



Synepuxent Observer Spring 2019



Commander's Message

Oh WOW, we've done it again. We got through another winter without any major snow although we were inundated with a lot of rain. I believe every storm that came west to east and even the ones that came from the south hit Ocean City.

January started with a great Anniversary party that was put on by the VVA chapter 1091 here at Post 166. We had all the leftovers from the New Year's Eve party plus raw oysters and homemade sausages with peppers and onions by President Nelson Kelly. Immediately following their party, the banquet hall, pantry and storage rooms were closed for three weeks for renovations. I would personally like to thank all those who volunteered to help especially Joe Salafia who put in over 120 hours of work redoing the pantry and storage rooms along with SAL Commander Joe Verdura.

This project was done just in time for the SAL SESD to have their annual meeting and reception on January 26 and 27th. On the 31st we celebrated TET 51 at WCVM in Ocean Pines and then a small ceremony with light refreshments at Post 166.

February started off pretty busy with our annual 4 Chaplains Service at the Post on Sunday February the 3rd. Following the service came our weekly Queen of Hearts drawing which has become a major event at the Legion. Post 166 Legion Riders also had their gun raffle which was won by Jerry Adams and Andy Griffith. The Riders Director, Manny Perez, would like to thank everyone that participated in last years raffle and hope that you will participate again in this year's gun raffle. We then had our Super Bowl party with some great food and like anything else some cried and some cheered but overall it was a lot fun. On Saturday February 16th we celebrated Valentine's Day

with our Steak and Shrimp Dinner, thanks to Spaz and Chuck Lathbury, which was a huge success. Where can you go and get a steak and shrimp dinner with a baked potato, a veggie, a salad and a glass of wine for \$15? Answer is—NOWHERE but Post 166 in Ocean City. On Wednesday the 27th we ended the month with our First Responders night with a great dinner where we honored all those who put their lives in danger every day to save others and keep our city and county safe.

The month of March was rather quiet until we reached the middle where the American Legion celebrated their 100 year anniversary on Friday March 15th. On this particular day we had a dedication of a WWI statue of a soldier that scout Kurt Leinemann of Boy Scout troop 261 redid to fulfill and complete his Eagle Scout obligation. This WWI statue was donated to the American Legion by Mrs Joy Faulkner. It was an extensive project that took several months over the course of the winter to install. He not only had to get permits but he also had to sand it and clean it by hand before putting the statue in concrete as well as installing a small chain-link fence around the area where this statue stands. You must really have to see it to appreciate what all this young man had to do to complete this project. After the dedication the American Legion hosted a Spaghetti Dinner which was a fundraiser for Boy Scout troop 261 and newly chartered 621 Troop of girls. It was a combined effort between the 2 Troops. The very next day the Legion and chef Joe Verdura put on their famous Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner and of course like always it was sold out. Music was played by DJ Mikey and if you have never heard

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SERVICE ANIMALS FOR PTSD

Service animals and Post-Traumatic Stress is the “signature wound” of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and VA estimates that up to 20 percent of U.S. veterans suffer from it. As a result, there has been a dearth of new therapies and treatments to assist veterans from all service eras in coping with PTSD. In 2010, The American Legion created the TBI/PTSD Committee to explore emerging treatments for mental health conditions and recommend those treatments to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD). Among them is the use of service dogs.

Many Legionnaires have said that a trained service dog has had a positive effect on their lives, and emerging research backs up those claims; thus, in 2016, during the 98th National Convention in Cincinnati, The American Legion passed Resolution No. 134, “Service Dogs for Injured Service Personnel and Veterans with Mental Health Conditions.” Veterans with PTSD use service animals to mitigate specific symptoms, such as recurring nightmares or anxiety attacks. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), passed into law in 1990, is a federal prohibition on discrimination against disabled individuals. According to the ADA, this includes those who utilize service dogs for a disability.

Most American Legion posts have been exemplary in their adherence to local, state and federal disability laws, but a select few have not. Some local posts have failed to adequately recognize the value of service dogs for PTSD and been in non-compliance regarding public access under

the ADA.

The care of our disabled comrades is one of the Legion's prime objectives, and through Resolution No. 357 – passed to make American Legion facilities accessible to and usable by disabled veterans and their families – we continue that long tradition of supporting those who need it most. The law requires the animal to be under the control of the handler at all times by harness, leash or voice control. In complying with the ADA, American Legion posts should understand that service dogs are protected under the ADA and no veteran with one should be denied access to a local post, even if it has a “no pets” policy. The only exception is if the dog is not under control of the veteran and is a direct threat to others. If an individual enters an American Legion post with a service animal, the person cannot be asked about the nature or extent of disability.

Only two questions may be asked: 1. Is the animal required because of a disability? 2. What work or task has the animal been trained to perform? These questions should not be asked if the animal's service tasks are obvious, such as guiding an individual who is blind or has low vision, pulling a wheelchair or providing stability. Furthermore, an “emotional support” or “comfort” animal

is not protected by the ADA, but state laws may differ. Post leadership should review all house rules and its constitution and by-laws to ensure compliance with federal, state and local laws per service dogs, and Legionnaires should be briefed. Frequently asked questions about service animals and the ADA are online at www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.pdf.



LEGIONS IN THE ST. PATTY'S DAY PARADE

The Joint Color Guard carried the Colors in this years St. Patrick's Day Parade. From Synepuxent Post #166 were Glen Reely, Bo Spicer and Johan Nykvist. From Duncan Showell in Berlin was Kenneth Morris.

American Legion Riders represented 3 Legion Posts at follows:

Post #19 of Laurel, DE. Jim & Pegg Parkinson, Jim Leopard and Rich Kezely.

Post #28 of Millsboro, DE. Walter and Marian Williams

Post #166 of Ocean City, MD. is George Picknell and Bob & Sherry Logan



Commander Tom Wengert presents Legion Riders Director Manny Perez the National Legacy Award for Chapter #166's participation in 2018.

Commander's Message Continued...

him play you are really missing out . I would like to thank our dedicated volunteers John and Poppy Granite, George and Lois Barstis, George Pickerell, Ben Nielsson, Chuck Lathbury and Tony Tomaini who helped in the kitchen to make this affair a success. I would also like to thank members of the ALA Bonnie, Phyllis, Robin, Rosie, Patty and Susan stapling the raffle tickets, selling raffles and T-shirts as well as Karen and Shannon for manning the beer stations. What a great job Mary, Tina, Pam, Sherrie and Robin did tending bar.

The American Legion this year has the boardwalk raffle again and we need volunteers desperately. You don't have to volunteer all day because the shifts are broken down into 3 four hour segments. Give Bill Wolf a call at 443-366-2994 and



TET 51 AT THE WCVM

L-R US Army Chuck Porter, US Marine Reggie Mason, both of the American Legion Post #166 & Chapter #1091 Vietnam Veterans of America. On the far right Jim Mathias, a Honorary Life Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. The three stand together following the placing of the TET 51 Wreath on January 31st at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. This was the 51st Anniversary of the TET Offense that took place on January 31, 1968. The Anniversary was recognized and those who served and those who did not return along with their families were honored. We will never forget!

help make this raffle success. You will have fun just looking at the sights walking on the boardwalk.

Enclosing again I would like to say, when you vacation here in the town of Ocean City, please be careful not to Drink and Drive. If you do, our great law-enforcement officers will catch you because they are trying to protect the thousands of other vacationers here in our great city. Call an Uber or a cab and play it safe. They are much cheaper than a DUI. Also be safe while you travel to and from Ocean City.

May God Bless You and May God Bless America.

Tom Wengert,
Commander

FIRST RESPONDERS AWARDS PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 27, 2019



Ocean City Career
Firefighter of the Year 2018
Christopher M. Gee
presented by
AL Post #166 Commander
Tom Wengert



**FIRST RESPONDERS
SPECIAL AWARD**
presented to
(Ret) Sheriff Reggie Mason
by ALR/AL Post #166
Executive Committee
Bo Spicer.



5:30PM DINNER BLESSING.....Unit #166 Chaplain Teddi Rozzano
6:00PM OPENING OF THE PROGRAM.....Chairman Sarge Garlitz
INVOCATION.....Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE..... AL 1st Vice Commander Tom Devaux
WELCOME.....Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert

COMMENTS BY GUESTS

GOD BLESS AMERICA.....Led by ALA Rosie Garlitz



Maryland State Police
(Berlin Barracks)
Trooper of the Year 2018
TFC Nicholas Hager
presented by Unit #166
NDHSD Chair Rosie Garlitz



Maryland State Police
(Berlin Barracks)
NCO of the Year 2018
CPL Todd Jonichek
presented by AL/ALR #166
Director Manny Perez.



Worcester County Sheriff
Department Deputy
of the Year 2018
Deputy Matt Bertino
presented by
John Granite Post #166
Executive Committee.



Ocean City Police
Department Police Officer
of the Year 2018
CPL Charles "Chip" Green
presented by
SAL Adjutant Kevin Matthews.

FIRST RESPONDERS AWARDS PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 27, 2019

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Worcester County Sheriff Dept.

Deputy Matt Bertino.....AL Executive #166 Committee John Granite

Maryland State Police (Berlin Barracks) Trooper of the Year 2018
TFC Nicholas Hager.....Presented by Unit #166 ALA NDHSC Chair Rosie Garlitz

Maryland State Police (Berlin Barracks) NCO of the Year 2018
CPL Todd Jonichek.....Presented by AL/ALR #166 Director Manny Perez

Ocean City Police Department Police Officer of the Year 2018
CPL Charles "Chips" Green
 .Presented by SAL #166 Adjutant Kevin Matthews

Showell Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter of the year 2018
Cody HallPresented by SAL #166 Member Dale Christensen

Ocean City US Coast Guard Station Coastie of the Year 2018
BM2 Jeffery L. Beauvais
 Presented by USCG MC (Officer in Charge) Nathan Beach

Ocean City Career Firefighter of the Year 2018
Christopher M. Gee.....Presented by Post #166 AL Commander Tom Wengert

Ocean City Volunteer Firefighter of the Year 2018
Jason Bloom.....ALA Unit #166 Secretary Emily Nock

Ocean Pines Fire Department Firefighter of the Year 2018
Brandon Gill.....Presented by ALA Unit #166 President Marie Gilmore

Ocean City Paramedic of the Year 2018
Ryan L. Cropper
 Presented by ALA Unit #166 Juniors President Kendahl Parsons

Ocean Pines Police Department Police Officer of the Year 2018
Sgt Christopher Tarr
 Presented by ALR/SAL Unit #166 Sgt-at-Arms George Picknell

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Recognition Award 2018
 Presented by AL Post #166 Judge Advocate Jack Hyle

FIRST RESPONDER SPECIAL AWARD
(Ret) Sheriff Reggie Mason

Presented by ALR/AL Post #166 Executive Committee Bo Spicer



Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Recognition Award 2018
 Jack Hyle is presenting the award to David Collins

Ocean City Volunteer Firefighter of the Year 2018
Jason Bloom
 presented by Unit #166 Secretary Emily Nock



Ocean City Paramedic of the Year 2018
Ryan L. Cropper
 presented by ALA Unit #166 Junior President Kendahl Parsons

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Annual Four Chaplain's Memorial Service



Adjutant Robert Smith opens the 76th Anniversary of the Four Chaplains Service on February 3, 2019



Junior Auxiliary Chaplain Addison McDaniel offers the opening invocation



USCG Veteran Shannon Hardester lead with the Pledge of Allegiance



1st row - Juniors Auxiliary Addison & Delaney McDaniel, Saylor Amos, Lindsay Birkhead-Morton and Kendahl Parsons. They placed the 4 Roses on the Memorial Table. Kendahl Placed Poppies beside each candle.

2nd row - Boy Scouts - Matt Colman, Nick Coleman, Andrew Busko and Kurt Leinemann. They placed the 4 life vests on the Memorial Table.

3rd row - BM Kezakian Henson, EM2 Matthew Arnett, MK3 Nicole Arnett and FN Hayden Gochnauer lit the 4 candles on the Memorial Table as the Four Chaplains Bio's were read.



Commander Tom Wengert reads THE STORY (TRAGEDY AT SEA)

Synepuxent Post 166, Spring 2019

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AND FUNDRAISER



Scoutmaster Kenney Nichols, Life Scout Kurt Leinemann and Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert



Members of the American Legion Family working the Kitchen for the Boy Scouts Pasta night on March 15th. L-R SAL #166 Commander Joe Verdura, AL Member & SAL Advisor Spaz Spaziani, SA Member Chuck Lathbury, Tony Tomaini, and SAL #166 Historian Ben Nilsson. Boy Scouts and their Leaders at the Eagle Scout Project.



Life Scout Kurt Leinemann of Troop #261, sponsored by Synepuxent Post #166 completed his Eagle Scout Project on March 15th. (The

100th Birthday of the American Legion). His project was the restoring of a WWI Statue of a Soldier and it was unveiled at that time.



Armed Forces Day



Armed Forces Day is a day which is celebrated on the 3rd Saturday in May. The purpose of this holiday is to honor the men and women who served the armed forces of the United States which include: the Coast Guard, the Air Force, the Navy, the Army and the Marine Corps, as well as members of the Department of Defense.

History of Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day was officially created on August 31st, 1949 by the then U.S. Secretary of Defense, Louis Johnson. Up until that day, each of the other branches of the armed services had their own days. This unification of all of the armed forces' holidays reflected the fact that these departments were placed under the Department of Defense. While all of the other branches still recognize their own individual holidays, they also all recognize Armed Forces Day.

On May 20th, 1950, the newly created Armed Forces Day was celebrated for the first time. Over the years, this holiday has not only been a day to acknowledge people who serve in the armed forces and thank them for said service, but it has also been a day when the armed forces has shown off their best military equipment for the American public.

In 1950, Armed Forces Day was celebrated with the theme "Teamed Up For Defense", a nod to the fact that all of the branches of the military had recently been placed under the banner of the Dept. Of Defense. Since that initial celebration, Armed Forces Day has had a different theme each year. Some of the themes that have been used include:

Appreciation of a Nation, Prepared to Meet the Challenge and Freedom Through Unity.

SUPPORTING OUR COASTIES



L-R : Sarge Garlitz SESD Commander, CS3 Derek Mazzocoli, BM1 Curry Fleisher, BM2 Jonathan Zaroni and Jack Hyle Post #166 Judge Advocate. Front Row MK3 Devin Freeman and FN Sebastian Gomez.

John Granite, Jack Hyle and Sarge Garlitz met with the US Coast Guards Staff in January to set up the Gift Card and the Food Drive program for the 37 "Coasties" from our local station. They were involved in the Federal Shutdown and were not getting paid. The program was put in place with The American Legion Post #166, Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #166, Sons of the American Legion #166, Worcester County Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans of America. The Community as did the Town of Ocean City stepped up and made the donations to the Coast Guard a very successful program.

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AL HARMON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Al Harmon Scholarship Fund was established at Post 166 in 1998 and was named after former Legion member Al Harmon, who was an outstanding Legionnaire and very instrumental in Legion programs and activities.

The scholarship program will provide up to \$1000 per school year to qualifying students, depending on the amount of money available in the scholarship fund. During the past five years alone, \$50,000 has been awarded to selected candidates. To be eligible a student must be a child or grandchild, a legally adopted child, a child of a spouse by a prior marriage, or a dependent child of an active or retired member of the United States Armed

Forces. This includes the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves. Applicants must be a senior or graduate, and plan to attend full or part time at an accredited institution of higher learning. The scholarship may be used to defray necessary costs of the student's education, (i.e. tuition, room and board, books and supplies, or fees and equipment required by the student's particular course of study). Students may apply annually by submitting a copy of the previous semester grades. Applications may be picked up at the Post or downloaded 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.



Many thanks to the Al Harmon Family of Ocean City for their support with the Al Harmon Memorial Scholarship. , Sitting is Virginia Harmon the widow of Al Harmon and a Charter Member of Auxiliary Unit #166. Standing is Pam Harmon Harbaugh (daughter) also a member of Unit #166 and her husband Bob Harbaugh a member of Post #166.

Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee, and if selected, the awarded scholarship funds will be sent directly to the student's school program. Donations to the 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



Addison McDaniel, Delaney McDaniel, Saylor Amos, Kendahl Parsons and Lindsay Birkhead-Morton wearing their American Legion Auxiliary Patch Program Vests.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Message from Auxiliary President



Marie Gilmore

Happy Spring! St. Patrick's Day is in our rear-view mirror and Easter is coming soon. The winter months, although quieter than our Spring and Summer seasons, have seen a lot of activity at our Post with our Unit Seniors and Juniors busy in service to veterans. Juniors prepared "Survival Kits", actually candy filled, treats for our veterans at the Post and at Diakonia. Juniors handed them out at the Post on MLK Day, and delivered them to Diakonia for distribution. They also made and delivered "Valentines for Veterans" and participated in the Immortal Four Chaplains ceremony at our Post. We are indeed fortunate to have so active a Junior program, under superb leadership. April is a busy month! Americanism essays are being scored, Girls State applications are being evaluated. We will hold our annual Americanism Essay awards luncheon April 23rd this year.

We are coming up on an important part of our year. A new Executive Committee will be elected in May. I hope that many of you reading this will consider taking an active role in your Unit by running for any of the Executive Committee positions, or will inquire about any of our committees. I guarantee that if you get involved, you will be really glad you did. We work in service to our veterans, but we get so much more out of the

small sacrifice of time we put in. Look for the ad in this issue for the Legion's Indoor Flea Market, April 28, benefitig the American Legion's Al Harmon Scholarship Fund. Great opportunity for you to do some Spring cleaning. Be on the lookout for the schedule of Memorial Day Programs in the area. There will be ample opportunity for you to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Ceremonies will be held at the Post, May 27th at 1 PM.

There's lots of opportunity for everyone to help this Spring and Summer as we sell raffle tickets on the boardwalk for the American Legion Family Jeep Raffle. We need everyone's help! Check the schedule on the bulletin board at the Post and sign up for one or more shifts. It's actually a lot of fun to do. No shortage of characters to watch on the boardwalk and you meet so many nice people. This is probably my last message to readers of The Observer, as your President. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Unit President these past three terms. I intend to stay active in the Unit and hope to see you At the Post, Future Unit meetings are *April 23, at 11 A.M., Americanism Essay Luncheon will follow meeting and May 21, at 7 P.M. – Elections of Officers

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Marie Gilmore

President



The Junior Unit #166 Auxiliary took "Survival Kits" to Diakonia for thier Homeless Veterans Program. (Pic L-R) Jennifer Trager the Program Director for Diakonia, Delaney McDaniel-Junior Sgt-at_Arms, Rosie Garlitz-Junior Advisor, Addison McDaniel-Junior Chaplain and Auxiliary Unit #166 President Marie Gilmore. The "Survival Kits" are given annually on Martin Luther King Day to Veterans. In the kits were bags of candy with related messges to the Veterans.



Junior member Saylor Amos of Unit #166 presents a Survival Kit to Post #166's Judge Advocate Jack Hyle at the Post's #166 Executive meeting on January 21st.



Department of Maryland Honorary Juniors President Lindsay Birkhead-Morton of Unit #166 will be honored at the SESD Reception on Saturday April 27th at Post #64 in Salisbury, Md.



AUXILIARY NEWS

WORDS FROM FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Penny Matthews

Hello Everyone, hope you are enjoying this warm and dry weather we are having along with the extra day light time. As I am writing this article to you the Auxiliary is still in the process of notifying members that have not yet paid their 2019 dues. We are trying to meet our unit's goal of 100% paid membership. Remember you can

drop your dues off at the legion or mail them to PO Box 3024, Ocean City MD 21843.

If you have any question concerning membership, please contact me at 443-856-4388 or Pennyamathews@gmail.com.

We are so proud of what our Post 166 has to offer our members. We encourage our members to enjoy the great food and music and other activities going on at the post. See the calendar in this news letters for dates and times. Come have some laughs and good times with us. You know the saying" the more the merrier". Don't forget our Queen of Hearts drawing every Sunday the jackpot is building up. On Sunday the crowds are getting bigger and bigger. Come see some of

the folks you haven't seen in a while.

Don't forget that we are looking for volunteers for the boardwalk jeep raffle. Grab a friend and sign up to sell some tickets.

The Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a family member or know of someone that would like to become a member, have them complete one of membership applications to see if they qualify to be an Auxiliary member.

The Auxiliary has a lot of committees and we could use volunteers. It may be just a couple hours a month or whatever time you can give to the committee. You may even like to chair a committee, we have something for everyone. Come join us!

The Auxiliary meeting is the third Tuesday of every month. Social hour is at 6 and the meeting is at 7. We would like to see more members attend out monthly meeting. Plan on attending one soon.

Hope to see you at the post or an Auxiliary meeting, until next time. Enjoy everyday and be kind to one another

Respectfully Submitted

Penny Matthews

1st Vice President, Unit 166

AMERICAN LEGION AND AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



POPPY PROGRAM

The official flower of The American Legion is the poppy. As a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice, the poppy is worn to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars. Every May, Legion, Auxiliary and SAL volunteers distribute millions of bright red crepe paper poppies for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. As the oldest and most widely recognized American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary program, this campaign provides multiple benefits to veterans and their communities.

Resolution No. 20, "The American Legion Poppy Program," passed by the National Executive Committee in May 2013, outlines the proper use, manufacture and distribution of the poppies and raised funds. All funds are to be used for honorably discharged U.S. veterans; for the welfare of veterans' families; for the rehabilitation of hospitalized military personnel returning home and

awaiting discharge who require treatment in service hospitals; and for the welfare of veterans, active military personnel and their families where financial and medical need is evident. Priority is to be given to veterans first in the manufacture of poppies.

All American Legion posts and SAL squadrons are encouraged to establish a poppy program following the guidelines and procedures established by their respective departments.

Per Resolution No. 4, passed by the National Executive Committee in October 2016, The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary advocate for a congressional declaration establishing National Poppy Week, starting the Monday before and continuing through Memorial Day, to bring greater significance to the poppy as a symbol of veterans' sacrifices for freedom.

Per 2019 American Legion Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies

AUXILIARY NEWS

JEEP TICKETS BEING SOLD AT THE OPTIMISTS' BOAT SHOW FEBRUARY 15-17TH WERE RECORD HIGH



Squadron #166 Sons of the American Legion's Adjutant Kevin Matthews giving his ticket sales talk in front of the Roland E. Powell's Convention Center.



Auxiliary Unit #166 Vice President Penny Matthews selling Jeep Raffle tickets inside of the Convention Center at the Boat Show.



L-R Jeep Raffle ticket sellers from Auxiliary Unit #166, Bonnie Strawbridge, Emily Noch, Rosie Garlitz and Chris Jones during shift change. A table was used for the 2 days of the Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Trade Show in March at The Roland Powell Convention Center.

Other ticket sellers from the American Legion and Auxiliary were Sarge & Rosie Garlitz, Bob & Pam Harbaugh, Tom & Joann Wengert, Patti Hughes, Nancy Howard, Earl Hewitt, John Granite, Bonnie Strawbridge, Bo Spicer, Glen Reely and Lori Arillo. Joe Salafia is the Chairman of this Years Jeep Boardwalk Raffle.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION
YOU ARE 100!!!**

AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY TICKET SELLERS WANTED

If you are a member of an American Legion Family with the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary you can volunteer to sell Jeep tickets on the Boardwalk. The booth opens on May 2nd and will be open until September 22nd. To sign up contact Bill Wolf at 443-366-2994 or email him at boardwalkraffle166@gmail.com

**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY**



AUXILIARY NEWS

JUNIORS ROCKING INTO SPRING

Our future Senior Auxiliary Leaders have continued to keep busy working for Veterans and those in our community.

Martin Luther King Day was celebrated on January 21st. Homeless Veterans of Diakonia and Veterans of Post #166 received "Survival Kits" of bags filled with candies with related messages thanking our Veterans for their service.

Valentine Cards were made by our Juniors for Veterans in the Berlin Nursing Home. One of our most recent legion members, John Andrews was thrilled by the visit and card he received. (John is 99 years old).

All of the active Junior members participated in the Four Chaplains Ceremony on February 3rd, at the Post. They placed a Rose beside the lit candles symbolizing the immortal Four Chaplains.

The Valentine's Day Dinner at the Post was well attended by our Junior members. Kendahl Parsons and Saylor Amos worked selling roses for our Junior's Project to support Lindsay Birckhead-Morton as Honorary Junior President of the State of Maryland. A huge thank you to Post #166 for purchasing the roses, which brought \$205.00 in revenue to the Seven Stars Foundation. Also

thanks to the American Legion Family at Post #166 for their monetary support to our Junior Project.

On February 27th, The Joint First Responders Awards night was held which included the Post, Sons of the American Legion Squadron #166, Chapter #166 of the American Legion Riders and Auxiliary Unit #166. Kendahl Parsons, President of Junior Unit #166 presented the Ocean City Paramedic of the Year (2018) to Ryan L. Cropper.

As the winds of March began to howl, Junior members met for their regular membership meeting on March 3rd. They packed 20 boxes filled with Girl Scout Cookies, Salt Water Taffy and Crab motif T-shirts to be sent to our troops. In addition, Poppy corsages were made for the participants in the Poppy Painting Party held following our Junior's meeting.

A Special "shout out" to all Junior members who made Poppy Posters and to those who are working on their patch programs. Our Juniors are awesome!

Rosie Garlitz,

Junior Advisor, ALA Unit #166

POPPY PAINTED TOTE BAG



Synepuxent Auxiliary Unit #166 sponsored a Poppy Paint Party Fund-raiser at the Post on March 3rd. Karen Thompson was the Chair of this successful event with all proceeds to benefit Unit #166's Poppy Program.



Back row left to right Judy Giffin, (ALA) Phyllis Grimes, Sherri Lassahn, (ALA) Karen Thompson(Chair), (ALA) Nancy Howard, (ALA) Peggy Davis, (ALA) Georgette Bieber Seated: (ALA) Teddi Rozanno, Emily Hybki (Volunteen), Kendahl Parsons, (ALA) Marie Gilmore participated in painting the Canvas Poppy Tote Bag.

Synepuxent Post 166, Spring 2019

2ND ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Mile Irish (L) Secretary and Mark Tyler (R) President of the John Smoot Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution from the Eastern Shore of Maryland will take the lead for the July 4th 2019 reading. The 1300hrs Reading of the Declaration of Independence will be at the Synepux-

ent Post #166 American Legion. This is a Community Event and the Public is invited. If anyone has any question etc regarding this event please contact Sarge Garlitz 443-735-1942 or email firstsgt166@msn.com



OC ELKS DEDICATE 6TH YEAR

Pat Riordan a member of Synepuxent Squadron #166 Sons of the American Legion and the OC Elks Lodge #2645 is their Boardwalk Banner Program Chairman. In his press release it was announced that the 6th year for the Banner Program will hold its dedication on Thursday May 2. The location will be at the N. Division Street location starting at Noon. If you read this article then that is your invitation to attend this years 2019 dedication.

Each year the Town of Ocean City makes 40 locations available for the program. This year there will be 7 WWII Veterans, 22 Korean War Veterans and 11 Active Duty military from Worcester County. The program started in 2014 and has received national attention each year.



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OCEAN CITY MARLINS POST #166 AMERICAN LEGION 2019 SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

HOME GAMES AT BERLIN SENIOR FIELD



Tues June 4th	7:00PM	VS	Somerset (home)
Thur June 6th	6:00PM	@	Wicomico (Parkside HS)
Tues June 11th	7:00PM	VS	Dorchester (home)
Thur June 13th	6:00PM	@	Somerset (Washington HS)
Tues June 18th	7:00PM	VS	Wicomico (home)
Thur June 20th	7:00PM	@	Dorchester (Ed Walker Jr. Park)
Tues June 25th	7:00PM	VS	Somerset (home)
Thur June 27th	7:00PM	VS	Wicomico (home)
Fri June 28th – 30th	Wood Bat Tournament Post #11 Frederick, Maryland		
Tues July 2	7:00PM	VS	Dorchester (home)

The July and play off schedule will be in the Summer Observer issue





LEGION RIDERS NEWS & ACTIVITIES

And the Winner is...

On Sunday, February 3rd of 2019, Post 166 American Legion Riders raffled off the much acclaimed Henry 44 and our 30-06. The winning ticket for the Henry 44 was drawn by Kevin Wenrick of Post 779 and the winner was Jerry Adams. The ticket for the 30-06 was drawn by Denise Roberts of Post 47 and the winner was Andy Griffith. The winners were notified and informed Sunday evening. Special thanks to all of our family that celebrated with us.



Henry Wenrick pulling the first winning ticket!



Tony Tomaini calling Kevin Jerry Adams, our first ticket drawn. Kevin was given first choice of the rifles since his ticket was drawn first.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE RIDERS

- **Saturday March 30:** DelMarVa Heritage Days, DelMarVa Discovery Museum, Pocomoke. Event runs from 10-4pm. There is a \$5 entrance fee. Meet at Royal Farms@Friendship&Route 50 at 10am.
- **Tuesday April 16:** Bike Night at AL Post 64, Salisbury. Event is 6-9pm. The post has a Taco Dinner that night. Meet at Royal Farms Friendship & Route 50 at 5:30pm.
- **Sunday April 28:** Chesapeake Classic Car Club Show, Talbot County Community Center, Easton. Event runs from 0900-2pm. Meet at Royal Farms at 9am.
- **Saturday May 4:** Post 166 ALR Annual Poker Run, Starts and ends at Post 166. Food, music, prizes, gifts and lots of fun.
- **Saturday May 18:** Hogs N Heroes DE3 Poker Run, AL Post 24, Dagsboro. Registration starts at 9:30. Meet at Royal Farm at 9am.
- **Thursday July 18:** Post 166 ARL CrabFest, cost at \$35.00 pp. We will start selling tickets 45 days in advance.



American Legion Post 166, Legion Rider member Tony Tomaini and Legion Rider Director Manny Perez have all the rifle raffle tickets in the barrel and ready to roll.



LEGION RIDERS BIKE SAFETY

1. Take a class. Whether you're a novice or a veteran of the open road, there's a Motorcycle Safety Class near you. for every rider. Some insurance companies offer discounts for completing these courses. Contact your insurance provider to learn more.

2. Wear a DOT approved motorcycle helmet and fasten it properly. Check the expiration date to your helmet. Is your brain worth \$50 to \$60 dollars?

3. Make sure your ride is ready for the road and in top condition. T-CLOCS. After spending most of the past few months sitting around, your bike will need some attention. From tires and brakes to the battery and fluids. Please check all of the following:

1. Tires

Your tires' condition can deplete even though you haven't used your bike for a while. Bad tires can seriously affect the accuracy and safety of your bike. It is recommended to store the bike on a motorcycle stand during the winter months; this prevents the tires from developing flat spots. First you want to check the tire pressure and inflate them accordingly. You also want to check for any wear and tear. Specifically look for any balding or cracking of the rubber – If you see this, it is recommended that you replace the tire.

2. Brakes

Not changing the brake pads may result in more serious repairs later and compromises safety. The brakes need to be thoroughly inspected: roll the bike back and forth and test the brakes to ensure both the front and rear properly engage. Also, check your brake pads for any wear indicators and replace them now if needed so you don't have to do it mid-season. Better safe than sorry!

3. No Leaks

Check the ground below where your motorcycle was stored. If you notice a leak, trace back and see where the leak is coming from. Some can be fixed on your own, but others may require the services of a mechanic.

4. Fluids

You should change your oil prior to storing it for the season. If you did not, now's the best time to do it! Follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding the type of oil to be used and how to properly change the oil or oil filter. Or... Take your motor cycle to a mechanic so you can take a nap! Check the brake, clutch and coolant fluids to ensure it is at an appropriate level and top off if necessary.

5. Battery

The motorcycle runs off its electrical system and the source of power comes from the vehicle's battery. Ideally your motorcycle battery has been plugged into a smart charger over the last few months. If not, charge the battery and check the levels with a multi-meter. If the battery isn't

giving off a good voltage reading after a full charge, it may be time to purchase a new battery.

6. Controls

Check all levers and pedals to make sure they are not broken or bent. Lubricate them so they move freely. Take a look at the cables. Make sure they are not interfering with steering. Check if there are any folds, cuts, cracks or leaks on hoses and ensure they do not interfere with steering or suspension. Lastly, make sure the throttle moves freely.

7. Lights and Gauges

While the battery is plugged in, check your lights and gauges. Make sure your brake lights, signal indicators, headlights and all gauges light up. If not, replacing the bulbs is quite easy and can be done on your own.

A. Important Riding Technique-SEE where you're going.

Practice the "SEE" strategy: Search, Evaluate, Execute. SEE is an active, thinking strategy that places responsibility on the motor cyclist to reduce risk by creating time and space in order to control a personal margin of safety.

B. Be seen. We know you love your black leathers, but it's safer to wear highly visible clothing. We recommend wearing brightly colored materials during the day (especially when it's raining) and reflective gear at night. Check your bike's reflectors and make sure your lights are functioning properly.

C. Communicate. Let other motorists know your intentions by using proper signals, lane positions and brake lights. Try to establish eye contact with the other drivers whenever possible. Use your horn to alert distracted drivers of your presence. When riding in a group, have a rider's meeting to discuss the route, stops and hand signals.

D. Keep your eyes on the road. Winter months are hard on the pavement, so keep your eyes peeled for hazards. Spring rain or lingering patches of melting snow and ice can make roads slick. Be on the lookout for potholes, heaving pavement, loose stones or gravel and road debris.

Insurance is Important

Last and probably the most important thing is to check your motorcycle insurance. If you're planning on feeling the wind in your hair on the open road, insurance is mandatory. If you took insurance off your bike for the winter, check with our team to make sure you have all of the mandatory and proper coverages. And don't forget to ask about bundling your home, car and motorcycle coverage for some great discounts.

OCEAN CITY COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

TUESDAY
May 7
2019

Free & Open to the Public

Free screenings

carotid | respiratory | bone density | foot checks | hearing |
blood pressure | skin cancer | brown bag review of meds by
AGHRx RediScripts Pharmacists | lipid panel & blood glucose
(12 hour fast required)

Special Appearance by...

Pets on Wheels of Delmarva

Blood drive by Blood Bank of Delmarva

To make an appointment to donate blood call
1-888-825-6638 or schedule online at
www.delmarvablood.org

and MORE!

Please join us!

7:55 am

Presentation of colors by
the American Legion
Post #166

8:00 am

Ribbon Cutting and doors
open by Ocean City
Elected Officials,
AARP representatives and
AGH President & CEO,
Michael Franklin

Health Fair:

8 am to 12:30 pm

Location:

**Roland E. Powell
Convention Center**

40th Street & Coastal Hwy.

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QUEEN OF HEARTS CONTINUES

AS A BIG HIT AT POST #166



The Queen of Hearts Raffle at Post #166 rocking on Sunday afternoon. The Queen of Hearts Dancers: Carrie Gardner, Gigi Hardester, Shannon Hardester, Phylis Farrell, Courtney Francis and Rosie Garlitz are singing the Queen of Hearts song and dancing prior to the ticket being drawn. QUEEN OF HEARTS SUNDAY CONTINUES AS A HUGE HIT AT POST #166. It is something that you really must be part of and share in the fun. Jack Hyle, Tom "Stumpy" Devaux, Buddy Jones, Karen Thompson and Rosie Garlitz are moving the Queen of Hearts Tickets week by week. Sherri the bartender and Little Joe in the kitchen are taking care of the thirst and consumption needs.

On July 21st a new game started and the winners up to September 16th are as follows: Bob Frey (#20) \$100.00, Albert Miller (#21) \$50.00, Gary Rantz (#26) \$100.00, Barbara Gerand (#4) \$200.00, Kathy Kitzig (#8), \$50.00, Sharon Smith (#25) \$50.00, Matt Newberger (#52) \$50.00, and Al James (#6) \$100.00. The winners from September 23rd to December 30th are as follows: Pete Bull *#45) \$50.00, Gary Rantz (#29) \$100.00, Tim Hammen (#39) \$100.00, Chris Jones (#43) \$100.00, Mark Sauter (#13) 150.00, Greg Daisey (#31) \$100.00, Lori Arillo (#10) \$150.00, Cindy Malament (#49) \$100.00, Joann Ogg (#22) \$100.00, Dave Goiner (#18) \$150.00, Mike Byers (#37) \$100.00, Ron & Christen Jameson (#7) \$150.00, Muzz & Fuzz (#17) \$100.00, Ed Frieze (#35) \$250.00, Alex Taylor (#25) \$100.00, Harry Roy (#33) \$150.00, Kevin Brown (#47) \$150.00, Mike Quillen (#2) \$200.00, Chris Spellman (#14) \$200.00, Mel Jones (#42) \$150.00, Butch Taylor (#36) \$150.00, Mike Borland (#36) \$200.00, Chris Spellman (#27) \$200.00, Chuck Porter (#38)

\$150.00, Sam Maugen (#53) \$150.00. Going into the 36th (March 24th) week the Queen of Hearts Winner will get \$30,500.00. So make sure you have a chance to win. Buy those tickets.

QUEEN OF HEARTS DANCERS



Rosie Garlitz, Courtney Francis, Phyliss Farrell, GiGi Hardester & Carrie Garner front Jean, Shannon Hardester & Elijah



Jack Hyle, Buddy Jones, Rosie Garlitz and Mike the DJ getting ready for the drawing in search of the Queen.



SOUTH EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT RECEPTION ON APRIL 27TH

The Annual SESD Reception will be held on Saturday April 27 at Wicomico Post #64 in Salisbury, Md. At 1600hrs there will be a social hour, at 1700hrs will be the District Program followed by dinner.

SESD Commander Sarge Garlitz is completing his 2nd term as the District Commander and will be Master of Ceremonies. The Department



of Maryland Commander David Johnson (#128), Detachment of Maryland SAL Commander Jim Alexander (#128), Department of Maryland Auxiliary President Linda Sarkisian (#268) and Department of Maryland Honorary Juniors President Lindsay Birkhead-Morton (#166) will be recognized and honored at this event.

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SAL NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Joe Verdura

Well it looks like we made it through another winter. And the plants are starting to bloom as well as our membership. More and more people are seeing what the Legion is all about.

And what we do for the community and for the veterans. In the past few

months we have had the privilege to help the Girl Scouts, Worcester County Humane Center, First Responders, and a few family's for Christmas. This is just a few of the things we have done over the Winter. We are still looking for more of you to attend our meetings and for your input on different ideas for the next up coming year. We are looking to do a new raffle this year and need

some input on it. Our meetings are on the second Monday of the month with social hr starting at 6 PM and meetings starting at 7 PM. This year the American Legion is raffling a Jeep on the boardwalk and we are looking for volunteers to help sell tickets. The more people we have selling tickets makes it easier on all of us. This St. Patrick's Day was another great day at the Legion with lots of good food and music, everyone had a great time. I would like to thank all of the people who made it possible. The people in the kitchen and who worked tending bar, and the ones who helped set up and clean up.

On closing I just want to thank all of the American Legion family for what they do and for all their help.

Joe Verdura
SAL Commander



Kevin Matthews

Hello Legion Family and Friends.

I hear there is a wanted poster for the groundhog who predicted that spring was on its way. There is a large part of the country that is not very happy with the little rodent. But you can't blame him. After all he never claimed

to be a weather forecaster. Anyway, here's a little news on the SAL.

Membership is doing well. As of Monday, March 11, we have 221 members renewed. Our goal is 257, leaving us with just 36 to make goal. As of right now the squadron is in 64th place in the Detachment.

The Sons have been busy supporting The Four Pillars of the American Legion.

The squadron donated \$600.00 for the purchase of 40 wreaths to support Wreaths across America. \$600.00 was donated to purchase gifts for Christmas, so that less fortunate children would have something to open for Christmas.

A \$500.00 donation was made to the 7 Star Foundation, so that children of fallen soldiers may have to opportunity to attend summer camp for one week this summer.

\$1,000.00 was donated for the start up of a

new Girl Scout Troop, which will be known as The Girls of Troop 621.

The Worcester County Humane Society received \$500.00 toward their No Kill Fund Raiser.

During the government shutdown, our local US Coast Guard was not receiving their pay. In an effort to help these fine young men and women who protect our shores and beaches, \$1000.00 in Walmart gift cards was purchased and distributed among them.

I had the great honor to present The Ocean City Police Department, Officer of The Year Award to CPL Charles "Chips" Green. A very deserving award to a great police officer.

The squadron will be on the boardwalk this summer, helping in the sale of raffle tickets for a chance to win a new Jeep.

The Sons will also be manning the Legion Beer Truck along with the rest of the Legion Family during Springfest in May.

I think that about wraps in up as to what the Sons have been up to the past few months.

In closing, I just want to say, it has been a pleasure working with Post 166 and sharing with you the activities of The Sons of the American Legion.

Please stay safe, and enjoy your summer.

Respectfully Submitted
Kevin Matthews
SAL Adjutant



House Committee Report

The House committee is happy to report that the renovations to the kitchen pantry and the store-room have been completed and they look amazing, according to the reports received. The total cost for both areas was just under \$8,500.00 and a special thanks goes out to Little Joe V. and

his son-in-law John as well as to all others who helped with the inventory and renovations.

The Valentine Dinner and Dance was well received and again thanks to Charles Spaziani and Little Joe V. and all others who helped to make the steak and shrimp dinner so successful.

St. Patrick's Day has come and gone and we had a very successful weekend. The Post was packed. We sold a lot of beer, corned beef and cabbage, Legion and St. Patrick's tee shirts etc. On March 15th we also hosted a Scouting Fund-raiser and had pasta with meat sauce which was also a great success.

Now we start looking forward to Springfest with the Beer Trailer and then the Jeep Raffle on the Boardwalk. Both of these events need your participation, so please contact Bill Wolf to sign up for a shift or two. Better yet, see if you can commit to a shift each week through the Sunfest selling Jeep tickets on the Boards.



Commander Tom Wengert presents Finance Officer/House Committee Chairman Joe Salafia a \$500.00 Bank Card for his volunteer work during the renovations of the Kitchen Pantry and Store Room at the Post. Joe spent endless days for over 3 weeks to get the 2019 project completed.

From Your House Committee,

Joe Salafia, Chairman
Charles Spaziani
Bill Wolf

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



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

Amen

Greetings Comrades from the Chaplains Desk. Here we go into the 2nd quarter and Spring. I don't know about you but it seems to me like winter took forever. I happen to be a warm weather guy and look forward to the trees budding and flowers popping up. Haven't seen my first robin which is the real sign that we made it through the winter.

The Post had a great 1st quarter with many positive activities and the opportunity to socialize with our fellow veterans. I had the honor of participating in several Post activities so far this year and look forward to what this quarter will bring.

Many thanks to our leadership and staff for some hard work and dedication for all the upgrades we are enjoying.

We should never forget one of the reasons we are here, to support the needs of our local community. Our Post has been at the forefront when it comes to donations. However, with all the positives, there are always negatives. Many of our

Comrades found themselves under the weather with the flu and other illnesses and ten of our Brothers were transferred to Post Everlasting. Their names are posted below.

Please pray for speedy recoveries for the sick and injured and for a comforting of those deceased brothers families. I don't always hear of a Comrade being under the weather so if you do know of someone, please let me know so I can get a card out, make a telephone call or perhaps a visit depending on the circumstances.

We are all blessed to some degree but knowing that we earned the right of membership in this organization is certainly one of those blessings. I always enjoy walking into our post greeting and being greeted. Never take tomorrow for granted but we should still look forward to it. I hope you all have a great spring and have the opportunity to get out and enjoy it. As always, looking forward to see you at the post.

GOD Bless.

— Ben

POST EVERLASTING REPORT

The following members
transferred to Post Everlasting

Warren E. Foote
Philip D. Reed
Gregory A. Russell
Wallace J. Stevenson
Carl LeMaster
William K. Tyler Sr.
Frederick Engelke
Barry Hughes
Fred Welch
Howard King



ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 18TH AT POST #166

Armed Forces Day is on May 18th at Post #166 at 1300hrs. This is a National Day to honor the Army, Marines, Navy, US Coast Guard and the Air Force active and veterans who have served.



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP



Tom DeVaux

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP – it is the fuel that drives our post. As I sit down to write this for the quarterly newsletter there are 144 American Legion members of this Post who still have not renewed their 2019 dues! This means they are delin-

quent and risk going into suspension. You joined the American Legion to show your pride being a military veteran. What has changed that you haven't renewed? Let me give you a great example of what that pride of serving means to some.

On January 25, 2019, Commander Tom Wengert, along with other officers of the Post, members of the Executive Board, and several members of the Color Guard went to the Berlin Nursing Home to present a new member to the American Legion with his membership card. What was very special about this presentation is this new member is 99 years old (turning 100 in the Fall). This army veteran is a WWII and Korean veteran, saw action in North Africa and France, met General Patton and had drinks at a café with the artist known as Picasso. We were charmed by this humble man who reluctantly shared his experiences with us all the while the TV station WBOC film the entire event. When asked why, at his age did he want to join the American Legion, his eyes watered up but with a firm voice said he was proud of his service, enjoyed the comradery of his fellow soldiers but missed it and felt that was still available to him by becoming a Legionnaire. What an honorable man! Welcome to American Legion Post 166, John J. Andrews, Major, USA retired. A special thank you to Jeff Grim for recruiting the major.

The week of March 4 there will be going out via US mail approximately 800 survey forms to members of all 4 of the Legion family of the Post living 20 miles or less from the Post. The survey has a return envelope with a label with the return address to the Post, in order to keep costs down we ask you to supply return postage. The intent of the survey is to get an idea of how the membership views the Post as it stands today. With the

results the membership committee will present to the Executive Board strategy plans for increasing membership and improved volunteering at the Post to meet the goals set forth by the American Legion and our community. When you get the survey, PLEASE complete and return it.

Respectfully,

Tom DeVaux,
1st Vice Commander



Jeff Grim (Recruiter), Commander Tom Wengert, 1st Vice Commander Tom DeVaux, Judge Advocate Jack Hyle, Color Guard Johan Nykuist, Color Guard Glen Reely, Chaplain Ben Dawson and SESD Commander Sarge Garlitz. In the chair is 99 year old WWII Veteran John Andrews, the new member of Post #166.



WELCOME HOME DAY FRIDAY MARCH 29TH

Synepuxent Post #166 and the Vietnam Veterans of America will have its Annual Vietnam Veteran's Welcome Home Day on March 29th at the Post.


The event will start at 1300hrs and all Vietnam Era Veterans, their families and supporters are welcome to attend.



Quarterly


Calendar SPRING 2019




 APRIL	
Date	Event
1st	MON 1800hrs - VVA Meeting Social 1700hrs
8th	MON 1900hrs - SAL Membership Meeting Social 1800hrs
15th	MON 1800hrs - American Legion Executive Committee meeting
16th	TUE 1100hrs - Membership Meeting Followed by Lunch
21st	SUN - EASTER SUNDAY  POST OPEN NOON
22nd	MON American Legion Membership Meeting 1800hrs - Food 1830hrs - Speaker 1900hrs - Monthly Membership Meeting
23rd	TUES 1100hrs Auxiliary Membership Meeting Lunch followed by Americanism Essay Contest
26th	FRI 0930hrs - Arbor Day Program OC Elementary School
27th	SAT 1600hrs - SESD Reception @ Post #64 Salisbury
28th	SUN 1030hrs Inside Yard Sale for Al Harmon Scholarship Fund
30th	TUES 1900hrs - Legion Riders Membership Meeting Social 1800hrs


 MAY	
Date	Event
2nd	THUR 1000HRS BOARDWALK JEEP RAFFLE STARTS
2nd	THUR NOON OC Elks Boardwalk Banner Dedication @ Boards and North Division Street
6th	MON 1800hrs - VVA Meeting Social 1700hrs
13th	MON 1900hrs - SAL Membership Meeting Social 1800hrs
18th	SAT 1300hrs - Armed Forces Day Program at the Post
20th	MON 1800hrs - American Legion Executive Committee Meeting
21th	TUE 1900hrs - Auxiliary Meeting Election of Officers Social 1800hrs
25th	SAT 1000hrs - Memorial Day Service Mystic Harbour
26th	SUN 0800hrs - Memorial Day Service Town of Berlin
26th	SUN 0900hrs - Memorial Day Service Boggs-Disharoon Post #123 Berlin
27th	MON 0800hrs - Memorial Day Service On the Beach at Dunes Manor
27th	MON 1100hrs - Memorial Day Service WCVM
27th	MON 1700hrs - Memorial Day Service at Post #166
27th	MON American Legion Membership Meeting 1800hrs Food 1830hrs Speaker 1900hrs Monthly Membership Meeting
28th	TUES 1900hrs - Legion Riders Membership Meeting Social 1800hrs





 JUNE	
Date	Event
3rd	MON 1800hrs - VVA Membership Meeting Social 1700hrs
4th	TUE 1900hrs - American Legion Baseball 2019 Opening game in Berlin
10th	MON 1900hrs - SAL Membership Meeting Social 1800hrs
11th	TUE NO AUXILIARY UNIT #166 MEETING THIS MONTH
14th	FRI 1300hrs - Flag Day Program at the Post
15th-16th	SAT & SUN OCEAN CITY AIR SHOW
15th	SAT 1900hrs 6th Annual Honor a Veteran Program & Reception @ Casino @ Ocean Downs
17th	MON 1800hrs - American Legion Executive Committee Meeting
24th	MON 1400hrs - 1800hrs POST #166 ELECTION MON American Legion Membership Meeting 1800hrs - Food 1830hrs - Speaker 1900hrs - Monthly Membership Meeting



FRIDAY JUNE 14TH ANNUAL FLAG DAY PROGRAM AT POST #166 1300HRS



SATURDAY JUNE 15TH 1900HRS AT OCEANDOWNS CASINO/TRACK ANNUAL HONOR A VETERAN PROGRAM AND AIR SHOW RECEPTION

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

PHONE NUMBERS IMPORTANT TO VETERANS:

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

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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

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