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## Commander's Message

As this year is coming to an end I would like to thank my team of Officers and the rest of the Legion family for making this year a very successful year. I think that we have accomplished everything that we set out to do. Our 2017-2018 slate of Officers are the same except for the Historian. Nate Pearson, a legend of Post 166, was elected to the position. The Executive Board stayed the same except for John Granite who stepped down and was replaced by Sarge Garlitz.

The Riders started out the last quarter of the year by making sure that the families of needy veterans had a good Easter. They provided the families with Easter baskets filled with goodies and some very nice presents for the children to open. The children were very appreciative of everything that was done by the Riders. They have ended the quarter by parading around the infield with the Circle of Flags at the Casino at Ocean Downs for the air show. US Army Special Forces parachuted in to present the American Flag to US Navy WW II Veteran 94 yr old William Simpson.

May was a busy month with election of Officers and several Memorial Day services around the area. Sarge opened it up with a ceremony at Mystic Harbour on May 27th. On the 28th of May he had 2 ceremonies, one in Berlin and the other at Post 123 and on the 29th we had 3 ceremonies, one at the Dunes Manor which included the Color Guard and the Coast Guard dropping a wreath in the ocean, then we went to Ocean Pines for their yearly ceremony at the War Memorial and finally back at Post 166 which included the Color Guard, the Coast Guard, the Boys Scout Troop 261 along with the Cub Scouts and 2 distinguished guest speakers.

The summer season is here already and we need help. This is your Legion and if you don't take care of it we will be looking for another Legion to

transfer. We need volunteers and we need them bad. The ones that are doing the volunteering now are being "BURNED OUT". Some are here everyday helping out one way or another. We don't ask you to come every day but it would be nice to have some new faces showing up to help either in the kitchen, on the floor calling back Bingo or selling chances on the Boardwalk for this years raffle that is very important to the Legion. It is one of our biggest fundraisers and it is being run by the Ladies Auxiliary. We ask you to take one shift and trust me you will really enjoy it.

I guess I have rambled on enough so in closing, Joann and I wish everyone a safe and happy summer. Don't make yourself strangers to your Legion, stop in and get some refreshments and a bite to eat.

*May God Bless You and May God Bless America.*

*Tom Wengert,*

Commander

### POW/MIA FLAG BILL ENACTED INTO LAW



On May 25th a Delegation of Legion members from Post #166 and other Posts attended the signing into law of Senate Bill #579 in Annapolis by Governor Hogan. This Bill was sponsored by Senator Jim Mathias for the POW/MIA Flag to fly over State Buildings everyday. **Seated L-R:** Senate President Mike Miller, Governor Larry Hogan and Speaker of the House Michael Busch. **Standing L-R:** Charles "Spaz" Spaziani, Senator Jim Mathias, Sarge Garlitz, Commander Tom Wengert, Jack Hyle, Bill Gantz (Post #109), Jim Corkery (Post #40), Patrick Guilbao (Post #7) and Carl George (Post #40).

## Synepuxent Post 166, Summer 2017

### MCVET (Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training).

On May 17, 2017 Chapter 1091 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, along with Post 166 American Legion Family and the OC Elks Lodge #2645 made an eventful trip to MCVET (Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training). A purely voluntary program, located at 301 N. High Street Baltimore, Maryland.

Upon our arrival we were greeted by the Board of Directors President Sandi Dutton. Ms. Dutton acted as our tour guide throughout the entire day's visit. She introduced our group to Mr. Jeff Kendrick, USAF (Ret.), the MCVET Executive Director. Mr. Kendrick expressed his appreciation for our interest in the MCVET program and our visit.

Throughout the day's visit we experienced the comprehensive support programs for homeless veterans, both men and women. The MCVET mission is to "provide comprehensive services that enable these veterans to return to their communities as productive citizens" MCVET will assist homeless veterans from anywhere in the USA. MCVET boasts a remarkable 70% Success Rate for those Veterans completing their voluntary program.

We saw veterans involved in their Day Drop-In Center where homeless vets can shower, crisis intervention and obtain fresh clothes. We viewed and heard testimony from "students" regarding Emergency Housing. This is known as "1st Platoon" A safe place to stay for up to 13 weeks along with nutritious meals.

After that initial "1st Platoon" veterans may move into Transitional Housing, which can handle up to 120 Vets. Here they will obtain support services to return to employment and permanent housing, known as "2nd & 3rd Platoon" and may last for up to two years.

Veterans then may move into Bridge Housing or Single Room Occupancy known as "4th Platoon"

and begin the process of independent living.

MCVET provides Case Management, including VA Medical Center treatments, Recovery Group participation, Behavior Modification, Skill Classes, Benefits Counselors, Education and Employment Programs.

All of us were very impressed with what we witnessed and heard throughout the visit. This is truly Veterans helping Veterans on the finest order!



Front - VVA President Nelson Kelly, Teddie Rozzano, Georgette Bieber, Joann Wengert. 2nd Row-Commander Tom Wengert, Rosie Garlitz, Unit President Marie Gilmore, Glen Reely. Rear - Dave Kline, Ray Bieder, Sarge Garlitz, MCVET President Sandy Dutton, Steve Adkins, Bob Gilmore.

This is a program worthy of all our support! They need our help and support because of funding cuts.

Let's get on board and let our elected representatives know how we feel about a program that treats the root causes of the homeless Veteran Issue, not just some symptoms!

Event Chairman, *Bob Gilmore*  
(member of) Synepuxent Post  
#166 American Legion, VVA #1091  
and OC Elks Lodge #2645



# JOE SALAFIA LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR



Joe Salafia

Finance Officer of Post #166 Joe Salafia is the Legionnaire of the Year for the 2016-2017 Legion Year. This past year Joe has been known for the hardest working elected officer of our Post. He takes care of the accountability of all financial records of the Post.

His additional duties: are Chairman of the Slot Machines, Accountability Committee, the "go to person" of the Donations Committee (to confirm all donations are acceptable with the Maryland Comptrollers Office), and has picked up the Administrative Duties of processing all licenses and permits for the operation of the post. In addition has taken the lead in the monitoring of the personnel records of all employees, including tax forms and employment issues.

During the renovation of the Post this past winter, Joe was Co-Coordinator of the Renovation.

He spent 10-12 hours on a daily basis for over a month to coordinate the work of the Contractors and do job tasks that needed to be done on a moments notice. His volunteer skills and insight to make things happen during this renovation were irreplaceable.

Joe was involved with other areas of the Post, such as volunteering for kitchen duty, sell tickets on the Boardwalk and help pack boxes for the Support the Troops Program. He has been involved with some of the events of the Legion Riders attending various functions in the OC Area.

During the Four Chaplains Program he had a key role and was part of the First Responders Awards Night Program. During Memorial Day and Veterans Day this past year he was no stranger. He is active on the Committee to help get Legion members and Veterans to their appointments. This includes local appointments or transportation to the VA in Baltimore or other VA Hospitals or Clinics.

Finance Officer Joe Salafia is an asset to Post #166 and his dedication is first class. The members of Synepuxent Post #166 thanks you for your outstanding contribution to our American Legion.

## PAUSE FOR THE PLEDGE AT POST #166

On Wednesday June 14th Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion of OCMD joined the National American Legion with the Pause for the Pledge Program. This program was to take place at 1900hrs across the land in all American Legions.

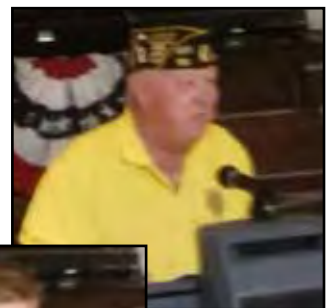
At 1900hrs, Commander Tom Wengert opened the Pause with a welcome, followed by Auxiliary Unit #166 Chaplain Teddi Rozzano who offered an invocation.

Cub Scouts Gabe Dalfonso, Ben Busko and Max Salerno led with the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag.

Commander Tom Wengert shared the purpose of the Pause & The Pledge and 1st Vice Commander Robert Smith related the history of the US Flag. Eagle Scout of Troop #261 Ben Pielstick shared his feeling of the Flag. Senator Jim Mathias



Jim Mathias



Tom Wengert



Ben Pielstick

as spoke on the importance of the US Flag and how important the POW/MIA Flag has become.

The program ended with Rosie Garlitz singing "It's a Grand Old Flag".

## MEMORIAL DAY--USA



Nate Pearson, *Historian*

Memorial Day is a federal holiday established to honor and remember those who died while serving in the Armed Forces of the US Military. It is observed every year on the last Monday in the month of May. It marks the first start of the Summer season.

### BACKGROUND:

During the late Spring and early Summer during the early years of this nation, many families and especially women would decorate family grave sites with plants and with flowers. Especially those family members who died in a war. As this practice increased in popularity it became known as "DECORATION DAY." Following the Civil War, decorating the graves of the war dead increased from community to community and within each State. During the Civil War, APPROXIMATELY 750,000 Americans were killed or died from their war wounds or disease. More died during the Civil War than during all wars in which this nation has been involved. The name "DECORATION DAY" lasted until after World War II. In 1865, this began establishing National Military Cemeteries for the burial of Veterans and to honor and remember those who had made the "Supreme Sacrifice."

Although many towns in many states claim they were the VERY FIRST Memorial Day sites. It has been determined that Waterloo, New York was in fact the very first Memorial Day Site. History shows that a local Druggist had the idea and mentioned to General Login who arranged a parade and special ceremony in Waterloo cemeteries. In 1966, President Johnson signed a proclamation naming Waterloo as the original Memorial Day site. Congress then followed making the last Monday in May the official day.

### AMERICAN LEGION -- SYNEPUXENT

### MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY:

1. Since being chartered in 1946, Post 166 had conducted a Memorial Day program at the Post each year.
2. In recent years, the American Legion Color Guard has conducted a program at the Mystic Harbour Community over the Memorial Day weekend.
3. Since the opening of the Worcester County Veterans Memorial, THE AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD has participated in the Memorial Day program.
4. Since opening, officers and members of the American Legion -- Post #166 have been involved in programs and planning at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial.

### TRADITIONAL MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Community Parades
2. Memorial Day Concert - Washington D.C.
3. Ceremonies a National Veterans Cemeteries.
4. Three Volley Rifle Salute and TAPS.
5. Family reunions and picnics.
6. Honoring and remembering those who made the "Supreme Sacrifice" for our Liberty and Freedom.

*Nate Pearson*, Historian  
Post #166



# MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATED AT POST #166

On Monday May 29th, Synepuxent Post held its Annual Memorial Day Service. The program was opened by Sarge Garlitz and Bob Gilmore of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1091. Bob narrated the POW/MIA Remembrance Service. Chaplain Ben Dawson offered the invocation and the Boy Scout/Cub Scouts #261 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commander Tom Wengert shared the American Legion's National Commander Charles Schmidt's 2017 Memorial Day message. Comments were then made by the following: Unit #166 President Marie Gilmore, Unit #166 Juniors Delaney and Addison McDaniel who read "In Flanders Field", Legion Riders #166 Bryan Adams, SAL Squadron #166 Vice Commander Charles Herbert, First Detachment USMCL Commandant Frank DelPiano, Worcester County Veterans Memorial Vice President Carol Rose, OC Lions Club Ben Dawson, OC Elks #2645 Exalted Ruler Susan Caldwell.

Our guest from the Maryland General Assembly Mary Beth Carozza and Senator Jim Mathias made comments on the importance of Memorial Day. They also reiterated how Post #166 never forgets their veterans.

Unit #166 Corresponding Secretary Joann Wengert, placed Yellow Roses on the Memorial Table in honor of Gold Star Mothers. This was followed by Unit #166 members placing Poppies on the Memorial Tray in honor of all who never returned from war.

A Post Everlasting Service was lead by Adjutant Paul Hawkins, who read the names of our members who transferred to Post Everlasting this past legion year. As each name was read, Junior Chaplain of Unit #166, Lindsay Birckhead-Morton tolled the bell. The Poppy Wreath was placed

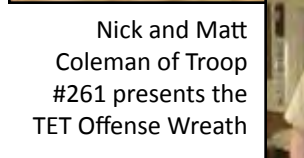
at the Remembrance Wall by Unit #166 Junior President Kendahl Parsons and Cub Scout Gabe Dalfonso of Pack #261. Nick and Matt Coleman of Boy Scout Troop #261 placed the TET Offense Wreath at the Remembrance Wall.

Unit #166 Chaplain Teddi Rozzano gave the Benediction, Post #166 Color Guard fired the Volley Salute, Bugler Johan Nykuist played TAPS and Rosie Garlitz led those in attendance with "God Bless America"

Commander Tom Wengert shares the Memorial Day message of National Commander Charles Schmidt



Presenting the Poppy Wreath Cub Scout Gabe Dalfonso of Pack #261 and Unit #166 Junior President Kendahl Parsons.



Nick and Matt Coleman of Troop #261 presents the TET Offense Wreath



Unit President Marie Gilmore looks on while Juniors Addison & Delaney McDaniel read "In Flanders Field"



Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson offering the Invocation to start the program



Color Guard performs Rifle Volley-Warren Disbrow, Bob Deickman, Earl Hewitt and Glen Reely



MEMBERS OF UNIT 166 Janeen Birkhead-Morton, Kendahl Parsons, Lindsay Birkhead-Morton, Senator Mathias, Addison & Delaney McDaniel, Dept. of Md. Co-Chair Starr Purnell and Rosie Garlitz Unit #166 Jrs. chair.

Adjutant Paul Hawkins and Jr Auxiliary Vice President Lindsay Birkhead-Morton conduct a Post Everlasting service for legion members.



# Synepuxent Post 166, Summer 2017

## MEMORIAL DAY AT MYSTIC HARBOUR

On Saturday May 25th, the Annual Memorial Day Service was held at the Lighthouse next to the entrance of Mystic Harbour. Sarge and Rosie Garlitz were the coordinators of the service. Association President Kelly Quinn thanked those who attended and those who were participating. She was overwhelmed with this dedication.

Synepuxent Unit #166 Chaplain Teddie Rozzino offered the opening prayer and 1st Vice Commander of Post #166 Robert Smith lead with the Pledge of Allegiance. Rosie Garlitz gave Memorial Day comments and read "In Flanders Field".

Comments were made by County Commissioner Bud Church, Delegate Mary Beth Carozza and Senator Jim Mathias. World War II and D-Day survivor John Sauer layed the Memorial

Day Wreath at the Flag Pole Area. The Joint Color Guard fired the Volley Salute and Bugler Johan Nykuist played TAPS. In closing, Rosie Garlitz led the attendees with God Bless America.



Joint Color Guard- Glen Reely (Post #166), Vince Holloway (Post#123), CC Cartwright (Post #123), Earl Hewitt (Post #66) and Bugler Johan Nykuist (Post #166). 1st Vice Commander Robert Smith renders a salute for TAPS.



World War II D-Day Survivor John Sauer presented the Memorial Day Wreath with assistance of Ed Weitzell, Richard Saddler and Frank Foley.

Delegate Mary Beth Carozza commented on the education of Memorial Day.



Senator Jim Mathias spoke on the importance of the remembrance of Memorial Day.



Post #166 1st Vice Commander Robert Smith made his comments and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.



County Commissioner Bud Church shared what Memorial Day means to him and his family.

## MEMORIAL DAY IN BERLIN

The Coolest Small Town in America held its annual Memorial Day Service on Sunday morning May 28th. This was a joint program including the Legion Families of Boggs-Disharoon Post #123 and Duncan-Showell Post #231. The Color Guards and Auxiliaries of both posts participated with the placing of the Memorial Wreaths and the firing of the Volley Salute.

SESD Vice Commander Sarge Garlitz was the MC of this years service. The opening prayer was offered by Reverend Ronald Schatz. Mayor W. Gee Williams welcomed everyone and presented a Memorial Day Proclamation. Unit member #231 Teola Brittingham sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". The Memorial Wreaths were presented by Post #123 Commander Vince Holloway and Worcester County Commander Kenny Morris. The Auxiliary Wreaths were presented by Unit #123 President Nicole House-Blanc House and Past President of Unit #231 Gloria Deshields. A Memorial Day poem was read by Unit #123 Chaplain Toni McAleer. The remembering of the honored dead of WWII, Korean War,



Boggs-Disharoon Post #123 Earl Davis, Captain of the Color Guard escorts (L) Past President of Auxiliary Unit #231 and Unit President Nicole House - Blanc place the Memorial Wreath at the Berlin Flag Area.



Captain Earl Davis of Post #123 Color Guard escorts Post #123 Commander Vince Holloway and Worcester County Commander Kenny Morris as they place the Memorial Wreath at the Berlin Flag Area.

Vietnam, Lebanon Barracks (1983) and the Iraq War were read off by Department of Maryland Executive Committee member Elroy Brittingham and VC Sarge Garlitz. Senator Jim Mathias the Key Note Speaker gave his address followed by Reverend Schatz with the Benediction.

The Color Guard of Post #123 and #231 did the Volley Salute and Bugler John Granite of Post #166 Riders played TAPS. Those in attendance were led by Rosie Garlitz with God Bless America.

# Synepuxent Post 166, Summer 2017

## MEMORIAL DAY ON THE BEACH

Memorial Day on the Beach at the Dunes Manor at 28th Street was the site of the 3rd Annual Memorial Day Service. The program was opened by Sarge Garlitz and Unit #166 Chaplain Teddie Rozzano offered the Invocation. Rosie Garlitz read "In Flanders Field", followed by Commander Tom Wengert of Post #166 who welcomed everyone and shared his thoughts on what Memorial Day meant to him.

Remarks were presented by the Dunes Manor General Manager James Garcula, Delegate Mary Beth Carozza and Senator Jim Mathias.



SAL #166 member Kevin Matthews, Sarge Garlitz, Delegate Mary Beth Carozza, Senator Jim Mathias, SAL #166 Vice Commander Charlie Hergert and Dunes General Manager James Garcula.

Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson offered the Benediction to the close the Service. The Joint Color Guard included Vince Holloway, Blaine Nolan and CC Cartwright(ALR 166) of Boggs – Disharoon Post #123 in Berlin. Representing Post #166 were Glen Reely, Earl Hewitt, Bugler Johan Nykuist and Warren Disbrow. The Color Guard Posted the Colors, gave the Volley Salute and Retired the Colors.

Members of the US Coast Guard Cutter of Ocean City, placed the Memorial Wreath in the Ocean and Bugler Johan Nykuist played TAPS.



Joint Color Guard on the Beach Vince Holloway (123), Blaine Nolan (123), Earl Hewitt (166), Glen Reely(166), CC Cartwright (123), Warren Disbrow (166), and Bugler Johan Nykuist (166).



Rosie Garlitz reads "In Flanders Field" with Chaplain Ben Dawson in the background



(Center) Unit #166 Chaplain Teddie Rozzano offers the invocation with (L) Commander Tom Wengert and (R) Joann Wengert.



## MEMORIAL DAY AT POST #123

Boggs-Disharoon Post #123 in Berlin held their Memorial Day Program on May 29th following the Downtown Service. SESD Vice Commander Sarge Garlitz was the MC for this Annual Program. Unit Chaplain Toni McAleer opened the program with a Memorial Day Prayer. Auxiliary Unit #123 President Nicole House-Blanc and Captain of the Color Guard Earl Davis placed the Auxiliary Wreath at the Memorial. Placing the Post's Wreath were Commander Vince Holloway and WWII US Navy Veteran Bill Simpson. The Color Guard of Post #123 fired the volley salute and John Granite of Post #166's Legion Riders played TAPS.



BJ Jones with his Grandson Shane, Larry "Smitty" Smith, John Granite and CC Cartwright.

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## MEMORIAL DAY AT THE WCVM

On Monday May 29th Synepuxent Post #166 had a major role in the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Service for Memorial Day. The Posting and the Retiring of the Colors was performed by the Worcester County Joint Color Guard. The Guard included the following: Vince Holloway (Post #123), Blaine Nolan (Post #123), Glen Reely (Post #166), Earl Hewitt (Post #166), Bob Deickman (Post #166), Johan Nykuist (Post #166), David Kline (USMC League), SN Darren Fernandez (USCG) and SN Allen Jones (USCG).



Blaine Nolan Post #123 leads the Joint Color Guard to Post Colors

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Jr. Auxiliary Unit #166 included: Delaney McDaniel and Addison McDaniel. The Key-note Speaker was Post



#166 member BMCM Timaree Sparks the USCG Commanding Officer in Charge of the OCMD Station.

Benediction was offered by Post #166 Chaplain Ben Dawson. The Rifle Volley was fired by the Joint Rifle Team and TAPS played by Dick Tanner of the First Detachment Marine Corps League.



Joint Color Guard during the National Anthem



Senator Jim Mathias, BMCM Timaree Sparks with her daughters Teagan & Sadie and Delegate Charles Otto.



## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL 2017



### The 2017 roster is:

Ben Hudson, Shea Griffin, Mel Orf, Bill Sass, Nate Ewell, Gabriel Simpson, Seth Hudson, Seth Konkell, Adam McCulley, Kaleb, Cline, Mason Elzey, Taylor Cox, Jacob Whittington, Hunter White, , Bill Kimbel,

The OC Marlins have started the 2017 Season with a good start. As of June 20th their record was 4-1. By the time you get this message the season will be winding down with the following games remaining:

- 7/5 Wed 7PM Talbot/Caroline @ OC Marlins.....Berlin LL
- 7/6 Thu 6PM OC Marlins @ Dorchester.....Cambridge Park
- 7/10 Mon 6PM OC Marlins @ Wicomico.....Parkville HS
- 7/12 Wed 7PM OC Marlins @ Somerset.....Princess LL

# Synepuxent Post 166, Summer 2017

## SALUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES JUNE 17, 2017

Casino at Ocean Downs on Saturday June 17th was the site of the 6th Annual Salute to our Armed Forces. Another beautiful evening and a very "Sharp Salute" given to a member of Boggs-Disharoon American Legion Post #123. The Blue Angels and the participants of the 2017 Ocean Air Show were in attendance as were several hundred supporters of our Armed Forces to witness William L. Simpson a WWII veteran of the US Navy.



The Colors were posted by a Joint Color Guard: Vince Holloway of Post #123 and Larry Duffy of Post #231 both of Berlin, Md. The other members of the Joint Guard were from Post #166 in OCMD. They were Glen Reely, Earl Hewitt, Robert Brennan and Johan Nykuist. The Color Guard was led to the Winners Circle to Post the Colors by Bill Matargle (bagpipes) and Bob Mengert (snare drum) of the Ocean City Pipes and Drum Corps.

Sarge Garlitz of Post #166 led those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The American Legion Riders of Chapter #166 of OCMD circled the Race Track with the US Flag,



the POW/MIA Flag, the American Legion Flag and the flags of all of our Armed Services.

US Navy Veteran William L. Simpson was escorted to the Winners Circle by Sarge Garlitz of Post #166. There was a Army Helicopter fly over and the Army Special Forces Paratrooper Team jumped with a US Flag being displayed. When the team landed in the infield of the race track they folded the flag and presented it to Mr. Simpson.

Post #166, Post #123 and Post #231 extends a huge thanks to the Casino at Ocean Downs and to Crystal Layton, Director of Management for their support to our Armed Forces and their veterans.



US Navy WWII Veteran 94 year old Bill Simpson taking the Winner Lap.

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## JOHN SAUER FEATURED MEMBER

American Legion member, John Sauer served in the 29th Infantry Division during World War II. He was stationed in England preparing for the D-Day Invasion. On June 6, 1944, John boarded a landing craft and headed for the beach in the third wave. When they got the proper distance from the beach they disembarked into a hail of machine gun fire. John was the only survivor in his landing craft and was able to reach the beach. He observed an army journalist struggling to survive the deep water and was able to rescue him. In doing this he was wounded during the landing on the beach and John was transported to a Hospital Ship for treatment of his wounds.

While recovering, General Eisenhower visited the hospital ship and pinned the Purple Heart Medal on his hospital gown. For his heroism he was also awarded the Bronze Star. After recovering from his wounds, he return to duty with his new unit which was the first to liberate a Jewish Internment Camp. There, he witnessed the horror of the Concentration Camps and the treatment of other humans. John is the only member of Post #166 who survived the D-Day Invasion. A few years ago John was summoned to the French Embassy in Washington DC

and was awarded the French Legion of Honor medal for his participating in the liberation of France in WWII.

Following his military years, John returned to civilian life and became a member if the Baltimore City Fire Department where he served for 29 years. During that period, he risked his life fighting many fires in Baltimore. During his 29 year career of fighting fires in Baltimore, he delivered (7) babies.

John and his wife Joan (now deceased) got married and raised five children in Baltimore. When he retired they moved to Ocean City and later to Mystic Harbour in West Ocean City. He became very active in Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion and joined the Post's Color Guard. He later became Captain of the Col-

or Guard and through his leadership made it an Elite Guard participating in Veteran related activities.

For several years he served as President of the Delaware Purple Heart Association and is also well know for his charitable work in the OC area.

We are honored and proud to have the leadership and service of John Sauer as a member of Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion

***WE SALUTE JOHN SAUER.***



## UNIT #166 AWARDS SDHS US NAVY JR ROTC CADETS



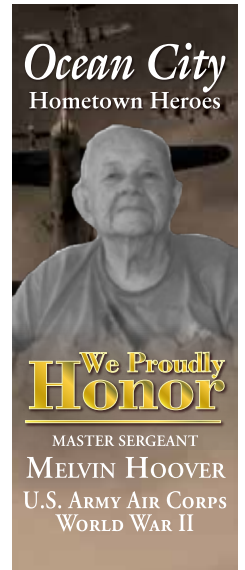
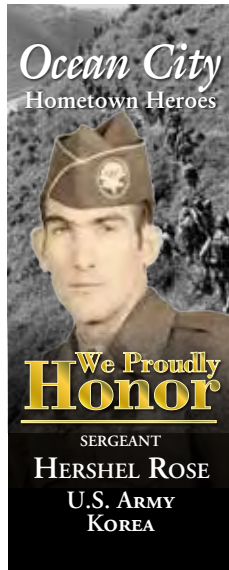
Ensign Cadet Autumn Sapp presents the Silver Academic Medal to Andre Nieto.

Unit #166's National Security Committee Chair Rosie Garlitz provided the Stephen Decatur High School's US NAVY JR ROTC Medals and Ribbons for their 2017 Annual Awards Program. The Gold and Silver Medals provided were for Military and Academic Achievement.



Lt. Cadet Michael Knowles presents the Gold Military Medal to Alex Bean.

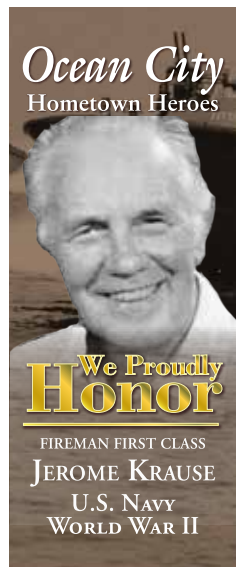
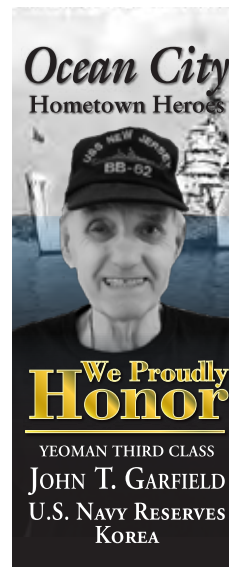
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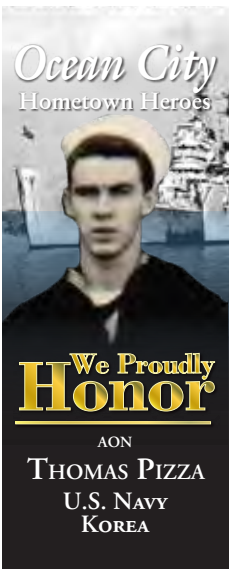
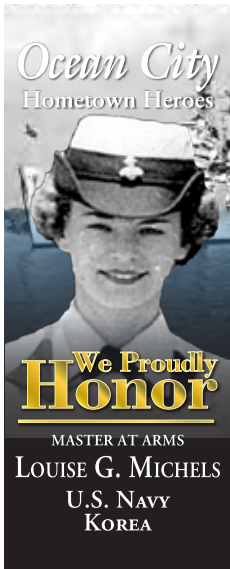
The American Legion Post #166 thanks Elks Lodge Veterans Committee Banner Program Chairman Pat Riordan. Pat had this idea 5 years ago while on vacation in Pemecula, California. He brought it up to the Veterans Committee and was made Chairman of the program. It was presented to membership of Elks Lodge #2645 in June 2013 and the Banners were put in place May of 2014 with 20 Worcester County Active Duty Military personnel. The 2nd year the same number of Banners were placed in 2015. In 2016 there were 20 more Banners added and WWII Veterans were included on them. This year the 4th year there are 40 Banners with Active Duty, WWII and Korean War Veterans.

Many thanks to Pat for keeping this program going. The comments are very favorable and it dresses up the Boardwalk.

— Adjutant Paul Hawkins




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Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



**We Proudly Honor**

SEAMAN FIRST CLASS  
EDWARD WIRKMAN  
U.S. NAVY  
KOREA

Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



**We Proudly Honor**

TORPEDO MATE 3RD CLASS  
ANDREW TRAGESER  
U.S. NAVY  
WORLD WAR II

Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



**We Proudly Honor**

SERGEANT  
HOWARD STEPHENS  
U.S. ARMY  
KOREA

Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



**We Proudly Honor**

CORPORAL  
RONALD SMITH  
U.S.M.C.  
KOREA

Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



**We Proudly Honor**

ELECTRICIANS MATE 3RD CLASS  
WILLIAM SIMPSON  
U.S. NAVY  
WORLD WAR II

Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



**We Proudly Honor**

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
CARMINE AMADORI  
U.S. ARMY  
WORLD WAR II

Ocean City  
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**We Proudly Honor**

CORPORAL  
LEO J. BATEMAN  
U.S. ARMY  
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**We Proudly Honor**

CORPORAL  
WILLIAM BRIDWELL  
U.S. ARMY  
WORLD WAR II  
PURPLE HEART

Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



**We Proudly Honor**

STAFF SERGEANT  
JOSEPH CASEY  
U.S. ARMY  
KOREA

Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



**We Proudly Honor**

AIRMAN  
TROY BOLLINGER  
U.S. AIR FORCE

Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



**We Proudly Honor**

PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS  
RICHARD L. STEPHENS, JR.  
U.S. NAVY

Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



**We Proudly Honor**

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
KYLE AILSTOCK  
U.S.M.C.

Ocean City  
Hometown Heroes



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LIEUTENANT  
MATTHEW MOLLOY  
U.S. NAVY



## AUXILIARY NEWS

### Message from Auxiliary President Marie Gilmore



**Marie Gilmore**

Summer has finally arrived, after a very busy Spring for the Auxiliary. This past April saw the culmination of our Americanism Essay contest. Four schools participated this year. There were nine students, and five first place winners. Our Unit had three winners at District Level as well. A luncheon was provided at our Unit for

students, parents and teachers. The District also provided a luncheon and awards ceremony for the District winners and their parents.

May began with the Auxiliary, aided by our Legion Family, manning a beer truck at Springfest in OC. The weather could have been a lot better, but all in all, those who worked the event enjoyed their time there and we raised some funds to put toward our veterans support efforts. Our Units Americanism program continued in May with a visit to Berlin Intermediate School to teach flag education. Americanism Chair, Eileen Salafia also joined the flag history team at the Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines, where she assisted in teaching all the Worcester County 5th graders. May continued with a very successful fundraiser, a Bingo luncheon. This event will provide the funding needed to support our annual Christmas party for the clients at Worcester County Developmental Center and will give us the necessary funds to support the Legion's Packages for the Troops program in December.

Many thanks to co-chairs Dottie Thomas and Laurie Newton and their team of volunteers for planning so successful an event. May ended with our Auxiliary members, along with the Legion family, attending several Memorial Day ceremonies in our area. We are most proud of our Junior Auxiliary members who took part in the ceremonies held at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial and at the Post 166 Memorial Day ceremony. They made us proud at each event.

June, July and August will be very busy this year for the Legion family as we all take turns working the Boardwalk Raffle booth selling tickets to win a new 2017 Jeep. We need everyone in the Auxiliary, who is able, to pitch in and take a shift working this booth. It is actually a lot of fun to talk with many visitors to OC and observe the many characters who visit our town each year. Please let Tina Preziotti or Chris Hawkins know if you are available to work a shift. June 20 will be a special meeting at which we will honor the memories of several members who have recently passed on. We will also install our new Officers for the 2017/2018 year. And, of course, July is Convention month! Members of the Auxiliary will be attending the annual Department of Maryland Convention in OC, July 12-14. Our regular meetings will resume September 19, at 7 PM.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer.  
**President**

### AUXILIARY DUES ARE DUE

The renewal dues for Unit #166 Auxiliary are due when you read this. The 2017-2018 Auxiliary Legion year starts the same as the Post, July 1st. The dues for the Auxiliary \$25.00 and for Junior Members (under 18) is \$5.00.

Please send your check to ALA Unit #166 PO Box 3024 Ocean City, Md. 21843. If there are any questions please contact 1st Vice President and Chair of the Membership Committee Tina Preziotti at 301-6439447 or email at [tinaauxunit166@aol.com](mailto:tinaauxunit166@aol.com)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

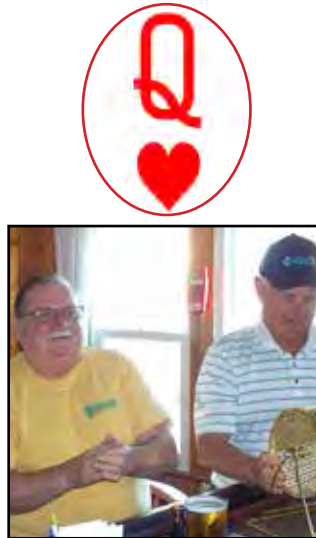
**HELP WANTED-TEAM PLAYERS**  
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED-WILL TRAIN  
GREAT BENEFITS-SELF SATISFACTION  
GREAT ENVIRONMENT-BOARDWALK  
**PARKING IS ARRANGED**

Help is needed to sell tickets for our Boardwalk Jeep raffle. Please contact:

**Tina Preziotti 301-643-9447**  
**Paul Hawkins 443-523-2973**



Rosie and Sheree (bartender) sing the 1980's Hit by Juice Newton, The Queen of Hearts. Every week it is a very popular time that is a few minutes before the drawing.



Queen of Hearts Chairman Jack Hyle and ticket seller Buddy Jones preparing for the June 11th drawing.



The regular Sunday gang is at the Post awaiting the Queen of Hearts Raffle Drawing: Kate Gray in front. Left Poppy Granite, John Granite, John John (Poppy's Brother), George Barstis, Lois Barstis, and Rose Felty.



Stan Betz of South Western Pa. is congratulated by Chairman Hyle for winning \$100.00 in the June 11th Drawing.

## DO NOT MISS OUT ON THE QUEEN OF HEARTS

The Queen of Hearts Raffle is a year old and is very popular. In fact, on Sundays, if you are not at the Post for the weekly drawing at 1630hrs, you are missing something. Rosie Garlitz leads everyone with the song of a 1980's hit by Juice Newton, "Queen of Hearts" at 1625hrs. If you have not heard this song, Google it and the chances of you remembering it are high.

Chairman Jack Hyle with Rosie Garlitz are taking the lead with ticket sales. Buddy Jones and Matt Newberger are helping with the selling of tickets when available and many thanks. More help is needed at peak times when the Post is packed. Please check with Jack or Rosie so they can schedule you. The week of July 8th - 15th is the 99th American Legion Department Convention in OC. Tickets Sellers are needed during the day time and in the evenings. Please give the Queen Raffle some time. Bettcha you will enjoy it.

The Raffle as of this writing is in its 15th week and the prize is up to \$5500.00. The previous 14 week winners were: Scott Oncutt (#4) \$50.00, Doug Olson (#45) \$100.00, Chuck Dant (#28) \$50.00, Joe Unenlia (#26) \$100.00, Gwyn Braectlein (#7) \$50.00, Janet Larson (#11) \$50.00, Gail Schuler (#21) \$50.00, Jim Frost (#160) \$100.00, Chris Bebee (#54) \$100.00, Gary Rantz (#18) \$50.00, Pam Flynn (#23) \$250.00, Evette Tull (#36) \$100.00, Dan Reilly (#27) \$100.00, and Stan Beck (#32) \$100.00.



**Queen of Hearts**

**RAFFLE**

**The drawing is every Sunday at 4:30PM. If you want info on this stop in the Post any day after 11:00AM. Do not call the Post regarding this, please stop in.**

## AUXILIARY NEWS - JUNIORS

### JUNIORS STILL "ROCKING"

Juniors will soon have the summer to relax and enjoy themselves more. Their year culminated with the Annual Jr. Meeting in Frederick, Md. at Francis Scott Key Post #11. All active Juniors were in attendance.

The Annual Meeting brought our Juniors together to meet and compete with other Juniors throughout the state. Two of our hard working Jrs. are now Department Officers. Lindsay Birckhead-Morton holds the position of Honorary Jr. President and Kendahl Parsons is the Honorary Vice President. Our youngest Jr. members, Addison and Delaney McDaniel served as Pages at the event.

All of their hard work paid off during the presentation of awards. The Oral Report of Unit 166 activities for the year was composed and read by Lindsay Birckhead-Morton and won 1st Place. Other awards are as follows:

**AMERICANISM—1ST Place**

**CHAPLAIN----1ST Place**

**CHILDREN & YOUTH----2ND Place**

**POPPIES----1ST Place**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE---1ST Place**

**NATIONAL SECURITY----1ST Place**

**VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHAB----1ST Place**

The Coveted Greenbelt Trophy for all around activities went to the JRs. of Unit 166.

Congratulations are in order to these girls and their families for the dedication and support that was shown. It is so enjoyable to work with a positive setting making our Juniors Program this successful.

Memorial Day has come and gone with an instilled Patriotism in our Juniors. At the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Ceremony, Jrs. Addison and Delaney McDaniel led the attendees with the



The Junior Honorary Officers for the Department of Maryland Sgt-at-Arms Laura Eastman (Unit 29), Vice Present Kendahl Parsons (Unit 166), President Lindsay Birckhead-Morton (Unit 166), Chaplain Haley Carpenter (Unit 29) and Historian Kaori Forsythe (Unit 195).

**16 Email: [alpost166@comcast.net](mailto:alpost166@comcast.net)**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and offered Poppies through out the program.

The Memorial Day Program at Post #166 had 100% participation of the Jrs.. Addison and Delaney McDaniel recited Flanders Field. Participating in the Post Everlasting Service was Lindsay Birckhead-Morton, tolling the bell after each name of departed Post #166 members were read by Post Adjutant Paul Hawkins. Following the Post Everlasting Service, Jrs. President Kendahl Parsons and Cub Scout Gabe Dalfonso presented the Poppy Wreath at the Remembrance Wall.

The Juniors of Unit 166 wish all of our members a safe and joyful summer.

*Rosie Garlitz,*

Jr. Advisor



The number 1 Junior Auxiliary Unit in the Department of Maryland- Junior Advisor of Unit 166 Rosie Garlitz, Historian Addison McDaniel, Sgt-at-Arms Delaney McDaniel, President Kendahl Parsons and Vice President/Chaplain Lindsay Birckhead-Morton.

### UNIT 166 BINGO LUNCHEON A HUGE SUCCESS

On May 20th, Auxiliary members and guest gathered at Post #166 for a super Bingo Luncheon. Co-Chairs, Dottie Thomas and Laurie Newton worked diligently weeks prior selling tickets, gathering raffle prizes, coordinating the menu and getting the sponsors for this bingo event.

All comments were highly positive and many thanks to those who worked and supported this fundraiser: Dottie Thomas, Laurie Newton, Cat Tratner, President Marie Gilmore, Lois Barstis, Nancy Howard, Rosie Garlitz, Teddie Rozzano, Chris Hawkins, Tina Preziotti, Rose Felty, Emilie Beall, Junior members Delaney and Addison McDaniel. A special thanks to Bingo Caller Bob Gilmore and Paul Hawkins the floor worker. A team work effort was put forth and this fundraiser showed a profit of \$3,321.00 for Unit 166 charity's and programs

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

**Synepuxent Post 166, Summer 2017**  
**American Legion Auxiliary • Department of Maryland, Inc.**  
**2016-2017: Junior Member of the Year**

*Lindsay Birckhead-Morton*

Lindsay is 13 years old and has been an extremely active member of Synepuxent Unit #166 in Ocean City, MD since 2015, joining under the eligibility of her mother.

Lindsay is currently the Honorary Junior President for the Department of Maryland, Vice President and Chaplain of the Juniors in her local Unit #166.

Some of Lindsay's many accomplishments this year has been achieving 1st Place on the Unit and District levels in the Americanism Essay Contest. She participated in the Armed Forces Day program at Post 166 where she proudly spoke about her mother, Colonel Janeen Birckhead. Lindsay has participated in our Annual Flag disposal ceremony held at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial and has been instructed on proper flag etiquette and folding of the flag.

Lindsay participated in our Annual Worcester County Developmental Center Christmas Party for the Mentally Challenged by dressing as an elf and distributed candy canes and gift cards to the attendees.

During the Department Junior Fall Conference & Leadership Workshop Lindsay assisted with rolling up donated pajama's for the Casey Cares Foundation and donated over 45 pounds of can flip tops for the Metals for Miracles Junior project. Lindsay helped raise funds for the Junior Project, Kinera Foundation. She participated in SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) In her community helping others remain at the forefront. Lindsay won the Fair Housing Poster Contest on the Local and State levels. She participates in the Relay for Life Cancer Walk and has been since 1st grade through the American Cancer Society. Lindsay rings the bell for the Salvation Army, volunteers at her local food bank and assist with fundraisers for the needy and homeless. Lindsay participated in the First Responders Annual Awards Program and presented the award to the Paramedic of the Year. She participated in the 4 Chaplain Service and offers prayers at all Junior Meetings.

Lindsay works to help active duty service members by clipping coupons, making cards and packing boxes for over 100 active duty service men and women. Veterans are at the top of



Lindsay Birckhead-Morton

Lindsay's list. She has decorated over 200 bottles with special messages enclosed for Veterans in V.A. Clinics and Hospitals in Maryland, collected feminine hygiene items for homeless and female Veterans.

Lindsay has assisted in many Unit fundraisers and distributed Poppies at several Post events. She has participated and entered in the Poppy Poster Contest for the last 2 years. Lindsay has been a Ben Carson Scholarship Winner for the last 4 years, is a Worcester County Science and Technology Fair Blue Ribbon winner each year since 1st grade. Lindsay is 1 of 20 students chosen to attend the Worcester County STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Camp.

Effort and Efficiency through priorities and dedication best describes Lindsay Birckhead-Morton.

Submitted by  
Unit #166 Junior Activities Advisor:  
Rosie Garlitz



Rosie Garlitz, Advisor for Unit #166 Juniors, presents Lindsay the Junior Unit #166 Auxiliary Member of the year for 2016-2017.

## Synepuxent Post 166, Summer 2017

### BOY SCOUT TROOP #261 COURT OF HONOR

On June 3rd Boy Scout Troop #261 held its Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jackson Welch Pielstick. The opening Ceremony and the Presentation of the Colors were done by Senior Patrol Leader Gabe Bradley and members of Troop #261. Chaplain's Aid Matt Coleman offered the Invocation and Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster Michaelson Capuano welcomed the attendees of this event.

Troop Guide Ben Pielstick and the Scouts of Troop #261 offered The Eagle Trail that Eagle Scout Jackson took to make Eagle. Chairman of Advancement Joerg Leinemann explained the Obligation of an Eagle Scout. The Lighting of the Eagle Candles/Eagle Requirements were accomplished and explained by Asst. Scoutmaster Shaun McKenzie, Senior Patrol Leader Gabe Bradley and Asst. Senior Patrol Leader Kurt Leinemann.

Asst. Scoutmaster Joe Coleman gave the Board of Review Report and the Eagle Scout Charge



Commander Tom Wengert, Eagle Scout Jackson W. Pielstick and SESD Vice Commander Sarge Garlitz congratulating Jackson for his achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout for Troop #261.

and Promise was explained by Joerg Leinemann. Scout Master Kenny Nichols and Senior Patrol Leader Gabe Bradley presented Jackson Welch Pielstick his Eagle Scout Pins and the Eagle Neckerchief.

Citations were presented to Eagle Scout Jackson W. Pielstick as follows: Staff member Bill Reddish present-

ed a Congressional Citation from Congressman Andy Harris and also from Mayor of Berlin Gee Williams who could not attend. From the General Assembly Delegate Mary Beth Carrazo presented the House of Delegates Citation and Senator Jim Mathias present the Senate Citation. Jointly Delegate Carozzo and Senator Mathias presented a State of Maryland Citation from Governor Larry Hogan.

Post #166 Commander Tom Wengert gave his remarks of the Troop #261 Boys Scout Program and remarks to Eagle Scout Jackson. They were followed by Chaplains Aid Matt Coleman who concluded the Court of Honor with the closing prayer.

### AUXILIARY HOLDS INSTALLATION & MEMORIAL

On Tuesday June 20th, Unit #166 held a Memorial Service for members who passed away this past year. A candle was lit for the following: Eileen Cox, Vera Crotsley, Rebecca Frater, Ellie Hewitt, Mary Lockerbie, Barbara Nevin, Helen Sangermano, Jean Reely and Evelyn Westfall. A special candle was lit for Joyce Lucas the Presiding President of Duncan Showell Unit #231 who also passed away. Unit Chaplain Teddie Rozanno sang Amazing Grace and Legion Member Bob Gilmore played TAPS.

Following the Memorial Service SESD President Patsy Creighton installed the following Unit's Officers: President Marie Gilmore, 1st Vice President Tina Preziotti, 2nd Vice President Barbara Plotner, Recording Secretary Emily Nock, Treasurer Lois Barstis, Chaplain Teddie Rozzano, Historian Gail Schuler, Color Bearer Rosie Garlitz, Sgt-at-Arms Jeanette Deskiewicz and the Executive Committee; Deborah Stanley-Maphis and Rose Felty.

President Marie Gilmore received a Past President's pin for the 2016-2017 year as did Juniors



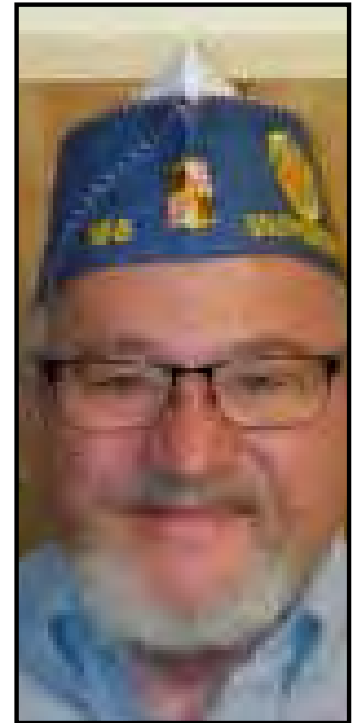
President Kendahl Parsons, who was not present but by communicated via FACE/TIME. Rosie Garlitz, Jr. advisor presented the Unit Jr. Auxiliary member of the Year to Lindsay Birkhead-Morton. Lindsay also received the Hope, Faith and Love necklace for collecting the most Flip Top Metals for recycling. Lindsay and Kendahl received Certificates of Appreciation for attending the Jr. Conference. Certificates of Appreciation for Advancing the Programs of the Auxiliary were presented to Delaney and Addison McDaniel.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



“PENNY” NEW DISTRICT COMMANDER FOR THE SESD.

Richard Pennington was elected Commander of the South Eastern Shore District for the Sons of the American Legion Year of 2017-2018. He has been a member of Synepuxent Squadron #166 for 14 years. He served as Chaplain (1 Term), Adjutant (4 Terms) and 1st Vice Commander (1 Term). In the SESD he served as Adjutant for 2 Terms and this past year was 1st Vice Commander.



SAL OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018

- Commander.....Joseph Verdura
- Vice Commander.....Charlie Herbert
- Adjutant.....Charlie Mann
- Finance Officer.....Ray Kudobeck
- Chaplain.....Tom Wengert
- Historian.....Ben Nilsson
- Sgt at Arms.....George Pickrell

Synepuxent Squadron #166

Jeep

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**TICKET DEAL:** \$1.00 Each • 8 for \$5.00 • 20 for \$10.00  
DRAWING AT 2017 SUNFEST SEPTEMBER 24TH

Jeep

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



### **GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEET IN OCEAN CITY**

The weekend of April 21, members of Gold Star Families attended a 2 ½ day Retreat here in Ocean City. The sponsor of this no charge retreat was the Michael Strange Foundation Inc. This Foundation was formed by Charles Strange, the father of US Navy Seal Michael Strange who was KIA in Afghanistan August 6, 2011. This years Retreat had 50 Gold Star Family members in attendance. They were seeking comfort and grief counseling for the healing process and professional grief counselors were available.

A joint team of Synepuxent Post #166, Chapter #1091 of the OCMD Vietnam Veterans of America and the OC Elks Lodge sponsored dinner for the group. The dinner was held at the Elks Lodge and was paid for by the VVA #1091.

On April 22nd members of Chapter #166 American Legion Riders with the Ocean City Police Department and the Ocean City Fire Department provided an escort from 92nd Street to the OC Elks Lodge. While in route to the Elks, the convoy made a stop on the Bay at 130th Street to have a Memorial Service. At the conclusion of the service, wreaths were placed in the bay in honor/memory of the loved ones lost, followed by TAPS.

Thanks to Charlie Herbert a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks, a member of Squadron #166 Sons of the American Legion and Chapter #166 American Legion Riders who organized the escort for the families. The Riders escort also included Bo Spicer, Kim Herbert and George Pickeral. **OUTSTANDING**



Charlie Strange the founder of the Michael Strange Foundation for Gold Star Families leads the Memorial Service at the Bay on 130th Street. Here Janice Chance, President of Maryland's Gold Star Chapter prepares to place a wreath in the bay in honor of her son Captain Jesse Melton III USMC. Capt. Melton III was KIA on September 9, 2008 during Operation Enduring Freedom.



### **2017-2018 LEGION YEAR TO BEGIN JULY 1ST**

Anytime after July 1st your membership renewal will be in the mail. The way this works is from now until October you will be considered an Early Bird. Now, who wants to be an Early Bird? The answer to that is, you want to be an Early Bird. Why do you want to be an Early Bird? Because you want to help your American Legion and one of the huge keys to a successful Post is membership. The quote of the day, "the check is in the mail".

The breakdown is this: American Legion Dues is \$35.00 and the Sons of the American Legion is \$25.00. Send your check to PO Box 63 Ocean City, Md. 21843. Your immediate attention to this membership renewal is very appreciative. If there are any questions regarding your membership or you want to sign up a friend call Adjutant Paul Hawkins at 443-523-2973. Thanks

## LEGION RIDERS NEWS & ACTIVITIES

### Hello again from your American Legion Riders of Post #166.

Well the rain finally caught us during Spring Bike Week, Camp Alamo was up but no one came to town so we missed our 1st ever Poker Run. This did not stop us from carrying on many activities to support our Post, Community and Veterans.

Thank you to Commander Wengert for playing Easter Bunny on a hot day as our riders delivered Easter baskets to 3 young daughters of a struggling Veteran. They also received a Easter outfit and Easter dinner.



American Legion Riders Post #166 remembered our Veterans with the Easter Bunny with Bunny (Commander Tom Wengert weathering the heat help deliver Easter dinner, baskets of clothing, shoes, and some candy were greatly appreciated. A big thank you to our Riders, Commander Wengert, Bonnie Hansen, Pamela Moltumyr-Flynn, Mary Daley Greenwood, Ed Hansen, and Russell Slaton (Buster). And all our riders that remember our veterans, some not having as much as others.

It was a double duty day as American Legion Riders escorted buses of Gold Star Mothers thru Ocean City while several of us attended the South Eastern Shore District Reception in Sharptown. Way to go Riders.

Riders were also privileged to assist in Escort of Wounded Warrior buses from Vienna to Ocean City.

Riders attended 4 services honoring our fallen troops on Memorial Day to include our "Rolling Thunder" to the Worcestor County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines.

Thank you to Rider Bryan Adams, our youngest deployed veteran for his heart felt speech at the Memorial Service at Post#166. It deserved the standing ovation he received.

Riders hosted lunch and made a donation to the Legacy Run with approximately 60 Riders traveling across the State raising money for Scholarships for Fallen Troops.

Ask Steward Ed Hansen how many steps it is to the sub shop. Thank you Ed for making it come together as we were only expecting 45 Riders.



Riders getting ready to seat up

Riders along with all Branches of the Legion attended a fund raiser for the Fraternal Order of Police at Millville Fire Station. Monies raised goes for Scholarships for children of fallen Police Officers. Privileged to support our Police and Public Safety officers.

We will be doing our Ring of Flags at the Casino at Ocean Downs on June 17th. All branches of the service along with American, POW and Legion Riders Flag will be displayed as the Riders circle the track before the presentation by Sgt Garlitz and a Air Show Pilot of an American Flag to a WWII veteran.

Remember the Riders are Raffling off 2 nice guns again and get your tickets for the Jeep being raffled by our Ladies Auxiliary.

Riders Annual Crab feast with chicken and corn is on Thursday, July 13th from 4-7. Tickets are \$32.00. Get them at the Post, it is a sellout every year.

Once again I would like to thank my officers and all the Riders that made these events happen in my absence.

Till next issue, Be safe, God Bless Our Troops and Veterans, and God Bless America.

*Russell "Buster" Slaton*  
Director



Marine Veteran and Legion Rider Chapter #166 Director Russell "Buster" Slaton

Bryan Adams shares his active duty experience with attendees

## LEGION RIDERS NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Rider CC Cartwright of Post #123 showing his Coastie Flag.



Rider Bo Spicer of Post #166 showing the USAF Flag.



### Legacy Scholarship Ride

This years Legacy Scholarship ride of 58 stopped at Post #166 as they said we treated them so well last year.. Riders provided lunch and drinks and an hour to cool off. This ride covers the state and raises monies for children of Fallen Troops. Commander Tom Wengert presented the Riders check of \$250.00 and thanked them for their efforts in this event. Thank you Riders Mina and Ron Engle, Mary and Billy Greenwood Bonnie and Ed Hansen, Lois Barstis, Buster Slaton and Tom Wengert for helping serve our fellow Riders for a great cause.



SAL Past National Commander Joe Gladden who was the Director of the 2017 Legacy Run presented Chapter #166 ALR Buster Slaton and Post \$166 Commander Tom Wengert Certificates of Appreciation for this years run.

**WELCOME HOME PFC BARRY BERGER**

On Thursday March 30th at City Hall in Ocean City, US Army Ranger PFC Barry Berger was "WELCOMED HOME". PFC Berger was the only resident of OC to be KIA during the Vietnam War.

Barry's parents were Albert and Bea Berger of OC. They were a huge part of the business community. The Ocean City Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1955 under Mr. Berger's leadership. He was involved in the OC Volunteer Fire Co., the Ocean City Lions Club, The Beth Israel Synagogue and as a WWII Veteran served as Commander of Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion in 1967.

Chapter #1091 Vietnam Veterans of America erected a Plaque and placed a Bench at the Memorial Area of City Hall. Bob Gilmore of the VVA #1091 took the lead on acquiring the Plaque and the Bench for this project.

The program was opened by President Nelson Kelly followed by prayers from Rabbi Susan Warsaw of the OC Synagogue and the VVA Chaplain Sarge Garlitz. Commander Tom Wengert of Synepuxent Post #166 American Legion led

in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Kelly introduced the family of PFC Berger and his nephew Michael Berger spoke thanking Ocean City for not forgetting Barry. President Kelly thanked Bill Gibbs a classmate of Barry's for his involvement with the funding of this project. The Delmarva Chorus provided patriotic music for the event.

Gold Star Mothers Chapter of Maryland President Janice Chance, OC Mayor Rick Meehan

and Classmate Bill Gibbs shared their comments with those in attendance. Sgt-at-Arms of the VVA gave the history of the WWII Plaque that has been displayed in the Memorial Area. The names of those lost were read and a moment was taken.

VVA Bob Gilmore unveiled the Plaque that was draped with the KIA Flag which he presented to Barry's family. He then read the inscription on the Plaque which was followed by TAPS from Post #166's Honor Guard Bugler. The event ended with Unit #166's Past President Rosie Garlitz leading God Bless America. "WELCOME HOME BARRY",



President Nelson Kelly, Director Charles "Spaz" Spaziani, Chaplain Sarge Garlitz and Sgt-at-Arms Jack Hyle of Chapter #1091 Vietnam Veterans of America of OCMD are erecting the Barry Berger Plaque.



The Barry Berger Plaque erected at City Hall



The Bench made from same type of Granite that the Vietnam Wall is made of

# Synepuxent Post 166, Summer 2017

## POST EVERLASTING REPORT

Post Everlasting Service for Steven Ingwerson at Post #166 on Wednesday July 19th at 1400Hrs

**The following members transferred to Post Everlasting since July 1, 2016.**

George F. Mangan Jr.  
Arthur E. Palmer  
Orbin Gray  
Joseph J. Curran  
Allan Durrow  
John Garrett

Charles H. Brinkman III  
Robert J. Nealon Sr.  
Charles Ludwig Sachs  
Harold Whitlock Sr.  
Edward "Pete" Peterson  
Frank Billings

Julian B. Williams Jr.  
Joseph C. Sangermano  
Charles Rummel  
Richard F. Meehan  
Paul Yates  
Steven Ingwersen



Past Commander Charles L. Rummel born September 28, 1927 Transferred to Post Everlasting on April 28, 2017. He was Commander of Synepuxent Post #166 in 1989, 2000, 2001, 2002. He served in the US Coast Guard during WWII and the US Navy in the Korean Conflict. Past Commander Rummel was a dedicated Boy Scout and served as a Scout for over 75 Years.

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1st Vice Commander	Bob Smith	(443) 614-2503	rls.terps22@gmail.com
2nd Vice Commander	Bo Spicer	(410) 422-9447	gspicer8805@comcast.net
Adjutant	Paul Hawkins	(443) 523-2973	ocpaul@hotmail.com
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Treasurer	Joe Salafia	(443) 614-0960	jnesalafia@verizon.net
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Chaplain	Ben Dawson	(410) 603-2205	bendawson@beachin.net
Sgt-at-Arms	Glen Reely	(443) 783-0489	glenreely@gmail.com

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Nelson Kelly	302-236-4171	nelsonkelly11@comcast.net
Sarge Garlitz	443-735-1942	firstsgt166@msn.com

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT**

We are closing our membership year with 873 members and that makes us 75 members short of our goal of 898. Renewals for 2017-2018 will be processed after the Maryland Legion Convention which ends on July 14th.



Paul Hawkins

You can renew on line at legion.org by clicking on renew membership, enter your last name and Legion ID number and make your payment of \$35.00. Since we ran behind last years Goal we are pushing for Early Birds for the upcoming Legion Year. Please contact me or 1st Vice Commander Robert Smith if you know an active duty member we can sign up. We want active duty members.

The American Legion thanks Elks Lodge Veterans Committee and Pat Riordan the Chairman of the Boardwalk Banner Project. This is the third year for the Hometown Heroes Project with banners of local WWII and Korean War Veterans.

Our membership meetings are held at the

Post on the 4th Monday of every month. The next meeting will be July 24th. At 6:00PM we have a social setting with lite fare with \$1.00 beers. At 6:30PM we have a guest speaker and the General Membership meeting begins at 7:00PM.

Hope to see you at our next meeting and bring a guest with you, he/she might want to join. Sincerely,

**Paul Hawkins**  
Post Adjutant

**BINGO IS THE GAME**  
**WHEN & WHERE** - Thursdays @ Post #166  
 American Legion  
**TIMES** - Doors open 4:30PM  
 Kitchen opens 5:15PM (specials)  
**CARDS & GAMES:** 5:30PM until 6:30PM  
 Bingo Starts 6:30PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEED TO HELP  
 WITH TICKET LINE, KITCHEN  
 HELP & WORK THE FLOOR**

**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

Well Comrades, by the time you read this we will be in the Summer season. Seems to me it was just Spring. Also seems like the older I get, the faster time flies. Not quite ready to usher in the Fall without taking a bit of time to enjoy those warm Summer days with family at home and friends on the golf course. We have had plenty to do at the Post these past three months with much still to be done. Memorial Day saw the post participate in several celebrations around the area. One of my favorite times of the year. A time when we can come together and recognize those that gave all to secure the freedoms we so much enjoy today and a time to remind ourselves that we also con-

tributed to what America is and stands for. On a sad note, we saw several of our comrades transferred to Post Everlasting. Julian B. Willams Jr., Frank Billings, Paul Yates and Charles L. Rummel. Please continue to lift up their family members in your prayers. I would appreciate if you would let me know of a member who is on sick call so I can get a card and a call out. My telephone number is 410-603-2205 and e-mail bendawson@beach-in.net. It's always a pleasure seeing you at the post, especially at our meetings. I hope that your summer is filled with blessings and good health.

Regards and God Bless,

— Ben

**POST NEWS**

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION TENTATIVE TIMELINE**

**The American Legion  
Department of Maryland, Inc.**

**JULY 11-14, 2017**

**CONVENTION CENTER, OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND**

Maryland Presiding Officer, Patricia A. McCoy, Department Commander

**MONDAY JULY 10**

7:30AM Convention Center Set up; Volunteers always accepted 4:00 PM Southern Maryland District Fish Fry (North Parking Lot of Convention Center) (All welcome; donations appreciated)

**TUESDAY, JULY 11**

\*\*\*\*7:30 AM Registration - Convention Hall – Room 210, 2nd Floor

\*\*\*\*8:00 AM **Legion College** – Bayfront Ballroom, 2nd Floor 9:00 AM Legion College – Classes Located as Posted 1:00 PM

Marketing and Network Class – Room 215, 2nd Floor Chaplain Course – Room 217, 2nd Floor

\*\*\*\*6:30 PM Joint Reception for Opening Session

*(Light fare; All are invited) (Sponsored by Diamond Games)*

\*\*\*\*8:00 PM **Pre-Convention Joint Session by the Convention Corporation**, The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, Eight & Forty, Sons of The American Legion – Bayfront Ballroom, 2nd Floor Call to Order, Colors, Invocation Introduction of Distinguished Guests Principal Address Benediction – Colors

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**

7:30 AM Registration - Convention Hall – 2nd Floor

\*\*\*\*8:00 AM **Business Session, Bayfront Ballroom**, 2nd Floor Call to Order, Invocation, Advancement of Colors, Roll Call Membership Awards National Staff Introductions Veteran Employment Community Services Programs Rules Committee Report Expression of Appreciation Mayor Richard W. Meehan Secretary, Maryland Dept. of Veterans Affairs Historian Report SAL report VSO reports After Session Past Department Commander's Luncheon *(Invited Guests)*

\*\*\*\*8:00 PM **Post Everlasting Ceremony** – Bayfront Ballroom, 2nd Floor

**THURSDAY, JULY 13**

7:30 AM Registration - Convention Hall – 2nd Floor

\*\*\*\*8:00 AM **Business Session**, Bayfront Ballroom, 2nd Floor Call to Order, Invocation, Advancement of Colors, Roll Call

Time and Place Report

Resolutions

Children and Youth Report

Americanism Report

Officers Reports

NAT'L SEC Report

VA & R Presentation

Rehabilitation Foundation After Session • Rehabilitation Luncheon *(Invited Guests)*

\*\*\*8:00 PM **Post Everlasting Ceremony** \*\*\*

**FRIDAY, JULY 14**

7:30 AM Registration - Convention Hall – Room 210, 2nd Floor

\*\*\*\* 8:00 AM **Business Session**, Bayfront Ballroom, 2nd Floor Call to Order, Invocation, Advancement of Colors, Roll Call Session,

Colors Introduction of newly elected Officers of The American Legion Auxiliary Election of Officers

Installment of newly elected Officers After Session First meeting of new Department Executive Committee

Rehabilitation Foundation

After Session Rehabilitation Luncheon *(Invited Guests)*

**Donations  
Appreciated!**

**All  
Welcome!**



# Quarterly Calendar SUMMER 2017

## JULY

Date	Event
3rd	1800hrs VVA Meeting
4th	Independence Day
10th	NO SAL MEETING
10th	0730hrs Convention Center Loading Dock. Volunteers needed to unload trucks
10th	1600hrs Southern Md. District Fish Fry Convention Center all family members of Legion welcome <b>No charge</b>
11th	0800hrs American Legion College Convention Center
11th	1300hrs VVA #1091 Hot Dog Day at the Post
11th	1830hrs Convention Reception all welcome <b>No charge</b>
12th thru 14th	Legion and Auxiliary Convention
12th	2000hrs Post Everlasting Convention Center
13th	1600hrs - 1900hrs Legion Rider #166 Crab Feast <b>SOLD OUT!</b>
17th	1800hrs Executive Committee Meeting
18th	NO AUXILIARY MEETING
24th	1800hr Members Meals 1830hrs Speaker 1900hrs Membership Meeting
25th	1900HRS Legion Riders meeting

## AUG

Date	Event
4th	USCG Established
7th	1800hrs VVA meeting
14th	NO SAL MEETING
21st	1800hrs Executive Meeting
22nd	NO AUXILIARY MEETING
28th	1800hrs Members Meals 1830 Speaker 1900hrs Membership Meeting
29th	1900hrs Legion Riders Meeting



## SEPT

Date	Event
4th	Labor Day 1800hrs VVA Meeting
11th	1900hrs SAL Meeting
18th	1800hrs Legion Executive Meeting
19th	1900hrs Auxiliary Meeting
25th	1800hrs Legion Members Meals 1830hrs Speaker 1900hrs Meeting
26th	1900hrs Legion Riders Meeting Membership Meeting





**American Legion Riders Post #166**

**2017 SHOTGUN AND RIFLE RAFFLE**

Mossburn Silver Reserve II 12 Gauge, Over/Under Shotgun



Weatherby Vanguard Synthetic Stainless 30-06 Rifle with Nikon 3x9 Scope



**Get yours before it is sold out!**

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS • Post #166 • Ocean City, MD  
Drawing Date: February 4th, 2018  
Super Bowl Sunday at the Legion  
**Tickets only \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00!**  
Proceeds benefit various Veterans/Military Programs and Local Charities.  
Must be able to pass Maryland State Police or Residence's Police Background Check.  
Need not be present to win.

**Winner Gets Chance To Win Both!**







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to the Internet there are some places  
you may want to visit:**

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

### PHONE NUMBERS IMPORTANT TO VETERANS:

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

### ATTENTION ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS

Post #166 is proud and honored to have you as a member of our Legion Family. Many of you have been a member for several years. We send packages to those of you which have a current address on file.

At times our communications to your address on file is returned. Please get back at us so we can update our records.

Email us: [alpost166@comcast.net](mailto:alpost166@comcast.net)

#### RENEW MEMBERSHIPS

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

**ALL Active Duty Members should submit their 8"x10" Photos to American Legion Post 166, P.O. Box 63, Ocean City, MD 21843 to replace the current Active Wall at Post 166.**

Contact Sarge Garlitz  
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