



# Synepuxent Observer

Fall 2005  
Ocean City, Maryland

## Commander's Message

Dear American Legion Members,  
Reflecting on the recent history of our Post, one could claim that we are moving in a positive direction. We now have a Web Page, (alpost166.org.) ; we have brought in Keno/Lotto ; we have replaced and or improved many of the operating systems, and we are constantly looking for ways to

make our Post as comfortable and friendly as possible for our members and their guests to enjoy. As always, all of the above could not have been possible without the help of those certain individuals.

As we move forward, there is much work to be done, and our Post can only continue to improve with your help and ideas. I ask you to please consider

contacting any of our officers , and ask how you can help.

Bonnie and I hope everyone had a nice summer, and together with our officers, we wish all of you the best for the up coming holidays .

Yours In Legion Service,  
Tony Curro



## Post Officers for 2005-2006

### LEGION OFFICERS POST 166

- Commander.....Tony Curro
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander.....Nate Pearson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.....Frank Hoover
- Adjutant.....William "Sarge" Garlitz
- Finance Officer.....Bud Breidenstein
- Asst. Finance Officer.....Stan Arnold
- Service Officer..... Al Ferguson
- Chaplain.....Glen Duffy
- Past Commander..... Martin Price
- Sgt. at Arms.....Paul Taylor
- Historian.....William Wolf
- Judge Advocate.....John Hyle

#### Executive Committee Members

- Chuck Hinz    Jim Hudson    Hugh McFadden
- Jim Mills        Elmer Muth

### Auxiliary Officers Unit 166

- President.....Lelia Lehman
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.....Rosemarie Brac
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.....Lily Tunis
- Treasurer.....Nancy Rummel
- Historian.....Charlotte Mays
- Secretary.....June Saunders
- Chaplain.....Theodora Rozzano
- Sgt. At Arms.....Lucille McNulty
- Color Bearer.....Jean Morin
- Color Bearer..... Kay Gubash
- Executive Committee..... Pearl Jordan
- Executive Committee..... Betty McLaughlin
- Executive Committee..... Sarah Gray

### Sons of American Legion Squadron 166

- Commander.....Ric Feehley
- 1st Vice Commander..... Larry Ohm
- 2nd Vice Commander.....Arron Hyde
- Adjutant.....Byran Talbott
- Finance Officer..... Bob Chambers
- Sgt. At Arms..... Ben Oliver
- Chaplin..... Rob Kanotz
- Historian.....Denny Collins
- Advisor.....Sarge Garlitz





**From the desk of Lelia Lehman, Auxiliary President**

*I want to tell you that I will be going to the Hospital on September 26<sup>th</sup> to have tumors removed from my ovary. After that, I'll be back in the swing of things and I'll be looking for a job.*

*I have a lot of plans for the Auxiliary this year. We have a lot of money in the bank, and need your input on where we should put that money. Also, I am sending out an invitation to everyone on my list who worked on the boardwalk selling tickets for the motorcycle in 2004. I have set up a buffet style dinner. This dinner will take place on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.*



*I must have an RSVP by October 15<sup>th</sup>. No LATER. I am asking everyone to participate in the Marine Corp League – "Toy's For Tots" dinner. It will be \$ 5.00 an unwrapped toy. The dinner will consist of Chicken Mar-*

*sala, and penny pasta with Caesar salad, rolls, butter & desserts. The date will be in November. This dinner will be freely given by the CARRABBA'S RESTAURANT, with the Auxiliary providing the deserts from SAM'S Club.*

*I have another restaurant who will also be giving a dinner for 'Toy's for Tot's' project by the Marine Corp League. I will inform you of the next dinner as soon as I can work it out with the Marine Corp League..*

*The Installation and dinner was a great success and I am happy to have aboard some new people to work with this year, and I hope you will all come to the meetings. I am welcoming all who wish to express their opinions, and to help us do the right things.*

*Love to All, Lil Lehman*

**FIRST SGTS BRIEFING**

The summer is over and like they say, "its all down hill" from now on. Whatever! Membership renewals have come in by the basket load in July, but we are only halfway to where we should be. Everyone of us including the Bar Staff are recruiters so have an application in your pocket as well as an application for the Sons of the American Legion. Add an application for the Auxiliary to the packet and be ready to sign up new members to the American

Legion Family. We need to get new members signed up and involved in the American Legion. If there is a concern regarding any issue regarding the American Legion please get in touch with me. If you call the Post and explain your concern and you are not talking to me there may be a break in communication. If I am not at the Post you can reach me by my cell phone 443-735-1942.

Many thanks to Nate Pearson for his

outstanding forte regarding the organization of the Installation and Awards Dinner. I salute Frank Halloway, Bill Wolf, and Elmer Muth for their well deserved awards. Also a salute to the Color Guard on receiving the Medal of Merit Award. Of course I have to say that I gave Rosie more than a salute for receiving the Special Recognition and Appreciation Award.

I want to thank the members Squadron #166 of the Sons of the American Legion for a fair show of attendance at the Dinner. Get the word around and lets pull the American Legion Family closer together.

Thanks to all for support and thanks to the Post for my "WHATEVER-WHATEVER" Award.

Whatever,  
Sarge Garlitz, Adjutant

**BENEFIT**

DEL MAR VA FOOD FOUNDATION Barbeque- Saturday Oct 22, 05 1300-1800hr Food, music, silent auction \$6.00 per person \$24.00 for 4 tickets

**HOUSE COMMITTEE SCOOP**

This past August 27 was "sad Saturday". The last "lunch bunch" met for lunch at the Post prior to the closing of the kitchen. Renee was outstanding at operating the kitchen, however, the "no show" of members participating in the consumption program was the reason for the closing of the kitchen.

We welcome Bob Balzer, Kent Kelley, and Karen Rorke to the bartending staff. This addition is another positive move to make Post #166 the friendliest place in town. Also joining the operating staff is Dick Hafer and Bill Wolf. These two will be in charge of the daily operation of Keno and the Pull Tabs as well as other operating duties.

REMEMBER: The bar room talk policy has not changed and is still in affect. Disrespecting and /or discrediting members of the American Legion family and its employees in the Post Home of #166 will not be tolerated. An addition to the list will be loud, obnoxious behavior is not acceptable and non-negotiable. It is the bartenders as well as all members to make sure it is kept clean. If the bartenders do so, they are just doing their job.

HALL RENTALS: Contact Vernon Becker regarding all hall rentals.

Sarge Garlitz, House Committee Chairman



## SAL Commander Briefing

Fellow Members;

Well, at this writing, we find ourselves at the end of yet another busy season in Ocean City, the surf and the beach, the boardwalk, the fishing and all the hospitality that we could muster up for all those who came to visit. Football has begun and the holiday season is rapidly approaching and it's time for us to get back down to business again. I want to thank the Squadron members and their spouses for attending the Installations dinner. It was a learning experience for most of us to be involved in a formal program. The Post has all new faces on the Executive committee and with them comes a new attitude and approach towards business at Post #166.

Having mentioned that I want to call on ALL members of the Sons of the American Legion to stand up be visible and be counted. It's up to each one of us to also make a difference in the appeal of our club. Changes are being made, and we need to be a part of these changes. Without you guys positive change will be very slow in coming. So let's all come together and make a visible difference in our Squadron, our Post and our Community. Attend the meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM Help out at events. Come to the Post and be social.

Ric Feehley

Commander of SAL



### MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEGION FAMILY

As of October, 2005, the American Legion has the Membership totals listed below:

American Legion..... Members---469

Sons of American Legion..... members---- 14 (4 star for 2005)

We have many eligible veterans living in our area who are not currently members. We need to make an extra effort in 2005-06 to increase our membership. Check with your friends and neighbors to recruit them as members. Forms are available at the Post.

#### NEW MEMBERS:

<b>Henry Muth</b>	<b>Ed Price Jr</b>	<b>Timothy Strawser</b>
<b>Lee Troutner</b>	<b>Dave Parsons</b>	<b>Herbert Schoelkopf</b>
<b>Douglas Galloway</b>	<b>Charles Biondo</b>	<b>Calvin C. Buettner</b>
<b>Arlos Hefflin</b>	<b>Joseph Hare</b>	

#### POST EVERLASTING

Since the publication of the last newsletter, members of Post 166 were deeply saddened by the deaths of the veterans and Legion Members listed. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family members as they mourn the death of a loved one.

” For God and Country “, they served and shall be remembered.

<b>George Ay</b>	<b>Robert D. Biddle</b>	<b>Jim LePage</b>
<b>Frank Savage</b>	<b>Bob Lichtenbery</b>	<b>Karl Stepp</b>
<b>Ed Goldstein</b>	<b>Dean Davis</b>	<b>William Kalista Sr.</b>

***Nate Pearson ,***  
***Membership Chairman***

## KENO IS HERE

Well, you already know that we now have **KENO** at the Post, but did you know that you can also play **Lotto, Mega-Millions, pick 3, pick 4 & Match 5**. Stop by and buy your weekly Lottery tickets here as well as play a round of **KENO**. Remember, if you are a winner the Post also gets a commission for selling you the winning number. An easy way to help the Post raise Funds.

### LEGION WEEK & INSTANT BINGO SALES

Congratulations to Past Commander **Charles Rummel**, who during American Legion Week sold an amazing \$ 1,045.00 in Instant Bingo tickets – the twenty five cent variety. He was at his station each day and earned for the Post \$ 287.00. Thanks Charlie for your volunteer service.

**CHARLES RUMMEL**  
**DELEGATE TO THE**  
**NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Charles Rummel , who serves as Sgt. At Arms for the South East District of the American Legion , attended the National Convention as a delegate . He was accompanied by his wife Nancy Rummel . Both had been looking forward to the convention and to traveling to Hawaii . The Convention was held from August 18 to August

### SYNEPUXENT OBSERVER NEWSLETTER PATRONS

Special Thanks to the generous members who help fund our Legion Newsletter by their contribution of five dollars. All friends of Post 166 are invited to become PARTONS by sending a check made out to American Legion PATRON in the amount of \$ 5.00. Current members as of October 2005 include:

<b>M. Price</b>	<b>J. Hudson</b>	<b>B. Breidenstein</b>
<b>C. Rummel</b>	<b>D. Brey</b>	<b>E. Muth</b>
<b>V Becker</b>	<b>T Curro</b>	<b>A. Ferguson</b>
<b>R. Brey</b>	<b>F. Hoover</b>	<b>N. Pearson</b>
<b>J. Sauer</b>	<b>B. McIntire</b>	<b>A. Sgro H.</b>
<b>Lucas</b>	<b>J. Slowik</b>	<b>V. Feltz</b>
<b>W. Stevenson</b>	<b>V. Beard</b>	<b>J. Walker</b>
<b>B. Moore</b>	<b>H. Lucas</b>	

**POST 166 IMPROVEMENTS  
AND ADDITIONS:**

Under the leadership of House Committee Chairman , “Sarge” Garlitz, the Legion has made a number of changes and improvements during the summer . More will be completed during the Fall . Hats off to “Sarge” and his committee of Vernon Becker and Joe Bergeron for making modifications that improve the efficiency and appearance of our Legion Home. Credit needs to be shared with our “MAN OF VISION”, Commander Tony Curro. The projects that have been approved Include:

1. Installation of KENO.
2. New and Improved Telephone System.
3. New Cash Registers that make possible better Inventory control and record keeping.
4. Consideration for redecorating the Main Legion Hall.
5. Contracts are being sought for painting the Main Hall.
6. Air Conditioning repair and replacement.
7. Modification of Female Rest Room area.
8. Installing shuffle Board in the Hall.

**Frank Holloway Honored**

The man who managed Post 166 for more than two decades was honored at the Installation & Awards Dinner on September 9, 2005. Frank served as the Steward of Post 166 from 1976 until his illness in 2002. He provided the leadership , management and service that enabled the post to successfully operate during the period of his leadership. He has served the American legion District and The Legion Department in many functions and activities. We are grateful to Legionnaire Holloway for his 26 years of dedicated service. His knowledge of American Legion operations , constitution and programs made him an Advisor to many of the Maryland Legion Posts. He continues to be an active member of Post 166 and in addition holds leadership positions with the District and the Department. We are all thankful that his health has improved which enables him to continue his Legion Service and make positive contributions to the American Legion. Commander Curro presented Legionnaire Holloway with a special plaque honoring him for his years of service. . He was commended for his contributions to Post 166 over many years. The membership has been fortunate to have Frank Holloway as a very Distinguished Member .

**MUTH HONORED AS THE LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR**

The newly established Legionnaire of the Year selection Committee has named ELMER G. MUTH as the most worthy Legion Volunteer candidate to receive this high honor . Although other Legion members , who have provided many volunteer hours and leadership for Post 166 were considered , Legionnaire MUTH lead the way. Elmer G. Muth devoted more hours , dedication , leadership , commitment , and talent in legion programs and in making improvements for the Post home than other candidates.

He received this Honor and Award at the September 9<sup>th</sup> Installation and Awards program . He received a framed certificate and his name will be the first on a large “LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR” plaque that will be displayed in the Legion Hall. Each year a member will be added to this plaque. Elmer G. Muth has contributed significantly to the success of our American Legion through his many volunteer activities. . He was elected to the Legion Executive committee . He has been a member and leader in the American Legion COLOR GUARD where he serves as LT. and has attended almost all of the 50 COLOR GUARD programs during the year. He contributes significantly to the American Legion BINGO program where he serves as assistant to Frank Hoover. For Bingo alone, Elmer is at the Legion four (4) days each week.. Monday & Thursday for Bingo followed by record keeping and banking on Tuesday and Friday. Bingo alone constitutes a four day week. He also serves as Chairman for American Legion programs Committee that will be scheduling special speaker programs the second meeting each month. Elmer is also an active member of the American Legion BUDGET COMMITTEE . He is also an active member of the legion SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

Elmer Muth also volunteers for many other Legion Activities : selling ATV RAFFLE tickets ; constructing the Raffle sales building in front of the Legion ; Making the stand for the popcorn Machine in the Bar ; making the cabinet in the Legion Conference Room; Constructing the Cabinet for the secure storage of Legion rifles ; Constructing stands for the Post Air Conditioning Units. When requests are made for HELP, you can count on Elmer Muth to Volunteer. This D-Day veteran serves as a model Legionnaire. We are very fortunate to have ELMER G. MUTH as n active member of our Post. He has truly earned the LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR AWARD for his many contributions to the successful operation of our Legion. For GOD AND COUNTRY, he has earned this distinguished honor. We commend and salute Elmer Muth for his outstanding service. He has evidenced – SERVICE BEFORE SELF in his volunteer contributions to the American Legion .

**ENTRY TO THE POST:** The Kitchen is OFF LIMITS. The Kitchen door is for deliveries and operational staff for the Post’s daily functions. All others should enter from the front door and leave the Post by the same door. If you do not have a key card, ring the buzzer and be prepared to show your Legion card for entry. Non-members with you must be signed in as your guest. Your cooperation in the entry program is urged.

Music for Oct is as follows Fri Oct 7th 8-12PM, Every Saturday 8-12 Oct, Nov & Dec  
Christmas Eve there will be an early closing.  
Closed Christmas Day

**ACTIVE DUTY REPORT**

If you know of any members of the Military Reserve and/or National Guard who have been activated to active duty the American Legion will pay their first year membership dues. This also applies for anyone who has enlisted in the Military and is still serving.

**Legion Scholarship Committee Established**

Synepuxent Post 166 has established a Scholarship Committee that will meet during the summer and Fall of 2005 to develop a written criteria for scholarships. It will include application forms; overall requirements; restrictions, and follow up procedures. Many of the committee members have previous experience serving on scholarship committees for other organizations. The committee includes the following members: Tony Curro, Glenn Duffy, Charles Hinz, Elmer Muth, and Nate Pearson, Chairman. Scholarship applications will be made available at the Guidance and Counseling office at Stephen Decatur High School during the 2005 – 2006 school year.

**Charity & Donations**  
**Committee Report**

During the August Legion Executive Committee meeting, Chairman Al Ferguson reviewed the charitable request his committee has received pending the approval of the Executive Committee. These donations are made from funds required by law to be provided to eligible charities. Al's committee includes Stan Arnold and Bud Breidenstein. The approved Donations were:

- Ocean City Paramedics.....\$ 500.00
- Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.....\$ 1,699.00
- Veterans Hospital.....\$ 1,000.00
- Educational Stipends for Two students at \$ 1500 each.....  
\$ 3,000.00

**Legion Budget Committee Organized:**

A long neglected Budget Committee has been established and is underway to produce, to our knowledge, the first budget for Post 166. The completed and finalized document will be available sometime during the year. Financial information – income – expenses – capital replacements etc., will all be factors in the development. The committee is chaired by Executive Committee Member, Hugh McFadden, who has moved quickly to name a committee and prepare a budget framework. The committee members assisting Hugh include: Bud Breidenstein, Al Ferguson, Elmer Muth, Stan Arnold, and Nate Pearson

Calendar for October	Calendar for November	Calendar for December
<p><b><u>Thursdays</u></b> <b>BINGO...7:00 – 10:00 PM</b></p> <p>Oct. 10..... Legion Executive Committee-Meets-7:00 pm Legion Meeting.....8:00 pm Oct. 11.....SAL Meeting 6:00 pm Oct. 18.....AL Auxiliary Meets 11:30 am. Oct. 24.....Legion Executive Committee meets..7:00 pm. Legion meeting and Program .. 8:00 pm. Oct. 30. ....Day light Savings Time Ends. Oct. 31..... Halloween</p>	<p><b><u>Thursdays</u></b> <b>BINGO.....7:00 – 10:00PM.</b></p> <p>Nov. 8.....SAL meets at 6:00 pm Nov. 11.....VETERANS DAY PROGRAM at the Legion – 11:00 am Nov. 14.....Legion Executive Committee Meets-7:00 pm Legion Meeting – 8:00 pm Nov. 15.....Auxiliary Meets at 11:30 am Nov. 24.....THANKSGIVING DAY Nov. 28.....Legion Executive Committee Meets- 7:00 pm. Legion Meeting &amp; Program ....8:00 PM</p>	<p><b><u>Thursdays</u></b> <b>BINGO...7:00 – 10:00 PM.</b></p> <p>Dec. 4 ..... 4:00 PM “Trim a Tree” Dinner Party Hosted by House Committee Dec. 7..... National Pearl Harbor Day. Dec. 12..... 7:00 pm Executive Committee meets Legion Meeting – 8:00 pm Dec. ....Auxiliary – Children’s Christmas Party 12:00 – 3:00 pm Date to be determined. Dec 13.....SAL MEETS...6:00 PM Dec. 20.....Auxiliary Christmas Dinner Party-7:00 pm. Dec. 21.....FIRST DAY OF WINTER Dec. 24.....Legion Party – 1:00 – 4:00 pm Hosted by “House Committee.” Dec. 25.....CHRISTMAS DAY Dec. 26.....NO LEGION MEETING Dec. 31.....New Years Eve Party. “House</p>

**Saturday Oct 29, 05** 1300-1800hrs Membership Recruitment Drive \$5.00 Advance ticket only-if a new member is signed up he gets his money back Bring a dish. Sign up on the "BRING A DISH LIST" at the Post. food (1300-1500), special drink prices, USO Type entertainment Dress Code– wear your old or part of your old military uniform for info 410-289-3166 or www.alpost166.org

**Saturday Dec 3rd ARMY–NAVY FOOTBALL GAME** 12:30 Tail Gate specials 14:30 Kick off.

**Sunday Dec 4 TRIM A TREE PARTY** 1400-1900hrs

Music- lite fare-bring a dish-(sign up on the 'BRING A DISH LIST' at the Post 1400hrs-fellowship, socializing and trim the tree 1600hrs- food line to open \$5.00 per advance ticket and the Christmas Spirit a must Lounge opens 12:30hr (Raven play at 1300hrs)

**Saturday Dec 24th(Christmas Eve get together)** 1400-1900hrs Snacks, Lite Fare, egg nog, special drink prices Christmas spirit mandatory.

**Sunday Jan 1st (New Years Day at the Legion)** music 1400-1800 Bring your left over snacks etc 12:30hr Lounge opens 1300hrs Ravens & Browns 16:15hrs Eagles & Redskins

## Salute To John Sauer

John Sauer, probable the best known person in Ocean City, because of his many volunteer activities and his involvement and participation in many organizations has resigned as “Captain of The American Legion Color Guard.” However, he continues his senior membership and Service as a member of the Legion Color Guard. John will begin his 22<sup>nd</sup> year as a dedicated member of the American Legion Color Guard, a record that will be difficult to surpass. His past leadership has resulted in an excellent Color Guard that has established a very positive reputation in this community and beyond. The Color Guard is called upon frequently for funerals, ceremonies, presenting colors ,parades, and other patriotic programs. We are most thankful and grateful to have his continued participation in the color guard. We commend him for his dedicated and faithful color guard service over the past twenty one years. He has been designated “COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN EMERTUS.” For God and Country, John continues to provide assistance to the American Legion , his church and his community. We are truly blessed to have JOHN SAUER as a loyal member.

## South Eastern Shore District

South Eastern Shore District Meetings are now listed on our Web Site. [Http://www.alpost166.org](http://www.alpost166.org). Please see the “What's Happening” Page for more information.

## SPOTLIGHT ON THE LEGION

- 1 World’s largest veterans group.
- 2 2.8 million members in 15,000 posts.
- 2 60,000 from gulf war era.
- 3 Creator of original GI Bill.
- 4 Sponsor of Boy Scouts & Boys State.
- 5 Seeks Veterans Legislation.
- 6 Supporter of Charities & The Community

## Visit the Legion Website

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