



As I sit here contemplating on writing an article for the first page of the newsletter, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Synepuxent Post 166 made some large contributions of Christmas gifts and food gift cards to a multitude of Veteran families that were in need this time of year. We can and we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those Veteran families in our community.

My first thought is to thank the Officers of this great Post for all the hard work that they do to make sure Post 166 remains the best Post in the state of Maryland. I would personally like to thank Tom Devaux, our Adjutant, for orchestrating the Early Bird and Volunteer dinners. Tom also worked hand-in-hand with First Vice Bill Wolf on new members and membership renewals. I would also like to thank John Granite for the great job he's doing as Chairman of the House Committee making sure that our electrical and water problems are being fixed.

Before you get bored, I would like to remind everyone that the front bar and lounge will be closed from January 7 through January 18. The back bar in the hall will be open those 10 days and entrance will be through the 24th street handicap door. We will be having some major repairs to the floor in the front bar lounge area and during this process of repair we are also going to reset all of our new cooler boxes to make sure that they are working properly and the excess fluids flow out instead of backing up.

October was a month where a lot of our repairs were being addressed at the Legion, such as our Plumbing, where we have installed a new water softener and also our Electrical system, where

we had some new wiring installed and everything labeled so now if a breaker does trip, we now know where it is situated. It also gave Rosie and her Decorating Committee an opportunity to take down our summer decorations and replace them with Thanksgiving and now our beautiful Christmas decorations. Charles (Spaz) Spaziani started some new food specials on Tuesdays with Chicken and Dumplings and Thursdays with freshly cut Cheese Steak Subs on an 7" Amoroso roll for \$6.00. Can't beat it, come and try it from 3-7 PM.

November was a very busy month starting with our Early Bird dinner on the 9th for all those members who renewed their dues by October 20th. Then on the 11th we had our Veterans Day Ceremony at WCVM in Ocean Pines followed by a Ceremony here at Post 166. On the 23rd we had our Flag disposal ceremony in Ocean Pines run by the Boy Scout Troop 261 and Troop of Girls 621. It was monitored by the Showell Fire Department making sure that safety was their main objective while burning the retired Flags of our Country. On Thanksgiving day the Sons, David Tenley, and our Post Steward Sam Wiley, fed approximately 120 people with Turkey and all the sides that go with it. What a GREAT feast. Ending the month on the 30th, we had our Trim a Tree party followed by preparing the items for our Soldiers that we support stateside and abroad.

December 1st started our busy month with packing the boxes for the Support the Troops Program. This event was followed by our Volunteers Appreciation Dinner on the 3rd which was a huge success thanks to the Coast Guard Aux-

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Trim a Tree



ALA Unit #166 President
Emily Nock -United
We Stand Ornament



SAL Squadron #166 Com-
mander Joe Verdura -Stand
for the Anthem &
Knell for the Cross Ornament



American Legion Riders
Chapter #166
Mike Milewski US Navy-
ALR Ornament



Scott LaCoss US
Army (Post #166)- US
Army Ornament



Jeff Grim US Navy
(Post #166) -
US Navy Ornament



Glen Reely US Navy
(Post #166)-
US Coast Guard
Ornament



Bob Gilmore US Marine
Corps (Post #166) -
US Marine Corps Ornament



ALA Unit #166 1st Vice
Karen Thompson -
Poppies placed on the tree



Commander #166 Tom
Wengert US Air Force -
US Eagle Ornament



Bill Sewell US Air Force
(Post #166) -
US Air Force Ornament

Trim a Tree



Pearl Harbor Clean up after December 7, 1941 US Navy Stan Czajka (Post #166)- World War II Ornament



World War II Clean up in the Pacific Theater US Navy Carroll Wagner (Post #166)- World War II Ornament



Korean War US Army Jim Wolf (Post #166) - Korean War Ornament



War on Terrorism US Navy Active Duty Petty Officer 2nd Class Devin Kovach (Post #166)



US Marine Corp League First State Detachment Past Commandant Frank Del Piano



ALA Unit #166 Bonnie Strawbridge -Stand for the Anthem and Kneel for the Cross Ornament



ALA Unit #166 Past President Marie Gilmore- Answering the Call to Serve Ornament



ALA Unit #166 Rosie Garlitz Proud to be an American Ornament



ALA Junior Unit #166 Addison & Delaney McDaniel - Puppy Paw Ornaments for Hero Dogs



ALA Unit #166 Emilie Beall- Proud to be an American Ornament

NOT PICTURED Bob Anderson (Post #166)/ (Chapter #1091 VVA) - Vietnam Veterans of America Ornament

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Post #166 Finance Officer
George Barstis



Past President Auxiliary Unit #166
Marie Gilmore



Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert



Stephen Decatur High School
Laurie Chetelat
Advisor of the Connection Group



Members of Troops #621 and #261

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2019 GREETERS AL POST #166

Adjutant Tom Devaux, Judge Advocate Jack Hyle and EC John Bussard

WELCOME.....2nd Vice Commander Bob Smith

INVOCATION.....Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson

POW/MIA Table for One.....VVA #1091 Bob Gilmore

Assisted by Unit #166 Juniors - Delaney and Addison McDaniel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE..Cubs (#261), Girl (#621) & Boy (#261) Scouts

VETERANS DAY HISTORY.....Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert

PROGRAM COMMENTS

AL Post #166.....Finance Officer George Barstis

Cold War VeteranUS Army Veteran Post #166 Jim Flaig

AL Auxiliary Unit #166.....President Emily Nock

AL Auxiliary Unit #166.....1st Vice President Karen Thompson

Squadron #166 Sons of American Legion.... Adjutant Chuck Lathbury

Chapter #166 American Legion Riders..... Director Manny Perez

First State Detachment USMCL.....Commandant Marty Kwesko

Worcester County Veterans Memorial.....President Marie Gilmore

SDHS Faculty & Connections Club..... Advisor Laurie Chetelat

GUESTS

OC Councilman Dennis Dare OC Mayor Rick Meehan

Senator Mary Beth Carossa

PLACEMENT OF THE WREATHS

AL Junior Auxiliary Unit #166 Mia & Renata Lovitt

Eagle Scouts #261 Nicholas Coleman & Kurt Leinemann,

Boy Scout #261 John Malanowski

Cub Scouts #261 Ben Busko & Aden Backoff

Girl Scouts #621 Emmery Busko & Emily Backoff

CLOSING..... Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert

BENEDICTION AL Auxiliary #166.....Chaplain Teddie Rozzano

POST #166 COLOR GUARD RIFLE SALUTE AND TAPS

Glen Reely, Earl Hewitt, Johan Nykuist and Bugler Eric Nilsson

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

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2nd Vice Commander Bob Smith introduces Boy Scout Troops #261, T#621 and Cub Scout Pack #261 prior to leading with the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag



Post #166 2nd Vice Commander
Bob Smith



Vietnam Veteran National Honorary
Life Member Jim Mathias



Rosie Garlitz led
God Bless America



Chapter #166 American Legion Riders
Director Manny Perez



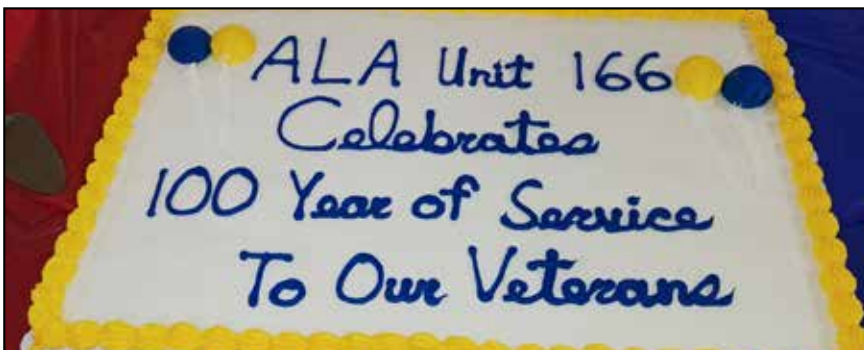
Auxiliary Unit #166 1st Vice President
Karen Thompson



Auxiliary Unit #166 President
Emily Nock



Delany and Addison McDaniel Unit #166
Junior members assist with the POW/MIA
Lone Chair and Table reading



100 Year Anniversary Cake of the American Auxiliary by Unit #166.



State Senator Mary Beth Carroza

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CARROLL WAGNER, WWII USN VETERAN'S DAY SPEAKER AT WCVM

Carroll Wagner of Synepuxent Post #166 was the Keynote Speaker at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on November 11th. Carroll was a senior in high school in Baltimore when he was drafted into the US Navy in February 1945. While attending basic training, Japan

surrendered and the War ended. He was sent to the Pacific Theater as a signalman on a landing craft, ferrying soldiers to Manila, beginning their journey home. He was discharged in July 1946 and returned to Baltimore.



Post #166's Worcester County Joint Color Guard- Vince Holloway (Post #123), Earl Hewitt (Post #166), Glen Reely (Post #166), Johan Nykvist (Post #123) Gerry Barron (VVA #1091) and David Kline (USMCL) Posting and Retiring the Colors.



Carroll Wagner



Boy Scouts of Troop #261 and Cub Scouts of Pack #261 are being instructed by Scoutmaster Kenny Nichols on folding the US Flag.



Flags to be disposed will be properly folded prior to being disposed.



Addison and Delaney McDaniel, Jr. Unit #166 just folded a US Flag prior to its disposal with Junior Unit #166 Auxiliary Advisor Rosie Garlitz.



Unit #166 Junior members dispose of flags. Saylor Amos is disposing of a US Flag as Delaney McDaniel is in line for a disposal.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS HUGE SUCCESS IN 2019



The Stephen Decatur High School Connection Group with Laurie Chetelat the Advisor that again has been the “heart beat” of American Legion Post #166’s Support the Troop Program. They collected 38 boxes, postage money and hand written thank you cards to become a major player in making it possible for 401 boxes being shipped from the Post.

Stephen Decatur High School Connections Group



Sarge Garlitz, Post #166 Service Officer, Rosie Garlitz ALA Unit #166 National Security Committee Chair, Laurie Chetelat, Connections Advisor, Ray Kudobeck Squadron #166 Sons of the American Legion and Paul Hawkins Committee member who coordinated transferring the boxes to the American Legion.



The packing of the boxes team sorted the items Saturday November 30th for the packing of the boxes on Sunday December 1st.

L-R Marie Gilmore, Delaney McDaniel, Morelia Camacho-Arriola, Robin Peoples, Addison McDaniel, Phyllis Grimes, Emily Nock, Rosie Garlitz, Eileen Salafia, Wendy LaCoss, Cristy Johnson, Sharon Hilty, Lauren Kemp, Bob Gilmore and Matt Brown.



Back row: Connections Advisor Laurie Chetelat, Lauren Kennard, Gabby Izzett, Hunter Selzer, Mae Purnell, Isy Kristick, American Legion Post #166 Service Officer Sarge Garlitz, Sydney Boger, Mary Fogle.
Front row: Elizabeth Meyer, Ellie Dutton, Malery Andrews, Danielle Consigli, Macy Dill.



Post #166 member Scott LaCoss preparing the items to be packed in the boxes for the troops.



Thanks to the American Legion Post #166 (Coordinator) Paul Hawkins and volunteer Jeff Cywinski, Sons of the American Legion Squadron #166 Dave Tinley and American Legion Riders Director Manny Perez for loading and transporting the boxes to the Post Office for shipment to the Troops.

COLOR GUARD ANNUAL TRIP TO PERRY POINT

In December, the color Guard of Synepuxent made its annual trip to the Perry Point Medical Center to pass out heated socks and hoodies. They passed out 200 this years to the residents of the Medical Center.



Color Guard members Johan Nykuist and Earl Hewitt prepare the heated socks to give to 200 Veterans at Perry Point Medical Center.



After passing out heated socks and hoodies to 200 Veterans, Glen Reely and Santa (John Bussard) take a break.



Heated socks being passed out by Earl Hewitt, Johan Hykuist and (Santa) John Bussard to the Veteran Residents of Perry Point.



Commander's Message

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iliary which worked our food line making sure everyone went home with a full belly. Christmas Eve was a day to celebrate with lots of good food and fellowship wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and hoping to see everyone at our New Year's Eve Party.

Hoping everyone had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year where you were able to spend good quality time with family and friends.

May God Bless You and May God Bless America.

Tom Wengert,
Commander



UNIT #166 IN THE OC CHRISTMAS PARADE

Rosie Garlitz, Cindy Malament, Emily Nock, Karen Thompson, Guest Kim Barron-Taylor, Phyllis Grimes and Carrie Garner walked in the annual Christmas Parade on December 7th. The Unit carried white angels representing 100 years of the American Legion Auxiliary serving our Veterans. Also, Poppies and candy were distributed to the spectators at the parade

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The Granites Make It Happen Again AMERICAN LEGION CHRISTMAS PARTY



John and Poppy Granite took the lead on the Annual Christmas Eve Party for Post #166 with Dom Mann in the kitchen. They worked together making the food presentation to

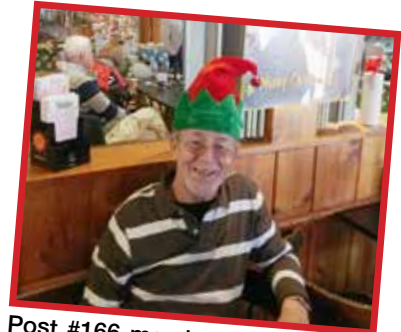
be outstanding, plentiful and its taste off the charts. There is no doubt that this team is an asset to Post #166.



Post #166 Executive Committee member and House Committee Chairman John Granite, Auxiliary #166 member Poppy Granite and Dom Mann Post Kitchen Staff was responsible for the 2019 successful Christmas Eve Party.



Christmas Eve Party Greeter Rosie Garlitz welcomes Post #166 member Charlie Tull.



Post #166 member Dwight Cloud of Berlin is a regular at our Christmas Party and New Years Parties who told us he loves this Post.



Post #166 House Committee Member Dickee Hafer, wife Carol, a member of the Auxiliary Unit #166 and SAL son Rick spending the afternoon enjoying themselves at the annual party.



Our Santa and Mrs Clause who always attend our Christmas Eve Party have retired as the Clauses and attended this years event as members of Post #166. It was great seeing and talking to them.



Poppy Granite's famous Fruit and Veggie Trays were the topic of conversation as was all the food that was prepared.





AUXILIARY NEWS

Message from Auxiliary President



Emily F. Nock

Greetings and Happy New Year from Unit 166! I trust that everyone has survived the holidays and is looking forward to a prosperous 2020. I know that the last few months have been extremely busy for our Unit and I am very proud of all that we have been able to accomplish.

We have continued to hold Bingo on the 4th Monday of every month for residents at the Berlin Nursing Home. Thank you to Vickie Newberger for heading this up and to our friends at Unit 123 for your assistance. If you would like to help out, please reach out to Vickie at mnstirch1@gmail.com.

In October, we showed appreciation to our local Coast Guard, by delivering pumpkins filled with Halloween Treats. We also welcomed the Fall Department Conference to our town, with several members attending and many volunteering for the banquet held at the post. Members also participated in the Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and over 150 pounds of food was collected and donated to the Shepherd's Crook Food Pantry.

With November came the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the ALA. Our Unit marked the occasion by serving cake during the post's Veteran's Day Ceremonies. Members also attended the Flag Disposal Ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial and helped to decorate the post for the holidays. We closed the month off with the Post Trim A Tree Party and sorting of the Support the Troops items.

December was filled with Christmas spirit as we started the month by assisting with the packing and shipping of the Support the Troops boxes. Joann Wengert once again chaired Wreaths Across America, helping us to raise enough funds to assure that a wreath was placed on every Veteran's grave at the Hurlock cemetery. Carol Rose and Marie Gilmore headed up our Veteran's Christmas Party at the Berlin Nursing Home. With the assistance of Hogs for Heroes, members of the Unit were able to spread some Christmas Cheer to 16 veterans, personally visiting the rooms of those that could not make it down to the party. We also continued to celebrate our 100th Anniversary and

remember our veterans by handing out poppies in the Ocean City Christmas Parade. We ended the year in celebration with the Worcester County Developmental Center Christmas Party and our own Unit Christmas Party for members and their guests.

As I reflect on the past year, I want to give a huge thank you to everyone that has come out and supported our unit. It is due to the efforts of our entire membership, that we are able to continue making a difference in our community, our post, and the lives of our veterans. 2019 may have come to a close, but a new year has begun. Now is a great time to renew our dedication to the Mission and Purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary. Join us at our next membership meeting, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, to find out more about our plans for the new year and how you can get involved.

In the spirit of service, not self,

Emily F. Nock

President

AUXILIARY UNIT #166 DOING THEIR THING



Unit #166 Auxiliary made a donation of \$500.00 toward Strides Against Breast Cancer. President Emily Nock and Chair Rosie Garlitz lining up at the starting point for the Boardwalk Strides event in October.



Senior Auxiliary Unit #166 member of the year for 2018-2019 Jessie Parsons, poses for a photo.



AUXILIARY NEWS

WORDS FROM FIRST VICE PRESIDENT



Karen Thompson

As we enter into the 2019 holiday season the American Legion Auxiliary unit 166 is proud to announce that we have enrolled 28 new adult members, 4 junior members and our very first male auxiliary member – Derek Day. Welcome to each and everyone of you and we thank you in advance for your support. Our unit is currently at the top of the membership renewal board for our district and would like to remain there, so please remember to renew your membership, recruit your neighbor, friend and anyone you meet to join us in our mission.

Our 2nd vice president GiGi Hardester did a fantastic job organizing another rememberable WCDC Christmas Party. Our unit hosted over 75 WCDC clients on Saturday December 14, 2019. Everyone enjoyed food, dancing and a special visit from Santa where everyone received a gift and photo with Santa. GiGi would like to send out a special thank you to every auxiliary member that volunteered that made this event possible. All members of Unit 166 would like to say thank you to Son's of the American Legion adjutant Chuck Lathbury and member Ben Nilsson for cooking all the delicious food for the party. Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and happy new year.

Karen Thompson
First Vice President



Kneeling - OC Auxiliary Unit #166 President Emily Nock & Education Chair Jessie Parsons. **Standing L-R-** Auxiliary First Vice President Karen Thompson, USCG Fireman Wellman, Auxiliary Juniors Advisor Rosie Garlitz, USCG CS1 Hinkle, USCG Seaman Smith and Jeanette Deskiewicz.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY IN OCEAN CITY

Saturday October 26th was Make a Difference Day in Ocean City. Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #166 met with some of the US Coast Guard members at the OC Coast Guard Station. Halloween Pumpkins filled with Halloween Candy were given to the "Coasties" station in OCMD on Make a Difference Day 2019. Each year the Auxiliary Unit #166 celebrates the Make a Differences Day with the "Coasties" to show appreciation for their front line of defense.

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SYNEPUXENT AMERICAN LEGION
POST #166 FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE
for CRESENTHIA HARKUM JONES

OPENING.....Service Officer Sarge Garlitz

AUXILIARY UNIT #166.....President Emily Nock

PRAYER UNIT #166.....Chaplain Teddie Rozzano

DRAPING OF THE CHARTER.....Rosie Garlitz

LIGHTING THE CANDLE & PLACING THE ROSE.....Poppy Granite

TRIBUTE To Chris Jones.....Poppy Granite/John Granite

SPEAKERS.....Family & Friends



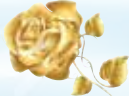
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL.....Maria Mcevoy

CROSSING THE BAR to Ron and Chris Jones.....Rosie Garlitz

CLOSING.....Sarge Garlitz

MUSIC.....DJ Bigler

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AUXILIARY UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #166 with their guest at the Annual Christmas Party on December 17th.



Rita Villani



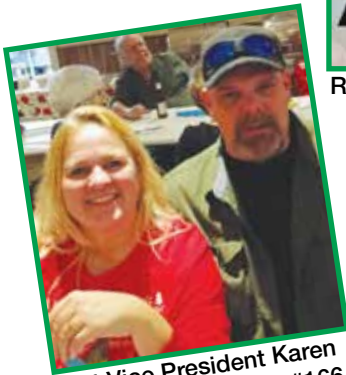
Rose Felty and Poppy Granite



Antoinette and David Coffland
Gold Star parents



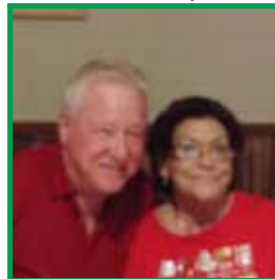
President Emily Nock
selling tickets



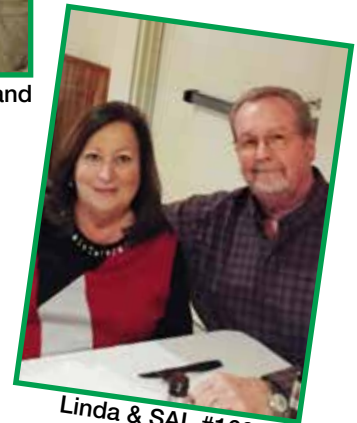
1st Vice President Karen
Thompson and SAL #166
Chuck Lathbury



Karin Sobezak and
Glen Reely Post #166



Commander #166
Tom Wengert and
Joann Wengert



Linda & SAL #166
CD Walter



Matt & Vickie Newberger



Pam Harbaugh and Virginia Harmon
(last charter member)



Addison and Delaney McDaniel



Lisa Anderson and
Jeanette Deskiewicz



Phyllis Grimes and
SAL #166 Ben Nilsson



Current President of American Legion
Auxiliary Unit #166 Emily Nock with
Past Unit Presidents Rosie Garlitz, Pat
Foringer and Marie Gilmore.



AUXILIARY NEWS



Rosie Garlitz

Juniors Rock Around The Christmas Tree All Year!



ing our country). They continue to support Casey Cares by saving metal tabs from cans for seriously ill children of John Hopkins Hospital and by donating pajamas for them.

As the leaves began to fall in October and November, Juniors filled pumpkins with Halloween Candy to help recognize our "Coasties" on Make a Difference Day and donated non perishable food items to Shepherd's Crook Food Pantry at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in OCMD.

On October 13th, 4 Juniors attended the Fall Conference at Francis Scott Key Post #11 in Frederick, Md. and on October 19th, 2 Juniors attended the National Juniors meeting in Baltimore. In addition, they participated in the US Flag Disposal Program at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial.

Thank you to our Juniors who participated in our Post's Veterans Day program on November

Our Juniors have been busy making decorative pins for the junior project "HERO DOGS" (to help veterans with P.T.S.D. and physical injuries suffered while serv-

11th. Our most recent Juniors, Mia & Ranata Lovitt, helped serve cake to our Veterans in attendance to celebrate 100 years of the American Legion Auxiliary serving our Veterans. Addison & Delaney McDaniel assisted their grandfather, Bob Gilmore, who read the meaning of the items on the POW/MIA Lone Table.

HO! HO! HO! Time began for our Juniors on November 30th by placing Military Ornaments on the Christmas Tree at the Post. Following the Trim a Tree event they helped with the sorting of items to be packed in boxes for the Support the Troops Program. On December 1st, they attached messages to Pocket Flags, signed Christmas Cards and packed boxes for the troops. Over 200 boxes were packed making the total of boxes shipped for 2019 at 401.

On Saturday December 14th, Lindsay Birckhead-Morton, Honorary Junior Vice President for the Department of Maryland, cut up and served desserts and acted as Santa's Elf by handing out cards and candy canes for the Worcester County Developmental Center's Christmas Party held by unit #166 at the Post.

To wrap up the year, Juniors Addison & Delaney attended the Annual Unit #166's Christmas Party. They helped Unit President Emily Nock with the Secret Santa's Gifts event.

I wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of the families and Juniors of Unit #166. Juniors are our organization's future, continue to involve them in Unit and Post activities.

Rosie Garlitz,

Junior Advisor, ALA Unit #166



On October 19th at the Ocean City Elks #2645 Hometown Heros Banner Day, Rosie Garlitz, the Chair of Unit #166's National Security Program, presented 18 Blue Star Banners to the parents of Active Duty members of Worcester County.





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UNIT #166 AUXILIARY MEMBERS OF THE YEAR 2018-2019



American Legion Auxiliary Unit #166 member Jessie Parsons was named Senior Auxiliary Member of the year. Also, American Legion Unit #166 Junior Auxiliary Member Kendahl Parsons was named Junior Auxiliary Member of the year.



DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND JUNIORS FALL CONFERENCE 2019

On Saturday, October 13th, the Department of Maryland's Juniors Annual Fall Conference at Francis Scott Key Post #11 in Frederick, Maryland. Attending from Juniors Unit #166 were F-Honorary Dept. Historian Kendahl Parsons and Honorary Dept. Vice President Lindsay Birkhead-Morton. R-Honorary Dept. Sgt-at-Arms Delaney McDaniel and Honorary Dept. Chaplain Addison McDaniel. The Fall Conference is for all junior Units in Maryland to meet and its members to participate. Information for the Junior Programs is shared and discussed among the Units of Maryland attending.

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ANNUAL AUXILIARY #166 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE BERLIN NURSING HOME



ALA Unit #166 President Emily Nock, Committee Member Vicki Newberger and Unit #166 Chair Carol Rose represented the Unit at the Berlin Nursing Home for the Annual Veterans Christmas Party.



Residents of the BNH who attended this years Christmas Party.



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QUEEN OF HEARTS CONTINUES



9/29	Pot \$8700	Marie McGinn #44 (9 Spades)	\$100
10/6	Pot \$10,200	Rita Crosier #7 (6 Clubs)	\$100
10/13	Pot \$11,000	Bob Broderick #16 (Ace Diamonds)	\$150
10/20	Pot \$11,800	T. Kirby #52 (7 Clubs)	\$100
10/27	Pot \$12,599	Michael Quillen #22 (3 Spades)	\$100
11/3	Pot \$13,200	Garrie & Ben #37 (8 Spades)	\$100
11/10	Pot \$14,000	Jim Moores #36 (Ace Hearts)	\$150
11/17	Pot \$15,200	Ray Butts #32 (9 Diamonds)	\$100
11/4	Pot \$16,100	Alice Pilancik #38 (9 Hearts)	\$100
12/1	Pot \$17,000	Phyllis of Pa. #49 (QUEEN OF HEARTS)	
12/8	Pot \$2,000	Ron Kuhn #23 (Jack Hearts)	\$100
12/15	Pot \$2,400	Don Outlaw #16 (10 Spades)	\$50
12/22	Pot \$2,900	Terry Schroeder #19 (Ace Diamonds)	\$100
12/29	Pot \$3,100	Buddy Jones #8 (Queen Clubs)	\$100
1/5	Pot #3,300	Happy New Year	



Buddy Jones won \$100 on December 29th and is congratulated by Bartender Sherri.



Queen of Hearts Chairman Wayne Cott (center) and Pat Sharkey prepared the ticket drum for Karen Thompson to make the December 29th drawing. The winner was Buddy Jones with #8 and the Queen of Clubs that was a \$100 winner.



Phyllis and Frank of Pa. won \$17,000 in the Queen of Hearts Raffle on December 1st.



Queen of Heart Dancers Chelsea Ridgely, Rosie Garlitz, and Courtney Francis. In the front is Corbin Hartman the drawer of the winner on December 1st.



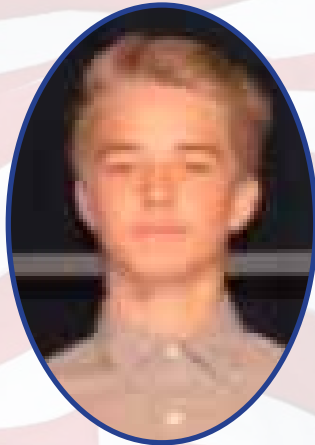
**QUEEN OF HEARTS
UGLY SWEATER WINNERS**

Karen Thompson, Alice Jones and Rosie Garlitz were the winners of the Annual Queen of Hearts Ugly Sweater Contest held on Sunday December 22nd.

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Junior Auxiliary Unit #166's Past President Kendahl Parsons receiving the Presidential Service Gold Award for volunteering over 250hrs of Community Service.



Squadron #166 Sons of the American Legion #166, Devon Pilarski received the Presidential Service Gold Award for volunteering over 250hrs of Community Service.



Post #166's Legion Baseball team player Blake Marshall receiving the Silver Award for volunteering over 175 hours of Community Service.



American Legion Baseball player of Post #166 and a member of Squadron #166 Sons of the American Legion #166, Rafe Parsons contributed over 100 hours of Community Service and received the Bronze Award.



Eagle Scout with Troop 261 and member of Navy Jr. ROTC, Nick Coleman contributed over 100 hours of Community Service and received the Bronze Award.



LEGION RIDERS NEWS & ACTIVITIES

We are down to the last month before drawing our winner for our Gun Raffle Fundraiser. Chances to win one or both of these beautiful firearms cost only \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Chances can be purchased at the bar and the drawing will be held on Superbowl Sunday at the post. During this cold season the American Legion Riders are busy planning our Spring of 2020 rider events. The next year looks to be a promising one with a large spring bike week run, St. Patricks Day Parade and more post bike nights. The bike nights held this past summer were a big hit and we are looking forward to continuing them throughout the 2020 summer season. ALR Sargent at Arms Chuck Lathbury was appointed chairperson for our new ALR T-shirt fundraiser. The new T-shirt design has been approved by the membership and has been ordered. The T-shirts should be available for purchase at the post in just a few weeks. With our previous successful fundraising events the ALR Post 166 Riders have been able to assist local families in need this holiday season

by donating Food Lion gift cards to two Diakonia Veterans families and donating monies to purchase holiday presents for local families in need. Thank you to Tina Preziotti for shopping, wrapping and delivering these presents on behalf of the American Legion Riders Post 166.

Although many of us are not riding during these cold winter months, it is important to remember to maintain your bike by taking the time to have your motorcycle serviced by a certified mechanic. This is the time of the year to have mechanical issues repaired no matter how minor you think they may be. Nothing is worse than on that first sunny Spring day than a bike that doesn't run, so don't delay getting that last bike service done.

American Legion Riders would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Karen Thompson

American Legion Riders Secretary.



American Legion Riders Post 166 Gun Raffle



***Limited Edition Henry Big Boy
Wildlife 2 - 44 Magnum**

***Limited Edition Franchi Affinity
Select 12 Gauge Semi-Auto Shotgun**

\$5.00 each or \$20.00 for five

Drawing on: February 2, 2020 at 1600hrs

*****2 tickets will be drawn and first winner will have choice of gun*****

244TH ENGINEER CO. MNG RECEIVED THEIR BOXES

I am actually in the 115th MP Battalion in Salisbury, 290th MP CO DET, I reclassified to The 244th Engineer Co. for this deployment. I'll be going back to the MP's after our Yellow Ribbon events. The members of our Platoon are overwhelmed with the boxes of gifts and snacks that came from the American Legion Post #166 in OC.

Thanks again so much!

SSG Daniel Brissey



Danny Brissey

I just want to say THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart to American Legion Synepuxent Post 166!!! This is awesome!!! Our Soldiers are grateful, please share



The photo is of our Platoon of the 244th Eng. Co.

Back Row left to right: Spc Miller, Sgt Middleton, SSG Wagner, Sgt Reasner, SSG Hayden, Cpl Parnes, Spc Hartman, Sgt Dougherty, Sgt Asare, Spc Groce, Sgt Spearman, 2LT Ogai Front row left to right: Sgt Spillers, Spc Bowie, SSG Brissey, SSG Hunter, Sgt Dzaringa (DZ)



Major Harry Annalise of the 10th Medical Unit says thanks from Afghanistan!



Commander Maryland National Guard
Brigadier General Janeen Birkhead

The Maryland National Guard thanks American Legion Synepuxent Post #166 for their very successful Support the Troops Program. The program reaches not only across Maryland but across the United States touching all branches of our military to the fullest.

VIETNAM WAR TET 52 January 31, 2020

VIETNAM TET 52
January 31, 2020

On Jan 31st 2008 the 40th anniversary of the TET Offense of the Vietnam War was recognized and those who fought in this victory were honored at Post #166 American Legion. The TET 40 Wreath made by Rosie Garlitz was placed at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial by Leroy Hohman and Dennis Bowers

Each year since then, a wreath has been placed at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on January 31st. This year the TET 52 Wreath will be placed at NOON at the Memorial recognizing the 52nd Anniversary and to honor those who fought in the TET Offense of 1968. Also, a moment will be taken for those who did not return from this victory. The past 12 years, in good weather or bad weather the program went on and the same will apply for this years program. Each year the attendance increases and this year the participation should be outstanding.

When the TET took place, it was printed and aired wrong by the press and many others. There is no doubt this was a victory and yes, it did make a difference. The following shows some data of other battles of the US. You may have heard of them from school and it is a fact the TET Offense has not been placed in school books. The following is some data regarding some military battles. **Gettysburg 1-3 July 1863** 23,000 federal soldiers and 28,000 Confederate KIA. The Gettysburg Battle was not decisive and Lee was able to retreat with his force mostly intact back into Virginia. Had Gettysburg ended with a severe defeat of the Confederacy as suffered by the communist in TET, the American Civil War would have ended in 1863. In the TET Offense, the Viet Cong insurgents in the south were shattered as a fighting structure, and until the American Portion of the war ended they had no more major role to play.

Guadalcanal (WWII 1942) was the first major allied land victory over the Japanese in WWII. Japan post 25,000 military KIA. American losses were 1,500 dead and 4,800 wounded. The number of Americans killed in action during TET was about the same of those killed in action (KIA) on

Guadalcanal. In Vietnam at the TET, more than 7,000 were wounded...a figure more than two thousand higher than the number would on Guadalcanal. Fighting on Guadalcanal in 1942 and early 1943 marked a turning point in the Pacific for our air, naval and ground forces. All battles after that campaign focused on taking terrain away from the enemy, and resulted in defeat after defeat for the Japanese. The same can be said of what happened in Vietnam. From the TET, until the political decision was made in the US to disengage, never again was the enemy able to control the flow of battlefield events.

TET Offense Facts 1968:

**There was fighting in 36 of 44 provincial capitals, five of six autonomous cities, 64 of 242 district capitals, and 50 hamlets. Every allied airfield was hit as were many different kinds of military installations and government facilities.

** About 70,000 enemy troops actually participated the first day. There was a total of 84,000 enemy finally committed in the course of the campaign and 40,000 plus of these were lost.

**The enemy's attack against Tan Son Nhut Air Base, just outside Saigon, was a strike against the heart of the American effort in-country. MACV Headquarters was located on part of the installation. Beginning at 0320hrs, 31 January, 1968, four reinforced enemy battalions came against the west perimeter, while elements of two battalions attacked MACV itself. The defending force consisted of USAF personnel, mostly assigned to the base combat defense force, US Army soldiers, some from Allied nations, and Republic of Vietnam armed forces members. The allied side, in the initial few hours of battle, suffered 55 KIA and 163 wounded. There were 157 enemy bodies on the air base and another 267 were counted just outside the fence line. In all, it is estimated that 962 or more enemy died in the attack against Tan Son Nhut and facilities in its immediate area. The number of wounded are not known. As of 23 February 1968, 5,519 enemy were KIA in the greater Saigon area.

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**Allied losses were great throughout the country. South Vietnamese lost 3,000 KIA and 8,000 wounded. US losses were 1,500 KIA and 7,764 wounded. About 800,000 people became refugees and the communists are believed to have committed at least 6,000 murders.

**The 77 day siege at Khe Sanh of the 6,000 US Marines and handful of personnel from other services may have really been intended as a feint, with Hue being the true object. About 500 Americans were KIA at Khe Sanh. About 10,000 enemy are believed to have been KIA at Khe Sanh, and it is suspected that more than 5,000 native Bru people of the region also died in the fighting. The siege began in January and was lifted in April of 68. There is no question, the US Marines holding Khe Sanh as well as hill-top outposts and support by elements of the all branches of the our services, completely defeated the enemy offensive.

**The ancient imperial city of Hue was attacked 31 January and the enemy held parts of it for 26 days. In the fighting, 142 US Marines were killed and 857 were wounded. The US Army

lost 74 KIA and 507 WIA. South Vietnam military lost 384 KIA and 1,830 WIA. The enemy lost over 5,000 KIA and 89 taken prisoner. More than 50% of the city was destroyed and more than 11,600 were made homeless.

January 31, 2020 marks the 52nd Anniversary of this huge victory of the Vietnam War. At this time the anniversary should be recognized and the US Military who served should be honored as should those hero's who never returned. To the Vietnam Veterans of Worcester County and the area it would be an honor to have you join us at Noon for the TET 52 at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial on Friday January 31st .

Other groups that will be participating again this year are as follows: Boggs-Disharoon/American Legion Post #123, Duncan-Showell American Legion Post #231, First State US Marine Corp League, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1091 of OCMD and the Ocean City Elks Lodge #2645 Veterans Group. To all Vietnam Era Veterans, "Welcome Home". Following this years TET 52 program there will be social time at Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion with lunch being served.

IMMORTAL FOUR CHAPLAIN'S SERVICE ON 2 FEBRUARY, 2020

Synepuxent Post #166 will hold it's 5th Annual Four Chaplains Service at 1400hrs on Sunday February 2, 2020. The first Sunday in February is designated for this service.

Last year was an outstanding service and if you attended, we hope you return for this year's service. It is open to the public and you can bring your friends and neighbors. If you have not heard of these Four Immortal Chaplains, google them on your PC and then pass the info on to your contacts.

The Four Chaplains known later as the "Immortal Chaplains" departed New York on January 23, 1943 aboard the USAT Dorchester. The designation for the 900 on board was Greenland.



The Four Immortal Chaplains, from left to right are Reverend Fax, Reverend Poling, Father Washington and Rabbi Goode.



Off the Newfoundland, a German submarine U-223 torpedoed the Dorchester disabling the electrical system leaving the ship in darkness. The Four Chaplains sought to calm the men as they organized an orderly evacuation of the ship and helped the wounded to safety.

As the life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out before each man had one. The Four Chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others as they were helping as many as they could into the life boats. They then linked their arms as they were saying prayers and singing hymns as they went down with the USAT Dorchester in the North Atlantic.



Michael LeCompte, a paid up for Life Member of Post #166 and a forever member of the Ocean City Fire Department was the guest speaker at the General Membership meeting of American Legion Post #166 on November 25, 2019. His very interesting topic was Safeguarding your Identity. He explained several ways to protect your computer, cell phone, and your retirement from Identity Theft, the fastest growing crime in America. If you would be interested in talking to Michael on a one on one basis, give him a call at 410 641-0378.



L-R Steward Sam Willey, SAL Dave Tinley & Dom Mann
Kitchen Staff

THE POST WAS THE HOST FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

SAL Squadron Dave Tinley AKA "Santa Dave" took the lead again for preparing and serving Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Post. It was a great day with Steward Sam Willey and Kitchen Staff member Dom Mann stepping up to help with the project. Again, team work was the name of the game. Thanks.

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



DONATIONS MADE TO AGH COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

Sarge Garlitz, the Service Officer of Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion, presents a check to the Atlantic General Hospital Flu Clinic program that was held at Holy Savior Catholic Church on October 10, 2019. Rosie Garlitz, the Chair of Community Service for Auxiliary #166 of Ocean City. Receiving the checks are Nicole Morris, BSN, CCRN, Infection Prevention Employee Health Manager at AGH. On the right is Tracey Mullineaux, BSN, RN, Employee Health and Wellness Nurse at AGH. This is the 3rd year that Synepuxent Post #166 and Auxiliary Unit #166 have helped sponsor this annual event.



Email: alpost166@comcast.net 21



*Sons Of The American Legion, Squadron 166
Valentine's Day Dinner*



When: February 14, 2020

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: American Legion Post 166

*23rd St & Philadelphia Ave
Ocean City, MD*

*Take a Chance to Win
A Romantic Getaway
for Two
at the Hilton Ocean City, MD.*

Come & enjoy a romantic dinner with your Valentine 
*Menu: New York Strip Steak, Baked Potato, Garlic Green Beans,
Tossed Salad, Ranch & Italian Dressing,
Rolls, Butter & Sweetheart Cake for Dessert
One free drink on us, beer or glass of wine*

*\$18.00 Per Sweetheart
For Ticket Information see the Bar Tender
or Call George Pickrell @ 301-943-9722
Email-steward166@comcat.net*





SAL NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Chuck Lathbury

This time of the year, the SAL would like to remind everyone to check on your elderly neighbors during these cold winter months as we want to ensure their health and safety. Please keep in mind that if you are in need of assistance or help in any way, do not hesitate to

contact the Sons of the American Legion or any of the American Legion families as we are here to help support our veterans and community. Sons of the American Legion can be contacted via email at SALPOST166@Gmail.com or by contacting the Commander, Joe Verdura 302-542-2706. During this Holiday Season I felt it was fitting to share the following heartwarming story with you that I was personally able to witness transpire recently at our post.

Back in 1966 two young American men boarded a plane to Vietnam. Neither of them knew anything about the other until they took their oath and proudly put on the uniform of the United States Army. From that day on they would be brothers. Both young fighting men proudly served in the 1st Battalion 16th Infantry of the United States Army Ranger Division. Everybody is aware of the pain and hell of war, but none more than those who have served side by side in combat. In 1966 there was an unbreakable and unforgettable bond formed between two strangers that would last a lifetime, and on October 16, 2019 I was able to witness the strength of that bond. Post 166 member and Army Ranger Rick Fisher of OC MD. was enjoying his evening at the post when Dick Ladd, of Upland, PA decided to visit our post while on vacation here in Ocean City. Although 53 years have passed since they have last seen one another, there was no doubt that these two men instantly knew each other. Both became overwhelmed with emotion during this reunion having thought that they would never see each other again after leaving Vietnam. This raw emotion is evident in the attached photos of these two brothers at arms during their unexpected reunion at the Post.

This story is one reason why we, the Sons of the American Legion, continue to pledge our unwavering support of our veterans, the American Legion Family and our community.

Now back to the norm.....The Sons of the American Legion new T-shirt design is in and available for purchase at the post. Our annual Valentines Steak Dinner will be held at the post on February 14, 2020 and tickets are available now at the post. Please keep in mind that our post is still busy with weekly events that are in need of volunteers during the upcoming winter months, contact the post to volunteer your time today.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Lathbury



Dick Ladd and Rick Fisher.

SAL DETACHMENT OF MD TO HOLD DEC IN OC

The Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Maryland will hold Mid Term Squadron Officers Training Seminar at the Grand Hotel, on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

At 3:00PM all SALs will be at Post #166 for their Annual Drawdown Fundraiser for Maryland's Special Olympics. This is a huge event and advance tickets are required.

On Sunday, January 26th, at 12:00 Noon, the Detachment will hold its Winter Executive Committee meeting at Post #166. If there are any questions regarding this event please contact the South Eastern Shore District Adjutant Matt Catlin of Squadron #237 in Hebron, Md. 410-251-0090 or email: matthewccatlin14@gmail.com

Synepuxent Post 166, Winter 2020

POST #166 HALL WAS DECKED

Many thanks to Rosie Garlitz for her time spent organizing the team and preparing the decorations in order to get the Post in the Christmas spirit. On Friday November 22nd and Saturday, November 23rd, the Decoration Team was a great

asset completing the Decking of the Hall. Not pictured from Post #166 was Glen Reely and Helen McWilliams of Unit #166 who participated on the team. Also, other members of the Beach Singles who were not pictured, we thank you.



Squadron #166 SAL member Robert "Doc" McIntyre and Kathy decorated the Post's flower garden area for the Holidays.



Beach Singles members L. Kathy Scheinder and Bob Gilbert(on the ladder) and Unit #166 member Patti Hughes place the swags and snowflakes through the hall



Post #166 Scott LaCoss decking the high spots throughout the Post.



Unit #166 member Eileen Salafia places garland on the outside railing at the Post's entrance.



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WORCESTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER PARTY OUTSTANDING



The Christmas party for the clients, staff and caregivers of the Worcester County Developmental Center was held at the Post on December 14th. DJ Andy played the music and had everyone dancing or should it be said

ROCKING AND ROLLING. This was the first time GG Hardester took the lead and was very successful. She had everything covered by the volunteers that participated and the guest were very delighted with annual event.



Clients of the WCDC are dancing to the music of the DJ



WCDC Party Chair GG Hardester with Santa and 1st Vice President Karen Thompson



Unit #166 members L-R Tina Preziotti, WCDC Christmas Party Chair GiGi Hardester, Eileen Salafia and Phyllis Grimes setting up the food table.



Unit member Carrie Garner dancing with WCDC Clients.



A WCDC Client telling Santa Clause what he wants for Christmas with Lindsay the Elf in the back ground.



ALA #166 Tina Preziotti, Bodee Garner and Brendon Lake working the serving line.



L-R Lindsay Birckhead-Morton, ALA President Emily Nock, Committee Chair GG Hardester, Santa (Brian Richardson), Joyce Earle, Carrie Garner. Rear - Karen Thompson and Cindy Malament



WCDC clients dancing the afternoon away



Santa Claus (Brian Richardson) wishing a client a Merry Christmas.



Synepuxent Post 166, Winter 2020

Newest Eagle Scouts

VVA Chapter 1091 Awards Eagle Scout Medal



VVA Eagle Scout Medal

On December 14, 2019 Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1091 President Gerry Barron and past President Nelson Kelly accompanied Post 166 Commander Tom Wengert to a Court of Honor for Scout BSA troop 261 where 3 Scouts were awarded Eagle Scout status and were awarded the VVA National Eagle Scout Medal. 61 year old Joerg Leineman was awarded the National Eagle Scouts Associations Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, the highest level a Eagle Scout can receive. He has been a Eagle Scout since 1974 where then Mayor Harry Kelly celebrated his achievement. Joerg was the first Eagle Scout in Ocean City area. American Legion Post 166 chartered troop 261 in 1946.



Synepuxent American Legion Post #166 the sponsor of Troop #2261 since 1946 is very proud of their newest Eagle Scouts. The newest 5 are L-R Kurt Leineman, Jeremy Novak, Gabe Bradley, Nick Coleman & Matt Coleman.

OC ELKS SEEKING VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS FOR THE 2020 BOARDWALK PROGRAM

Pat Riordan, the Chairman for this annual program, is looking for Veterans of World War II and the Korean War and Active Duty personnel. The Veterans and Active Duty members must be living and a resident of Worcester County. Pat Riordan can be contacted at 443-623-6162.



MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

2020 HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

The Ocean City Elks Hometown Heroes Military Banner Program was originally created for the Community of Ocean City, MD to honor and recognize Active Duty military personnel who reside in Worcester County, MD. In 2016 we expanded our program to include living Veterans of World War II and the Korean War who reside in Worcester County as well. These banners display a photo of the HONOREE, as well as their name, rank and branch of service in the United States Armed Forces. There is no cost to the HONOREE for this program. 2020 will be our 7th year of honoring our HOMETOWN HEROES along the Ocean City Boardwalk. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis in the order they are received. Feel free to contact Pat Riordan with any questions. Pat can be reached at (443) 623-6162 or by email at: 91454@mchsi.com. We hope to honor our local Vietnam Era Veterans once we have identified our living WWII and Korean War Veterans.

HONOREES NAME & RANK: _____

BRANCH OF MILITARY SERVICE: _____ Years Served: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____, MD _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

Person submitting nomination: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

Please return this completed NOMINATION FORM, along with a digital photograph of Your HONOREE, preferably in uniform, to Pat Riordan at 91454@mchsi.com or by regular mail to:

OCEAN CITY ELKS LODGE #2645 / Pat Riordan
 HOMETOWN HEROES MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM
 13708 Sinepuxent Ave. Ocean City, MD 21842

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



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

Amen

Greetings Comrades from the Chaplains Desk. At this writing we are preparing for Christmas and the turn of the calendar to 2020. However, by the time you receive this publication the holiday season has come and gone. I hope that each of you had a Blessed Christmas and welcomed in the New Year with Family and/or very good friends. Our Post had some special activities over the Christmas week for members and guests alike. I stopped in for some Christmas cheer and the opportunity to visit with my military Brethren on that special day. 2019 was a very good year for the Post in general and the Country in particular. Our leadership planned and coordinated some very nice activities here at the Post, many free of charge. Word has it that we will be seeing more of such activities in this coming year. What better way to socialise and get to know each other better. After all, we each have much in common. Although it has been a pretty good year for most of us, many have experienced severe injuries, illnesses and even death in our families. Please

keep our Legion Families, especially those with needs, lifted up in your prayers. Believe it or not, we all need and benefit from prayer. Many of our Comrades have been transferred to Post Everlasting. Their names are posted below. We never know who of us will be next. That's why a kind word goes a long way. Time continues to fly at a very rapid pace. We just had the World Series and in just a couple of weeks, the Super Bowl and then, spring training. As always, please let me know of a Comrade who is on sick call so I can get a card and/or a call out to him or her. Also we each have the opportunity and obligation to aid and/or assist a shut in Comrade. There are many seniors who are unable to drive but would love to come out to the Post for our meetings or just a bit of fellowship. If you know of someone in need, please let me or one of the Post Officers know so that we can, perhaps, find some assistance. Please remember our meeting nights. Free food, \$1.00 drinks and the Commander promises to keep you no longer than one hour. That's it for now Comrades, be safe and cherish your family and friends.

Happy New Year and GOD Bless.

— Ben

Thanks to Our "Wreaths Across America" Supporters!



American Legion Baseball



Coach David Parsons

David Parsons the American Legion Baseball Representative from Post #166, will again be the Rep and on the coaching staff for the Ocean City Marlins. The team will be playing in the Eastern Shore American Legion Baseball League (which they won in the Play Offs last season) and on to become the runner up in the Department of Maryland's State

Tournament.

Coach Parsons is working off season with Manager Eric Snelsire who is going into his 2nd season at the helm. They have their heads together on recruitment, scheduling, funding, equipment and putting Eastern Shore Baseball back on the field for the fans. The Spring issue of the Observer will have a full report for the Ocean City Marlin's American Legion Baseball program of Synepuxent Post #166 of OCMD. Also, you will hear the cheer, "PLAY BALL", as the season will not be that far away.

The American Legion

	SPAGHETTI DINNER SCOUTS BSA	
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**FRIDAY JANUARY 17, 2020
4 PM TO 8 PM
ADULTS \$10 UNDER 12 \$5**

**"SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE"
W/ SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, & DESSERT**



AMERICAN LEGION POST 166
2308 PHILADELPHIA AVE.
OCEAN CITY, MD






AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



Tom DeVaux

The hustle and bustle of the summer season is behind us so now we face the hustle and bustle of the Holidays Season. What makes this season different, at least to me, is that it is a much more intimate time of the year. Sharing, caring, and giving, whether it's

with family, friends, or total strangers make us all feel better. With that in mind it is the theme of my article in this edition of our newsletter.

The officers, executive committee, and house committee have been working hard to make you and your guests experiences at the post as pleasant, fun, and comfortable as possible. Have you noticed some of the upgrades to the bar, game room, and main hall area? Most are subtle, behind the scenes upgrades such as to the electrical and water systems, coolers, and flooring. More to come focusing on aesthetics and comfort. Menus and food specials offering more varieties. Increase in musical entertainment. Special events focused towards our Post members such as The Early Bird Dinner and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, both well received by the many who attended these events. Speaking of which I would like to give a big shout out to the Volunteer Appreciation committee members who helped put it together: Marie Gilmore, Rosie Garlitz, and Bob Gilmore! We are not finished as more of these types of events are planned for in the near future – watch for announcements.

Our Queen of Hearts chairman, Jack Hyle, after launching this Sunday event several years ago along with Rosie Garlitz singing, selling, and dancing and Buddy Jones handling outside sales, has determined it was time for him to step back and turn this program over to someone else. We are fortunate long-time legion member, Wayne Cott, has stepped forward and volunteered to chair this program. Jack should be proud as he has not only made this a very successful fund raiser for the post but has turned Sunday afternoons at the post as one of the happiest places to be on a Sunday. Next time you see Jack tell him thanks, better yet buy him a beer, thanks Jack!

Our post Legion membership numbers in re-

newals, new, and transferred in continue to trend positive. As of this writing we are at 666 out of a goal of 848 for the year. That places us 76.5% of our goal. Hopefully our other two Legion families, SAL and Auxiliary are having the same results. While meeting our targeted goal numbers is great, IT IS NOT ENOUGH! Members are encouraged to get engaged with the post, whether it is to run for an office, participate in events or programs, offer a helping hand to the post when it is working to providing a helping hand to other vets or the local community. Our monthly general membership meetings are always the 4th Monday of the month starting at 1700 HRS (7:00 PM for you Peace Corps alumni). It is discouraging when we look into the bar on that night, getting ready to start our meeting, see they choose to stay there rather than attend the meeting. If nothing less, at these meetings you can voice your concerns and/or suggestions to make your visit to the post a better experience.

One last thought on new members. Please encourage your friends who may be considering retiring now or in the near future to join or transfer in to Post 166. Finally, have a blessed and safe holiday season with family and friends.

Best Holiday and New Year's Wishes!

Tom DeVaux,
1st Vice Commander

POST EVERLASTING REPORT

The following members transferred
to Post Everlasting

Robert H. Landefeld Jr.
Prentiss N. Miles
Elmer T. Neisser
Charles C. Tuer
George C. Watson
William Schmuff



House Committee Report

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE ON FIXEM UP AT THE POST

The electrical and plumbing projects that we have been working on have been completed. However, after several days of operation, a small crack was discovered in the container tank of the water softening system. RYT Plumbing was contacted and, after inspecting the tank, a new one was ordered and the tank will be replaced.

The floor in the bar area will be replaced with a non-slip tile beginning on January 7, and should be completed in ten days. The bar will be closed during that time, however, the back bar and kitchen will be open. Please enter the hall from the 24th Street entrance. Our staff will try to accommodate your needs, but please bear with us as some items may not be immediately available.

We are continuing to examine furniture for the Social Quarters. A lounge chair was purchased and placed in the bar area for your critique. The chair has received many favorable comments.

At this time we are considering ordering this chair for the "game room" but will look for a smaller chair for the bar area as space is a concern.

A local Engineering firm has been hired to look at the feasibility of expanding the existing bar. They will provide several options for us to review. We are also looking at the overall structure of the building to assure that any renovation in the bar, or any other area, will withstand our current safety limits. We will keep you posted during the progress of this project.

Please continue to provide us with your comments and suggestions. We appreciate your interest in our Post procedures and activities. We review your comments and suggestions at our regular monthly meetings and will let you know the status of your recommendations.

From Your House Committee,

*Chairman John Granite,
Charles "Spaz" Spaziani,
Phil Ludlum,
Dickee Hafer
and Bill Wolfe*

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 2020 GIRLS STATE

Girls State is a week long immersive learning experience. Maryland Girls State is held each year at Salisbury University. This year Girls State will be held June 21-June 26, 2020.

Girls State is open to girls who have completed their Junior year of High School. The program operates with patriotic values through a non-partisan curriculum where students assume the roles of government leaders. They campaign in mock parties, usually Federalist and Nationalist, to become Mayors and County and State leaders, culminating in electing a Governor who will attend Girls Nation.

ALA Auxiliary Unit 166 selects candidates who are currently enrolled at Stephen Decatur High School, Worcester Preparatory School or are current Junior members of Unit 166 Auxiliary. Applications will be made available to Guidance Counselors at each school. An on-line Interest Form must first be filled out and submitted to ALA Dept' of MD/Girls State. Visit www.alamd.org, select "Our Focus" and Girls State. Interest Form and Application must be completed and

submitted by March 27, 2020.


Call or e-mail Marie Gilmore, Girls State representative, Unit 166 at 410 726 2881 or OPMarie@aol.com.









Quarterly Calendar WINTER 2020



JAN	
Date	Event
1	VVA Anniversary Party 12 Noon
4	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
5	Junior Aux 166 Meeting 1400 hrs
6	VVA Chapter 1091 Meeting 1800 hrs Social w/Food 1700 hrs
7	Front Bar & Lounge Closed Use Side Door for Back Bar and Food
11	Beach Singles (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
13	SAL Meeting 1900 hrs Social 1800 hrs
16	ALR Meeting 1900 hrs Social 1800 hrs
17	Scouts Spaghetti Dinner 1600-2000 hrs 
18	Front Bar & Lounge Reopens for Business
18	Beach Single Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
20	AL Executive Com. meeting 1730hrs
21	ALA Unit 166 Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
22	1st Detachment USMC League Meeting Noon
24	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
25	SAL DEC Event 1500hrs
26	SAL DEC Meeting noon
27	AL Membership Meeting 1800 hrs Social with Food 1830 hrs Speaker 1900 hrs
31	TET OFFENSE #52 WCVN Noon Get together to follow at Post 166

FEB	
Date	Event
1	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
2	Four Chaplains Service 1400 hrs
2	Jr. Aux 166 meeting to follow
2	ALR 166 Gun Raffle Drawing 1600 hrs
2	Super Bowl 1800 hrs Tailgate early/w food and drink specials
3	VVA Chapter 1091 Meeting 1800 hrs Social w/Food 1700 hrs
8	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
10	SAL Meeting 1900 hrs Social 1800 hrs
14	Valentine's Day Sweetheart Steak & Shrimp Dinner w/ glass of Wine 1700 hrs-2000 hrs/Music 1900 hrs-2200 hrs 
15	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
17	AL Executive Committee meeting 1730 hrs
18	ALA Unit 166 Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
20	ALR Meeting 1900 hrs Social 1800 hrs
22	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
24	AL Membership Meeting 1800 hrs Social with Food 1830 hrs Speaker 1900 hrs
26	1st Detachment USMC League Meeting Noon
29	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs

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Date	Event
1	Junior Aux 166 Meeting 1400 hrs
2	VVA Meeting 1800 hrs Social w/Food 1700 hrs
4	First Responders Awards Program 5PM Meet and Greet 5PM, Dinner 5:30PM Program 6PM
7	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
9	SAL Meeting 1900 hrs Social 1800 hrs
13	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
14	 St Patrick's Day Party 1400 hrs w/ Corned Beef & Cabbage
16	AL Executive meeting Meeting 1730 hrs
17	ALA Unit 166 Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
19	ALR Meeting 1900 hrs Social 1800 hrs
20	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
20	Scouts Pinewood Derby 1700-2100 hrs
21	 Scouts Pinewood Derby 0900-1600 hrs
23	AL Membership Meeting 1800 hrs Social with Food 1830 hrs Speaker 1900 hrs Meeting
25	1st Detachment USMC League Meeting Noon
28	Beach Singles (Corn Hole) 1300 hrs
30	 Vietnam Veterans Day 1300-1600 hrs at Post 166



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- <http://www.mdva.state.md.us> - MD Department of Veterans Affairs
- <http://www.va.gov> - US Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
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- Perry Point.....1-800-949-1003
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