 Diane Harper sells the first two tickets for the Wounded Warrior Gala II. Dickee Hafer, a dedicated volunteer of the post bought the first 2 tickets.

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Auxiliary President Cathy Kline presents cards to the Ocean City Police Department. This is a Homeland Security program for the Junior and Senior Auxiliary members



to Honor Local Police Depts. Kendahl Parsons the Junior Auxiliary Member of the Year made the cards to be presented to the local Police Department.

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LEGION RIDER NEWS & ACTIVITIES

From Your Riders Director:

Well what can I say?

First a thank you to some of the hardest working and dedicated members. We have stood up as always when needed. We are the 2 and 4 wheel Cavalry of our Legion. We help get it done. Many have taken Boardwalk Shifts this summer selling raffle tickets. We manned a table at the Legion all of Legion Week to sell Legion Raffle tickets. We participated in many local fund raisers as well as Memorial Rides.

With the huge project of Bike Week behind us we will regroup and gear up to help with the Annual Wounded Warrior Gala, Our Annual Golf Fund Raiser which all proceeds help Worcestor County Children, then a few times we will sell our Gun Raffle tickets at Walmart to finish raising money for some needy veterans and families for the holidays.

As we finish off the year and start to wind down those of you that were here and volunteered, sleep well at night knowing you are noticed, and thanked. We have had great feed back and compliments from other Legions, Groups, and the public knowing how hard you worked and what we do.

God Bless You All.

Respectfully,

Russell "Buster" Slaton

Legion Riders Director



Once again Riders set up tent at Camp Alamo at our location at Hoopers Crab House for Fall Bike Week in Ocean City. We were on a mission to raise money for a donation to the upcoming Wounded Warrior Gala. Riders worked hard selling raffle tickets for the Legions Motorcycle, Riders Gun Raffle and merchandise.



On Saturday September 19th the Riders had a very successful run. Auxiliary Secretary Joann Wengert, Post Adjutant Tom Wengert and SAL FO Ray Kudobeck manned the Berlin stop for the run.

RIDERS CON'T



Riders Rob Marriot and Jeff Speranzella represented us at the annual 9/11 Boardwalk Ride and Memorial Service here in Ocean City. Thank you for showing we “Never Forget”.

Tee off for Youth Golf Tournament

The Tee off for Youth 3rd Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2015 at The Bay Club. All proceeds from this tournament will benefit the American Legion Riders post 166 Charities & the Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks Youth Scholarship fund.

The American Legion Riders are known for their charitable work, whose donations and proceeds have benefited local children’s hospitals, schools, veteran homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships.

Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks scholarship fund will help provide funding to youth programs, leagues, after school activities, and summer camps to youth and families who are otherwise unable to afford it on their own.

We would like to invite you to join us as a tee sponsor for this event. For \$100 you will receive a hole sign showing recognition of your business or organization on the tee box on the day of the event. We are also in need of donations for our Basket Auction, goodie bags, and door prizes.

Many thanks for your support!





**Joe Verdura
SAL Commander**

Sons of the American Legion

As Summer winds down we take a look at what we have accomplished. The winner for the Grille it was Mr. John Michalak of Ocean City and the winner of the basket of Crabs was Mr. Mike Brown from Baltimore. Congratulations to the winners. The Son's participated in volunteering for Bingo, working the sox hop, helping on the crab feast and other functions. Selling tickets on the boardwalk, helping in the kitchen, bar backing are a few of the ways we helped for the better of the Legion.

Volunteering is a great way to make new friends and to catch up on what's been happening at the post. We always need volunteers to help so if you have some time please help out. We're looking for a great Fall and new ideas for fundraisers to help the veterans. We are going to have the Wednesday night game night again. It was a great hit and lots of fun last year and we know it will be again this year. Hope to see you there. The meetings for the SAL are on the second Monday of each month. Happy hour for those who are coming to the meeting starts at 6 pm. Beers are \$1.00 and there is food for the members whom are attending the meetings. The meetings start at 7pm and run for about an hr. Please try and make it to the meetings for we would like to hear your ideas and inputs. Your support as a Son of the American Legion is highly appreciated. The membership is now up to 227 and growing. At this time our renewals are at 45%. So let's send in your dues and see if we can make our goal for this year.

**For God and Country
SAL Commander**

Joe Verdura

Commander:	Joe Verdura
1st Vice:	Bill Wolf
2nd Vice:	Jeff Speranzella
Adjutant:	Tom Wengert
Finance:	Ray Kudobeck
Chaplain:	Pat Sharkey
Sgt-at-Arms:	Phil Ludlum Jr
Historian:	Rich Pennington





Commander Joe Verdura and Adjutant Tom Wengert of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #166 presenting Master Chief Sparks and her crew of men and women of the Ocean City Coast Guard with a Fuseball table. During the winter months members of the Legion Family and members of the Coast Guard compete in bar games. Most of the members of the OC Coast Guard are a member of Post #166.

FROM THE DESK OF TOM WENGERT THE ADJUTANT

Unfortunately I have some good and bad news this year. Our membership is doing very good this year and we should be able to reach our goal of 889 members. Let's get to the bad news first—National is raising our membership dues \$5.00 beginning January 1, 2016 and the Department is holding off their increase till next year. In order to operate our Post 166 at the level that we are accustomed, we will be raising our membership dues \$10.00 beginning January 1, 2016 which will offset both of the increases from National and the Department. So if you pay after January 1, you will be paying \$35.00. The good news is very simple. Pay your 2016 membership dues before the end of the year and it will only cost \$25.00. That is a **SAVINGS** of \$10.00.

I would like to thank all those that participated in our Bar Game Nite on Wednesday evenings this past winter. It was a great success and we got to meet some very nice men and women from our local Coast Guard. We wound up with 20 regular players who ate and drank and played games for approximately 2 hours. The comradery was just fantastic and we are looking forward to doing it again this coming winter. **COME ON IN AND SIGN UP FOR OUR WINTER BAR GAME NITE. YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT.**

Presently, we are doing an in-house bowling league beginning September 30 and running thru December 16th. We have 12 players signed up so far. I know this is a late notice but for those of you who visit our Post often, sign up for the Winter Bar Games beginning in January.

Remember **PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES EARLY AND SAVE \$10.00.**



WELCOME HOME

Ocean City Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter is looking for a few good Veterans. If you served in country or any duty station during Vietnam War era you are eligible. Applications are at Post #166 by guest sign in book with eligibility dates. We meet at Post #166 the first Monday at 1800 hrs. and social at 1730 hrs. Come join us or stop by to say hey. Visit our great website www.vvachapter1091.org and "Like" our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/oceancityvva1091> (Thanks to Bill Wolf) to keep up with current events. On 9/11/2015 VVA members attended "Seastheday" parade at Bayside Americana and handed out 300 hand held flags to crowd that greeted Wounded Veterans as they passed by on their way to dinner and show at the Freeman Stage. Aaron Tippin was the entertainer and one moving story was told by one of the Vets was that the last time he saw Tippin was at a USO show in Baghdad and his vehicle hit an explosive device the next day. Parade was great and thanks to VVA members and MCL that helped. My wife June, a AVVA member assisted Hogs and Heroes get people to sign 160 cards and sent them to law enforcement across Md. with very large cards hand delivered to all Baltimore City precincts for Law Enforcement Appreciation week. Please support H.R.1292, a bill to allow service connected disabled Veterans DOD commissary (PX) privileges. Locally contact rep. Andy Harris in Md. Contact me for e-mail support letter. We are treating 4 members to Lions Club golf with 100% of fees going to Hospital in Germany for wounded Veterans immediate care. Hole in one would be appreciated. We have great news. Bill Wolf, our Treasurer is waiting VA certification to be a certified Service Officer. Bill took the VVA S.O. course and our congratulations to him. He will be the only VVA certified service officer on the Eastern shore and will be assisting all Veterans who need help.

Finally, I would like to thank the American Legion for their \$2,000.00 donation to the programs of VVA Chapter 1091, both of our organizations will continue working together for all Veterans in the area.

Thanks and hope to see you soon.

Nelson Kelly, President VVA Chapter 1091



TEE off for Youth Golf Tournament

Join us for the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament
Fundraiser benefiting the Youth of Worcester County



Friday, October 9, 2015
The Bay Club - West Course



1:00 shotgun start, 4 man scramble
check-in begins at 12:00

Dinner & Awards will be held at the American Legion post 123 in Berlin

\$65 per golfer

Worcester County Employees, Bay Club & American Legion post 166 members

\$75 per golfer

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 2, 2015

Registration: Drop off form & payment to the American Legion post 166 in Ocean City
or mail to

American Legion Riders ~ 321 Schooner Lane ~ Berlin, MD 21811

Make Checks Payable to: American Legion Riders post 166

Proceeds to Benefit

Worcester County Department of Recreation & Parks Youth Scholarship Fund
American Legion Riders Post 166 Charities

**Hole Sponsors, Auction Baskets, and
donations are needed to run a
successful fundraiser.**

For Questions or more information,
email tee-off-for-youth@hotmail.com
or contact Legion Rider Member Matt Rados at 717-903-8436

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COLOR GUARD NEEDS A FEW

The Color Guard, Honor Guard and the Guard of Honor is recruiting for a few new members. Several of the current guard have retired and others have lost interest. To round out the needs of our members and Veterans in the area we are seeking Legion members to sign up for a hitch. Also included in this drive are members of Sons of the and American Legion Riders.

Armorer Martin Price will provide the weapons safety training so everyone will be comfortable with the firing of the rifles. This is a very important program of the American Legion Pillars and Post #166 has set standards that have to be maintained.

Contact: Commander Garlitz 443-735-1942, commander166@msn.com



SUPPORT THE TROOPS PROGRAM TO KICK OFF

On Oct 1st the Support The Troops Program will kick off at Post #166. The tubs will be 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. Items needed this year are as follows:

- High Quality Body Wash
- Vicks Vapor Rub
- Lip Balm
- Baby Wipes
- Pain Relieving Cream
- Small Containers of Glass Cleaner
- Sunscreen
- Lens Cleaning Cloths
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes (only no toothpaste)
- Deodorant
- Foot Powder and Cream
- Odor Eaters (for boots)
- Hand Sanitizers
- Shave Cream-non Aerosol Only
- Good Razors
- Mens and Ladies Underwear
sizes small, medium and large
- T-Shirts
- Writing Material & Cards
- Mens & Ladies Calf High Socks or Boot Socks
black and white
- AT&T Global Pre-Paid calling cards
- SNACKS
- Hot Sauce
- Taco Bell Sauce Packs
- Cold Drink mixes
- Gatorade
- Beef Jerkys
- Slim Jims
- Turkey Jerkys
- Sunflower Seeds
- Barbecue Sauce
- Power Bars
- Chips
- Cookies
- Cheese/Crackers
- Peanuts

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J. HOLSEY JR

At noon on August 25th a Post Everlasting and the Draping of the Charter Program was held for long time member "Bill or Boze" Holsey. The program was opened by Commander Sarge Garlitz and Sgt-at-Arms Glen Reely. This was followed by an Invocation by Chaplain Bernie Michels. Then Rosie Garlitz recited Crossing the Bar by Alfred Lord Tennyson. Adjutant Tom Wengert placed the American Legion service hat on the stacked rifles followed by a prayer by Chaplain Bernie Michels. Commander Sarge Garlitz gave the eulogy on Comrade Holsey who was a Korean War Veteran. Adjutant Wengert and Chaplain Michels burned the military service and Legion records of William J. Holsey Jr, transferring him to Post Everlasting. Bugler Eric Nilsson played TAPS followed by the presentation of the US Flag by Past Commander Martin Price to Donna Holsey the widow of Comrade Holsey.



The Synepuxent Post #166 AKA The Ocean City Marlins

The Synepuxent Post #166 AKA The Ocean City Marlins had their first season in the South Eastern Shore American Legion Baseball League. It was managed by Otis Elzey a baseball ICON on the Eastern Shore. Their record for this first season was 5 wins and 11 losses. Jack Hyle, "Spaz" Spazani and Commander Garlitz took the lead to put the

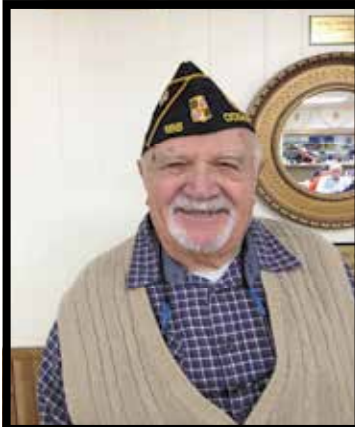


Front Row: Nate Cooper(14), Mason Elzey(18), Brandon McKenzie(15), Nik Johnson(1),Brady Elzey(13)
Rear Row: Manager Otis Elzey(29), Josh Banks(2), Chaudre Johnson(25), Joe Thornton(26), Ben Hudson(17),
Jordan Turner(11)
Not shown: Kairon Corbin, Dustin Holloway, Tristan McDonough, Jake Silverman, Derrick Smith, Jacob Shockley,
Daniel Hudson

program together. The total consensus was a very a good feeling of a successful season. SAL member Richard Pennington was the official scorekeeper and "Bench Coach" for the team.

There is a 2nd season on the Shore and Post #166 sponsored a Pony League team in this program also. As the committee looks ahead there is talk of a Jr. American Legion League developing for the summer of 2016. As back in the day, the Eastern Shore of Maryland was baseball country and it is time to bring that reputation back. Our youth is what it is all about. So the words for 2016 is, "let's play ball".

CHAPLAIN'S PAGE



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

DUTIES OF A CHAPLAIN

PURPOSE: To help veterans grow in their relationship with God and one another.

HIS WORK: To serve and minister where there is a need. Being on the Staff of the Commander is to serve and minister as a spiritual advisor for all members of Post #166. Which will also include any veteran in need. The Chaplain gives invocation and benediction at all meetings and gives memorial prayers at Post Everlasting Services. "Service to God and Country"

Chaplain Bernie Michels captbernie3049@gmail.com 443-366-5852

BLESSING PRAYER

When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. Concentrate on this sentence. "The wall of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you".

Something good will happen to you today, something you have been waiting to hear (just 27 words). "God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and watch over and heal my family, in your name Amen".

This prayer is very powerful. A blessing is coming in different forms. Example, a new job, a house, marriage or the healing of financial problems and good health. Do not ask questions. Watch what he does. **AMEN.** Can not hear you, **AMEN**

DEPARTMENT

CHAPLAINS SEMINAR

On Saturday November 14th from 0900hrs until noon the Department of Maryland American Legion will provide a Chaplains Seminar. This event will be at Synepuxent Post #166 in Ocean City, Md. Department Chaplain William Trotter will be taking the lead for this 2nd Annual Seminar. Post Chaplains from the Eastern Shore are urged to attend to get the updated changes and current information regarding the position of a Chaplain.

The session is very informative and interaction with other Post Chaplains is very rewarding. Following the Seminar lunch will be served.

SLOTS PAY BIG TIME TO CHARITIES

Every time the dedicated officers and members of Synepuxent Post #166 enters the Post building a “thanks” comes to mind. This thanks goes to Senator Jim Mathias for his 4 years of hard work getting the Bill passed to allow slots to clubs in Worcester County. This Bill benefits 5 American Legions, 3 Elks Lodges, the OC VFW and the OC Knights of Columbus. The law states that 50% of the money earned will go to 501c Charities.

During the past 4 years Post #166 has given real close to \$370,000.00 to their charities. This past year, Legion year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, \$90,150.00 was donated to the following:

Helping Hometown Hero's, Concerns of Police Survivors Inc, WWII Memorial, AL National Emergency Fund, Diakonia Inc, Diakoni Veterans Outreach Program, St. Peters Lutheran Church Soup Kitchen, Worcester County Child Advocacy, 4 Steps Therapeutic Riding Program, Community Church of OP's Veteran's Need Program, Ocean City Recreation and Parks, First State Marine Corps League, Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, Eastern shore Hero's Haven, Boy Scout Troop #261, Cub Scout Pack #261, Stephen Decatur High School After Prom Party, Snow Hill High School After Prom Party, Ocean City Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program, Cambridge Veterans Clinic, Pocomoke Veterans Clinic, Perry Point Veterans Clinic, Worcester County Veterans Memorial, Joan W. Jenkins Foundation, Holy Savior Church Charity Event, Veteran Support Center of America, American Legion Unit #166's Scholarship Program, OC VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Shriners Hospital for Children, AL Operation Comfort Warrior, Hero's to Hometown, St. Paul's by the Sea Red Door Program, Maryland Center Veterans Education and Training, Maryland Veterans Health Care System, Germantown School Heritage Center, American Legion Southern Maryland Youth Camp, Air Force Security Forces Assoc, Worcester County Youth and Family Counseling Center, Worcester County Cricket Center, American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, WWII Museum, Ocean Lions Club Warrior Fund. Salvation Army, Ocean City Life Saving Museum, Worcester County Commission on Aging, Vietnam Veterans of America.

Many thanks goes to Chairman George “Bo” Spicer, Earl Hewett and John Granite for taking the lead on the Donations Committee.





Wounded Warriors Gala

**AT AMERICAN LEGION POST #166,
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND**

*An evening to
Support your Wounded Warriors*

will be held on Saturday, October 17th, 2015
Cocktails at 1700 hours, Dinner at 1800 hours

\$30.00 Donation Includes:
1 Drink, Hors D'oeuvres and Dinner with Music

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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Tickets available at the American Legion 2308 Philadelphia Ave. OCMD

410-289-3166 or

Commander Sarge Garlitz 443-735-1942 commander166@msn.com

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100% of funds raised will go directly to Post #166 Charities for Wounded Warriors



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Quarterly Calendar Fall 2015

October

- 5th VVA meeting 1800hrs
- 12th SAL meeting 1900hrs
- 17th WWG II 1700hrs
(Wounded Warrior Gala)
- 19th AL Exec meeting 1800hrs
- 20th ALA Meeting 1900hrs
- 25th Spaghetti Dinner 1600hrs

- 26th AL meeting 1900hrs
(food 1800)(speaker 1830)
- 27th ALR meeting 1900hrs
- 31st Halloween 1900hrs

2016 AT A GLANCE

Mark your calendar for the early 2016 events. Look for details to come.

Jan 1st New Years Day - bring your left over snacks party.

Jan 13th - Junior Shooters session to start

Jan 20th - Bar Games opening night

Jan 23rd - 70th Anniversary of Synepuxent Post #166

Jan 29,30,31st - SAL Detachment of Maryland DEC meeting

Feb 7th - Four Chaplain's Service

November

- 2nd VVA meeting 1800hrs
- 9th SAL meeting 1900hrs
- 11th VETERANS DAY
WCVM 1100hrs
Post #166 1800hrs
- 14th Chaplains Seminar
0900hrs-Noon
- 15th Spaz's Steaks
1600hrs-1900hrs
- 16th AL Exec meeting 1800hrs
- 17th AUX meeting 1900hrs
- 21st VA Seminar 1000hrs-Noon
- 23rd AL Meeting 1900hrs
(food 1800)(speaker 1830)
- 24th ALR meeting 1900hrs
- 26th **THANKSGIVING DAY**
OPEN TURKEY

- 27th Hall Decorating 0900hrs
(Christmas)


BINGO at the POST

Every Thursday at

6:30 PM

Doors open at 5:00

December

- 5th Trim a Tree Party 1300hrs
- 6th Boxes packed 1000hrs
(for the Troops) 
- 7th PEARL HARBOR DAY
- 7th VVA meeting 1800hrs
- 13th Pasta Galore
1600hrs -1900hrs
- 14th SAL meeting 1900hrs
- 15th ALA meeting 1900hrs
(Christmas Party)
- 21st AL Exec meeting 1800hrs
- 24th Christmas Eve Party Noon
- 28th Al meeting 1900hrs
(food 1800)(speaker 1830)
- 29th ALR meeting 1900hrs
- 31st New Years Eve



WE NEED YOUR EMAIL

ADDRESS. PLEASE

SEND IT TO:

admin166@comcast.net

STAY INFORMED

VA OUTREACH PROGRAM IN WORCESTER COUNTY

The Maryland Veterans Administration's Outreach Program is at the Ocean Pines Library the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The local VA REP Michelle Licata is at the library from 1000hrs until 1500hrs. If you are a Veteran and have questions or are in need of service from the VA, this is the place to visit.

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

PHONE NUMBERS IMPORTANT TO VETERANS:

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

ATTENTION ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS

Post #166 is proud and honored to have you as a member of our Legion Family. Many of you have been a member for several years.

We send packages to those of you which have a current address on file. At times our communications to your address on file is returned. Please get back at us so we can up date our records. Email us:

alpost166@comcast.net .

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

ALL Active Duty Members should submit their 8"x10" Photos to American Legion Post 166, P.O. Box 63, Ocean City, MD 21843 to replace the current Active Wall at Post 166. Contact Sarge Garlitz at (443) 735-1942 or Commander166@msn.com

Hey you Internet surfers, we not only have a web site at <http://www.alpost166.org>, we also have our own "Face Book" Page at <http://www.facebook.com/alpost166> and if you "Like" us you will receive news as it happens. Look for some "drink & food deals" coming over Face Book. Also, send us your email to receive an electronic copy of the Observer.

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