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Synepuxent Observer
Summer 2021

Commander's Message

With Spring behind us and the hot days of Summer ahead of us, where else can you go for a nice cold drink, good food and great camaraderie other than Synepuxent Post 166 in Ocean City, Maryland. We have the friendliest bartenders and kitchen staff in town to serve you and make your stay a pleasant one. Am I a salesperson or what, what do you think?

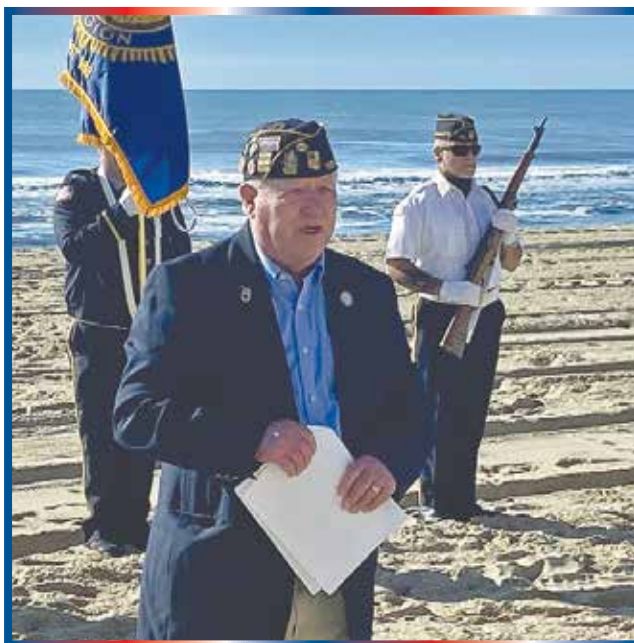
April was uneventful except for the Riders First Annual Easter Ham Dinner, which was very successful. Later in the month the Legion held a Spaghetti Dinner for the Boy Scouts 261 and Troop of Girls 621. This event was a huge success in raising needed money for the Scouts program that is sponsored by the American Legion.

The Armed Forces Day Program led off the month of May with a bang. We honored all five branches of our military and introduced the newest branch of our Armed Forces, The Space Force. What a nice ceremony that was, put together by our First Vice Commander Robert Smith. Then came a week of cruising here in OC, with all your souped-up cars from way back before I was born to the present. We followed that with National Poppy Day, where many of our Legion members, Auxiliary Ladies, Riders and Sons set up a table in the West Ocean City outlet shopping center, sold raffle tickets, and gave

out Poppies. The month ended with our Memorial Day Service on the beach at the Dunes Manor, followed by a beautiful service at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial and then topped that off with a solemn service here at our Legion which was very well attended.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you our new

Officers for the upcoming 2021-2022 year. They are as follows: 1st Vice Commander Pat Sharkey, 2nd Vice Commander Bob Paul, Adjutant John Bussard, Finance Officer George Bartsis, Judge Advocate Jack Hyle, Chaplain Ben Dawson, Service Officer Scott LaCoss, Historian Ed Pinto, and Sgt-at-Arms Bob Gilmore. Our Executive Board consists of John Granite, Bo Spicer, Phil Ludlum, Harry Rey, and Charles Spaziani. I know that they will do just as good a job running the



Commander Wengert Memorial Day at Dunes Manor

Post as in previous years.

In closing I pray that God will keep our Legion family and the families of other Posts and guests as they travel to and from Ocean City for their vacation safe in His hands.

May God Bless you and may God Bless this great country that we call America.

Tom Wengert,
Commander



HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

POST STEWARD UPDATE



Sam Wiley
Post 166 Steward

I hope everyone is enjoying your summer. The sun and warmth finally returned to Ocean City and Covid restrictions have also been lifted. Like many of you, I was starting to wonder if these days would ever come... but they are here now, and we should be thankful.

I am sure the officers of this Post feel as proud and as grateful to the staff, volunteers and membership as I do. The covid pandemic tested all of us in so many ways but thanks to everyone's cooperation our efforts paid off... we survived. As we move forward, please continue to monitor your health and that of your guests and please do not come to the Post if you have cold or flu symptoms. We will continue to have hand sanitizer and sanitizer wipes throughout the Post. Please use them. Please be respectful to anyone choosing to continue to wear a mask.

Now that things are returning to normal, we will once again start to host functions, meetings and entertainment. DJ Mikey is here weekly Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., and on Queen of Hearts Sunday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dancing Is Encouraged! We will also occasionally schedule live music. Please follow

us on Facebook and make sure we have your current e-mail address, as many notices regarding food specials and entertainment are sent out over constant contact.

We are doing our best to maintain our current drink and food prices. Know that virtually everything from our vendors has increased in price and some items are getting hard to get. Please be patient if we do not have, or ran out, of something you wanted to order.

We will continue with some of our food specials throughout the summer. One pound of steamed shrimp and a pitcher of beer \$15, and cheese steaks \$7; Sunday, four-piece fried chicken dinners \$10, meatloaf Tuesday, tacos on Wednesday, and lasagna on Thursday. On Friday will always have a seafood special, like homemade lump crab cakes, softshell crabs, fried oysters, steamed mussels, or broiled or fried fresh fish.

We have a great selection of beverages at the bar this summer. Try one our frozen drinks, or crushes. We also have sangria, Hoop tea, and Seagram's tropical coolers. For you carb counters, we have White Claw, Michelob Ultra, and Corona premier.

Please take the time to fill out comment card that you can find in the bar near the men's room if you are really enjoying something, or not liking something at the Post. The House Committee reads all these comments and will address any issues you might have. Please include your name and phone number and someone will reach out to you.

All Post 166 members and our visiting guest, please remember to leave your membership card in the inside of the driver-side window or on the driver side dashboard if you are parking in our lot to go to the beach. Make sure your membership card is current.

Have a great summer everyone! Have fun, drink responsibly and be safe. Please let me know if I can do anything for you.

Sam Wiley

Post 166 Steward

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Waving America Flags at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Ceremony.

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WALL THAT HEALS - Visit to the Pines



The second stop of this year's tour of The Wall That Heals was Veterans Memorial Park in Ocean Pines. More than 5,000 visitors viewed the wall and the accompanying Mobile Education Center. The Wall That Heals was hosted by the Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Foundation.

More than 300 volunteers planned, set-up and spent many shifts assisting visitors, 24 hours a day during its visit. The county-wide community support for the visit was incredible, both financially and with manpower.

The Wall That Heals is a three-quarter size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. It is owned and supported by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the founders of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in D.C. The wall travels in a 53-foot trailer that converts into a Mobile Education Center when it reaches the

host site.

Bringing the Wall to our community was the most rewarding experience you can imagine. The stories we heard, the hearts we touched, and the healing we observed was worth all the effort it took to bring the wall here. We will never forget the many men and women who told us how much visiting the wall meant to them. Some had always wanted to see the wall in D.C. but could not get there. There were others who almost couldn't bear to see the wall here, but they came anyway, and they were so glad they did.

One gentleman arrived in the middle of the night, but could not bring himself to leave his car. He just sat there, playing "Taps" as loudly as he could. One family lovingly told us about their father or husband, who had never spoken of his time in Vietnam, until he visited The Wall. He then showed them where he was in-country on the map display.

To all those 58,281 persons whose names are on the wall, we say "You will never be forgotten." To those who survived the war, but carry the scars of war, we say "Welcome Home!"

The Worcester County Veterans Memorial wishes to recognize the support we received from Synepuxent Post 166, Synepuxent Riders Unit 166, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1091. This project would not have been possible without their support.

By Marie Gilmore,
President, Worcester County Veterans Memorial



Frank Del Piano of the First Detachment Marine Corps League bugles Taps



Taking a rubbing as twilight falls on The Wall



Color Guard (L to R) of First Detachment's John Daddezio, Post 166's Glen Reely, Earl Hewitt, Johan Nvkvist, Post 231's Larry Duffy, and First Detachment member Rich Pounsberry.

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WALL THAT HEALS - Visit to the Pines



Volunteers taking a panel from the truck to erect on The Wall



Another panel put in place



The Wall after the sun has set



Marie Gilmore, front, far left, and her volunteers

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WALL THAT HEALS - The Arrival



Arrival of the Wall



Post 166 Riders joined the hundreds of motorcycles escorting the Wall to Ocean Pines



A proud ride for a Post 166 Rider



Post 2nd Vice Commander Bob Smith preparing some of the many flags that were planted on the arrival grounds the days before the Wall arrived



Two of Post 166 Riders look on as ceremonies begin.

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WALL THAT HEALS - A Look Back at the Ceremonies



Some of the Riders who escorted the Wall were Ken Ingram, George Pickerell, Wendy and Bob Milewski, Bob Greeneald, Mina Engle, and Inky Greeneald



Nelson Kelley holds his Quilt of Valor that he received. His wife, June (L), looks on.



Veterans Memorial President and Post 166 Auxiliary member Marie Gilmore speaking.



That's Bob Smith taking a pencil rubbing of the name of his brother Charles D. Smith.



Color Guard ready to present the colors, lead by 1st State Detachment member John Daddezio, with Post 166 members Glen Reely, Earl Hewitt, Johan Nykist, and Berlin Post 231 member Larry Duffy



Yet another fallen warrior is remembered by taking a rubbing of a name.

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WALL THAT HEALS - Dismantling the Wall for its Journey to the Next City



A family remembers a loved one by leaving behind flowers



Rider Ken Ingraham and wife Lois were there to help



While another family receives flowers



Handling with care



Lining up for the Candlelight Vigil



Another panel is removed from the supports



It took a village to make the Wall's visit a success, and then to dismantle it

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A full house was on hand for the ceremonies for Armed Forces Day. Here is how some of the speakers characterized the day. Armed Forces Day, unlike Memorial Day and Veterans Day, honors the day-to-day work and sacrifice of all men and women currently serving in our nation's Armed Forces.

Ben Dawson recalled joining the Army at age 17. He recounted that when he was inducted, the examining doctor asked him how old he was. "I am 17, sir," Dawson said he told the doctor. Dawson said the Doctor told him, "Son, go home and eat more ice cream," before stamping on his papers: Looks Underage.

Rich Pounsberry of the First State Marines Detachment made a strong point about wars not being won by any one service, "but by all." He specifically noted the Army helicopter pilots that took Marines into and out of battle zones, and the Navy corpsmen who served with them on river patrols in Vietnam.

For John Bussard, speaking on behalf of the Navy, service is defined by Liberty, Patriotism, and Security. And about "the men and women who sacrificed themselves that we can still cherish these three qualities."

J.R. Best, speaking for the Air Force, remembered his active-duty days working security at Andrews Air Force Base around the presidential 747 aircraft, and as a security policeman involved in the rescue and recovery of the merchant vessel SS Mayaguez seized by the Khmer Rouge, and especially the loss of three USAF helicopters during the operation

Active-duty Coast Guardsman Kory Williams took his time at the podium to thank the men and women who served before him.

Military spouse Jesse Parsons recalled how the American Legion in Ocean City stepped up to support her when her then Army National Guard Captain and husband was deployed after 9/11 and left her alone as a single mother. Jesse, daughter of an Army veteran, granddaughter of a Navy veteran, said Post 166 even offered to cut her lawn.

SAL member Charlie Mann recalled his trauma of being told he had incurable cancer. Another

doctor at Johns Hopkins, however, disagreed, and set him on a path to a cure and gave him hope, he said. He connected that experience to Armed Forces Day by noting that because of servicemen and women, "because of what they do, we still have our hopes and freedom and we have hope for a better tomorrow."

George Barstis told the audience the day was not for or about veterans, "they have their day in November," he said. "it's about Coast Guardsmen like Hunter Williams and Mathew Arnett. Don't thank me, today is your day."

Bo Spicer celebrated Armed Forces Day by telling the story of Doug Munro, the only Coast Guardsmen to win the Medal of Honor, and the only non-Marine whose name is enshrined on the Marine Corps Wall of Heroes at MCB Quantico. Signalman First Class Munro earned the decoration in September 1942 at Guadalcanal. He was awarded it posthumously for heroism while leading a group of Higgins boats to evacuate a Marine battalion trapped by Japanese forces.

Finally, VVA Chapter 1091 President presented post with its first Space Force Flag and explained why the new service is important. "We need the Space Force for the same reason we needed a separate Air Force from the Army. What each of the two newest services do is "too important and they need their own leaders," he said.

BEN DAWSON spoke of joining the Army at 17 and the doctor at his induction asking him how old he was. When he said 17, he recalled the doctor saying, "Go Home and eat more ice cream," and stamping "Looks Underage" on his papers.

GEORGE BARSTIS, said Armed Forces Day is not about veterans. "They have their day in November." Armed Forces Day, he said, is about Coast Guardsmen Kory and Matthews, Hunter and all members serving today.

BO SPICER told the story of Doug Munro, the only Coast Guardsmen to win the Medal of Honor. His name is also on the Marine Corps Hall of Fame, the only non-Marine.

NELSON KELLY presented the Post with a Space Force Flag. We need the Space Force for the same reason we needed a separate Air Force from the Army, he said. "What each of the newest services do is too important and they need their own leaders."

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Chaplain Dave Kline of the First State Detachment, Marine Corps League, delivers the opening prayer.



Navy vet John Bussard spoke on behalf of all serving U.S. Navy men and women.



Jesse Parsons, advisor to Post 166 Auxiliary Juniors, spoke about being a military wife and mother with her husband deployed.



Ben Dawson joined the Army at 17 and at the program recounted his many years of service before retiring from the country's oldest military service.



Joan Wengert is with J.R. Best and Lori Catalan. J.R. made a presentation on behalf of the U.S. Air Force



Megan and Nicole Kiser display the new Space Force Flag, presented during the ceremony by Nelson Kelly



Coast Guard PO 2nd Class Mathew Arnett, with Magnolia in her stroller, and Hunter Williams and PO 2nd Class Kory Williams, and daughter in her stroller. Petty Officer Williams spoke on behalf of the Coast Guard.



Sally Gioneni and Rich Pounsberry. Rich spoke about the U.S. Marines.

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Program organizer and Vice Commander Robert Smith.



Commander Wengert presents his remarks.



Earl Hewitt with the Post 166 flag during Presentation of the Colors



Post 166 member Bob Paul (L), and son Bob explain symbolism of the Missing-in-Action table



Megan Kiser, Nicole Kiser, and Emily Busko led the Pledge of Allegiance



Rick Holmes with wife Lois and daughter Karen



Delegate Wayne Hartman at the table with Post 166 Legionnaires Ben Dawson and John Bussard



State Senator Mary Beth Carozza and father Tony sitting with Post members George Bartis and Bob Paul



Charlie Mann of SAL is with the Kellys, Nelson and June



Led by Karen Holmes, all sing God Bless America as the program concludes.

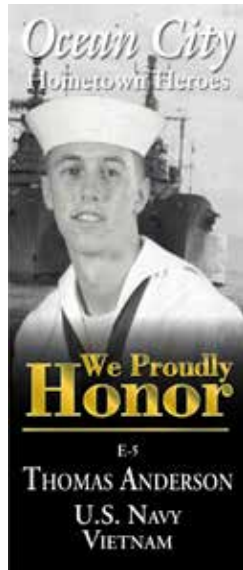
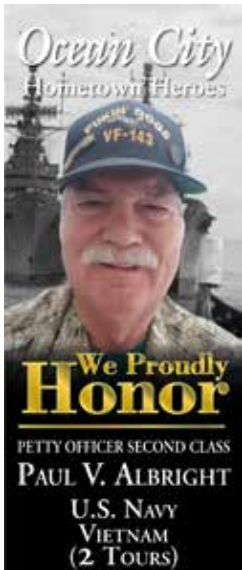


Color Guard Captain Glen Reely (2nd from left) is with Earl Hewitt and Earl's daughter Melissa Campasino and granddaughter Jessica Papsan.



Program is over and Manny Perez with the American flag during the Retiring of the Colors as scout Emily Busko salutes in background.

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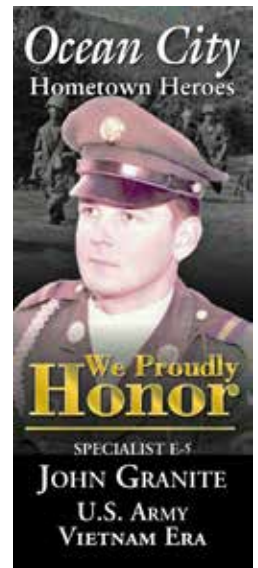
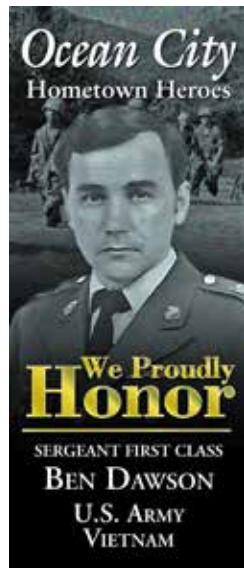
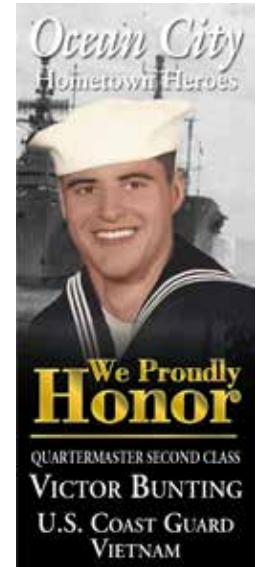


Banners of Hometown Heroes Are on Display on the Boardwalk

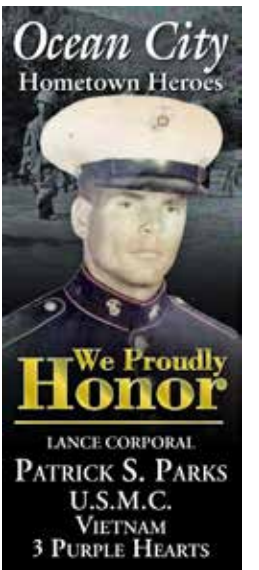
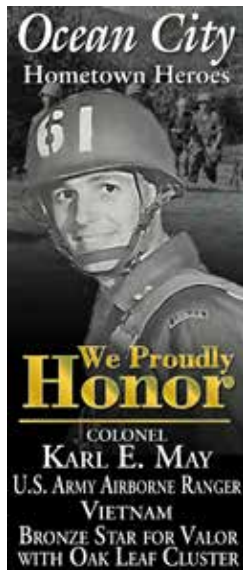
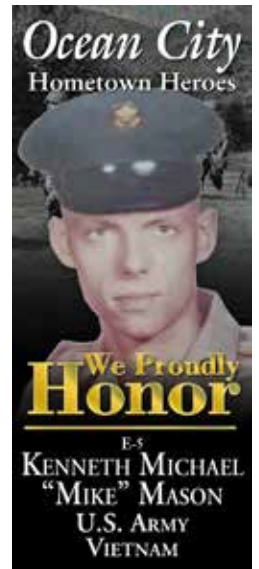
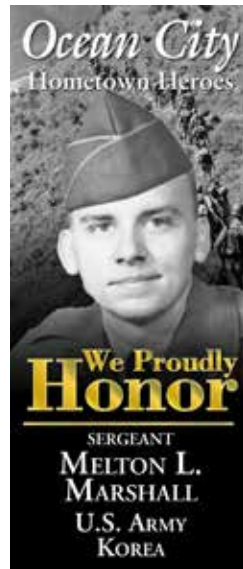
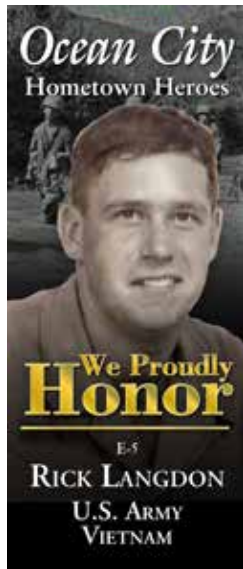
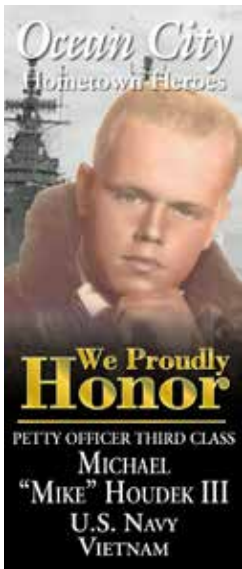
The display of Hometown Heroes banners along the Boardwalk in Ocean City is a project of the Ocean City Elks Club Lodge #2645 Veterans Committee. It began in 2013 when the idea was presented to OC Mayor Rick Meehan. The Mayor and City Council approved the request in January of 2014 and in May the first 20 banners were raised on Boardwalk light poles. For the first two years the program displayed active-duty personnel only. In 2016 it was expanded to 40 light poles and included living WW II, Korean War, and later Cold War Era residents of Worcester County. Vietnam-era veterans were added for the first time this year.

Since its inception the program has displayed a total of 280 banners, from the inlet amusement pier to 4th Street. The program is completely funded by donations.

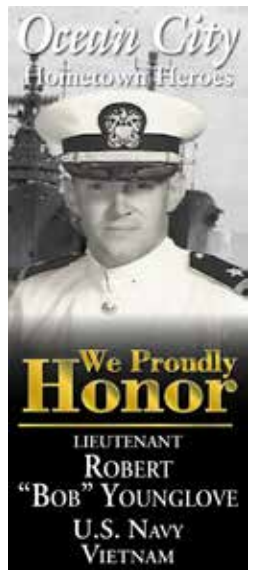
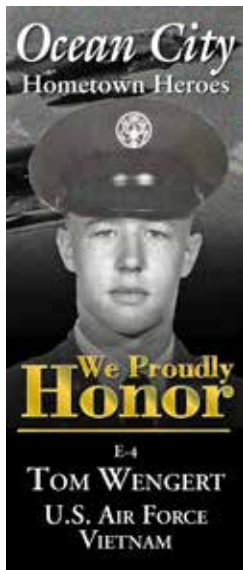
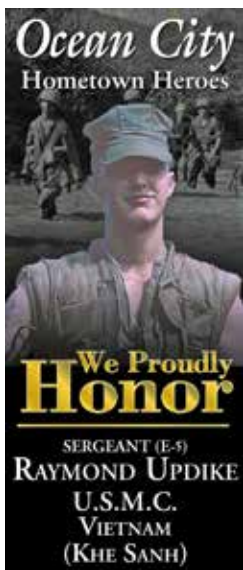
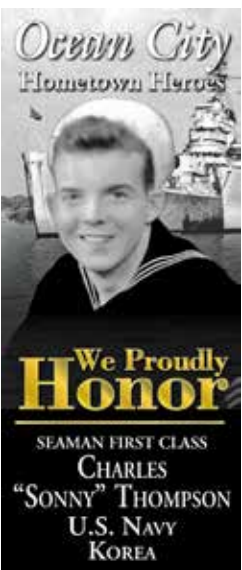
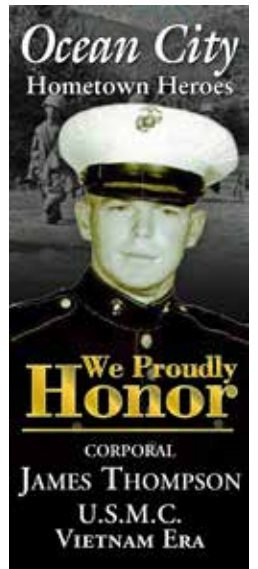
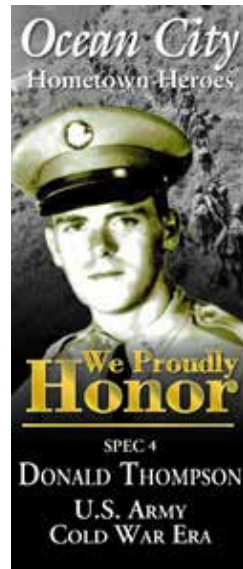
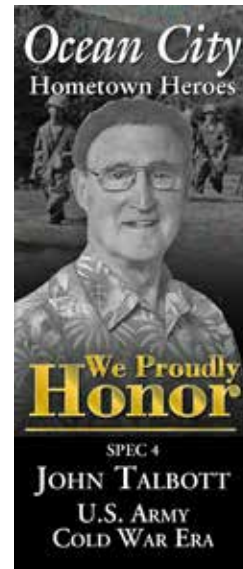
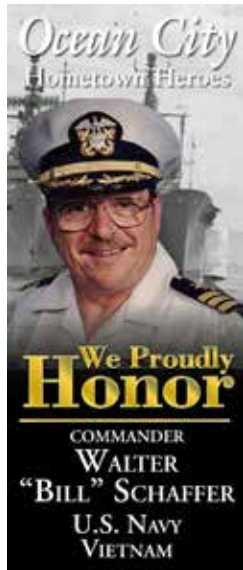
The banners are removed in October, cleaned, and presented to the honorees or their families at a presentation ceremony at the OC Elks Lodge Flaig-Wagner Banquet Hall. The ceremony this year is scheduled for October 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. and the public is invited.



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MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER & HONOR



After presiding at the ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial Auxiliary member Marie Gilmore spoke at the Post ceremonies.



Chaplain Ben Dawson with the Invocation to open the program.



Judge Advocate Jack Hyle reads the names of those who joined Post Everlasting in the last year



Rider Manny Perez gave a moving tribute to Capt. Jennifer Odem, a former CO, who died in a helo crash during drug interdiction mission in Columbia.



Pay Master Bob Broderick of the 1st State Detachment paid homage to the fallen.



Our scouts, with program organizer Bob Smith, lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.



Scouts Delaney and Addison McDaniel of Troop 621 assist with the explanation of the significance of the items on the POW table.



Emily Busko of Troop 621 read the poem In Flanders Field



Scout Johnny Malinowski of Troop 261 recites A Soldier's Prayer.



Kristina Esch of Troop 621 spoke at the program.

MEMORIAL DAY

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Troop 261 Scout Colt Grevey reciting Our Flag.



In a program segment called What Do You Say, Pack 261's William Coleman asked What do you say to a sailor? He answered Go Army!



Trista Harner of Stephen Decatur High School leads the singing of God Bless America to close out the program.



Bowed heads for the benediction closing the program.



Post Service Officer Scott LaCoss and wife Wendy enjoyed the hot dogs, salad, and a cupcake for dessert.



Executive board member John Bussard and wife Vickie



The Post was crowded for the ceremonies



We had a full house



Chaplain Ben Dawson receives a photo of Army boots from 2nd Vice Commander Bob Smith. Ben joined the Army back when boots were brown, not black, as the photo indicates.



Commander Tom Wengert Making his remarks

MEMORIAL DAY

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Dunes Manor Ceremony

The Annual Dunes Manor Ceremony, hosted by the 28th Street hotel annually, was held on the beach where, offshore, a Coast Guard Vessel

dropped a wreath in the water and American Legion Posts 166 and 123 marked the occasion with remarks and presentation of the colors.



Coast Guard vessel stands offshore waiting to lay a memorial wreath in the waters off Ocean City.



Colors presented on the beach



Combined Post 123 and 166 Color Guard marches to his position on the beach for the Presentation of the Colors



Post 166 Chaplain Ben Dawson stands as Post Commander Tom Wengert makes his remarks about the meaning of the ceremony



As the wreath is laid Chaplain Dawson and Commander Wengert render a salute towards the Coast Guard vessel.



A family that attended the ceremony



Others looking on



Glen Reely with the bugle playing taps as the proceedings come to an end.



MEMORIAL DAY

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Worcester County Veterans Memorial



Post 166 Commander Tom Wengert with World War II veteran Sgt. John Roman and wife Jacqueline. Sgt. Roman of Fenwick Island survived D-Day on Utah Beach uninjured but was later wounded twice and awarded two Purple Hearts. He met Jacqueline and married her in France.



VVA President and Post 166 member Nelson Kelly and wife June present WWII I served bumper sticker and ruptured duck discharge pin to Sgt. Roman.



Bringing out a large gathering to remember the fallen



The weather broke for the better after a bad weekend.

Our Scout troops were there participating in the ceremonies



The First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League participating in the ceremonies.



Color Guard 21-gun salute bringing the ceremonies to an end.





AUXILIARY NEWS

Greetings Auxiliary Members!



Karen Thompson

Once again summer is here and so is the installation of new Auxiliary Unit 166 Officers. At our special summer meeting on July 6, I will be accepting the position as the new Auxiliary President of Unit 166. Before I accept this new position, I want everyone to know that it has been an honor to serve as First Vice President and friend to Emily Nock. She has been an amazing president for Unit 166, and I am happy she will still be serving on the board as our new 2nd Vice President. At this time, I would like to welcome Kirsten Brown as the new 1st Vice President and Membership Chairperson. Along with the assistance of Eileen Salafia I know our 2022 membership will be in good hands. I will continue to assist in membership questions and will get you the new contact information for your membership needs to you as soon as possible.

On that note I would like to say that our membership year finished up in a big way, adding over 24 new members and to date coming in a little under 107 percent of the department membership goal. Great job ladies and gentlemen! This means we need to get our dues in early for the 2022 season so remit those dues early to get that infamous "early bird stamp." Remember you can always pay directly on the ALA National Website.

Our unit is currently holding a short 30-day raffle fundraiser for a new gas grill. Details are at the Post and tickets are available up until the drawing on July 6 at 6:30 p.m. Please be sure to stop at the Post for your raffle tickets or contact me direct-



The ALA National Juniors Facebook Page ran this shout-out to Unit 166 Juniors for sending packages to the Coast Guard in Hawaii. From left, Addison and Delaney McDaniel, McKenna Birkhead-Thompson; Lindsay Birkhead-Morton; Saylor Amos and friend.

ly at alabeach166@gmail.com for an alternate purchasing option.

Please remember that every Sunday is the "Queen of Hearts Drawing" at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to help sell weekly tickets Tuesday thru Saturday here at the Post, please see the bartender on duty and be sure to sign in and out so we know you were there. As always, we appreciate each and every one of our volunteers. We could not do this without you! Please remember that as a volunteer you are welcome to enjoy a cool beverage from our bartender as a thank you from us to you! Keep up the good work volunteers!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Unit 166 First Vice President and I am looking forward to serving as the 2021-2022 American Legion Auxiliary President of Unit 166!

Auxiliary Juniors in Action – See next page

In the Spirit of Service not Self,
Karen Thompson
President



Jessie Parsons and Janeen Birkhead-Morton at the tour of the Wall that Heals.



Kendahl Parsons, Addison and Delaney McDaniel, and their friend fluffing poppies at the May 2 Juniors meeting.



Coast Guard Unit from Hawaii receiving the packages sent to them from ALA Junior Unit 166.



AUXILIARY NEWS

JUNIORS HAVE BEEN BUSY!



Jessie Parsons

Our Juniors have been busy these past few months. We were able to resume our in-person meetings. Our juniors have transitioned back to their respective schools and resumed their activities.

On April 11, at the monthly meeting, Juniors Lindsay Birckhead-Morton, McKenna Birckhead-Thompson, Kendahl Parsons, Addison and Delaney McDaniel, Saylor Amos, and a friend, packed boxes for a Coast Guard Unit in Hawaii. Included in the packages were "A Taste of Ocean City," with Girl Scout cookies, Fisher's Popcorn, and saltwater taffy, along with copies of our most recent Post newsletter. We received a picture back from the unit enjoying their treat boxes.

On April 24 Juniors, McKenna Birckhead-Thompson, Lindsay Birckhead-Morton, and Kendahl Parsons, had a private guided tour of the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall when it visited the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. It was highly informative and helped our Juniors understand the sacrifices of our Vietnam Veterans. Our guide also had a Hero Dog as a therapeutic canine. Our Department of Maryland Juniors raised money for the Hero Dog program.

On May 2, our Juniors fluffed poppies for the upcoming Poppy Day and patriotic holidays. A Junior brought a friend to the meeting and we reviewed the significance of the Poppy.

On Memorial Day, Addison and Delaney McDaniel and Kendahl Parsons led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Service in Ocean Pines. The girls then went on to Post 166 to attend the Memorial Day Service there, where Addison and Delaney participated in the ceremony and placed the wreaths.

Our Juniors collected many pounds of metal pull tabs that will be recycled, with the funds from recycling given to the Metals for Miracles/Casey Cares program that helps terminally ill children.

We have two Juniors who are eligible to attend Girls State and have completed their orientation for this program, to be held in June as a virtual event.

Three Juniors made Poppy Posters to submit to the Department of Maryland.

It has been exciting to see that our unit's Juniors have gotten shout outs on the National ALA Juniors Facebook page. In addition, I was interviewed by the ALA National magazine for an upcoming article regarding the boxes our juniors sent to the Coast Guard Unit in Hawaii. So proud of our juniors!

Marie Gilmore, Kristen Brown, and I have taken part in several virtual training programs offered by the National ALA that are geared to support those that work with ALA Juniors' programs. It is a time to share ideas and brainstorm activities to engage Juniors. Although our monthly meetings are recessed for the summer, our Juniors will continue to participate in activities to support our veterans.

Everyone, stay safe and healthy!

Sincerely in service,

Jessie Wolfe-Parsons,

Unit #166 Junior Advisor



(Back row) Unit ALA members: Janeen Birckhead-Morton; Jessie Parsons; Kendahl Parsons (ALA Jr); Marie Gilmore and Kirsten Brown; (front) McKenna Birckhead-Thompson and Lindsay Birckhead-Morton with a hero dog at the Wall that Heals tour in Ocean Pines



Janeen Birckhead-Morton, McKenna Birckhead-Thompson, Kendahl Parsons, and Lindsay Birckhead-Morton with the tour guide at the Wall That Heals.



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



Legion Posts Celebrated at Ocean Downs

When the Air Show comes to town, the American Legion gathers at Ocean Downs for a celebration honoring veterans with support from the track. That was the case this year for Ocean City Post 166 and Berlin Posts 123 and 321. Post 166's 2nd Vice Commander Bob Smith helped organize this year's program. He was responsible for getting the Riders there, as well as the joint Color Guard, and the bag pipers from the Ocean City Pipes and Drum Corps.

Post 166's John Granite was selected this year to receive an American Flag brought to the ground by Special Operations Command parachutists. A representative from each of the Posts choose one Legion member each year for the honor, with the candidate selected based on a number of criteria: Active Duty time, the individual's roll in Legion activities included.

Here is some of what happened in pictures taken at the event.



Parachute jumper from SOCOM carrying the American Flag that was presented to John Granite from Thunderbird Commander Col. John "Brick" Caldwell in ceremonies at the Ocean Downs Casino racetrack.



John Granite with wife Poppy after receiving the American Flag from Thunderbird Commander Col. John "Brick" Caldwell.



Post 166 2nd Vice Commander Bob Smith with a ceremonial bagpiper at the proceedings



Joint Color Guard from the area's Posts present the colors.



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



Bagpipers lead the way.



2nd Vice Commander Bob Smith helps lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



Legion Riders with three members of the SOCOM Team.



2nd Vice Commander Bob Smith with SOCOM Parachute Team receiving plaque from Air Show Committee for his role in helping organize the event.



People on the beach enjoying the Thunderbirds.



1ST STATE DETACHMENT MARINES

First State Golf Outing Raises \$6,000 for Semper Fi & America's Fund

The First State Marines held their 15th Annual "Frank Conlon Memorial Golf Tournament" on Thursday, June 10, at the Ocean City Yacht and Country Club in Berlin. Buddy Sass and his team at the OCG&YC were gracious hosts and went out of their way to accommodate and manage the event. The Tournament was a huge success with a full complement of Golfers along with local sponsors that turned out, participated, and supported the event. Fellow Veterans from The American Legion Post 166 and Post 166 Ladies Auxiliary, The Ocean View VFW, and Chapter 1091 Vietnam Veterans of America joined in support of our mission to raise funds for the Semper Fi & America's Fund.

Fortunately, "the Good Lord gave us a weather window to complete all 18 holes of Golf" said Bob Broderick, event chairman. Players enjoyed a great lunch and short awards ceremony, where trophies for three flights were awarded with a \$535 50/50 cash jackpot and more than 50 door prizes that included golf accessories, gift cards from local businesses and other items generously

donated by local businesses.

Laura Castellvi, the Director of Community Outreach for the Semper Fi & America's Fund attended and accepted a check from the Detachment for \$5,500 and a \$500 donation from the Conlon family in memory of Frank Conlon, for a total contribution of \$6,000. Laura recognized First State Marines for their ongoing support that to date has generated over \$80,000, and told all how important these contributions have been to their mission of support to Combat Wounded Veterans and their families.

The First State Marines is continuing our support to The Semper Fi & America's Fund through our summer custom Bikes Raffle and the Semper Fi



First State Marines Commandant Marty Kwesko (L) and tournament Chairman, Paymaster Bob Broderick, present check to Laura Castellvi, Director of Community Outreach for the Semper Fi & America's Fund.

Bike Ride scheduled for Sunday October 17. Laura and her Husband plan on joining First State Marines for the Annual Bike Ride fund raiser. Businesses interested becoming an event sponsor can reach out by sending an email to websergeant@firstsstatemarines.org or calling the Detachment at 410-430-7181.





SAL NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Chuck Lathbury

Well, another season has come and gone, and summertime has gained control of the weather. Looks like we are in for some hot and humid weather for the days ahead! And some steamy nights. I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and in good spirits. Hope

everyone is looking forward to some good times this summer as am I. Although the majority of us enjoy the heat, some of our friends and neighbors do not do so well, so please be sure you are checking in with your elderly neighbors to make sure they are doing okay with this heat and humidity.

Here at the Post we are putting Covid 19 behind us and restrictions have been lifted (in accordance with Maryland and the CDC), including

wearing masks. I know we are all excited about this and are looking forward to seeing each other's smiling faces again. Now that we are getting back to the swing of things, I would like to invite everyone out to the Post to meet our new kitchen staff led by Chef Joe. While you are here please be sure to try out one of his many new specials. DJ Mikey is back as well, playing all of your favorite songs and requests as always. Please check the Post schedule for dates and times. Sundays as always is the Queen of Hearts drawing at 4:30 p.m. See Buddy Jones or bartender Sheri for your queen of hearts tickets!

I would like to mention that we have only a little while longer to go until the big winner of the Off-Shore Fishing Trip and Micky Fins Gift Card is announced, so please be sure to buy your raffle tickets from one of our always happy-to-see-you bartenders, or contact the Post for alternative purchase options.

In closing I would like to welcome our new First Vice Officer Joe Paul. He will be handling our 2022 S.A.L. membership. Finally, a big congratulations goes out to the Sons of the American Legion for making membership goal once again this year! GOOD JOB to all those who helped in this goal being exceeded; and to all of our new S.A.L. Members we are hoping to see you at the Post and meetings held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Thank you,

Chuck Lathbury

SAL Adjutant



If you recently have driven on Race Track Road past Ocean Pines you couldn't have missed the Flags for Heroes display at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. Flags for Heroes is a joint project with the OC/Berlin Rotary Club. This year 242 flags were sponsored. Each flag has a medallion attached that has the name of the Sponsor and the Hero they are honoring. The souvenir medallion may be taken by the sponsor. The flags fly from Armed Forces Day, May 15, until July 4th.

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

Queen of Hearts

The Queen of Hearts continues to attract lots of activity now that Covid restrictions have been lifted.

As of June 23, we drew 33 cards.

After the June 13 drawing (Ace of diamonds, #19), the jackpot stood at \$27,500. So far in the 33 weeks this game has been going on, weekly winners have collected a total of \$3,980.

Winners during the quarter (April, May, and June through the 13) have included: Addison Jones, Tom Holtz, Gloria Dowson, Mark Wilson, Sherry Gusso, Glenda Patrick, Lisa Shemzer, Mike Backman, and even our new Chef Joe. He was a winner on May 23. Welcome to Post 166, Joe.

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POST 166'S STRONG TRADITION OF CHARITABLE GIVING CONTINUES INTO 2021



Commander Tom Wengert and Charity Committee Chair Bo Spicer holding ceremonial check showing the Post's contributions for 2020.



Courtney Black receives a check for \$2,000 from Post 166 for the Believe in Tomorrow Foundation.



From left, Post 166 members Earl Hewett, Bo Spicer, Bob Smith, and John Granite, present check for \$2,000 to Ashley Sloan Halderman, Coastal Hospice Provider and Community Relations Liaison.



In April Boy Scout Troop 261 received \$2,000 from Commander Wengert and Bo Spicer. Accepting (L-R) were Mason Foxwell, Bennett Brown, and Jeorg Leinemann.

Post 166 continued its generous program of contributions to area organizations in 2021. In 2020, despite being shut down much of the year because of Covid, the Post still figured out a way to help fund important community programs, donating \$150,903.

Donations in 2020 went to churches to help programs for the needy, charitable organizations boy and girl scout troops and projects, veterans' groups, high schools, and for scholarships to high school and college students. Also receiving funds were first responders and paramedics, organizations classified as community caregivers, cultural, and environmental organizations

With restrictions for meetings and gatherings lifted in 2021, Post 166 stayed the course, continuing its efforts to help important community-based organizations thrive. Some of its most recent support went to local volunteer fire departments and charities that supported families

with children with serious illnesses.

In April of this year, Post 166 donated \$8,000 to four local organizations: the Worcester County Parks and Recreation Department, The Ocean City Parks and Recreation Department, Boy Scout Troop 261, and Coastal Hospice.

That was followed in May with \$10,000 in donations to five organizations: The Believe in Tomorrow Foundation based in Baltimore, and the Ocean City, Ocean Pines, Showell, and Bish- opville Volunteer Fire Departments. Believe in Tomorrow operates the House by The Sea and the House on the Bay in Ocean City, and the House on Fenwick Island, three facilities that provide beach vacation get-aways for critically ill children and their families.

These funds, so necessary for these worthy organizations to continue their important safety and social work, come from the hundreds of members and visitors who frequent the Post

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Donations

every month, taking advantage of the Queen of Hearts raffle, slot machines, and Maryland Pull Tab games available at the Post.

The slots are permitted by the state as long as 50 percent of proceeds are donated to charitable organizations or other worthy causes. In 2020, the Posts donations exceeded the state-mandated amount by \$52,282.

April 25, 2021

Dear Mr. Granite, and all Legion Members.

I want to sincerely thank you and the Scholarship Committee for your Financial Support while I attended the Hot Rod Institute in Rapid City, South Dakota. I have successfully completed an 18-month-long intensive course of instruction in automobile restoration. I returned home on March 24th and began full-time employment at the Speed Shop in Selbyville, Delaware on March 29th. The Skills I learned at the Hot Rod Institute enabled me to immediately qualify for this work.

In the future I plan to use this hands-on experience and knowledge to realize my dream of operating my own restoration shop.

Thank you again for your financial assistance for my training.

With gratitude,
Maxx Spicer



Scout News is coming up. See Page 27. In this photo Kevin Grevey, Equipment Manager for Pack 261, is with Jonathan Smith and Colt Grevey at Shad Landing.

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

Your Color Guard Needs You



The Post Color Guard has the uniforms. It has the rifles. Now it needs a Few Good Men. Are You One?

The Color Guard began serving the Post and its members back in the 1960s. Over the years transfers from the Post, advancing age, has reduced our numbers.

That's why we're looking for new volunteers.

It's easy to become one of a special group of Post 166 members who represent the American Legion at patriotic functions, who are there for members transferred to Post Everlasting, helping to say farewell with dignity to departed veterans. Once a year in December they drive to the Veterans Home at Perry Point and distribute warm clothing to all the residents there.

Here's your chance to put on a uniform again and help out in a meaningful way.

The Post 166 Color Guard is often our face to the public at large.

Interested in feeling that special pride that comes with a sense of accomplishment and continued service?

Contact Post Commander Tom Wengert at (443) 994-2513, or television9153@yahoo.com; or Color Guard Captain Glen Reely at (443) 783-0489 or glenreely1941@gmail.com.

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AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Baseball



Post Commander Tom Wengert presents a baseball cap to Bob Gilmore, who is the Post's representative to the baseball team we sponsor.

After a year of not playing, American Legion Baseball is starting up again. Covid canceled the 2020 season, but the cry of Play Ball is being heard again as the Post's team takes the field. Synepuxent Post #166 is the sponsor of the Ocean City Marlins of Worcester County in the Eastern Shore American Legion League. In 2019 the Post's team played in the Maryland State Championship Tournament, losing in the final game by one run.

Since 1925, The American Legion has sponsored a nationwide youth baseball program. During these past seven decades, millions of young players have enjoyed playing baseball. The American Legion and their 2.8 million members have raised millions of dollars each year for players to learn the importance of teamwork, discipline, leadership, and good sportsmanship. The American Legion sponsors American Legion Baseball to give players an opportunity to develop their skills, personal fitness, leadership qualities and to have fun.

If you are interested in watching these young men who represent us play, here is the regular season schedule. The June games, of course, will already have been played before we went to press, but you can still make the July games.

Schedule

- June 20 Opening Day Away Gambrills MD
- June 22, 7 p.m. Home, Berlin Little League Field
- June 24 7 p.m. Home, Berlin Little League Field
- June 25-June 28 Tournament, Fredrick MD
- June 29 7 p.m. Home, Berlin Little League Field
- July 1, 6 p.m. Away, Easton MD
- July 6, 6 p.m. Away, Parkside High School Field
- July 8, 7 p.m. Home, Berlin Little League Field
- July 7, 7 p.m. Away, Somerset, MD, Washington High School Field
- July 15, 6 p.m. Away, Parkside High School Field
- July 18, 10 a.m. Military Appreciation Game, Shorebirds Stadium

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AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



Scout News

Cub Pack 261 and Boy Scout Troop 261 had a great time on a camping trip to Shad Landing in May. In June Troop 261 held a Court of Honor, and Pack 261 had an Awards Ceremony on Assateague Island. Thanks, Post 166 for sponsoring our Scout troops.

Troop 621

The first weekend in April, four scouts from Troop 621 went backpacking with Troop 42 out of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in the mountains of Virginia for a three-day, two-night hike of 15 miles along the Appalachian Trail. The Troop then competed in The Southern Klondike competition on April 17 at Henson Scout Ranch and had a great time.

Emery Busko completed her Eagle Scout Project on April 14, installing a GaGa Ball Pit at Buckingham Elementary School in Berlin. The Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on April 24 was a great success and raised funds for all three units. In May, Life Scout Emery Busko became part of the Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow, Nentego Lodge 20. Not to let the great weather go to waste, the Troop went Kayaking on the Shenandoah River in Virginia on May 22.

Memorial Day was a great day of service for the Troop at the Veteran's memorial and at the American Legion. The Patrol Leader's Council

completed their yearly planning early June, followed by leader elections. First-Class Scout Megan Kiser was voted in as the new Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 621, succeeding Star Scout Nicole Kiser after her six-month duty leading the Troop. The Troop ended the school year with a Locals' - Day camp out at Lion's Woods, where they spent a day at the beach and a day at Trimper's. This August, the Troop will be at Rodney for six days of resident camp.



Johnny Malinowski, Ben Busko, Kasch Johnson, and Colt Grevey fishing at Shad Landing.



Assistant Scout Master James Smith helps Leo Mastromanolis of Pack 261 reel in a fish, as Leo's father, Bill, looks on.



Scout Master Kenny Nichols with his Scouts at the Troop 261 Court of Honor. From left, Chase Ponton, Alex Piela, Tristin Thompson, Johnny Malinowski, Mason Foxwell, Jonathan Smith, Ben Busko, Bennett Brown, Colt Grevey, Reece Solomon, and Kasch Johnson



Pack 261 Awards Ceremony at Assateague Island on June 13



Assistant Cub Master, Chris Grande and the Lion and Tiger dens. Carter Merryman (Lion) Zoey Grande (Lion), Paige Gibson (Tiger), Gavin Wood (Tiger), Maddie Kuzma (Bear/Tiger)





Charlotte Hall – A Welcoming Place to Live for Veterans to Live with Medical Needs.

Are you a veteran in need of assisted living services? Check out Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, operated by the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs. Charlotte Hall has been “Serving Those Who Served” since 1985. The Home is situated on 126 beautiful acres in St. Mary’s County, and offers a continuum of care from the 126-bed assisted living program to the 318-bed skilled nursing program. Charlotte Hall Veterans Home also offers memory care in secure units. The Home is Medicare/Medicaid certified, and all veterans receive a per diem subsidy from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that reduces their cost of care. The Home is inspected annually, as required by the Office of Health Care Quality, MD Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, and by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The facility typically has no waiting list, but availability does change so call one of these numbers to check availability: 301-884-8171 or 1-800-522-VETS(8387). Or go to www.charhall.org

for further information.

Here are some facts about Charlotte Hall:

- Charlotte Hall has 318 Skilled Nursing Beds and 126 Assisted Living Beds for a total of 444 beds.
- Room Rates for Assisted Living are \$177-\$180 per day; Skilled Nursing Facility \$286-\$290 per day (depends on private room, semi-private room, or memory care room.)
- Assisted Living has 30 single rooms; the Skilled Nursing Facility has 86 single rooms and 100 double rooms.
- 33% of population are between the ages of 80-89
- A recent population census showed 11 female veterans and 25 female spouses living at Charlotte Hall.
- 82% of veteran population served during war time
- 46% of veteran population served in the U.S. Army

As a benefit of residing in a certified State Veterans Home, veterans who need nursing home or assisted living care are entitled to receive a per diem grant from the US Department of Veterans Affairs towards their cost of care. This benefit is used to lower the veteran’s out of pocket expenses.



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SERVICE OFFICER



Scott LaCoss

Assistance for Veterans with VA Disability

First off, I'm pleased to have been re-elected as the Post Service Officer for another year. My primary role is to assist veterans with filling out VA Disability and other claims paperwork by acting as the intermediary between the servicemember and the Maryland Department Veteran Service Officers who formally represent your claims to the Veterans Administration.

It's been quite a busy year despite the impact of the pandemic. Your Service Officer and the Department of Maryland team have assisted more than 15 veterans in the past year. I've had a lot to learn and I'm thankful for the advice and assistance of Doug Willey and Adrian Gamboa, Department of Maryland Veteran Service Officers, who have been guiding me all year long as I learned the ropes. I have signed up to get additional training provided at our annual Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City, so I hope to improve my impact and support to our post veterans in the coming year.

I currently offer standard availability on Wednesdays, although I can always find time to make myself available. However, you must make an appointment in order for me to assist you. For most claim services, I need a copy of your DD214, your medical/service records and a Pow-

er of Attorney (VA Form 21-22) appointing the American Legion Department of Maryland Service Officers to represent you in VA claims.

Now that our lives have begun to return to a bit of normalcy, this is a great time to reassess whether or not your VA claim accurately represents your current medical situation and needs. Many of us have service-connected ailments that did not substantially impair our abilities to live a normal life when initially assessed. Over time, however, these ailments and injuries can worsen and have more serious impacts on our lives. When that is the case, I can help you submit a claim for review and increase of your VA Disability compensation, or to seek out additional help for unique and emergent medical needs.

Finally, I'd like to add that the VA has a wide variety of programs to help veterans who are struggling after leaving the service. If you know of a veteran who needs help, either give him my contact information, or advise me of his needs and contact info and I'll take it from there.

Welcome Summer! Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer season. God Bless you and God Bless the USA.

Yours in service,

Scott LaCoss

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Our Squadron 166 Sons of the American Legion is holding a fundraising raffle with a chance to win an Offshore Fishing Trip on the charter boat The Wrecker. It comes with a \$400 gift card

to Mickey Finns Bar & Grill in West Ocean City. Raffle tickets are on sale at the Post bar, or you may contact the Post or any SAL officer to purchase by mail.

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

Greetings Comrades from the Chaplain's corner of the Post. It seems like yesterday (the older we get, the more we say that) we were reading the spring edition of the Post 166 bulletin and here we are reviewing the summer update. Time stops for no man. Summer is officially here, school is out, the June bugs are gone, we have seen another terrific air show and now looking forward to Independence Day celebrations. The best news is that the town and Post are fully open with masks optional. It is great seeing so many of your smiling, recognizable faces when I come to the Post.

We had a great spring, military speaking, with the Worcester Veterans Memorial Committee bringing the "Wall That Heals" to our county, thanks in large part to Marie Gilmore and her many volunteers. What a great and moving pro-

gram it was over the three days it was here. There were also many Memorial Day celebrations in our area, with the Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines again having top billing. I believe that our celebration here at the Post was the best attended ever with the building being packed. A special thanks to all who participated.

Although GOD has been good to us this past spring, we should never forget those members who have moved on to Post Everlasting. Please keep their loved ones left behind lifted up in your prayers. I continue to ask for your help with our members on "sick call." I am only aware of them when I hear it from you. Many times I learn of someone who has been under the weather after they are healed and back at the Post. Too late then to send a "Get Well Card."

I am immensely proud of the opportunity to be a member of Post 166 and the friendships I have gained over the years and to serve as Chaplain. One thing is, for sure, we do live up to our reputation of being the "Friendliest Place in Town."

We live in a great country comrades because of what we and those who came before us did. Let us pray that it will never be taken away.

GOD Bless and stay safe,

— Ben
Chaplain

POST EVERLASTING REPORT

The following members transferred
to Post Everlasting

Anthony A. DeCesaris

William F. Haag

Robert T. Harbaugh

Robert E. Lowe

Bert Raymond

Thomas O'Keefe

Henry Hungerford



Scout Master Kenny Nichols, Kasch Johnson, Reece Solomon, Tristin Thompson, Bennett Brown, Ben Busko.

Quarterly Calendar SUMMER 2021



JULY

Date	Event
6th	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
12th	SAL Meeting 1900hrs Social Hour 1800hrs
13th-16th	Legion Convention
15th	Riders Crab Feast 1600-1900hrs \$40 p/p
19th	Post Executive Board Meeting 1730hrs
20th	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
20th	Auxiliary Meeting 1900hrs, Social 1800hrs
26th	Post Membership Meeting 1900hrs Social Hours 1800hrs
27th	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
28th	1st State Detachment Marine Corps League Meeting Noon



AUG

Date	Event
3rd	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
9th	SAL Meeting 1900hrs Social Hour 1800hrs
10th	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
16th	Post Executive Board Meeting 1730hrs
17th	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
17th	Auxiliary Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
19th	Riders Meeting 1900hrs Social Hour 1800hrs
23rd	Post Membership Meeting 1900hrs Social Hour 1800hrs
24th	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
25th	1st State Detachment Marine Corps League Meeting Noon
31st	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs

SEP

Date	Event
5th	Junior Aux 166 Meeting 1400hrs
6th	Drawing for Fishing Trip 1600hrs with Food And Drink Specials
6th	VVA Chapter 1091 Meeting 1800hrs Social Hour 1700hrs
7th	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
13th	SAL Meeting 1900hrs Social Hour 1800hrs
14th	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
15th-19th	Bike Week
16th	Riders Meeting 1900hrs Social Hour 1800hrs
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- <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

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