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Commander's Message

WOW Summer has finally arrived. I thought it would never get here, in fact, I thought I was back in Southeast Asia with all the rain that we had this spring.

I would like to start off by introducing the officers for this coming year. Commander Tom Wengert, 1st Vice Commander Bill Wolf, 2nd Vice Commander Bob Smith, Adjutant Tom Devaux, Finance Officer George Barstis, Judge Advocate Jack Hyle, Service Officer Sarge Garlitz who is also our Public Relations and National Security guy, Chaplin Ben Dawson, Historian Shannon Hardester and Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Gilmore. The Executive Board will consist of George Spicer, Charles Spaziani, John Bussard, Phil Ludlum Sr., and John Granite.

The House Committee chairperson is John Granite along with Dick Hafer, Bill Wolf, Charles Spaziani and Phil Ludlum Sr.

I was privy to the results of the survey that was sent out by our 1st Vice Tom Devaux and I was surprised at the results. We feel here at Post

166 that everything that we do is for the Veterans and if you don't feel that we are doing a good job rather than hide behind a survey where we do not know who you are, come to a meeting and

express your feelings.

Enough said on that subject let's move on to some very good and positive things that are done by our Legion members. April was a rather slow month with only an Arbor Day program being celebrated at the Ocean City Elementary School by our Color Guard who presented the Colors.

May was a very busy month. On the 2nd of May Post 166 joined with the Elks to dedicate the banners on the Boardwalk. On Saturday, May 18th, we had Armed Forces Day program at the Post which was very well attended. Start-

ing with Saturday, May 25 through Monday, May 27, the Legion headed by Sarge Garlitz had seven programs beginning with Mystic Harbor then a ceremony at Berlin and then Post 123 on Sunday and on Monday we had 4 ceremonies beginning

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member
The kind that would be missed
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock
Or do you stay at home
To criticize and knock

Do you take an active part
To help the work along
Or are you satisfied
To only just belong

Do you ever go to visit
A member who is sick
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique

Think this over member
You know right from wrong
Are you an active member
Or do you just belong

Post 166 Needs Your **HELP** If We Are To Survive

BILL GIBBS MAKING THINGS HAPPENING FOR VIETNAM VETS



President of VVA #1091 Nelson Kelly presents Bill Gibbs his Honorary Life Membership Certificate In April

Bill Gibbs, owner of The Dough Roller restaurants, has been awarded an honorary life membership from Vietnam Veterans of America at the Ocean City Chapter 1091 membership meeting on April 1. Gibbs was instrumental in the planning and placement of the Barry Berger Memorial in front of City Hall and the scholarship named after him. Berger was the only Ocean City native to be killed in action in Vietnam and was best friends with Gibbs.



Gibbs recently presented the chapter with a \$2,000 donation for the scholarship fund, which will be used for scholarships for the NJROTC cadets at Stephen Decatur. Pictured with Gibbs, center, are Vice President Gerry Barron and Sergeant at Arms Jack Hyle.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE FLAG DAY PROGRAM

VVA Chapter #1091 President Gerry Barron, Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson, Past VVA President Nelson Kelly, and Post #166 Vice Commander Tom Devaux, Chair of Flag Day.



On June 3rd at the VVA #1091 meeting, President Gerald Barron and LDCR Robert Steward SDHS NJROTC SSI presenting a "huge" Check to Cadet Andre Nieto from the Barry Berger Memorial Scholarship Fund. Cadet Nieto also was awarded the Vietnam Veterans of American JROTC National Medal for his outstanding academics and citizenship with a Weighted GPA of 5.0690. He will be attending Salisbury University this Fall.





POST #166 AND SAR TO HOLD A JULY 4TH EVENT



Ken and Caroline Farley of Fife and Fife who will play the music of mid to late 1700's



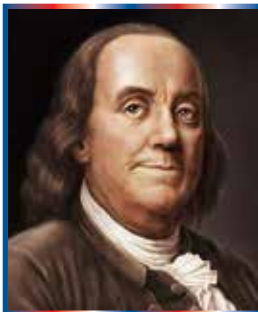
On Thursday July 4th, Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion and the Captain John Smoot Chapter of the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution will hold its 2nd Annual Joint event at Post #166. The joint Program will start at 1:00PM with parking available in the parking lot and entrance on the north side of the Post on 24th Street. Participating

in the program are as follows: Sarge Garlitz of Captain Smoot's Chapter SAR and the South Eastern Shore District American Legion Commander, Chaplain Ben Dawson of Post #166 and President Mark Tyler of the Captain Smoot Chapter of the SAR will read the Declaration of Independence.

— Sarge Garlitz



John Adams



Benjamin Franklin



Thomas Jefferson



Roger Sherman



Robert Livingston

The Declaration of Independence: A History

Nations come into being in many ways. Military rebellion, civil strife, acts of heroism, acts of treachery, a thousand greater and lesser clashes between defenders of the old order and supporters of the new--all these occurrences and more have marked the emergences of new nations, large and small. The birth of our own nation in-

cluded them all. That birth was unique, not only in the immensity of its later impact on the course of world history and the growth of democracy, but also because so many of the threads in our national history run back through time to come together in one place, in one time, and in one document: the Declaration of Independence.

BASEBALL AND MORE

Who has played baseball? Many years ago there were sandlot teams, neighborhood teams and little league baseball was very popular. In 1953 my Dad "Wibby" Garlitz, my Mom "Hennie", Melvin Sloan, Ike Gentry, Henry Stafford, Sam Smith, Bob Brodie and Erma Brodie formed the Little League of Lonaconing, Md. There had been American Legion Baseball at Post #92 but disbanded. The interest for younger kids wanting to play ball was high. So if this small town played Little League Ball there has to be other Little Leagues through-out the land.

I bet there are many members of Post #166's Family who played baseball on different levels. What I am getting at is—who played American Legion Baseball and where? Our Post is in its 5th year and moving in the right direction. The former players from years ago day are in support of the program. We want to know those who played and put their name and location on the Synepuxent Post #166 ALB Alumni list. Come forward. Please email me at firstsgt166@msn.com, cell 443-735-1942.

Back in the day, baseball was not the only sport and many played several to name a few: Soccer, Football, Basketball and Track. Fast Pitch Softball was huge throughout the Armed Forces and I know many participated and excelled in this game.

The female members of our Family also partici-

pated in many sports and they made an outstanding show. Participating was the name of the game, if you were on a team, boys or girls.

There are many members who did not take the sports route and participated in educational and community programs. This was just as important to you as sports was to others. Let me know what your story is and this will also be part of the Families Events.



Richard Lee Bayles

Again, lets get the Legion Baseball Alumni list started. A long time member of Post #166, Richard "Buzzy" Bayles played American Legion Baseball for Frederick Post #11 in 1960, 1961 & 1962. His team was a District Runner up, a Regional Runner up and the State Champions of Maryland. Buzzy remarked, "these 3 years were the most rewarding experience of my life in amateur athletics.

The American Legion Baseball program was, and still is, a totally outstanding program".

The end of this month the OC Marlins sponsored by Synepuxent Post #166 representing Worcester County will play in a Legion Baseball Tournament in Frederick, Md. Buzzy is wishing us good luck in the tournament at his hometown.

— *Sarge Garlitz*



Front Row: Greyson, Rafe Parsons, Alex Gaddis, Blake Marshall, Noah Ager, Jack Rosenberg, Ryan Duncan, Shea Griffin, Cameron McDonough (Coach), Back Row: Eric Snelsire (Manager), Luke Scott, Gavin Bunting, Cole Gursky, Tristan McDonough, Bill Wheatley, Hayden Snelsire, Ashten Snelsire, Dawson Delaney, Brady Hare (Coach) and Dave Parsons (Asst Coach & Legion Rep) Missing players Brenner Gursky & Chris Bauman.



June 2019

By Eric Snelsire, Manager

We have a great group of young men, complimented by a great coaching staff for the 2019 season. Our team consists of players from both Stephen Decatur and Snow Hill High Schools as well as four college players that graduated from Stephen Decatur in 2018. We had a total of 24 player's tryout for the team this year and will carry a very strong 18-man roster that should compete locally as well as a state and regional level. We are very optimistic and look forward to the journey ahead.

The team is off to a fast 3-0 start with wins over teams from Talbot (6-5), Somerset (10-3) and Wicomico (8-1) during the first week of competition. On Opening Day, we celebrated an exciting 6-5 walk-off victory at Shorebirds Stadium. We have scheduled a 14 game season that plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays and includes a three-day tournament in Frederick, MD competing against strong teams from the Mid-Atlantic region. I hope to see you out at the ballpark to see us play!

Managing this particular group has been especially enjoyable for me as I know all the players; having coached them or against them at some point in their lives. The players have quickly developed into a hardworking group that enjoy each other and play the game at a very high level. Our coaching staff has been dedicated and quickly helped get the team ready for the season as we have seen improvement each week.

In conclusion, I wanted to share with you the "3 Pillars of Success" that we have developed as the centerpiece to the 2019 season. Success will not be measured alone by wins and losses. The coaching staff is dedicated to teaching the game but also allowing the game to teach valuable life lessons beyond the game baseball. We hope to build a strong foundation of success for these young men on and off the field.

"3 Pillars of Success"

1.) Respect: Play the game with respect: respect each other; respect our country, the flag and our veterans; Respect our opponents, umpires, fans and the game of baseball. Moreover, we must respect the differences and diversity that each of us bring to the team. (i.e ability, skills, culture, backgrounds, responsibilities, etc.)

2.) Fun: We want to have fun playing the game (win or lose), have fun and enjoy the time that we have together at practice and games to further develop our friendships and opportunities to build new ones.

3.) Compete: Compete and play hard and hustle in all aspects, all the time. Control the things you can control (most importantly: effort, attitude, actions). Celebrate success and learn from failures. Some of the most valuable lessons will come through failure. Embrace it, learn from it and move on.

ping young men to be great husbands and fathers, you lose."

– Dabo Swinney
(Clemson's Head Football Coach)

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Remaining Schedule for 2019 Home Games are played at the North Worcester County Complex in Berlin on Rte #113.

6/28 Cherry Hill NJ 730PM
6/29 Norchester 1130AM
6/30 Frederick 800AM
6/30 Severna Park 1030AM
7/1 Tournament Finals
7/2 Post #91 Dorchester @ Post #166 Worcester 700PM
7/8 Post 91 Dorchester @Post #166 Worcester 700PM
7/9 Open date
7/10 Post #166 Worcester @ Col Richardson 700PM
7/11 Post #64 Wicomico @ Post #166 Worcester 700PM
7/15 Play Off Game 1 7/15 Play Off Game 2
7/16 Finals if needed

RECORD: 6 WINS 1 LOSS

"You can win, win win, but if you're not equip-

JACK HYLE LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR 2018-2019



Post #166's Judge Advocate Jack Hyle is the Legionnaire of the Year for 2018-2019. Jack is very active with the activities and events that take place at the Post. There are very few that he does not participate in.

Jack was very helpful during the convention last

Commander's Message

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with the Dunes at 8 o'clock followed by Worcester County Veterans Memorial then Jolly Rogers and ending with a program at the American Legion Post 166. It was a very event filled weekend for our Legion members.

June started out rather slow until we got to Flag day June 14 where we had a ceremony at Post 166 led by 1st Vice Tom Devaux. On June 15th, after the Air Show, we had a flyover at the Casino by the Thunderbirds who then parachuted down to present WWII Veteran Carroll Wagner with the American Flag. This was definitely a very touching ceremony.

Come and join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month and play Trivia and win prizes. It is a fun time with friends. You can bring in a team, join a team or play by yourself trying to answer simple trivia questions. If you have never tried it, now is the time.

Don't make yourself a stranger to YOUR Legion, stop in and say hi to your fellow brothers and sisters. Remember it takes 2 to converse. Maybe you should start the conversation and with that I leave you with this.

May God Bless You and May God Bless America.

Tom Wengert,
Commander

July and his leadership is at the top of the charts. During the year he was a big help with Veterans Day, Four Chaplains Sunday, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and Flag Day programs.

He is the Chairman of our Queen of Hearts raffle program. A fund raiser for the Post, Chairman Jack is responsible for starting the event and keeping it a huge successful project for Post #166. His knowledge of the Springfest and Sunfest Beer Wagon Fundraiser is outstanding. In fact this Springfest, our fundraiser was record setting.

He makes himself available if someone needs his help. How does the quote go? Jack Hyle is only a "phone call away".



The Spring Fest Fundraiser held the first week end in May was a huge success. Chairman Jack Hyle and "Spaz" Spaziani the leaders of this year's "Beer Team" broke all records raising funds for many of Post #166's Four Pillars Programs. Other Volunteers from the American Legion Family at Post #166 are as follows: Bob & Marie Rose, Will & Phyl Farrell, Earl Hewitt & Jackie, John & Poppy Granite, Jim Wolf, Bob Gilmore, Nelson & June Kelly, Jeff Baker, Bo Spicer, Phil Ludlam, Tom & Joann Wengert, Tina Preziotti, Ray Kudabeck, Paul & Chris Hawkins, Ben Nilsson, Buddy Jones, Mark Sautter and Chuck Porter.



POST #166'S FAMILY VOLUNTEERS HITS THE BOARDS

The summer of the Yellow Jeep is on us and are we ready? The ticket booth on the Boards between Caroline St and north Division Street is our Boardwalk spot until September 22nd. Then, at 1800hours at Post #166 the lucky ticket will be drawn and everyone is invited to attend.

Rosie Garlitz, the lady with the pen, is contacting and keeping the shifts for the ticket booth on a tight ship type way. Bill Wolf is keeping the schedule available and Commander Wengert is working with him. There are many new needed volunteers this summer and they are an asset to the team to keep it going. The veterans of the Boards, welcome back and you are the heart beat of the boards and a huge thanks to all of you.

Bonnie Strawbridge
James Sullivan
Lori Arillo
Brady Bowman
Tina Preziotti & Ray
Bill Wolf
Rosie Garlitz
Sarge Garlitz
Ken & Lois Ingram
Penny Matthews
Mike Kraus
Pattie Hughes
Paul & Chris Hawkins
John Wilson
Rose Felty
Paul Mazzei
Monty & Louise Kraus
Chuck Porter

Janet Billings
James Ahern
Bob & Kim Anderson
Renee Jarvis
Tony Deluca
Dominque & Jim
Ron & Mina Engle
Stock Harmon
Tom Devaux
Steve Wise
Will & Phyliss Farrell
John Wilmuth
Ken Cartwright
Emilie Beall
Diane & Jim Rezek
Bob & Annie Och
Martin Clark
Calvin Hook

Al & Fran Pilarski
Glen Reely
Verla Hammond
Melvin Danner
Earl Hewitt & Jackie
Paul Fohner
Fannie Birckhead
Dave Kline
Gary & Vickie Blackstock
Kathy Hardester
Paul & Pat Longo
Robert Biel
Lee & Louetta McClaflin
Alan Downs
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fyffe
Michael Konski
Mel & Alice Jones
Tom & Joann Wengert

Ralf & Thelma Decker
Ron & Carolyn Kuhn
Jeff & Annette Jaras
Rick & Janet Johnson
Nelson & June Kelly
Dick Tanner & Marty
Kwesko
Barry & Candi Gusst
Dale Christiensen
George & Kay Smolenski
Chris & Helen Norris
John & Tina Barr
Vera Cavey
Jim Jarzynski
Donald Dawson
Domenick Cerceo & Jim
Ben Nilsson
Phyliss Grimes
Karin Sobczak



Chaplain Ben Dawson offers the Invocation



Commander Tom Wengert shares his Memorial Day message



VVA Bob Gilmore recites the meaning of the POW/MIA Lone Table to follow Ben Dawson



Post #166 Firing Squad Earl Hewitt and Johan Nykuist presents the Volley Salute & Bugler Eric Nilsson played TAPS



Dept. of Md. Jrs. Honorary President Lindsay Birkhead Morton and Scout Paige placed the TET 51 Wreath at the Remembrance Wall.



Past Commandant Frank Del Piano representing the First State Detachment of the USMC League



Unit #166 Past President Marie Gilmore tells how the Auxiliary feels about Memorial Day



Rosie Garlitz and Commander Wengert led with with God Bless America.



Unit #166 Member Saylor Amos and Cub Scout Nick placed the Poppy Wreath at the Remembrance Wall.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 27, 2019

OPENING.....SESD Commander Sarge Garlitz
POW/MIA Lone Table for One.....VVA #1091 Bob Gilmore
INVOCATION.....Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
 Cub Scouts Pack #261 Boy Scout Troop #261

PROGRAM

AL Post #166.....Commander Tom Wengert
 AL Auxiliary Unit #166.....President Marie Gilmore
 In Flanders Field.....ALA Jrs. Delaney & Addison McDaniel
 First Det. USMCL.....Past Commandant Frank Del Piano

PLACEMENT OF THE POPPIES.....ALA Unit #166

2018-2019 POST EVERLASTING

Post #166 Judge Advocate Jack Hyle
 Post #166 Vice Commander Tom Devaux
 ALA Jr. Unit #166 President Kendahl Parsons

PLACEMENT OF THE WREATHS

ALA Jr. Unit #166 Saylor Amos and Cub Scout of #261
 ALA Jr. Department President Unit #166 Lindsay Birkhead-Morton
 and Boy Scout of #261

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

BENEDICTION....ALA Unit #166 Chaplain Teddie Rozzano

POST #166 COLOR GUARD RIFLE SALUTE AND TAPS
 Johan Nykvist Earl Hewett Bugler Eric Nilsson

GOD BLESS AMERICA led by.....Rosie Garlitz

Synepuxent Post 166, Summer 2019



Memorial Day on the Beach



Sarge Garlitz opened the program and Post #166's Chaplain Ben Dawson led the prayer



The Worcester County Joint Color Guard Jimmy Lewis, Earl Hewitt, Johan Nykuist and Commander Vince Holloway of Post #123 Berlin.



Rosie Garlitz shared the poem In Flanders Field and Post #166 Commander presented his Memorial Day comments



Senator Mary Beth Carozza gave the Memorial Day message from the General Assembly.



General Manager Dante Iacona and Director of Sales Joanne Cunningham welcomed everyone



Sons of the American Legion #166 Adjutant Kevin Matthews, also the Exalted Ruler of the Ocean City Elks #2645 related his message what Memorial Day means to these organizations.



Post #166 Vice Commander, Tom Devaux played TAPS following the Volley Salute by the Color Guard and the USCG placing of the Memorial Day Wreath in the Ocean from the off shore vessel and Rosie Garlitz and Commander Tom Wengert led God Bless America.

Memorial Day at Mystic Harbour

On Saturday May 25th the Annual Memorial Day Service was held at Mystic Harbour .

American Legion South Eastern Shore District Commander Sarge Garlitz was the MC for the event. Post #166's Color Guard Chaplain offered the Invocation and followed by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Vivian Wolf read the poem "In Flanders Field" and State Senator Mary Beth Carozza shared Memorial Day comments from the General Assembly of Maryland. The 2019 Memorial Day Wreath was placed by US Army Captain (ret) Patricia Christopher and World War II D-Day Survivor John Sauer.

The Volley Salute was performed by the Joint Color Guard of Boggs-Disharoon Post #123, Duncan-Showell Post #231 and Synepuxent Post #166 followed by Korean War Veteran Eric Nilsson playing TAPS. The program ended with Rosie Garlitz leading with God Bless America.



Rosie Garlitz and World War II D-Day Survivor John Sauer preparing to present the wreath.



Joint Color Guard Johan Nykuist (166), Vince Holloway (123), Colby Bunting (123), Jimmy Lewis (123), Earl Hewitt (166), Kenny Morris (231), Bo Spicer (166), Elroy Brittingham (231) and Larry Duffy (231)



Vivian Wolf reading the poem of "In Flanders Field"

American Legion Post #166 Joint Color Guard Post the Colors at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day May 27th



US Flag Bo Spicer Post #166, POW/MIA Flag Johan Nykuist, Post #166 Maryland Flag Earl Hewitt, US Marine Corps League Flag Marty Kwesko, Vietnam Veterans of America Flag Gerry Barron



Marine Reggie Mason, Worcester County Veterans Memorial Speaker for this years Memorial Day Service. Reggie is a Marine who spent much time in Vietnam back in the late 60's. He is a noted survivor of the TET Offense that took place on January 31, 1968.



The Scouts #261 and the Junior Auxilliary members of Unit #166 are shown with Senator Carrozza at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day



Korean War Veteran Eric Nilsson plays TAPS ending the service.



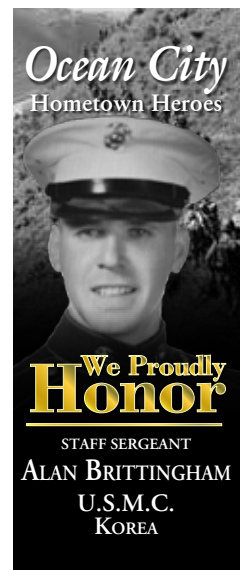
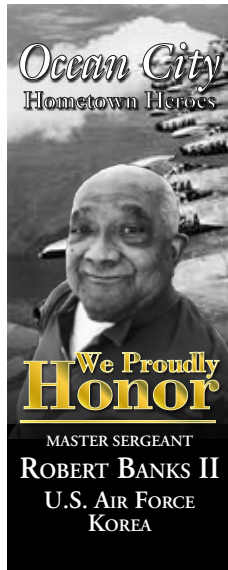
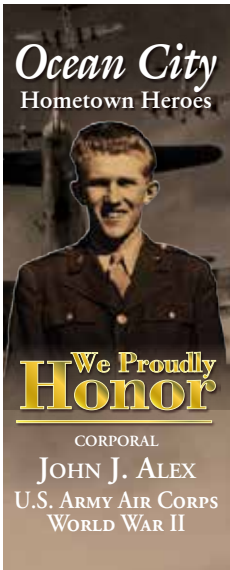
FLAG DAY PRESENTATION TO GLEN REELY

Flag Day Chairman Vice Commander Tom Devaux presents to Glen Reely a Certificate of Commendation for his Exemplary Patriotism toward the US Flag from the Sons of the American Revolution Chapter.



ALA Jrs #166 Addison & Delaney McDaniel, Lindsay Birdkhead-Morton and Nigele Barclay #231 lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

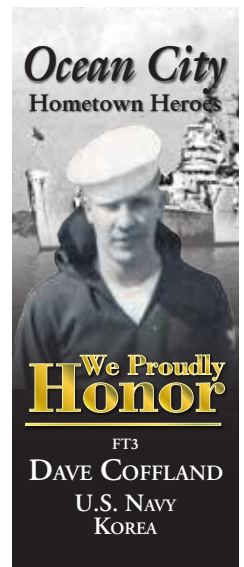
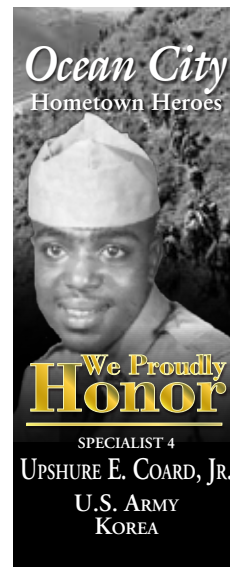
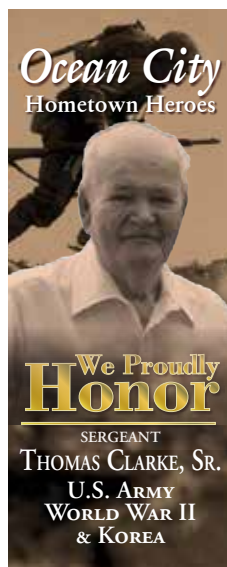
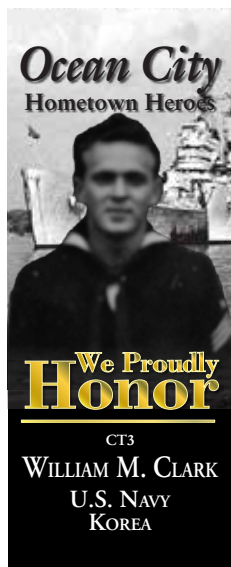
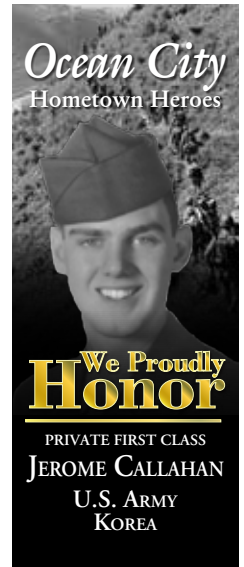
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Airman Jared Massey an USAF active duty resident of Worcester County is being introduced to the dedication attendees by his grandfather.

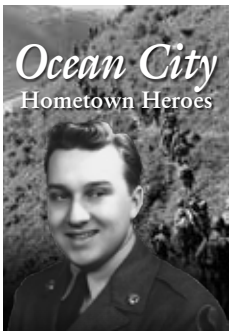
Pat Riordan, Chairman of the OC Elks's Hometown Heroes Banner Program on the Boardwalk welcomes those attending the opening dedication on May 2nd.

Some of the attendees at this years dedication program



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Ocean City
Hometown Heroes



We Proudly Honor

SERGEANT MEDIC
RONALD W. HAGER
U.S. ARMY
KOREA

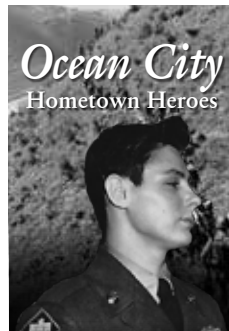
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ENGINEER THIRD CLASS
JACK H. HEINEMAN
U.S. NAVY
KOREA

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SERGEANT
WILLIAM E. JUSTICE III
U.S. ARMY
KOREA
BRONZE STAR

Ocean City
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WILLIAM G. KELSO
U.S. COAST GUARD
KOREA

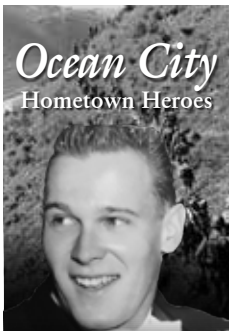
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STAFF SERGEANT
KENNETH LEWIS
U.S. ARMY
WORLD WAR II
BATTLE OF THE BULGE
P.O.W.

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
LUTHER "LUKE"
LOVELESS
U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
KOREA

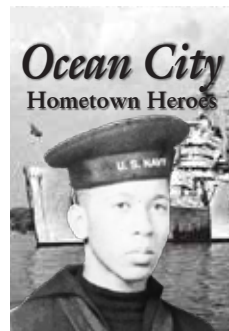
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SK3 V10
MARGARET MADDEN
U.S. NAVY RESERVE
WORLD WAR II

Ocean City
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SEAMAN
LARRY MOSES MOORE
U.S. NAVY
KOREA

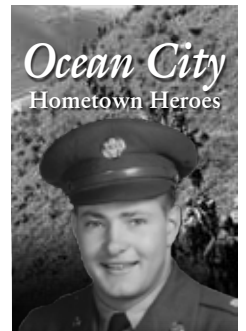
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STAFF SERGEANT
BILL NEIMILLER
U.S. AIR FORCE
KOREA

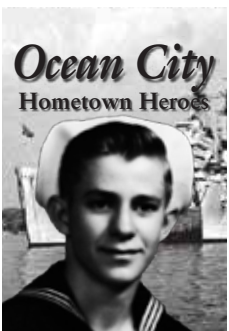
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CORPORAL
THOMAS A. O'KEEFE
U.S. ARMY
KOREA

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SEAMAN FIRST CLASS
BILL POUST
U.S. NAVY
KOREA

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FIREMAN FIRST CLASS
FRANCIS RUSSELL
U.S. NAVY
WORLD WAR II

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AIRMAN FIRST CLASS
BUDD SHEA
U.S. AIR FORCE
KOREA

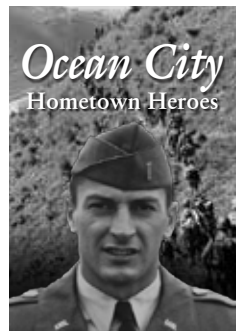
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RADIOMAN
MURRAY SMITH
U.S. NAVY
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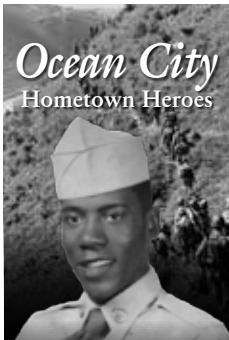


We Proudly Honor

CAPTAIN
WILLIAM J. STETTER
U.S. ARMY
KOREA

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SPECIALIST 4
WILLIAM WHALEY
U.S. ARMY
KOREA

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CORPORAL
JOHN WHITEHEAD
U.S. ARMY
WORLD WAR II

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FIRST LIEUTENANT
ZACHARY HALL
U.S. AIR FORCE

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
SETH WOODS
U.S.M.C.

Ocean City
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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS
STEVEN WRIGHT
U.S.M.C.

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AUXILIARY NEWS

Message from Auxiliary President



Emily F. Nock

Hello Everyone!

I am very honored for the trust that has been placed in me to serve as your next Auxiliary President. We have a great slate of officers this year and I have every confidence that our unit will continue its strong legacy of dedication to our veterans, post, community, state and nation. There are still a few committee positions opens so please reach out to me if you are interested.

Our first regular meeting is not until Sept 17th, but we will have several opportunities to get together before then. Sunday, June 23rd, our unit will host the South Eastern Shore District meeting at the post at 2pm. All Auxiliary members are welcome to join. Then, on Tuesday, July 23rd we will have a special meeting to swear in our new officers and to remember those that we have lost in the past year. This will be held at 7pm at the post. We will also be continuing to support the post through boardwalk sales for the Jeep Raffle. I encourage all members to sign up for a shift if you have not already done so. Make

sure to follow the unit's Facebook page, so you can stay on top of our activities throughout the year.

Our slate of officer for the 2019 to 2020 year is as follows:

- President:** Emily Nock
- 1st Vice:** Karen Thompson
- 2nd Vice:** Kathleen (Gigi) Hardester
- Recording Secretary:** Lois Barstis
- Corresponding Secretary:** Joanne Wengert
- Treasurer:** Bonnie Strawbridge
- Chaplain:** Teddi Rozanno
- Sergeant-at-Arms:** Lori Arrillo
- Color Bearers:**
Mary Adair and Rosie Garlitz
- Executive Committee Members:**
Emilie Beall, Deb Maphis-Stanley, and Rose Felty

I look forward to working with you all this year and hope you will reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Emily F. Nock
President

WORDS FROM PAST FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Penny Matthews

It's that time of the year when we are busy and enjoy vacation time. But, we can't forget that we still need volunteers to sell raffle tickets on the boardwalk. Please try and sign up as there are plenty of time slots that need to be filled. Let's remember we can always use volunteers in the Auxiliary. Maybe you only have a couple hours a month to offer

to help with one the many committees within the Auxiliary, we could really use your help. Hope to see our Auxiliary members at the next meeting in September. Don't forget we don't meet during June, July and August, however we do have the Installation of Officers on July 23rd at 700PM.

I would like to thank Tina Preziotti for taking

the time out of her busy schedule to bring me up to date with procedures on membership. Karen Thompson will be doing membership for the next term. She is stepping up to the plate and will do a great job, like she does in everything she handles.

I would like to thank Rosie, Marie, Joanne and everyone else within the Auxiliary for making me feel like part of the legion family. The Auxiliary has some great folks please come out and join our meeting.

Hope to see you at the Post. Come enjoy the laughs and have some fun.

Respectfully Submitted

Penny Matthews
Member, Unit 166



AUXILIARY NEWS

JUNIORS AWAITING THEIR ANNUAL MEETING

If you want to be a part of the American Legion Auxiliary Junior's Program climb aboard! That is exactly what 4 new Junior members recently did expanding our group to 16. These girls are opening the doors to their future by: growing leadership skills, taking advantage of scholarship opportunities, attending Girls State and working the Four Pillars of the American Legion. GO GIRLS, GO GIRLS, GO!!!

The Memorial Day Program at Post #166 had 100% participation from our Juniors. Addison and Delaney McDaniel took turns reciting "In Flanders Field". Unit Junior President, Kendahl Parsons, tolled the bell after each name was read of members of Post #166 who transferred to Post Everlasting.

Our Junior Honorary President's Project this year is "The Seven Stars Foundation" to help military kids to go to camp. On June 1st, Guy Par-

lett of American Legion Post #7 in Annapolis, Md. hosted a fundraiser given by the Auxiliary Juniors of that Post. A barbeque and silent auction were the main events, bringing in funds for the Juniors Project. A great time was had by the attendees.

The Junior Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday June 29th at Dewey Lohman Post #109 in Halethorpe, Md. Four of Unit #166 Juniors are running for State Officers.

Thank you to all who supported the baseball game at Shorebirds Stadium. The main focus this year was a salute to female veterans. Post #166 had two female veterans who attended the game with BG Janeen Birkhead throwing out the first pitch. It was a fun filled evening for all.

Our Juniors of Unit #166, wish all veterans and members a very happy and productive summer.

JUNIORS AUXILIARY SALUTE TO FEMALE VETERANS NIGHT



Auxiliary Honorary President Lindsay Birkhead-Morton and Nigele Barclay of Unit #231 and BG Janeen Birkhead are with Sherman of the Shorebirds. Brigadier General Birkhead a member of Post #166 and Unit #166 threw out the first pitch.

On Saturday evening May 25th at Arthur Perdue's Shorebirds Stadium the Junior Auxiliary of the Department of Maryland held its Annual SALUTE TO VETERANS. This year a special salute was rendered to female veterans. Many Veterans male and female across the Shore attend this special annual ball game.



Addison (Dept and Jrs. Unit 166 Chaplain) and Delaney McDaniel (Dept and Juniors Unit #166 Sgt-at-Arms).



AUXILIARY NEWS



POPPIES PLACED ON THE SILVER TRAY



Members of Auxiliary Unit #166 place Poppies on the Silver Tray in memory and recognition of our Veterans who have paid the Supreme Sacrifice and who have passed away over the years.



Unit Chaplain Teddi Rozzano and Nancy Howard.



Phylliss Grimes and Linda Rutter



Barbara Gerad and GiGi Hardester

UNIT #166 CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT EASTER



Tina Preziotti 2nd Vice President and Chair of the Children and Youth prepared and delivered 14 Easter baskets for distribution to the children staying at the Diakonia shelter.



Chris Jones and Poppy Granite



Tina Preziotti & Michelle D'Ascoli, Food Pantry/Volunteer Coordinator



Emily Beall and Chris Hawksin



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

RIDERS #166 ANNUAL POKER RUN

On Saturday May 4th the Legion Riders #166 held their Annual Spring Poker run. The Poker Run sign up was at Post 166 and the run stops included VFW Post 2996 Powellsville, AL Post 24 Dagsboro, De, VFW Post 7234 Ocean View, De and the run ended at Post 166 where the 21 riders who registered enjoyed food, drinks and music by DJ Mikey.

Door prizes were a plenty, thanks to our many generous donations by Chrome World, Larry's Trading Post, Old Pro Golf, Candy Kitchen, Mothers Cantina, Endless Summer Surf Shop, Pit and Pub, Crabcake Factory and Cycle City. Chincoteague ALR Chapter 159 riders were the lucky ones at this years Poker Run - placing 3rd was Larry Jemle winning a helmet and \$20.00 Pit and Pub gift card, 2nd place was Helen Hall winning a One Night

Stay with breakfast at Dunes Manor Hotel and \$25.00 Crabcake Factory Gift Card and 1st place winner was Scott Edwards winning \$25.00 cash \$25.00 Crabcake Factory Gift Card and a 2 night stay at Comfort Inn Gold Coast. Steve Welch from Milton DE. Post #28 was the big winner of the Coconuts Beach Bar and Grill "Day at the Beach Gift Bag Raffle". We would like to thank the supporters of Post #166, all our Riders, volunteers and local businesses that helped make this day a huge success. Karen Thompson, Chapter #166 Secretary.



Winner of the Coconuts Beach Bag Raffle (Coconuts tote bag, wristlet, drink coupons, breakfast coupons, \$50.00 Coconuts Gift Card) Steve Welch Milton DE Post #28



1ST PLACE w/ QKA High flush Scott Edwards, ALR Chapter 159, Chincoteague, Virginia Won 2 night stay donated by Comfort Inn Gold Coast, \$25.00 Cash and \$25.00 Crabcake Factory Gift Card



2ND PLACE w/ AKJ High Flush Helen Hall, ALR Chapter 159, Chincoteague, Virginia Won One night stay donated by Dunes Manor and \$25.00 Crabcake Factory Gift Card



3RD PLACE w/ 3 kings Larry Jemle, ALR Chapter 159, Chincoteague, Virginia Won Helmet donated by Chrome World and \$20.00 Pit and Pub Gift Card

Thank You to Everyone That Supported Our Crab Feast, It was Sold Out again and a Great Success!!!



AMERICAN LEGION



Post #166's Bugler Korean War Veteran Eric Nilsson plays "To the Colors" prior to the posting of the Colors of the Joint Color Guard.



American Legion South Eastern Shore District Commander leads with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.



Capt. Dorman of the SOCOM Para Commandos Jump Team presents the US Flag to WWII Hero US Navy Veteran Carroll Wagner in the Winners Circle.



Joint Color Guard preparing to depart the Winners Circle.

Annual Salute to

Saturday June 15th was the 8th Annual Salute to our Armed Forces at the Casino at Ocean Downs. It was a "Sharp Salute" night and many were given to Carroll Wagner, US Navy Veteran of World War II. After serving in WWII he continued to serve as a dedicated Veteran in his Community. He is member of Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion and the Ocean Elks Lodge #2645 where his service is on going.

The US Navy Blue Angles, SOCOM Para Commandos Jump Team, Canadian Forces Snowbirds, USAF Viper Demo Team and other participants in the Ocean City Air Show were present.



Carroll Wagner returns the Salute to Capt. Dorman.

It was a beautiful evening and the several hundred supporters of our Armed Forces enjoyed the outstanding event.

The Colors were posted by a Joint Color Guard of the American Legion in the area. Vince Holloway, Colby Bunting & Jimmy Lewis of Boggs-Disharoon Post #123 of Berlin. Larry Duffy of Duncan Showel Post #231



Gladys and Paul King, Mark Wagner, Carroll Wagner and Toni Wagner



AMERICAN LEGION

our Armed Forces

of Berlin. Members of Synepuxent Post #166 were as follows: Glen Reely, Johan Nykuist, Earl Hewitt, and Bugler Eric Nilsson played "To the Colors". The Color Guard was led to the Winners Circle to Post the Colors by Bill McGargle (bagpipes) of Ocean City Pipes and Drum Corps.

South Eastern Shore District American Legion Commander, Sarge Garlitz, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by Dawn Williams who sang the National Anthem. The American Legion Riders of Chapter #123 and Post #166 circled the Race Track with the US Flag, POW/MIA Flag, the American Legion Flag and the Flags of all of our Armed Services.

US Navy Veteran of WWII Carroll Wagner was escorted to the Winners Circle by the District Commander Sarge Garlitz. An Army Helicopter flew over the race track and the US Army Para Commandos Team parachuted displaying the POW/MIA Flag and the US Flag. The team landed on the infield of the race track and folded the US Flag. At that time the Chief Wolford of the Para Commandos Team presented it to Carroll Wagner. American Legions Post #166, Post #231, Post #123 and the South Eastern Shore District extends many huge thanks to Bobbi Jones, Director of Marketing and Management for for the support they provide to our Veterans and our Community.



OC Pipes and Drum Corps Bill McGargle leads the Post of the Colors



Dawn Williams sings the National Anthem



MC Matt Jolley interviews SN Wagner who talks of being in the South Pacific Theater



**A JOINT RIDER RUN
LOOKIN' GOOD**

Mina Engle (166), Manny Perez (166), Tom Henman (123), Carrol Cartwright (123), Ed Hansen (123), Jim Quill (123), Matt & Kelly Rados (123), Ron Engle (166) and Bill Greenwood (123), road their Bikes around the tracks with the US Flag, POW/MIA, ALR Flag and the Armed Forces Service Flags.



Mark Wagner shares a special moment with his parents Carrol and Toni Wagner



The Queen of Hearts Raffle at Post #166 is rocking on Sunday afternoon. Prior the 4:30PM drawing everyone stands, places their hand over their heart and sings the National Anthem. Then the Queen of Hearts Dancers 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, 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 (#) \$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, Mom Mom Gennad (#41) \$150.00, Shaun McGee (#3) \$200.00, Greg Tenson (#5) \$200.00, Bill Lancaster (#44) \$200.00, Harry Rey (#40) \$150.00, Michele Knopp (#1) \$150.00, Tom Coffee (#23) \$150.00, Andi Saxman (#19) \$150.00, Harold Machenet (#54) \$200.00, Nancy Beckman (#30) \$150.00, Russell Slayton (#15) \$150.00, Carol Bonnadaile (#51) \$150.00, Harriet Spence (#50) \$150.00, Joanne Verdura (#34) \$150. The jackpot for July 30th is \$87,500.00



ARMED FORCES DAY 2019

Armed Forces Day came about on August 31, 1949 and it is now recognized on the 3rd Saturday in May. Synepuxent America Legion Post #166 held its 2019 Program on Saturday May 18th.

Commander Tom Wengert opened the program, Cub Scout Pack #261 and Boy Scout Troop #216 led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Color Guard Chaplain Johan Nykuist offered the Invocation. Judge Advocate Jack Hyle described the meaning of the POW/MIA Lone Table followed by Vice Commander Tom Devaux sharing the History of Armed Forces Day.

Members of Post #166 representing their branch of service spoke on what this day means to them. US Army Vietnam-Chuck Porter, US Marine Corps Vietnam-Richard "Buzzy" Bayles, US Navy WWII- Carroll Wagner, US Air Force Korean War-Earl Hewitt, USCG FN Tommy Wade.

Auxiliary Unit #166 Correspondence Secretary Joanne Wengert and Sons of the American Legion Chaplain Dale Christensen passed on what this day means to them and their organization.

Commander Wengert closed the event with Auxilliary Unit #166 Teddi Rozzano giving the Benediction followed by TAPS by Bugler Eric Nilsson. God Bless America was led by Commander Wengert.



This is new Eagle Scout of Troop #261 Michaelson Capwuano pinning the pin on his mother Lisa George.



SAL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Don't be Crabby, You're at the Beach!

I have a sign on my back deck that says that and it makes me think how truly lucky Post 166 SAL members are. We are living in one of the most wonderful areas in our blessed country. The days are long and the weather is warm and the ocean is just beautiful this time of year. We get to host our fellow Legion Members and make new friends as well as see old friends that we had made during previous summers.

The past year has been very successful for our Squadron. We have reached our membership goal. We have had very prosperous fund raising efforts which permitted us to help those in our community. Where else can you help others and have fun doing it?

During the past year Squadron 166 helped two homeless veterans with their housing needs. We also helped the active duty members of the Ocean City Coast Guard Station during the Federal Government shutdown. We also were active in supporting two of the local schools in the area (Stephen Decatur High School and Snowhill Elementary School), the Girl Scouts Troop 21, the

Worcester County First Responders, the Worcester County Humane Society and sponsored a number of families for Christmas. These families would not have been able to afford gifts or food for the holiday without our assistance. As you can see we have been very active and have much to be proud of and should be thankful to be able to help all these wonderful people in our community.

For all those who helped in these accomplishments, THANK YOU!! For those who didn't participate I want you to ask yourself, WHY NOT? Only you can change that.

In closing I want to invite you to support your Squadron and your Post. In any relationship both parties need to work at that relationship for it to grow. If there is anything that the Squadron can do to help this relationship, please stop any SAL officer and let him know. Meetings start in September and are on the 2nd Monday of each month with the social hour starting at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting is at 7:00 p.m.

Now be proud of what we have done to date and sign up to sell Jeep raffle tickets on the boardwalk.

Greetings to my Legion Family



Kevin Matthews

Not much has really happened since the last we spoke. The Sons are working with the Legion, the auxiliary and the riders selling raffle tickets for the Jeep on the Board walk. Membership is going well. We still need 8 more renewals to make goal. Goal being 257.

Other than that, It's really been a very quiet couple of months.

The squadron held their nominations and election of officers. The officers elected are as follows:

- Commander.....Joe Verdura
- 1st Vice.....Vacant
- 2nd Vice.....Vacant
- Finance Officer.....Ray Kudobeck
- Chaplain.....Vacant
- Sargent at Arms.....George Pickrell
- Adjutant.....Chuck Lathbury

The squadron voted to take the months of July and August off. They will resume meetings beginning Monday, September 9th at 7:00.

It has been my honor to be a contributor to this Quarterly Newsletter and to be the Adjutant for The Sons of The American Legion Squadron #166. Working with Sarge Garlitz, Post Commander Tom Wengert, and SAL Commander Joe Verdura, has been very enjoyable. But, as most of you know, I have been elected as The Exalted Ruler for the Ocean City Elks. With this position, comes a lot of responsibility. And I feel I just couldn't do both jobs and do both jobs well. So I will be taking one year off. But I will be working behind the scenes. So you will still see me at the post, and attending squadron meetings.

In closing, I just want to say, it has been my pleasure to serve my Legion Family. And if there is anything I can do, just call.

Again thank you for welcoming me into your Legion family.

Respectfully Submitted
Kevin Matthews



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP



Tom DeVaux

First, a big THANK YOU to those who responded to the survey. There were 221 out of 770 who took the time to give us their thoughts, good and bad, concerning the Post. More on that in a moment. To the 549 members not responding, rather than criticize you, we

the officers and executive committee members accept the responsibility in improving the conditions to motivate you to engage with the Post.

While there were numerous comments, it became evident there were several reoccurring observations the Post will be developing a strategy/plan to address. The intent is to evidently address as many of the comments as possible. What follows are those mentioned more frequently and course of action to address.

COMMENT: POST FAILS TO OFFER SOCIAL EVENTS FOR MEMBERS. MOST SOCIAL EVENTS ARE EITHER FUND RAISERS FOR DONATIONS OR STANDARD VETERANS CEREMONIES. MEMBERS FEEL THEY ARE NOT APPRECIATED AND ARE NOT GETTING ANYTHING BACK FROM THE POST. SITTING AT OR IN THE BAR AREA IS NOT ENOUGH, THEY WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN SOMETHING FUN AND ENTERTAINING, GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH OTHER MEMBERS.

ACTION: The executive committee is considering appointing an entertainment committee, headed by the 2ND Vice Commander, tasked with coming up with ideas for regularly scheduled events. This committee will work with the Post House committee to, not only come up with ideas, but in the planning and execution of these events, so it does not fall on the House Committee to do so.

Note: Anyone having suggestions for what type of social events to consider OR desiring to be on the entertainment committee please reach out to 2nd Vice Commander - Bob Smith, me, or Commander Tom Wengert, either personally, via Post email, or leave a note at the bar. Make sure your name and contact information is given.

COMMENT: I NEVER KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE POST.

ACTION: This one puzzles us as there is this quarterly newsletter as well as mass email distribution to all Post members as reminders for certain events, especially if it didn't appear in the quarterly newsletter. If you are getting a mailing to renew your membership, then you should also be receiving the quarterly newsletter. If you are not or have spoken to a member who says they are not getting any information from the Post, we want to hear from you or that person. Let us know your current mailing address, telephone, or email address. It may have changed since we last posted it or was posted incorrectly. As above, reach out to me. WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU AND WANT YOU TO HEAR FROM US!

COMMENT: THE POST DOES NOT PROMOTE A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

ACTION: This is a TWO-WAY street. All officers and executive committee members have been put on notice to engage with any person coming into the Post, whether we recognize them or not, but especially if we don't recognize them. The House Committee is committed to ensuring Post bartenders and staff maintain the same level of welcome and hospitality as the officers. We accept the fact that not everyone will be outgoing but our responsibility to all who enter the Post is to make them feel welcomed and appreciate the fact they are here. At that point it becomes up to the other person to decide how much they want to engage with us or other Post members. As a member of this Post we ask that you represent it proudly and with a sense of responsibility of ensuring all who enter feel welcomed!

The above 3 are the start of our responses to the survey. I will update on how we are doing on these and the other comments and actions taken in the next edition. I defer to Kool and The Gang - "We are family, my Post 166 members and me!"

The Post came up short on our 2019 American Legion membership goal. Our goal for 2019 was 879. We finished with 835 or 94.994% of the targeted goal. The frustrating thing is there were enough members who had not renewed their 2019 membership, if they had we would have

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House Committee Report

The House Committee is currently involved in two major projects within the Post which involve Plumbing and Electrical conditions. Our water supply has been filled with silt and sediment causing problems in our ice machines and other areas. We have determined that the silt is coming from the old galvanized piping which was used when the building was constructed. We have retained a local Plumbing Contractor to replace the old piping with new PVC pipe throughout the building. We also have many circuit panels that need to be checked and updated as well as other wiring which is no longer being used. We have contacted an Electrician to inspect our complete electrical system and to recommend corrective action. Other less critical areas we are looking into are; the replacement of furniture in the Social Quarters area, replacing damaged flooring in the bar area, repairing the outside lighting system, replacing defective beer coolers, and reviewing our current Social Quarters Rules.

The committee would like to remind you that this is your Post. Although we try to do our best at keeping the building and grounds in good condition and free of problem areas, we appreciate your input. There is a Comment/Suggestion box in the bar area for you to use. These Comments/Suggestions are reviewed at our regular monthly

meetings. We may not be able to fulfill all of the suggestions, but we will certainly get back to you and let you know what has been decided.

We would like to give a special "Thank You" to everyone who has volunteered to help at our Legion functions and those who work our Jeep Raffle at the Boardwalk. You are very much appreciated!

From Your House Committee,

MEMBERSHIP

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not only met our targeted goal but exceeded it. If they plan on renewing for 2020 they will also have to pay their 2019 membership. The best recruiters for new members are our current members. Our strategy for 2020 is to give our current members a positive enjoyable experience when they come to the post. By doing so it will encourage them to become engaged with the post and promoting it. We will continue to pursue other avenues in recruiting new members as well in the coming year. Let us hear from you...

Respectfully,

Tom DeVaux,
1st Vice Commander

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



Ben Dawson

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

Amen

Here we go Comrades, into the 3rd quarter of 2019. What a quick first half it has been. Father time does not slow down a bit. Seems like he speeds up some for us older folks, speaking only

CHILDREN AND YOUTH UNIT #166'S PROGRAM

The Children and Youth's Special Education Program for 2018-19 was Chaired by 2nd Vice President Tina P. Preziotti. She presented checks to four local schools. The checks were given to those schools with Special Education programs that submitted a letter to our Unit advising of their needs for the coming year.



Tina Preziotti, Tocoa Johnson, Heather Wieland, Special Education Teacher, & Kylie Whitaker accepted the check for Stephen Decatur High School.



Angela Ortt, Unit 166 Auxiliary Member, Dawn Rogers, Principal, and Grayson Ortt accept the check for Ocean City Elementary School.



Tina Preziotti presented a check to Karen Marx, Principal of Buckingham Elementary School for their program.

for myself of course. Never the less, overall it has been a pretty good year. Post Everlasting as usual took its toll and several of our members have lost loved ones. As we get older, it seems like sadness and loneliness out weighs happiness. We do however find a way to keep marching and take advantage of the good things that GOD has provided for us.

This past quarter we have seen several patriotic celebrations, especially Memorial Day, my personal favorite. I attended four Memorial Celebrations and was happy to see that each were not only well attended by the public but also a very good showing by our members, it's Men and Women, just like us that have given something or ALL so we and all those in this great country can enjoy the freedoms and liberties that we so enjoy today.

By the time you receive this publication we should be preparing to celebrate our day of Independence, the 4th of July. Not just another holiday and a day off but a day for us all to pause and reflect on what it took some 245 years ago to gain-and secure our Independence. I hope you all join our Post as we salute with pride our Patriots of the Continental Army.

There are many of our Comrades that are shut in or have no transportation who would like to attend our Post and share in our meetings or fellowship. If you know of someone and are unable to help them get to the post yourself, just let us know. We don't want any of our members to be on the rolls of forgotten. Even a short visit to a lonely person can make their lives more meaningful. Finally Comrades, please join me in praying for and lifting up the families of those transferred to Post Everlasting and for healing in those on sick call. We can all use a bit of prayer from time to time, and believe it or not, it works.

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

GOD Bless.
— Ben

Synepuxent Post 166, Summer 2019



The Charter has been draped for our Finance Officer Joe Salafia who transferred to Post Everlasting on April 15, 2019. Joe was truly dedicated member of Synepuxent Post #166. He was a believer of the Four Pillars of the American Legion and backer of the Post's Support the Troops Program. This program is to take care of the needs of our military troops and their families while serving. He had been active in this program for the past 15 years. Over \$3100.00 was donated to the Support the Troops Fund of Post #166.

The Salafia's family request was for donations to be in his name to the Post #166's Support the Troop Fund and they are as follows:

Barry & Linda Seitz
Melvin & Veronica Jones Jr.
Marilyn & Berthold Strait
Irmgard Heinecke
Robert & Joann Lucas
Andrew & Clair Kushnerock
J. Elock
John & Karen Talbott
Dave & Cathy Smith
Tony Smith & Terry West
David & Lynne McAllister
Ocean City Power Squadron
Blue Cross/Shield Retirees
Brian & Susan Crawford
James A. Taylor
Donald & Christel Wuorinen
Teresa & Spencer Rowe
Remegious & Barbara Przybylski
J.T. Novak, LLC
Michael & Tierney Jones

Doratheia Litchfield & Carmelo
William Budacz
Bob & Nancy Grim
Tuesday Night Bowling League
Richard and Dorothy Ruth
Nicholas & Jane Bartolomeo
Michael & Darlene McKinney
Sarge & Rosie Garlitz
Neal & Patricia Lookner
John & Janet Tellman
Bob & Pat Bradford
William & Rosemary Sheridan
Robert & Janet Ackerson
Steve Heiger
Wallace & Janice Stevenson
Eileen Salafia
Gail Peterson
Bruce & Gail Shannon
Michael & Pauline Cox

Wednesday Night Ladies Bowling League



The Post Charter has been draped for Edgar A. Duvall, a resident Ocean City and a member of Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion. His transferred date to Post Everlasting was June 15, 2019. Edgar served in the Army National Guard of Washington, DC, was Korean War Veteran and was stationed in Vienna, Austria. Edgar continued to serve, as a member of the Forestville, Md. American Legion for over 30 years until he transferred to Post #166. God Bless the Duvall Family.

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Dave Kline Sr. is proud of his ticket sales on the Boards for our 2019 Jeep.



Emily Beall is taking one of her weekly turns on the Boards.



Bonnie Shrewbridge is now a regular working the booth.



Chris and Paul Hawkins are dedicated to our Boardwalk Raffles ticket sales.

These volunteers are just a few of the many volunteers we have enlisted to do this years Boardwalk Sales. It is a huge fund raiser for the Post and help is always needed. Check the new list of Volunteers and there are many members who have stepped forward and we welcome them. If any other members of the Post #166 Family wish to help please call Rosie Garlitz 443-735-1941 and she can assign you a shift to be part of this fun event, on the Boards.



Post #166 Judge Advocate Jack Hyle and Vice Commander Tom Devaux read the names of those who have transferred to Post Everlasting this past legion year of 2018-2019



Auxiliary Juniors Unit #166 President Kendahl Parsons tolls the bell after each name.

POST EVERLASTING REPORT

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting

WALTER BURKE
L. E. CROPPER
THOMAS CROPPER
EDGAR A. DUVALL
FRED ENGELKE
WARREN FOOTE
ROBERT GATES
RON GLADKOWSKI
GREGORY HALL
BARRY HUGHES
HERBERT KING

CARL LEMASTER
THOMAS LEWIS
CHARLES LYNCH
M. B. MCABEE
DAVID MCCONAGHA
WILLIAM MCKAY
NATHAN PEARSON
ROLAND POWELL
PHILIP REED
WALTER RIDDLE

GREGORY RUSSELL
JOSEPH SALAFIA
LOUIS SIMPSON
NOBLE SIMPSON
DENNIS SMAR
WALLACE STEVENSON
PAUL TAYLOR
WILLIAM THOMPSON
WILLIAM TYLER
FREDERICK WELCH





Hello Summer Quarterly Calendar

SUMMER 2019




 JULY	
Date	Event
1st	NO VVA MEETING
4th	1300hrs Reading of the Declaration of Independence at Post
8th	NO SAL MEETING
15th	0730hrs Convention Center Loading Dock- Volunteers needed
15th	1600hrs Fish Fry S. Maryland District @ Convention Center all Legion Family Members are invited (FREE) includes fish and beer
15th	1800hrs AL Executive Committee Meeting
16th	0730hrs Convention Registration by Post Adjutants
16th	0800hrs Legion College to begin.
16th	1830hrs Joint Reception & Convention Center all Legion Family Members are invited (FREE) INCLUDES FOOD, OPEN BAR & A GOOD TIME
16th	NO AUXILIARY MEETING
17th	thru 19 0800hrs until noonish - Legion and Aux. Conv. Business
17th	1900hrs Post Everlasting Service @ Convention Center Legion Family & guests invited.
18th	AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS #166 CRAB FEAST SOLD OUT (THANKS)
19th	1400hrs Installation of Officers for the 2019-2020 Legion Year
22nd	1800hrs Legion Meals 1830hrs Speakers Program 1900hrs Meeting
23rd	Installation of Auxiliary Officers 7:00PM
30th	No Meeting Legion Riders

 AUGUST	
Date	Event
5th	NO VVVA MEETING
12th	NO SAL MEETING
19th	1800hrs AL Executive Committee Meeting
20th	NO AUXILIARY MEETING
26th	1800hrs Legion Members Meals 1830hrs Speakers Program 1900hrs Meeting
27th	No Meeting Legion Riders



No Riders Meeting in July and August

 SEPT	
Date	Event
1st	1400hrs Junuior Auxiliary Meeting
2nd	1800hrs VVA Meeting
6th	VVA 1800hrs meeting Meal 1700hrs
9th	1900hrs SAL Meeting
16th	1800hrs AL Executive Meeting
17th	1900hrs Auxiliary Meeting
22nd	1800hrs
	DRAWING FOR THE JEEP AT THE POST
23rd	1800hrs Legion Members Meals 1830hrs Speaker Program 1900hrs Meeting
24th	1900hrs Legion Riders Meeting

☆☆☆ **CONVENTION WEEK** ☆☆☆

Monday	July 15th	Free Fish Fry to Members of the Legion Family	4PM Convention Center
Tuesday	July 16th	Legion College	8AM Convention Center
	July 16th	Free Reception	6:30 PM Convention Center
Weds	July 17th	Post Everlasting	6:30PM Convention Center

Trivia?

NIGHT?

TRIVIA NIGHTS @ 1700HRS

Thursday July 11th and 25th,

Thursday August 8th and August 22nd

Thursday September 12th and September 26th

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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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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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