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Commander's Message

WOW. Where did winter go? Up until the beginning of March the weather here in Ocean City was great except for a little rain. I hope everyone that receives this newsletter is in good health as well as their family and their friends. I would rather be out shoveling snow once a week instead of being locked up in my house worrying about the coronavirus. Enough said, let's talk about some good things that's happened here at our Post.

January was rather slow but did start off with our VVA chapter 1091 having their Anniversary Party which featured great raw oysters and lots of good food. The bar and lounge then closed for a period of 10 days for remodeling and cleaning. If you haven't been in since the closure, you will notice that we now have a new floor in the bar area going all the way back to the kitchen. I would like to thank the 1st Detachment Marine Corps League here in Ocean City for helping to clean our Legion after the remodeling was completed.

February started off with our Four Chaplains service commemorating the four Chaplains who gave their lives to save others when their ship was torpedoed during World War II. Not long after that we were tailgating for our Super Bowl Party that was held here at the Post. Sam, our Steward, put out a nice array of food that we all enjoyed. After that we had our Valentine's Day Steak and Shrimp Dinner which was put on by the Sons of the American Legion. I would like to thank the Commander of the Sons, Joe Verdura and his crew which included Chuck Lathbury, George Pickrell, Steve Hargrove, Ben Nilsson and the cook outside on the grill Charles Spa-

ziani, a Legion Executive Board member.. They sold over 150 dinners which was a great success and fundraiser for their program.

March started off with our First Responders night which was held to show our appreciation for all the men and women who serve our community in Ocean City and Berlin areas. It was very successful with a meet and greet followed by a nice dinner and then the awards ceremony. As St. Paddy's Day approached so did all the mandates concerning the Coronavirus. The St. Paddy's Day Parade was canceled but since there was so many people in Ocean City the Legion held their Saint Paddy's Day Party with our corn beef and cabbage dinner. We did have people at the front door making sure that no more than 250 people were in the Legion at any one time. I would personally like to thank all the bartenders who worked including Tina, Pam, Mary, Sherri, Robin, Tracy and Jane Whitehead at the beer station also Lori Arillo, Phyllis Grimes, Karen Thompson and Robin Peoples for selling the T-shirts and all those who helped clean the Legion on Sunday. I would also like to thank the kitchen crew who worked diligently making sure the food got to you in a timely manner starting with Joe, Chuck, Steve and Spaz.

As of Monday at 5 PM on March 16th, we were mandated by the Governor to close. Now the cleanup begins making sure that everything is sterilized and bleached so that when we do open again, hopefully in the very near future, everything will be clean and wiped down from the slot machines, the walls, the bar, the floor, the kitchen, tables and chairs and you name it whatever

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Steak Nite Was Great, Happy Valentine's Day At The Post

On Friday February 14th Squadron #166 Sons of the American Legion had their annual Valentines' Day Steak Dinner. Again the event was a huge success and the steaks were grilled by "Spaz-the-Steak Man".



Steve and Adele Deaver



Barkeep for the event,
Robin Raszewski



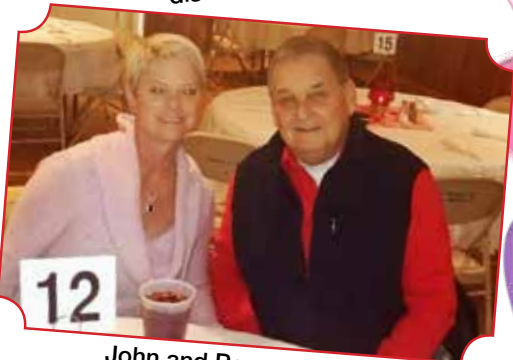
Bonnie Curro, Past Post #166
Commander Tony Curro, Linda Hess
and John Hess



Legion Riders Director washing
dishes Manny Perez



Mel and Alice Jones



John and Poppy Granite



SAL of #166- Ken Meekins, Chuck Lathbury,
Ray Kudobeck, Steve Hargrove, George Pick-
rell, Dale Christensen, Joe Verdura.



The waitresses for the evening Rosie
Garlitz, Robin Peoples, Marie Christensen
and Karen Thompson.



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. 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



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.

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

The names below are the students in college on one of our Al Harmon Scholarships

AL HARMON SYNEPUXENT POST #166 SCHOLARSHIPS

— Scholarships 2020/2021 School Year —

- Marissa George.....Towson University**
- Sarah McClafin.....Shepherd University**
- Kyle Morrow.....University of Delaware**
- Quinn Morrow.....University of Alabama**
- Kathryn Perrault.....Tulane University**
- Jackson Pielstick.....University of Maryland**
- Max Spicer.....Hot Rod Institute**
- Abigail Stabinski.....Wor-Wic Community College**
- Zachary Pilarski.....Salisbury University**



Annual Four Chaplain's Memorial Service



Bob Gilmore the EMCEE Opening the 2020 Service.



The Parsons Family - Junior Unit #166's Chaplain Kendahl did the Invocation, Post #166 member David read the Bio on Chaplain George L. Fox, Jessie of Unit #166 did the Benediction, and SAL member Rafe led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Boy Scouts of Troop #261, John Magathan, Reece Soloman, SPL Chase Ponton, scout Stormy Smith placed the Life Vests on the Memorial Table.



L-R Delaney McDaniel, Saylor Amos, Addison McDaniel, Unit Advisor Rosie Garlitz, Lindsay Birkhead-Morton, Mia Lovitt, Ranata Lovitt and Kendahl Parsons placed Poppies and Roses at the Four Chaplains Memorial Table on February 2, 2020.



Annual Four Chaplain's Memorial Service



Post #166's Judge Advocate Jack Hyle reads the Bio on Chaplain John P. Goode.



Post #166 member David Parsons reads the Bio of Chaplain George L. Fox.



Post #166 Color Guard Chaplain Johan Nykuist reads the Bio of Chaplain Clark V. Poling.



Post #166 Executive Committee member John Bussard reads the Bio on Chaplain John P. Washington.



Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert reads The Story (TRAGEDY AT SEA)



FIRST RESPONDERS AWARDS PROGRAM

MARCH 4, 2020



Post #166 Color Guard Member Earl Hewitt the EMCEE for this years First Responders Award Night.



Ocean City Police Department Police Officer of the Year 2019 CPL Ryan Flanagan presented by AL Post #166 Executive Committee John Bussard.



Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Recognition Award 2019 presented to Fire Chief David Collins by ALA #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson.



Ocean City Career Firefighter of the Year 2019 David Peterson presented by AL Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert



5:30PM DINNER BLESSING.....Unit #166 Chaplain Teddi Rozzano
 6:00PM OPENING OF THE PROGRAM.....AL #166 EMCEE Earl Hewitt
 INVOCATION.....Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....AL/ALR Executive Committee Bo Spicer
 WELCOME.....Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert

PROGRAM

GOD BLESS AMERICA.....Led by ALA Unit #166 NDHSC Chair Rosie Garlitz
 BENEDICTION.....Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson



Ocean Pines Paramedic/Employee of the Year 2019 was to be presented by SAL Squadron #166 Dale Christensen.



Ocean City Volunteer Firefighter of the Year 2019 Cole R. Zink presented by ALA Unit #166 President Emily Nock.



OC US Coast Guard of the Year 2019 Electrician Mate 2nd Class Matthew Arnett presented by Senior Chief Donald Crocket.

FIRST RESPONDERS AWARDS PROGRAM

MARCH 4, 2020

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**Worcester County Sheriff Dept.
Deputy Cameron Gardner**

Presented by AL Executive #166 Committee Bo Spicer

**Maryland State Police (Berlin Barracks) Trooper of the Year 2019
TFC Kevin Lane.....***Presented by ALA Unit #166 NDHSC Chair Rosie Garlitz*

**Maryland State Police (Berlin Barracks) NCO of the Year 2019
Sgt Sean Huffines.....***Presented by AL/ALR #166 Director Manny Perez*

**Ocean City Police Department Police Officer of the Year 2019
Cpl Ryan Flanagan**

Presented by AL Post #166 Executive Committee John Bussard

**Showell Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter of the year 2019
Tyler Hall***Presented by SAL #166 Member Scott LaCoss*

**Ocean City US Coast Guard Station Coastie of the Year 2019
Electrician Mate 2nd Class Matthew Arnett**

Presented by Senior Chief Donald Crocket

**Ocean Pines Paramedic/Employee of the Year 2019
Harvey Booth**

Presented by SAL Squadron #166 Dale Christensen

**Ocean City Career Firefighter of the Year 2019
David S. Peterson**

Presented by Post #166 AL Commander Tom Wengert

**Ocean City Volunteer Firefighter of the Year 2019
Cole R. Zink**

ALA Unit #166 President Emily Nock

**Ocean Pines Fire Department Firefighter of the Year 2019
Brandon Gill**

Presented by AL Post #166 2nd Vice Commander Robert Smith

**Ocean City Paramedic of the Year 2019
Galen D. Curtis**

Presented by AL Post #166 Junior Kendahl Parsons

**Ocean Pines Police Department Police Officer of the Year 2019
Lt James Ehrisman**

Presented by AL/ALR/SAL Squadron #166 Chaplain Pat Sharkey

Bishopville Volunteer Fire Department Recognition Award 2019

Presented by AL Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson



Ocean City Paramedic of the Year 2019 Galen D. Curtis presented by ALA Junior Unit #166 Past President Kendahl Parsons.



Maryland State Police (Berlin Barracks) NCO of the Year 2019 Sgt Sean Huyffines present by ALA/ALR Manny Perez, Director.



Ocean Pines Police Department Officer of the Year 2019 Lt James Ehrisman presented by AL/ALR/SAL #166 Patrick Sharkey.



Maryland State Police (Berlin Barracks) Trooper of the Year 2019 TFC Kevin Lane present by ALA #166 NDHSD Chair Rosie Garlitz.



Showell Volunteer Department Firefighter of the year 2019 Tyler Hall was to be presented by AL/ALR Post 166 Scott LaCoss.



Ocean Pines Fire Department Firefighter of the Year 2019 Brandon Gill presented by AL Post #166 2nd Vice Commander Robert Smith.



Teddi Rozzano ALA Unit #166's Chaplain offered the Dinner blessing and Chaplain Ben Dawson of Post #166 gave the Benediction.

DONATION TO COLD WEATHER SHELTER IN OC



Earl Hewitt (L) a member of the Post #166 Donations Committee presents a donation check to Post #166 Rev. Harry Biles, (R) Assistant Pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD to help the Ocean City Churches' Cold Weather Shelter Program. The Cold Weather Shelter is located at St. Peter's Church and provides a hot meal and a bed on cold nights.

Commander's Message

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else there is to clean. We now await the day when we can open our doors again and greet everyone without being afraid that we are going to catch this deadly virus.

In closing again I wish that everyone and their families are safe and in good health and are abiding by the mandates that their state has laid down so that when this virus does end we can again gather and have the camaraderie that we are so use to having here at our Legion.

May God Bless You and May God Bless America.

Tom Wengert,
Commander



COLOR GUARD NEEDS YOU

The Color Guard of Synepuxent Post #166 is in need of Post members to be in its ranks. This once, very active Color Guard had over 25 active members and was in great demand. At this time they are down to 6 members and can not make the demands that are need by our Post members and area Veterans. You are needed and the Color Guard is looking forward to take you on as a member. Please contact the Post's Sgt-at-Arms Bob Gilmore.

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.



AUXILIARY NEWS

Message from Auxiliary President



Emily F. Nock

Well the year is certainly off to an interesting start. Just last month, we greeted numerous members of our post and our community to our inaugural Family Fun Day. We gave away nearly \$15,000 to local charities and programs supporting our troops and veterans. We joined with the post in honoring our first responders. We started midyear school supply drives and prepared to honor the winners of our Americanism Essay Contest. 2020 was under way just as strong as the years before!

Now, just a few weeks later, we find ourselves living under restrictions of an unprecedented nature. Businesses and schools have been forced to close, events have had to be canceled, and even our own post is shut down. We are encouraged to practice social distancing and those in higher risk groups are told not to go out at all.

It is a time of great uncertainty, but it is also a time of hope. Yes, we are overrun with stories of panic, misinformation and people rushing to buy out all the toilet paper. However if you choose to look, you will find an even greater amount of stories of humanity and compassion from our community. People are coming together to help fund-raise for those out of work or provide meals for children who normally rely on the school system to eat. Neighbors are checking in on each other, offering to run errands for those that cannot leave their homes. Even businesses are putting people before dollars.

While we may be forced to put some of our normal Auxiliary activities on hold, please know that the unit is still here for our members and our community. We will be sending out communications about future meetings and events. Hopefully by the time you are reading this article, the efforts we have taken will have paid off and we can start to return to normal life. If not, I hope that everyone will continue to take the necessary precautions and stay safe.

I also encourage everyone to think about ways they can turn this situation into a positive. Find ways to connect with your loved ones or think about activities that you can do from home to help support our veterans or our community. Even the

smallest acts can have huge effects. One of our members wrote to me this week that she is spending her time creating cards out of old calendars for our troops overseas. If anyone else would like to do something similar or has any old calendars with nice pictures that they wouldn't mind parting with, please let me know.

Never forget that we are all in this together. Stay hopeful and focus on the bright spots during these turbulent times. In the words of author Og Mandino. "I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure darkness for it shows me the stars."

In the spirit of service, not self,

Emily F. Nock
President

UNIT #166 DONATES \$1000.00 TO THE OCEAN CITY PARAMEDIC FOUNDATION (THE QUEST FOR HEROES)



Kendahl Parsons (Jr. Auxiliary Chaplain), Jeanette Deskiewicz, Teddie Rozzano (ALA Unit Chaplain), Emily Nock (Unit #166 President), Rosie Garlitz (ALA Unit Junior Advisor) Ray Coleman and Trish Seitz of Ocean City Paramedic Foundation.



AUXILIARY NEWS

FUN DAY WAS HOURS OF FUN AT POST #166

Auxiliary Unit #166 had Fun Day on February 22nd. The afternoon event was open to the public and it was a great time. Several vendors had a tables set up for the attendees.



MD Army National Guard on a Public Relation a mission- Latisha Schoolfield and Chelsea Betz.



Servers Cindy Malemant, Robin Peoples and Phyliss Grimes of Auxiliary Unit #166 were waiting for food.



Fun Day Chair, Karen Thompson got a face painting by Sandy AKA "Miss Sunshine".



Members of Post #166's Ocean City Marlins baseball team family were enjoying the Fun Day at the Post. L-R Brett Marshall, Blake Marshall, Team Grand Mom Rosie Garlitz, SAL #166 Rafe Parsons and Team Mom Jessie Parsons.

SAL #166 Chuck Lathbury and Bonnie Strawbridge Unit #166 had control of the kitchen



US Navy JROTC of SDHS demonstrating the folding of the US Flag, Brandon Dinh, Brian Dinh, Andrew Palovitz, Eli Wiltbank.



BM1 Curry Fleisher(R) of the OC US Coast Guard with fellow member and their families.



Post #166's Chuck Porter with grand-daughter Rylie having a ball at Fun Day



Mark Duff received a face paint by "Miss Sunshine and his grandfather Jackson Snyder is watching Mark at the craft table.



(L) Carly and (R) Mary Herl with RJ Parsons having fun at Fun Day.



AUXILIARY NEWS

JUNIORS CONTINUE TO "ROCK"



Rosie Garlitz

Our future Auxiliary Leaders have been keeping busy accomplishing the work for Veterans and those in our community.

Martin Luther King Day was celebrated on January 20th and Juniors made "Goody Bags" filled with candies with special related messages; for example: lifesavers to remind Veterans of the many times they have been one. These bags were delivered to the local homeless shelter for their Veterans Outreach Program and our Post #166 members (total of 36 bags were delivered).

Valentine Cards were made by our Juniors for Veterans in the Berlin Nursing Home and were given to 18 Veterans. In addition each Veterans was visited, including our 100 year old Post member John Andrews who was wearing his Post #166 cap.

All seven of our active Juniors participated in the Four Chaplains Ceremony on February 2nd, at the Post. They placed a rose and a bouquet of Poppies beside each Life Jacket of the Immortal Four Chaplains. Also, Kendahl Parsons the Juniors Chaplain, offered prayer at the event.

Family Fun Day at the Post was held on February 22nd with Juniors demonstrating the folding of the U.S. Flag to the attendees. They helped younger children with crafts and writing cards for Veterans. A good time was had by all!

As the winds of March began to howl, Junior members donated blankets to Diakonia Homeless Shelter and Purses filled with personal hygiene items and snacks. Juniors turned in completed Patch Programs and decorated Messages Bottles of Cheer for Veterans in the Pocomoke VA Clinic for St. Patrick's Day. On March 4th, the American Legion Family of Post #166 held its annual First Responders Award Night. Junior member Kendahl Parsons presented an Award to the Ocean City Paramedic of the Year for 2019. Also in March Juniors packed 20 boxes for the Post #166 Family's Support the Troops Program. Included in the boxes were Girl Scout Cookies, Ocean City and Maryland motif T-shirts, jerky treats, peanut candy bars and special messag-

es from the Unit #166 Juniors. A special Shout Out goes to Addison McDaniel and Lindsay Birkhead-Morton who received the Ben Carson Scholarship Award again this year. Also to Kendahl Parsons for receiving the S.D.H.S. Good Sportsmanship Award. Saylor Amos received an Award from the Downtown Association earlier this year for Volunteering 225 hours helping to improve Downtown Ocean City. To our two most recent members, Mia and Ranata Lovitt, kudos for achieving 1st and 2nd place in the American Essay Contest in their age bracket. All of our Juniors are awesome!!!

Rosie Garlitz,

Junior Advisor, ALA Unit #166



Addison McDaniel holding the US Flag for Lindsay Birkhead-Morton while she is demonstrating the proper way to fold it.



Addison McDaniel, Lindsay Birkhead-Morton, Kendahl Parsons and Delaney McDaniel promoting the American Legion Auxiliary at the Family Fun Day.



Junior Auxiliary members Kendahl Parsons and Lindsay Birkhead-Morton displaying the Poppies Scrapbook at Family Fun Day.



QUEEN OF HEARTS CONTINUES



This game started on 2/2/20 and \$450.00 has been paid out. The winners are Mom Harcleshei (#41) 3 Clubs-\$50.00, Ruth Robinson (#52) Kind Spades-\$100.00, Anne Connely (#16) 4 Diamonds-\$50.00, Kristy Johnson #45) Jack Diamonds-\$100.00, Michael Quilten (#28) 4 Spades-\$50.00, Chrissy Matthews (#7) 10 Spades-\$50.00, RD Martindale (#50) 8 Hearts-\$50.00.

Due to the mandated closing of the post; the next drawing of the Queen of Hearts will be moved from Mar 22 to the first Sunday after the Post is fully re-opened. That Jack Pot will be \$ 4,700. So far in this game we have already awarded a total of \$ 450 to weekly winners.



Pat Shakey presents Michael Quilten his \$50.00 after the March 1st drawing. This is the 3rd time Michael has won.



Is Chrissy Matthews the \$50.00 winner on March 8th.



Auxiliary member of Unit #13 Kim Davis, a bartender at Fort Cumberland Post #13 in Cumberland, Maryland was the drawer of the Queen on January 26th.



Auxiliary Unit #166 member Mildred Boyd with ticket #51 was the winner of \$4000.00 on January 26th drawing



LEGION RIDERS NEWS & ACTIVITIES



American Legion Riders prepare for the Annual Rifle & Shotgun drawing. Ben Nilsson (SAL #166), Jeff Jaras (AL Post #166) Grace (Winner Drawer), Karen Thompson (1st Vice President of Unit #166) Manny Perez(AL Post #166 & ALR Director), Rosie Garlitz (AIA) Chuck Lathbury (SAL #166 Adjutant).



Jeff Jaras is congratulating George Hart of Pequea, Pa. for winning the shot gun that was also raffled on on Super Sunday. Chuck Lathbury looks on.



Post #166 member and ALR member Jeff Jaras congratulates Gary Nalley from Boonesboro, Md. for winning the rifle at the February 2nd drawing. SAL Squadron #166 Adjutant Chuck Lathbury looks on.



Unit #166 gave Valentine Cards to Veterans at the Berlin Nursing Home. John Andrews (100 years old), a member of Post #166 reads his 2020 Valentine.



Caroline & Ken Farley of the Eastern Shore Fife and Fife will play music of the mid 1770s again this year. Mark Tyler Past President of the Captain John Smoot Sons of the American Revolution Society will read the Declaration of Independence at Post #166 on July 4th at 1000hrs. The is Community event and will be open to the public.

Synepuxent Post 166, Spring 2020



OC Marlins Update: February 2020

By Eric Snelsire, Manager

We are excited for the 2020 American Legion Baseball season. We have begun our planning and recruiting efforts for the new season. Once again, the team will have a strong roster as an estimated 12 of 18 players are returning from last year's team. All 18 players will be from Worcester County area and we anticipate having another successful season with expectations to win at the District, State, and Regional levels

The 2020 season will begin on Sunday, May 31st at Salisbury University. Opening Day ceremonies begin at 9:30am to help celebrate and honor a few distinguished veterans that have supported the program over the years. The first game will begin at 10am with the OC Marlins Post 166 playing Talbot Post 70 from Easton. Following our game, Wicomico Post 64 will play Caroline Post 29 at 1pm and then Dorchester Post 91 will play Somerset Post 94 at 4pm. Please mark your calendars and come out to support your OC Marlins on May 31st. The full 2020 schedule will be released very soon as we finalize the remaining few details and dates.

Below is the OC Marlins Post 166: **VISION, MISSION, EXPECTATION, and STANDARD** for which we stand:

VISION:

Our vision of this program is to put together a 20+ game schedule with a team balanced with players from the three county high schools (Pocomoke, Snow Hill, and Stephen Decatur). The roster will have priority on including the best available eligible college players, high school seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshman that desire to play the game at the highest level.

MISSION:

- 1.) Develop players from Worcester County to promote the game of baseball through the development of our core values: Citizenship, Sportsmanship, Loyalty, Service, Team Spirit and Pride in our community;
- 2.) Development of well-rounded young men –focusing on mind, body, and spirit;
- 3.) Development as baseball players both physically and mentally; and finally
- 4.) Win Championships together.

EXPECTATION (The 3 C's):

Commitment to Team and Vision

Communicate with coaches and teammates.

Contribute to the 4 Pillars of Success (Respect, Fun, Compete, Love)

STANDARD (WINNER)

We bring energy, I like to help/serve, No Excuses, Never out of the fight, Expect to win, Ready to work/lead

Synepuxent Post 166, Spring 2020



2019 American Legion Baseball Schedule - OC MARLINS POST 166							
			VISITOR		HOME		
5/31/2020	Sunday	9:30am	OPENING CEREMONIES				
		10am	Talbot Post 70	vs	Worcester Post 166	Salisbury U	
		1pm	Caroline Post 29	vs	Wicomico Post 64	Salisbury U	
		4pm	Dorchester Post 91	vs	Somerset Post 94	Salisbury U	
6/2/20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Somerset	@	Worcester	Berlin LL	
6/4/20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Wicomico	@	Worcester	Berlin LL	
6/9/20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Dorchester	@	Worcester	Berlin LL	
6/11/20	Thursday	6:00 PM	Worcester	@	Somerset	Washington HS	
6/13/20	Saturday	12:00 PM	Annapolis Post 7	@	Worcester	SDHS	
6/16/20	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Worcester	@	Wicomico	Parkside HS	
6/18/20	Thursday	7:00 PM	Worcester	@	Dorchester	J Ed Walter	
6/20/2020	Saturday	10:00 AM	Caroline Post 29	@	Worcester	SDHS	
		12:30PM	Caroline Post 29	@	Worcester	SDHS	
6/23/20	Tuesday		OPEN DATE			Berlin LL	
6/24/20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Seaford DE Post 6	@	Worcester	Berlin???	
6/25/20	Thursday		OPEN DATE - PRACTICE/BP			Berlin LL	
6/26/20	Friday	7:30 PM	TBD	vs	Worcester	Frederick, MD	
6/27/20	Saturday	11:30 AM	TBD	vs	Worcester	Frederick, MD	
6/28/20	Sunday	8:00 AM	TBD	vs	Worcester	Frederick, MD	
6/28/20	Sunday	10:30 AM	TBD	vs	Worcester	Frederick, MD	
6/29/2020	Monday	10:00 AM	Must Win Bracket to advance to Monday		SEMI FINAL	Frederick, MD	
		12:30 PM				SEMI FINAL	
		3:00 PM				TOURNAMENT FINAL	
6/30/20	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Somerset	@	Worcester	Berlin LL	
7/2/2020	Thursday	7:00 PM	Dorchester	@	Worcester	Berlin LL	
7/7/2020	Tuesday	6:00PM	Worcester	@	Wicomico	Parkside HS	

regular season game???

9 inning game, confirmed with Cbunting

confirmed with Curt Bunting 1/7/20

relocated to Berlin field???

Wood Bat only

Wood Bat only

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Wood Bat only

OC MARLINS STATE OF MARYLAND RUNNERS UP 2019



Back Row: Sarge Garlitz (Post #166 Baseball Chairman), Eric Snelsire (Manager), Blake Marshall, Billy Wheatley, Jack Rosenberg, Ashten Snelsire, Hayden Snelsire, Alex Gaddis, Cole Gursky, Dawson Delaney, Gavin Bunting, Dave Parsons (Bench Coach & post #166 Rep), Cameron McDonough (Coach)

Front Row: Tristan McDonough-hit .529 and won The Tournament Batting Award, Brenner Gursky, Greyson Gursky, Rafe Parsons, Chris Bauman

On Ground: Brady Hare (Coach)

VIETNAM WAR TET 52 January 31, 2020



Left to Right, Members of the FSD Marine Corp League - Reggie Mason, Ron Wilson, John Daddazio, Rich Poundsberry, Bob Broderick, Commandant Marty Kwesko, Bill Russel, Ray Updike, Dave Kline.



Rich Witt of Post #166 American Legion and the Vietnam Veterans of America #1091 with Commandant of the First State Detachment of the US Marine Corp League Marty Kwesko place the TET 52 Wreath at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial.

On Friday, January 31st the 52nd Anniversary of the TET Offense was recognized at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. This annual event started on January 31, 1968 the 40th anniversary, at the WCVM and is held in rain, snow or shine each year etc. It is felt, this Vietnam victory that took place in 1968 will never be forgotten.



WELCOME HOME

March 30th is Maryland's WELCOME HOME DAY. The local events that were scheduled have been cancelled due to the happenings around the world. Worcester County has real close to 6,000 Veterans and many are of the Vietnam Era. If you know any of these American Heroes, give them a call and tell them, "WELCOME HOME" and they will never be forgotten.



OCEAN CITY COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

**TUESDAY
May 5
2020**

Free & Open to the Public

Free screenings

carotid | respiratory | bone density | 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

www.delmarvablood.org

and MORE!

Please join us!

7:55 am

Presentation of colors
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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Governor Hogan issued an executive order closing all non-essential business in Maryland as of 5PM, March 23. See which business are considered “essential.” Inquire about the status of being considered “essential.”

He also announced a \$175 million relief package for workers and small businesses. Use the links below for more information.

State & Federal COVID-19 Response for Small Businesses

- To assist businesses affected by the economic impact of COVID-19, Comptroller Peter Franchot announced he will extend business-related tax filing deadlines. The June 1st extension applies to certain business returns with due dates during the months of March, April and May 2020 for businesses filing sales and use tax, withholding tax, and admissions & amusement tax, as well as alcohol, tobacco and motor fuel excise taxes, tire recycling fee and bay restoration fee returns.
- The Maryland Department of Commerce has made working capital grants available for small businesses, including nonprofits. Visit their website to learn more.
- The Comptroller is also requesting \$500 million dollars from the States rainy day fund - to support revenue losses within small businesses. It has not been approved nor confirmed whether or not these dollars are going to be accessible to nonprofits. Visit the Comptrollers website to learn more.
- The Small Business Association (SBA) has created a small business disaster relief fund. Nonprofits DO qualify for these loans. Visit the SBA website to learn more.
- If you are required to lay off employees in this challenging time, please visit the DLLR web site for details of COVID-19 layoff benefits.
- All of Governor’s Hogan’s orders and resources are documented on the Maryland Business Exchange as well, which can access [HERE](#). There are also resources for employees on the Maryland Business Exchange.
- The White House and President Trump have issued many mandates and guidelines that may affect your small business. Get those updates on the White House website.
- On March 19, the President signed into law, H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The bill includes a complex set of temporary paid leave mandates and employer reimbursement provisions, as well as funding for free coronavirus testing, food nutrition security, and Unemployment extension.
- United Way of the Lower Shore is responding to COVID-19 in a variety of ways, including mobilizing volunteers. Visit their website.
- The Salisbury Chamber of Commerce has issued a business COVID-19 business resource guide on their website.
- The CFES COVID-19 resource page will be updated regularly.
- Maryland Nonprofits offers resources on their website.

We thank you for your support during these challenging times, and will try to keep you updated in the coming weeks as changes happen. Let us know if we can be of service to to you. ocdowntownassociation@verizon.net

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AMERICAN LEGIONS PARTICIPATE IN THE BERLIN SALUTE

LTC Paul K. Voss of Langley Air Force Base was killed in Afghanistan in February and was returned to Dover Air Force Base. He was being escorted from Dover to his home in Virginia. The route of escort through Maryland was on Route #113 South. Member from the OC and Berlin area gave a Salute to LTC Voss as his escort went through Berlin on February 11th.



L-R "Pops" of Berlin, Kevin Matthews (SAL #166 & ER at Elks Lodge #2645), Commander Tom Wengert (Post #166), Joe Verdura (SAL #166 Commander), Bob Smith (Vietnam Veterans Of America #1091 OCMD), Kenny Morris (Chaplain Post #231 Berlin), Commander Vince Holloway (Post #123 Berlin), WORCESTER County Commander Tony Sullivan (Post #231 Berlin). 2nd row L-R Chuck Lathbury (Adjutant SAL #166), Bill Greenwood (Post #123 Berlin), Jim Quillian (Post #123 Berlin), Arnold Clark & Dave Phillips (Post #159 Chincoteague, Va)

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BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS DID IT AGAIN THIS YEAR



Pictured Are SPL Chase Ponton and APL Jawad Labwam with cross over Ben Busko from Pack #261 Cub Scouts to Troop #261 Boy Scouts.



Yearly event competition with all Delmarva troops the Klondike (they build a sled to work and compete in survival skills and more). Pictured below SPL Chase Ponton, APL Jawad Labwam, Scouts Lukas Magathan, Tristan Thomas, Evan Hurley, Stormy Smith, Eagle Scout Kurt Leinemann, Scoutmasters Ken Nichols, Assistant Scoutmaster, Shawn McKenzie.



**SCOUTS FUNDRAISER
AT THE BOAT SHOW**



At the Annual Boat show by the Optimist Club of Ocean City was the site of a Boy Scout fund raiser. L_R Tonya Hurley, Evan Hurley, Matt Coleman, Reece Soloman and Rick Ponton.

**USCG MEMBER VISITED
IN FLORIDA**



Master Chief Tammaree Sparks the Commander of the USCG Station at Marathon, Florida is a member of Post #166. She received a visit from members of the Post's Family. Sgt-of-Arms Bob Gilmore, Past President ALA Unit #166 Marie Gilmore, Unit #166 member June Kelly and Post #166 member Nelson Kelly. MC Sparks was a former Commander of the OCMD USCG Station.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Ben Dawson

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

Amen

Spring Greetings Comrades! Another season is upon us with no idea how it will process. This virus has the whole country turned upside down with nothing to do but hope for the better days. This too will pass! Hopefully sooner than later. Our social networking has been limited to telephones and computers. No clubs, restaurants, bars, bowling alleys, to go to after a hard day on the job. What am I saying, even our daily work life, to some degree, has been put on hold. Thank GOD for those who must go to work every day to keep this town going. Each of us have a responsibility to keep this virus from spreading any farther than it has. Stay in for emergencies and necessities, proper hand washing, we all know what to do because that's all we hear on the news. We will beat this thing and hopefully sooner than later.

I miss going to the post more that I thought I would. Many things are taken for granted until you don't have them any more. Better days are ahead, I assure you. Most of my work, fortunately, can be accomplished at home, but I, like you,

would of course rather be in the field as they say. One thing for sure, we are saving quite a bit of our disposable income. Just more to spend when this is over. I am looking forward to it.

Although, most of us are mandated shut in, there are many of our comrades who are shut in out of physical necessity. Please continue to correspond with and keep them lifted up in your prayers. I continue to ask that if you know of any comrades or their family members on sick call, let me know so I can get a card out.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Post when this is over for a big welcome home ceremony. We have all been through tougher times than this in and out of wars. Just another battle to over come. See you at the Post. **GOD Bless.**

— Ben, Chaplain



ARMED FORCES DAY MAY 16TH AT POST #166

Armed Forces Day is on May 16th 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.

POST EVERLASTING REPORT

The following members transferred
to Post Everlasting

Floyd F. Bassett
William A., Baumgartner
George V. Brown
Charles G. McLean
Donald L. Olson
William Schmuff
Stanley S. Danowich
David L. Smith
Raymond P. Whittenberger
Edward Turney



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



Tom DeVaux

The membership committee continues to follow through on last year's survey where members responded they felt the Post was not focused enough on giving back to its members. Examples are the Early Bird and Volunteers Appreciation dinner nights. Both events were well attended and the positive feedback for these no cost events were encouraging. Building on these the other Legion families and house committee have increased fun activities and events at the Post. Speaking of the house committee, have you noticed the new floor in the bar, new and more comfortable chairs in the game room, new food specials from the kitchen? More improvements, less visible but designed to make the post more efficient resulting in a more enjoyable time for members and their guests. More improvements are in the works, stay tuned.

It is no coincidence that as I write this column, we have seen a surge of new members to the post for 2020. To date we have added 60 new members for 2020. We have planned a new members introduction and initiation ceremony for April 24th for them and a guest (due to current COVID-19 virus it will be rescheduled). Our membership renewal for 2020 is ahead of schedule, currently at 803 of a goal of 844, that's over a 95% of targeted goal. We continue to follow up personally with the 71 members who have not renewed their 2020 dues. If you are aware of a member that has not renewed, remind them to do so. If any member who has not renewed due to financial concerns, please reach out to Commander Wengert or me.

Finally, the COVID-19 virus has turned the world upside down. Be responsible to your comrades, practice social distancing, preventable habits, and buddy checks. Stay well and God bless.

Tom DeVaux,
Adjutant

House Committee Report

COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON POST IMPROVEMENTS

Although the Post is closed, the House Committee will continue to work on Post improvements, and look for ways to save money by reducing the cost of utilities and other areas that do not require full service. During the closing we will also look at items that need to be addressed and can be accomplished more easily while we are closed.

Our Post Steward, Sam Whiley, is currently working with maintenance personnel to completely sanitize the entire Post. He will also remove all items from our walk in coolers and clean and sanitize them as well.

One area that needs repair is our parking lot. There are areas in the lot that do not drain well and in cold weather ice forms in these spots, which creates a danger to our members as they

walk to and from our entrances. We also need to reseal the lot to prevent water and air from permeating the surface. The sealing also repels oil and other spills which make it easier to clean.

During the interim we ask that you please adhere to the existing regulations and follow the necessary guidelines to keep you and your family safe and healthy.

From Your House Committee,
Chairman John Granite,
Charles "Spaz" Spaziani,
Phil Ludlum,
Dickee Hafer
and Bill Wolfe



Quarterly

Calendar SPRING 2020



April	
Date	Event
CANCELLED	
NOTE	
*ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	
27th	MON American Legion Membership Meeting 1800hrs – Food 1830hrs – Speaker 1900hrs – Monthly Membership Meeting

May	
Date	Event
4th	MON 1800hrs VVA Meeting - Social 1700hrs
7th	THUR NOON OC Elks Boardwalk Banner Dedication @ Boards and North Division Street
11th	MON 1900hrs - SAL Membership Meeting Social 1800hrs
16th	SAT 1300hrs- Armed Forces Day Program at the Post
18th	MON 1730hrs American Legion Executive Committee Meeting

May Cont.	
Date	Event
19th	TUE 1900hrs – Auxiliary Meeting Election of Officers Social 1800hrs
21st	THUR 1900hrs AL Riders Meeting Social 1800hrs
23rd	SAT 1000hrs Memorial Day Service Mystic Harbour
24th	SUN 0800hrs Memorial Day Service Town of Berlin
24th	SUN 0900hrs Memorial Day Service Boggs-Disharoon Post #123 Berlin
25th	MON 0800hrs Memorial Day Service On the Beach at Dunes Manor
25th	MON 1100hrs Memorial Day Service WCVM
25th	MON 1300hrs Memorial Day Service Jolly Roger Park 30th Street
25th	MON 1700hrs Memorial Day Service at Post #166
25th	MON 1900hrs American Legion Membership Meeting 1800hrs Food 1830hrs Speaker 1900hrs Monthly Membership Meeting
27th	WED Noon Meeting First State Marine Corps League
31st	SUN 1000hrs Legion Baseball OC Marlins 1st Game Salisbury ST U

June	
Date	Event
1st	MON 1800hrs VVA Membership Meeting Social 1700hrs
2nd	TUE 1900hrs American Legion Baseball Post #94 (Berlin LL)
8th	MON 1900hrs SAL Membership Meeting Social 1800hrs
13th	SAT 1300hr Flag Day Program at the Post
13 th -14 th	SAT & SUN OCEAN CITY AIR SHOW
13th	SAT 1900hrs 7th Annual Honor a Veteran Program & Reception @ Casino @ Ocean Downs
15th	MON 1730hrs American Legion Executive Committee Meeting
16th	TUE NO AUXILIARY UNIT #166 MEETING THIS MONTH
18th	THUR 1900hrs AL Riders Social 1800hrs
22nd	MON 1400hrs – 1800hrs POST #166 ELECTION MON American Legion Membership Meeting 1800hrs - Food 1830hrs Election Results 1900hrs – Monthly Membership Meeting
30th	WED Noon Meeting First State Marine Corps League



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

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

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RENEW MEMBERSHIPS

at **<http://www.legion.org/renew>**
ALL Active Duty Members should submit their 8"x10" Photos to American Legion Post 166, P.O. Box 63, Ocean City, MD 21843 to replace the current Active Wall at Post 166
Contact Sarge Garlitz
at (443) 735-1942 or firstsgt166@msn.com

Hey you Internet surfers, we not only have a website 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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