



**Synepuxent Observer**  
**Fall 2006**  
**Ocean City, Maryland**

**Commander's Message**

Since May 23<sup>rd</sup>, many challenges and problems have been faced by the leadership group in Synepuxent Post 166. As your commander. I feel blessed to have officers and Executive committee members who are dedicated to the Legion Mission.

Together, we have been able to find solutions to the challenges we faced.. You, the members, have elected a governing body that is very able, resourceful and capable of operating and managing Post 166 in a professional and business like manner. It is my honor to work with this fine group in providing the leadership to enable

this Post to function successfully.

Membership growth is one of our priority objectives this year. Increased membership is an important factor in keeping this post strong and viable. Under the leadership of Bo Spicer, First Vice Commander, and Sarge Garlitz, Adjutant, and with help from you, the member, we can achieve our goal of membership growth. I ask all members to make a resolution to attend meetings regularly and functions and activities sponsored by Post 166. During October, November, and December, you will have opportunities to attend our events. Please refer to the quarterly calendar for dates.

You are a very important and significant individual. As a veteran, you have served your nation proudly and well; As a member of the American Legion, you continue your service to veterans and the community. May God Bless you; God Bless America and God bless our military at home and abroad.



Yours In Legion Service,

*Nate Pearson,*  
 Commander

**Legion Officers of Post 166**  
**2006-2007**

- Commander.....Nate Pearson
- 1st Vice Commander .....Bo Spicer
- 2nd Vice Commander.....Bill Wolf
- 3rd Vice Commander.....Frank Hoover
- Adjutant.....Sarge Garlitz
- Historian.....Eric Nilsson
- Chaplain.....Glen Duffy
- Judge Advocate.....John Hyle
- Finance Officer.....Hugh McFadden
- Asst. Finance Officer.....Bud Breidenstein
- Service Officer.....Al Ferguson
- Sgt-at-Arms.....Paul Taylor

Executive Committee  
 Jim Mills, Bud Breidenstein, Jim Hudson,  
 Frank Holloway, Elmer Muth

**Officers of Sal Squadron 166**  
**2006-2007**

- Commander.....Steve Spicer
- Adjutant/Finance Officer.....Barry Derr
- Vice Commander.....Richard Pennington
- Chaplain.....Mike Donnelly
- Historian.....Charles Mann
- Sgt-at-Arms.....Ben Oliver
- Advisor.....Ken Gray



## A LETTER FROM AFGANISTAN

### Early June 06

Dear Sarge and all the wonderful people in the 166 American Legion Post.

I can not thank you enough for your care package. My words can not fulfill this letter to all of you of what I feel in my heart.

The thought of knowing that 1 single detail of what a care package means to a soldier in the front line signified that American Legion cares about you.

There is only 3 main things that a soldier needs to help n' raise his moral and they are: FOOD--SHELTER--MAIL.

I thought about the Post and what a wonderful City, Ocean City is. In

fact I have some pictures in my head that I use when I'm in distress and the atmosphere and images of you and places in Ocean City makes me relax.

I have been talking with Caracciolo( a Post #166 member) quite often, even though he is not in my Unit. He is a great and dynamic Solider. We all pay attention to details.

Sarge, I have to tell you something. On May 25th I earned my **PURPLE HEART MEDAL**. Our 3 humvee convoy was ambushed by heavily armed extremist Muslims. Rocket Propelled Grenades and AK-47's and anti tank mine was used. I honestly don't need to tell you details. A chunk of shrapnel caused by the

RPG caused 3rd degree burns in the back of my head.

I survived the attack, using my M-4 rifle. I emptied 2 1/2 magazines. I'm OK hopefully it will grow hair again. If not, I will carry a black sharpie with me always.

Sarge, thank you for being there and thank you for understanding what I'm going thru, Sincerely,

PFC Miguel A. C Solano

P.S. Caracciolo's unit was the back up help, they rushed to the scene really quick, they helped a lot.

## FIRST SGTS BRIEFING

I will keep this message short so there is room for the important topics regarding patriotism and what the American Legion stands for. Last night I received an award for doing my elected job and for two appointments of other duties. It was a nice plaque but made me confused because I always thought that one was awarded for doing far more and above his assigned duties.

Please do not forget our Veterans and our active duty members. It has been a long time since the other wars and conflicts have ceased, now lets move on and give the support that our new veterans, Armed Forces Members and American Legion Members need. It is a total concept and the Sons of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary are part of this because they

have served along with sacrifices also.

Again I have to SALUTE Rosie for her endless hours of dedication to our Post and to the reasons this American Legion is here. Her loyalty, patriotism and just being Rosie is off the chart. It was said last year "Rosie, you are the HEART BEAT of this American Legion". You got that right!

Sarge Garlitz

Adjutant



## HALL RENOVATION CHAIR FUND

The Hall Renovation is an on going project. It has been agreed that our folding chairs need to be replaced. Rosie has started a Chair Purchase Program. At this time we have received money for 50 chairs. If a chair is bought for \$35.00 the persons name will be placed on the back of the chair.

The response for this program has been very good. We are asking you to participate in this program. There have been donors who have bought up to three chairs. If you buy one or more chairs it is deeply appreciated. Send your donations to:

**Post #166 Chair Fund  
PO Box 63.  
Ocean City, Md 21843.**

Thanks.

## UNIT 166 AUXILIARY INSTALLS OFFICERS

Following the September 9<sup>th</sup> Dinner, the below listed Auxiliary Officers were installed:

June Saunders, Secretary  
Teddy Rozzano, Chaplain  
Lucille McNulty, Sgt. At Arms  
Kay Gubash, Color Bearer  
Jean Morin, Color Bearer

Executive Committee  
Pat Foringer, Sarah Gray,  
Pearl Jordan

Starr Purnell, the District President for the Auxiliary did a very professional and moving installation service. Cas Wheeler, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president of the Department made some remarks representing the State of Maryland. Lil Lehman, the immediate Past President for UNIT 166, Served as Auxiliary "Master of Ceremonies" and spokesperson.



## VETERAN'S DAY AT POST 166

Please mark your calendar for November 11, 2006 at 11:00 am. We will be scheduling our traditional VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM in the Main Hall of the American Legion. On this very special Day, we honor the Veteran's of all wars and all periods who have served in the United States military service. They assured our continued freedoms by their service, and sacrifice. A number of American Legion Officers and Veterans will be providing messages at this ceremony. The American Legion Color Guard will also be participants. The Auxiliary and Legion Leaders will also be a part of this program. Plan to give several hours this day to honor those who have given so much for this nation. Following the one hour program, a light lunch will be served to all in attendance. God Bless You - God Bless our Veterans - God Bless America.

## SUNFEST 2006 & AUXILIARY BEER TRUCK

The Unit 166 was one of the groups to benefit with a beer truck at Sunfest 2006 scheduled September 21 through 24. The Auxiliary earned the best spot and one of the best selling beers- Budweiser. Traditionally, both the Auxiliary and The American Legion share these fund raisers and share the work and funds raised. The Co-Chairs for this event at Nancy Rummel of the Auxiliary and Jim Mills of the Legion. They have completed the staffing for the four days of SUNFEST. In years past the total profits amounted to between \$ 6,000 and \$7,000, thus, each group can ex-

pect to receive about \$ 3,500.00 each. The American Legion Color Guard will provide the workers on Sunday, Sept. 24. Other days, will have workers from both the Auxiliary and the American Legion. We thank and appreciate the leadership of the co-chairpersons, Nancy and Jim for their willingness to provide this important service. We also extend thanks to all those who have agreed to work one or more of the bust shifts during SUNFEST.

Contact your senators and urge support and quick passage for S.3696, the "Veterans' Memorials, Boy Scouts, Public Seals, and Other Public Expressions of Religion Protection Act of



2006" and companion House bill, H.R. 2679.

## SYNEPUXENT POST 166 – "HOUSE COMMITTEE" REPORT

On a Trial Basis this year, each member of the Executive Committee and the Bar Chairman constitute the "House Committee." Each member serves as Chairman for a period of two months until each member has had this leadership responsibility. A BY LAW CHANGE WILL BE NECESSARY to establish this as a continuous plan. This will be proposed at the September 25 Legion meeting..

To date the group has solved problems in a timely manner and continues to bring about

post improvements. Jim Mills served as the first Chairman. He has been followed by Elmer Muth. Members of the "House Committee" approved by the Executive Committee include:

Jim Mills / Bo Spicer / Jim Hudson  
Elmer Muth / Frank Holloway  
Bud Breidenstein / Ken Gray, Bar Manager

This Committee has demonstrated by their actions a commitment to assure the efficiency and effectiveness and improvement of this post. During the summer they were faced

with a number of emergencies and equipment failures that required prompt and immediate attention. They corrected all problems quickly. The improvement list is included elsewhere in this newsletter. They meet on a regular basis to review facility needs and replacement needs. They are currently focused on carpeting the bar/ lounge area; making recommendations regarding Post operating hours; developing food events. Repair of bar stools is another priority project.

The will continue to keep the physical plant as attractive and operationally sound as possible. Commendations to this group for their excellent service to Post 166.

**BOB MELVIN RESOLUTION  
APPROVED BY NATIONAL LEGION**

Resolution # 54 which was initiated at Post 166 by member Bob Melvin and approved by our membership went through the chain of command and was approved by the national.

There are now about 12 million supporters in military and other organizations. Legionnaire Melvin may also have several articles printed in the Legion magazine. in the future. If you wish to join the effort to provide war-time veterans an exemption from federal income tax when cashing U.S. savings Bonds as outlined in American Legion Resolution # 54, write to the two subcommittees of jurisdiction shown below and ask your congressman to do likewise.

The Honorable Jon Kyl,  
Chairman Subcommittee on IRS Taxation and Oversight  
Committee of Finance – US. Senate  
Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington , DD/C/ 20515

The Honorable Jim Ramstad,  
Chairman Subcommittee of Oversight  
Committee of Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 21515

**FINANCE OFFICER  
ASSEMBLES AUDIT TEAM**

Hugh McFadden, Finance Officer for Post 166 , has assembled a talented and knowledgeable AUDIT TEAM . He presented the audit Team members at the Executive committee meeting held on September 12. Commander Pearson approved the appointment of these skilled members. They Include:

Stan Arnold.....	Jim Rorke
Jim Bergold.....	Joe Salafia
Hugh McFadden.....	John Sauer

Finance Officer , McFadden plans to draft a protocol for an audit. Hugh plans to hold a committee meeting in September and begin the Audit in October or November.

Hugh also reported that as of July 1, not for profit organizations which includes the American Legion will be exempt from paying state tax on equipment and replacement of major equipment and replacement parts for the same. He has applied to the State for the tax exempt number.

**LEGION BINGO REPORT**

Under the leadership of Chairman Frank Hoover and Asst. Chairman Elmer Muth, the Bingo Operation had a very busy summer with Bingo Games scheduled on both Monday and Thursday evenings .Bingo players numbered anywhere from 83 to over 150 kept the bingo workers very busy.. Both Hoover and Muth spend four days each week on this Legion project which includes record keeping , ordering supplies, banking and completing permits. Bingo continues to be a valuable fund raiser helping to keep this Post solvent. Bingo Floor Workers and kitchen workers assure the success of this program by their dedicated service and commitment to the legion programs. Without these excellent volunteers we would not be in a position to operate Bingo.

FLOOR WORKERS

Fred Welch	Al Ferguson
Charles Rummel	Nancy Rummel
Frank Hoover	Ed Kneaval
Bruce McIntire	Nate Pearson
Elmer Muth	Betty McIntire
Eric Nilsson	

KITCHEN WORKERS

Virginia Welch  
Nancy Rummel  
Bill Wolf  
Elaine Wolf  
Jim Mills  
Frank Hoover

At each session, we are also assisted by four members of the Ocean City Lions Club with the sales of a variety of Bingo Cards. They work one hour during each Bingo session . Most important , we have an excellent BINGO CALLER , Viola Shipp , who does the Bingo Calling at each scheduled Bingo . We salute and commend all these workers for their dedicated service.

**CHARTABLE DONATIONS**

The donations committee under the leadership of Al Ferguson, made the following donations during the Quarter.

Atlantic General Hospital (for Vets).....	\$ 500.00
Charlotte Hall, Home for Veterans.....	\$1,000.00
Disabled Veterans of America.....	\$ 500.00
Gifts for our Hospitalized Service Men and Women.....	\$ 500.00

Salvation Army.....	\$ 500.00
U.S.O.....	\$ 500.00
Worcester County Veterans Memorial.....	\$ 500.00
D. Day Memorial.....	\$ 300.00
DelMarva Education Foundation.....	\$ 379.00
Ocean City Volunteer Fire Dept.....	\$ 500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5179.00</b>

## REMEMBERANCE WALL

The north wall in the back hall at the POST is now our REMEMBERANCE WALL.

The wall has the flags of all of the Military Services, the POW flag, and the ONE STAR flag for those serving. In the middle of the wall is the ETERNAL FLAME designed by Rosie Garlitz. The meaning of the ETERNAL Flame design of the REMEMBERANCE WALL: Burning 24/7 To Honor all who served and are serving in the Military, for their sacrifices and too often their lives.

Meaning of the ROUND MIRROR between the ETERNAL FLAMES: To give all who have served and are serving a place to reflect their individual image on their Military career and their sacrifices for enduring freedom of the Country.

Above the Mirror and Eternal Flames are framed replicas of all of the Military Branches of our Armed Forces. Honor is rendered to all for their contributions for our freedom.

The Blue Carpet represents a step from the existing world today to a pathway of each individual's service in the Military. This area will be respected and hallowed.

The space allowed on both sides represent a Sacred Approach to the design. Out of respect and honor, this area shall be kept clear at all times.

## POST EVERLASTING 2005 – 2006 LEGION YEAR

George Ay  
Tom Brogan  
T.J. Brurckmann  
Robert Cropper  
James R. Fanny  
Ed Goldstein  
John A. Hill JR.  
William R. Jones  
Carlton A. Kurka  
Robert Lichtenberg  
William MacKenzie  
William Morris  
Robert Nichols Jr.  
Earl Price  
Dick Riley  
Franklin T. Savage  
Joseph Siechta

James H. Thomas

Dr. Malcolm Bailey  
Robert D. Biddle  
Richard Cullu  
Dean Davis  
Richard Franke  
John T. Harmo  
Thomas Jones  
William Kalista Sr.  
James Legates  
Issac L. Massey  
Robert Money  
John Murphy  
Irving Oxenberg  
Rider C. Ray  
Ed Shacha  
Joseph V. Skechta  
Karl A. Stepp

**35 Members of this POST were transferred to Post Everlasting during the year. May God Bless these Veterans and receive them into his kingdom**

## AWARDS DINNER BRINGS TRIBUTE TO FOUR LEGIONNAIRES

Four devoted and hard working members of Synepuxent Post 166 were honored at the Dinner program held on September 9, 2006. Tony Curro, Immediate Past Commander was honored for his leadership & hard work and was awarded a special Past Commander's plaque, Lapel pin, hat patch and gavel.

Sarge Garlitz, Post Adjutant, was honored with a special plaque for his time involved work as Adjutant, House Committee Chairman and as Advisor to (SALO, Sons Of The American Legion. Jack Hyle, Esq. the Post 116 Judge Advocate was honored for his commitment to handling the le-

gal aspects of Post 166. He has served this Post for many years as the Judge Advocate Officer and is an asset to this post for his time and talent. The award for LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR 2006, was Frank Hoover, who devotes many hours of time, leadership, and service for the betterment of Post 166. Each of these members are "PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE" to this organization and this community. They demonstrate a willingness and desire to "GIVE BACK" to others. They are truly "Individuals who make a difference in the community and region."

## POST 166 MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2007 – DUES ARE DUE

Post 166 members have received the membership renewal notices. Many have responded and have paid the \$ 25.00 dues promptly. Special thanks to all the "EARLY BIRDS." We ended 2006 with over 780 members, qualifying post 166 for the three star award. The membership committee has established a goal to recruit 1,049 members for 2007 and if successful, the Post will qualify for the Four Star Award.

With the National American Legion Dues increase effective in January our post share of the dues continues to shrink. Of the \$ 25.00 dues per member \$ 20.50 will now go the National and Department leaving only \$ 4.50 for this local Post 166. That fund is used to

cover many expenses for our members that include: lapel pins, Membership materials, postage for membership mailings, member awards, scholarships, food for membership meetings and membership programs. At newsletter press time, we have almost 600 members who have renewed or joined. Although we plan to keep the dues at \$ 25.00 for the 2007 Legion year, the Executive Committee will need to consider a dues increase for 2008 or next year. Please assist your 1<sup>st</sup> vice Commander and adjutant by helping recruit members so that the membership goal may be reached.

POST 166 – COLOR GUARD REPORT

THE American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 COLOR GUARD now has fourteen fully uniformed and dedicated members.

Under the leadership of members Muth and Pearson , members of the group are called upon regularly to provide ceremonies at churches, at funeral homes

and at the burial of Veterans, They will also be presenting COLORS at each of the regular meetings of the American Legion beginning with the September 25, 2006 meeting. The Color Guard has been called upon to provide a memorial tribute for a veteran

who died in the Afghanistan war at the Worcester County Veteran’s Memorial on October 21<sup>st</sup> , 2006 at 1:00 pm where several hundred friends and relatives will assemble . The Color Guard averages over 40 ceremonies or events each year.

A goal of the COLOR GUARD this year is to purchase an automatic Bugle for the playing of TAPS at burials and Ceremonies.



HAPPY HOUR APPROVED

A proposal proposed by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, Bo Spicer was recently approved by the Post 166 Executive Committee.

All draught beer will now be on sale from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm at \$ 1.00 per glass.

OK Legion members, take advantage of this “HAPPY HOUR.” Visit your Post regularly and take advantage of this great deal. This TAP beer Special will continue as long as it effectively attracts members to our Post bar/lounge.

Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results. George S. Patton

FIREFIIGHTERS WEEK HOSTED BY LEGION

The American Legion hosted three Maryland County Fire Departments during the state firefighters Convention in Ocean City during the week of June 18, 2006. On Sunday Night , Post #166 hosted The fire companies in Baltimore county, Md. They have 21 paid departments and 33 volunteer departments.. On Monday night , we hosted Frederick County fire companies. They had over 250 Attend and enjoyed the Legion food, music, and atmosphere.. On Tuesday night, we hosted Carroll County with an energetic group of 400 firefighters. They had great food , music including a Bag Pipe Band and had a most enjoyable evening . The Legion PARADE was held on Wednesday.

Each group was very appreciative of the Legion hospitality and have re-scheduled the use of the Legion Hall again during the summer of 2007. Credit for our success goes to our paid staff and our volunteers who worked very hard to assure that each group had the best possible time. Each group was very appreciative of the efficiency and effectiveness . They were appreciative of our bar staff, our food, our music, our friendly atmosphere and our professional cooperative spirit. Special thanks , we extend to : Ken Gray.....Kathy Bergeron Larry Gulla.....Karen Rooke Joe Bergeron.....Darlene Deer We are also most grateful for the Legion Members and friends who contributed to the success of this hectic week with service “Above and Beyond the Call” They

include:

- Mark & Gail Schuler.....Bo Spicer
Elmer Muth.....Bruce McIntire
Nancy & Charles Rummel
Rosie Garlitz.....Eric Nilsson
Jim Mills.....Rudy Zemer
Vern Becker.....Nate Pearson
Steve Spicer



NEWSLETTER PATRONS

Thanks to those who have become patrons in support of the Synepuxent Observer. Those who wish to become Patrons, forward your check in the amount of \$ 5.00 to the American Legion made out- American Legion-Patron.

HONOR LIST OF PATRONS:

- Vic Beard Al Ferguson Nate Pearson
Vernon Becker V. Felt Charles Rummel
Bud Breidenstein Louise Grant Don Saville
Dorothy Brey M. Linz Joe Sangermano
Bob Brey Howard Lucas John Sauer
Bill Bruchey Bob Moore John Slowik
Jim Clendening Bruce McIntire W. Stevenson
Tony Curro Elmer Muth Eugene Szalc
D. Dick Martin Price Jack Walker
E. Edwards Sarge Garlitz Al Sgro
Harry Cimbola Rush Buckley John Sobkowiak

ELECTIONS NOTIFICATION

Because of the resignation of the duly elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, It will be necessary to elect new officers following a seven day notice to the membership. The newsletter will be received on or about October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will therefore schedule the elections at the general membership meeting scheduled on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Both candidates who have been appointed for these positions have agreed to serve if elected. They include:

Bo Spicer....previously elected to the Executive Committee as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

Jim Hudson...the sixth vote getter in the May elections as Executive Committee member.

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Installation and Awards Dinner September 9, 2006, Post Officers for 2006-2007. From left: Frank Holloway-Executive Committee, Al Ferguson-Service Officer, Tony Curro-Past Commander, Sarge Garlitz-Adjutant, Nate Pearson-Commander, John Hyle-Judge Advocate, Bo Spicer-1st Vice Cmdr., Bill Wolf-2nd Vice Cmdr., Frank Hoover, 3rd Vice Cmdr., Jim Mills-Executive Committee.

## HOLLOWAY GETS NO HOLIDAY

Long time member of Post 166, Frank Holloway, continues to be a very active member of the American Legion on the local level, the District level, and the Department level. Because of his vast knowledge of the American Legion, his services are continuously being sought by Legion leaders. As a member of Synepuxent Post 166, Frank was elected to serve as a member of the Executive Committee. He is also a member of the Post 166 "House Committee." He was also appointed to serve as Assistant Judge Advocate for Post 166 and was appointed to serve as Post Parliamentarian. On the District level, Frank was recently elected to serve on the SESD Executive Committee, and also serves as

the District Judge Advocate. On the Department level, Legionnaire Holloway serves on the following committees.

"Internal Affairs Commission."

"The Convention Corporation."

"The National Commander's Banquet Committee."

If that isn't enough responsibility for Frank Holloway, at the July 14, 2006 Department Executive Committee meeting, Frank was appointed for a three year term on the Department Finance Commission. As you can see, Frank has far from retired from American Legion business. Hats Off to Legionnaire Holloway.

## American Legion—Synepuxent Post 166 Quarterly Calendar—Fall 2006

### OCTOBER

- 7—Fish Dinner, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Call to reserve
- 9—Legion X-Com. Meets 7:00 PM
- 9—Legion Meets 8:00 PM
- 17—Auxiliary Meets 11:30 AM
- 21—Color Guard Program 1:00 PM at Worcester County Veterans Memorial—Tribute to Veterans
- 23—Legion Meets 8:00 PM
- 27—"October Fest" German Dinner Tentative—Call Post
- 28—Membership Drive—Music, Food, Fun—Pay \$5.00 and have money returned when you arrive— Noon Till 6:00 PM.
- 29—Daylight Savings Time Ends

BINGO EVERY THURSDAY 7:00 PM

### NOVEMBER

- 4—Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Call to reserve.
- 7—Election Day
- 11—Veterans Day—Program 11:00 AM
- 13—Legion X-Com. Meet 7:00 PM
- 13—Legion Meets 8:00 PM
- 21—Auxiliary Meets 11:30 AM
- 23—THANKSGIVING DAY  
LEGION CLOSED—NO BINGO
- 27—Legion Meets 8:00 PM

BINGO EVERY THURSDAY 7:00 PM



### DECEMBER

- 3—Trim a Tree Party, 5:00 PM Sunday
- 7—Pearl Harbor Day
- 11—Legion X-Com. Meet 7:00 PM
- 11—Legion Meets 8:00 PM
- 16—Auxiliary Christmas Party
- 19—Auxiliary Meets 11:30 AM
- 22—Winter Begins
- 25—CRISTMAS DAY LEGION CLOSED

BINGO EVERY THURSDAY 7:00 PM

