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I hate to start off with negativity, but I need to get something off my chest. With 1,700 mailings for Wreaths Across America, which is a program of the Auxiliary, it's a DAMN shame that we had less than 10% participation. Do you mean to tell me that you are too cheap to spend \$15 to put a wreath on a grave of a Veteran who died for our freedom? I can't believe that 1,500 members of the American Legion only joined because the beer is cheap, and the food is good. Enough said on that subject.

Moving on, I would like to say thank you to one of our House Committee members, Harry Rey, for spearheading the renovation of our Legion. He has truly taken it upon himself, along with Bob Broderick of the Marine Corps League, to start the renovations instead of just sitting around talking about them. While Harry was painting, Bob and Paul Hawkins replaced all the fans, and Ben Dawson was removing the license plates from the front bar area. As we needed someone to do bull work, Jeff Cywinski volunteered to do that job and it was a job. He took all of the padding off of the old bar. All renovations to the front hall and bar areas, hopefully, should be done by the end of January.

Although October was a winding down month from the fast and furious summer that we had here at the Legion, we still had good crowds all week and excellent hospitality shared by all. It's still nice to see our friends come down from other parts of the East Coast to visit with us and be among other veterans like themselves. We did win an award at the district executive committee meeting for being a five-star post.

November in itself was a very busy month. It

featured one of the best Veterans Day programs held here at Post 166 with speakers from every War era, from World War II to the present. The program was very well attended, and concluded with a nice meal from Mission BBQ. Two days later our Legion-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 261 and Cub

Scout Troop 261, along with the girls from our

Troop 621, had their flag retirement ceremony at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in Ocean Pines. Then came

Thanksgiving -- a day that we thank

God for everything that he has given to us throughout our lives. This

Thanksgiving we served almost

200 dinners to our Veterans and their family members and friends.

The camaraderie here at the Post was fantastic and shared by all.

December started off with our

Support the Troops program. We had many volunteers here to pack

and stuff the boxes with some very special goodies. Also, we had the Army-Navy game on our big screen at the

Post. We had a very nice crowd with some pretty good hot dogs and nachos.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Be smart, don't drink and drive. I would like to wish everyone a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New. This is when our elderly and Veterans need us the most. Don't

hesitate to check up on them and make sure they are OK. See you next year.



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

*Tom Wengert,*  
Commander



# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



## Remodeling and Decorating



The Post got a face lift with added decorating for Christmas. Here are some photos of the work



The First Marine Detachment helped out. Here is Bob Broderick installing ceiling fan in game room.



The Holiday Decorating Crew



First Marine Detachment's Jeff Cwynski cleaning up after removing bottom part of bar.



Jeff Cwynski removing the facing of the bar so it could be replaced with an upgrade.



Paul Hawkins unpacking a fan to be installed in the ceiling.



Harry Rey on repainting DJ Mikey's home away from home – our stage!



Todd Mitchell in the hoodie and Jake Lowery peeking over the bar are hard at work.



With the remodel and decorating done it was time for Ugly Sweaters. (L-R) Gwen and Kevin Braecklein had the funniest, Mike Torlish the most creative, and Bonnie Strawbridge the ugliest.

TREE TRIMMING TRADITION CONTINUES



Alicia Muir hangs the Air Force ornament



You can see SAL President Little Joe Verdura is having fun before hanging the Sons of the American Legion ornament



Jesse Parsons, who leads our Auxiliary Juniors was on hand to help also.



Our Master of Ceremonies, Bob Paul, 2nd Vice Commander



For the Army, Chuck Porter



The Legion has an ornament, and it was placed on the tree by Commander Tom Wengert

Our volunteers decked the halls, and then it was time to turn to the tree. The various service and Legion family ornaments were hung on the tree December 11.



Auxiliary President Karen Thompson placing the United We Stand ornament



That's a big grin on Scott Brown's face as he hangs the Coast Guard ornament. Scott and Kirsten's daughter is on the CG stationed in Hawaii



The Riders had their ornament hung by Kirsten Brown



Joanne Wengert hung the Stand for the Anthem & Kneel for the flag ornament



Before hanging the Marine Corps ornament, First Detachment Marine Dave Kline paid tribute to the 13 servicemen and women killed as we left Afghanistan



Harry Rey hangs a Navy ornament hours before Navy beat Army



Sam Wiley hangs a second Navy ornament



# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



Ed Pinto

## Post 166 is a Great Village — A Message from the Editor

You know the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." Well, that's also what it is like to be involved in Post 166 activities. What a Village we are. That was never so apparent to me as when I was putting together this latest edition of the newsletter.

Holiday season, and I was away for many of the activities that were held at the Post, and so unable to take photographs. Didn't matter. Got lots of help from many people who stepped up for me and here's a little thanks to Karen Thompson, John Bussard, Emily Nock, Jesse Parsons. They all provided photos you will see in this issue of many Post activities: Thanksgiving Dinner, Support the Troops Care Packages, the party for the Worcester County Development Center, Remodeling and decorating the Post.

But guess what, there wouldn't be any pictures to take at these functions, there wouldn't even be any programs or events, without dozens of others who stepped up and themselves were the persons photographed in action.. You'll see many of them in the photographs peppered through this edition.

And don't forget about our paid staff, from the kitchen to behind the bar, and our Steward, Sam Wiley. They always have a smile and the food and drink service is great. Lastly, we have a terrific and highly engaged group of Officers and Executive Committee that keep is moving ahead.

That's what I mean by Village. We may call it a Post, but it's a Village because that word connotes more of a family than just membership in an organization. I for one am very thankful for all of you and for being a part of Post 166.

Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

*Ed Pinto*

## Thanksgiving and Our Volunteers were Out in Force

After Christmas and New Year's feasting, who can remember Thanksgiving? Here are a couple of photos of some of the volunteers who served almost 200 dinners, and one of the heaping plate that was served.



First shift servers were Roy Gible, Al Schiavo, Leah Auston, Barbara Tall, Steve Reed, Steffany Beckett (from Salisbury Post 64), James Humphreys, Kathy Beacraft, and Kyle Beacraft



We were too busy eating and forgot to get the names of the second shift servers but you can see they were enjoying themselves.



Steward Sam with the Guest of Honor



The dinner



## AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

### POST STEWARD UPDATE



Sam Wiley  
Post 166 Steward

I'm sure several of you out there in Legion land feel as I do and are asking yourself, how did we get here and where does the time go. As I write this article, I can't believe we are two weeks away from Christmas!! Of course, we all have lots to do, and there is always lots going on at Post 166. By the time you

read this Christmas and New Year's will just be a memory and I am hoping for everyone, it's a beautiful one.

As we end this year and look forward to an amazing 2022 it's hard not to look back and reflect on this whirlwind of a year. We had a crazy busy summer this year that was driven by people venturing out again, special events coming back on the calendar, a very active Queen of Hearts drawing, our great Legion hospitality, wonderful drink options and prices and our always improving food menu. The numbers do not lie and as a post we should be proud.

Even though we faced many challenges this year from shortages of help to supply chain issues, we still managed to have great success. Once again, I want to thank our officers and paid staff for all their hard work and cooperation. I will never stop thanking our volunteers at Post 166 for what they/you do for this post. We could never do it without you. It doesn't matter if you volunteer for one hour a week or ten hours, or if you volunteer for one event or ten events, what you do, and the time you give, means so much and it's such a huge part of the success of this post. **THANK YOU!!!**

Thanks to all of you, mid-summer thru December we had a great Legion Week and Rider's crab fest, a record-breaking Bike Week, an awesome Queen of Hearts jackpot celebration, a very meaningful Veterans Day program, a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner, and we have fun decorating the post to celebrate the holidays. We also gave the folks from the Worcester County developmental group a very memorable Christmas party. Great job one and all!

COVID-19 and the variant continue to be a menace. Please continue to wash your hands, use

hand sanitizer, and use the sanitizer wipes located thru out the building. They are there for your safety. We ask that you continue to monitor your health and the health of any guest you bring with you to the post. Please do not come to the post if you have cold or flu symptoms. We need to think of one another during these trying times and make smart choices. Please respect one another and the choices one makes, and please keep your political views on vaccinations, mask wearing and related subject matter to yourself. We are all here to enjoy ourselves and the post is not the time or place for these types of discussions.

Please continue to use the suggestion box located by the window in the bar area. Fill out a comment card if you feel something at the post was not to your liking, or if there is an issue that we need to address. We also want to hear from you if you really enjoyed something, so we know to keep doing it right. The House Committee reviews all comment cards monthly and will reach out to you with a response if you put your contact info on the card.

Please be patient and aware as we continue to make some structural improvements around the post.



Josh Messer at work

If you haven't met Joshua Messer yet be sure to say "hello." Josh is the tall thin gentleman who has been working in the kitchen. As of January 1, Josh will be the new kitchen manager, responsible for the daily operations of the kitchen. Josh is an Ocean City native and has been cooking since he was a teenager. He has worked and managed at several local restaurants and comes to us with years of cooking experience and sound managerial skills. Josh has already shown us that he takes his new role seriously and has fostered a great working relationship with his co-workers and the

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VVA Holds 20th Biennial Convention

Bob Gilmore of VVA Chapter 1091 attended the VVA's 20th biennial convention in Greensboro, NC, along with wife Marie Gilmore, who was at the VVA Auxiliary convention that was held concurrently. Bob reported back on some of the convention's actions.

Jack McManus of Michigan was elected VVA National President, replacing John Rowan of New York, who served eight two-year terms. McManus's first action as President was to appoint a three-member panel to inquire into the formation of "Veterans Voices of America."

Nine Region Directors won re-election: Rossie Nance is our Region 3 Director. Ten At-Large Directors were also elected. Two are from Region 3, Charlie Hobbs (TN) and Charlie Montgomery (VA).

Constitution Amendments Addressed:

The delegates also approved allowing Internet platforms to be utilized at all levels of VVA meetings; requiring all candidates for national office to file a notice of candidacy with the Elections Committee no less than 30 days prior to the

National Convention; and permitting 15 members in "good standing" to file a petition to form a new chapter.

Also approved were two resolutions. One prohibits VVA Officers and Board Members from changing the organization's name or creating any new name to replace the current name. A second resolution that passed would allow South Korea Vietnam Veterans to become full-fledged members of our organization. These Korean nationals, now American Citizens, should not be left behind, according to the resolution. To make this happen the VVA Congressional Charter must be amended. All VVA members were asked to contact their Representatives in Congress to support HR234, "Korean American Valor Act"

Guest speakers at the convention were keynoter and Vietnam Veteran U.S. Army Lt. General Ronald Blanck, and VA Secretary Denis McDonough.

A Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, and currently New York Mets Baseball Team President Sandy Alderson.

Veterans of Foreign War Chapter 10910 Presents New Eagle Scouts with Medals



Emery Busko receives her Vietnam Veterans Eagle Scout Medal

The Vietnam Veterans of America Eagle Scout Medal has been presented by VVA Chapter 1091 to the first female Eagle Scout in the Tri-County Delmarva District, and to four Scouts from Troop 225 Berlin/Ocean City at a ceremony in Snow Hill.

Emery Busko Troop 621 received her Vietnam Veterans of America Eagle Scout Medal De-



From left to right are Raiden Leonard, Justin Hurney, Eathan Gell of Snow Hill, and Brandon Anderson of Newark.

ember 12 at her Eagle investiture at American Legion Post 166 in Ocean City. Making the presentation was Robert Smith, on behalf of Chapter President Nelson Kelly.

In October, the four young men receiving the medals were Raiden Leonard, Justin Hurney, Eathan Gell of Snow Hill, and Brandon Anderson of Newark. Smith also made that presentation



## AUXILIARY NEWS

### Auxiliary Ends Year with Donations and Shout-Out to Volunteers



Karen Thompson

I certainly hope that all of you had a magical and memorable holiday season and on behalf of the ALA Unit 166 I would like to wish everyone an incredibly happy New Year.

As I settle into my new position of unit president, I would like to thank all unit officers and members for their continued support to the Post. All the amazing events held here at Post 166 could not happen without you. With the renovation of the Post taking place, I hope that we will be able to institute new events in the near future. I am pleased to announce that unit 166 was able to contribute to this much needed renovation of the Post, with a significant donation toward the purchase of contemporary furniture. We are all overly excited to see the finished modernized American Legion Post 166!

In sticking with donations, I am happy to announce that thanks to a great turnout at Sunfest this fall our beer truck was a success. Proceeds from this fundraiser allowed us to honor the First State Detachment Marine Corps League for its continued volunteer support with a \$500 donation. Thank you, Marines, we appreciate, you

Our unit is also the proud recipient of a substantial donation from our Sergeant-at-Arms, Lori Arillo. A new bench will be added to the Worcester County Veterans Memorial in the name of American Legion Auxiliary Synepuxent Unit 166. This lovely bench, known as a "waiting bench," will be placed in the Memorial Garden at the Memorial in honor of all those who await the safe return of loved ones serving in harm's way. Thank you, Lori, for your generous donation and thoughtfulness.

In October, our unit took part in make-a-difference day by showing our support to our local Coast Guard. Auxiliary members delivered pumpkins filled with sweet Halloween Treats. This sweet delivery has become an annual event for Unit 166 and we look forward to it each year.

November brought us a new and popular Veterans Day Celebration in which several of our members proudly served dinner to a packed house of guests. Rocking the blue auxiliary aprons were Bonnie Strawbridge, Jesse Parsons, Kirsten Brown, and Alicia Muir. Thank you, ladies you all looked, lovely! Americanism chair Eileen Salafia made

her rounds to the schools in the area sharing with students the value of patriotism and promoting participation in the annual Americanism Essay contest. This year's essay theme is "How can we support families who provide care to their veterans?" Anyone interested in learning more about this program is encouraged to reach out to the unit or visit the national American Legion Auxiliary website. November ended with the important task of decorating the Post for Christmas. On Saturday November 27 scouts Emery Busko and Paulee Magathen helped me bring down storage totes filled with decorations from the attic. Then on Sunday the scouts returned along with numerous volunteers to start the decorating process. Within a couple of hours, the Post was decked out in the colors of the season, allowing volunteers time to sit and enjoy each other's company. I personally cannot thank everyone enough who has made my yearly trip into the attic much less painful!

Without hesitation December was upon us and we started out the month with a party. Past president Emily Nock, who has been busy with the Children and Youth Program collecting suitcases for foster children, organized the Annual Worcester County Developmental Center Holiday Party held on December 4. Great music and fun for all. I would like to acknowledge all the volunteers that made this possible with a special thank you again to Commander Tom Wengert for playing a very interactive Santa, Eileen Salafia for stuffing and addressing over 80 Christmas Cards and to Chef Josh for preparing all the great food served at the party. The very next day we were right back to work with the sorting and packing of the Support the Troops boxes. Along with many vol-

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Auxiliary President Karen Thompson and First State Detachment Marines after Karen presented a \$500 Auxiliary donation to the Marines



## AUXILIARY NEWS

### POST 166 JUNIORS RECOGNIZED WITH OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARD



Jessie Parsons

First, let's start with some really good news. We are extremely proud to announce that Synepuxent Unit 166 American Legion Auxiliary Juniors program has been awarded a national award for the most Outstanding Unit Junior Activities Program in the Eastern Division for the years 2019-2021. The award will be presented at the ALA Department of Maryland Winter Conference in January. A big thank you to Rosie Garlitz, whose vision and work with our juniors program has made it such a success. This award period covers the time Rosie was the Junior Advisor. Rosie instilled in all the members the importance of helping veterans and the larger community.

Now, back to what made us an award winner. Fall was busy for ALA Unit 166 Juniors. In the September meeting, we made cards and sent them to Alison Malachowski, a Gold Star mother, whose son, Jimmy, died while serving in Afghanistan 10 years ago. I received this text from her: "Thank you for remembering me in such a beautiful way. I have the cards you sent lined up on the counter as a reminder that someone cared enough to make and send them, means more than you will ever know."

Our Juniors are also sending birthday boxes to local soldiers stationed around the country and world. Our first birthday box recipient was

Marine DJ Taylor, who graduated from Stephen Decatur high school in 2020. DJ is stationed in California and was excited to receive our "taste of home" box that included Fishers Popcorn, Dolles taffy, local newspapers, and our recent Post 166 Newsletter. It was also the first piece of mail he received since he was promoted to Lance Corporal. If you know a soldier from the local area, provide us with his/her contact information and birthdate.

On October 23, Kendahl Parsons and other ALA members attended the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Afterwards, Kendahl, Addison and Delaney McDaniel, helped ALA members deliver jack-o-lanterns filled with candy to the Coast Guard Station for Make a Difference Day.

Election and induction of officers were held in November. A big thank you to Marie Gilmore, past ALA Unit 166 president, for facilitating the induction ceremony. Our newly installed Honorary Junior officers are:

Delaney McDaniel, Honorary Junior President; Saylor Amos, Honorary Junior Vice President; Addison McDaniel, Honorary Junior Chaplain; Sophia Hume, Honorary Junior Historian; and Mia Hume, Honorary Junior Sgt.-at-Arms. Congratulations to all for making this commitment!

Also, at the November meeting the Juniors signed cards to education staff for American Education Week. They chose a teacher from each of our local schools to receive a Dunkin Donuts gift

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10/23/21 ALA Unit 166 Juniors Kendahl Parsons, Saylor Amos, Addison McDaniel and Delaney McDaniel, delivering candy to the Coast Guard Station for Make a Difference Day



10/23/21 Jessie Parsons, Kirsten Brown, Emily Nock, Addison McDaniel, Marie Gilmore, Delaney McDaniel, Kendahl Parsons, and Saylor Amos delivering candy to the Coast Guard Station for Make a Difference Day



10/23/21 Jessie Parsons, Kendahl Parsons, Emily Nock, and Kirsten Brown at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in OC



Mia Hume(Sgt at Arms); Sophia Hume (Historian); Addison McDaniel (Chaplain); Saylor Amos (Vice President); and Delaney McDaniel (President) being inducted as Honorary Junior officers

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unteers and the Operation We Care organization the day was a remarkable success. Shout out to event chair Kristy Johnson – Fantastic job Kristy! Also Thank you to everyone who participated in and volunteered their valuable time to us, we appreciate you! Anyone wishing to join in on the fun at events like this is welcome and encouraged to do so. If you are interested in knowing when volunteer opportunities arise, please forward your name, phone number, and email address to [alabeach166@gmail.com](mailto:alabeach166@gmail.com) and I will be sure to add you to our volunteer contact list.

In closing I would just like to remind all Auxiliary members that our monthly meeting is where we plan and discuss these events. Please come out and join us on the third Tuesday of each month and get in on the fun. Don't forget to bring your ideas to share! As always if you need assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via email [alabeach166@gmail.com](mailto:alabeach166@gmail.com) or phone/text me at 410-251-2329. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year –

*Karen Thompson*  
President

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card and gift bag full of school supplies.

On Veterans Day, Addison and Delaney McDaniel participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony at our Post by placing the beautiful fresh flower wreath during the program.

On the following Saturday, Saylor Amos attended the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Worcester County Veterans Memorial, where she folded and retired flags along with Post-sponsored Scout troops. In conjunction with the troops, we will be planning a few events to properly retire the flags that cannot be burned, by separating the cotton from synthetic flags. The field of stars will be properly separated/cut from the stripes on "other than cotton" flags. More information to come.

In December Kendahl, Addison and Delaney McDaniel helped load vehicles with donations for boxes for the troops from Stephen Decatur High School's Connection Club. A big thank you to Laurie Chetelat, Advisor of the Connections program, who has been organizing donation collections for many years. Kendahl participated in the Worcester County Developmental Center Holiday party held at the Post. Kendahl, Addison, Delaney, and Sophia and Mia Hume took part in the Operation We Care at the Post, packing the boxes to be mailed to our troops.

As we enter the new year, we are continuing to collect all sizes of children's pajamas for the Casey Cares Kammies Jammies program for chronically ill children. We are also collecting dimes for Casey Cares as well. Our ongoing Dept. of Maryland Juniors project is making kits for the homeless population.

Many of our juniors are planning to attend the National Juniors Meeting scheduled to be held in Baltimore on March 26. We continue to be recognized on the National ALA Juniors Facebook page using hashtags in our Facebook posts. Several of our activities were again chosen to be shared on the National page. It is wonderful to see our Juniors participating side-by-side with our other Legion family members.

Faithfully in Service,  
*Jessie Parsons,*  
Junior Advisor

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## AUXILIARY NEWS

### Auxiliary Membership Update

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season! I am Kirsten Brown and the new First Vice President and Membership Chair for our Auxiliary. I am enjoying getting to know everyone and learning all about membership. We are off to a great start with our 2022 renewal year and continue to grow our membership. We are at 71% of our department goal and along with our renewals, we have 29 new members two new Juniors, and seven transfers to our unit for 2022. We also have a few new faces at our monthly meetings, which is exciting. Our monthly meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month with a social hour at 6 pm with light refreshments provided. The meeting starts at 7 pm. All are welcome so please come join us.

I would also like to share the American Legion Auxiliary Website address [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org). This website is full of information for all our

members. I highly recommend the ALA Academy Training Courses; they are informative and easy to follow. If you have any questions, I would be happy to help you.

We are always looking for volunteers so please make sure we have your correct email. If you are not on our Constant Contact list please let me or Karen Thompson know so we may add you, Also, as a friendly reminder, check your spam/junk folder too.

I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year as our Auxiliary continues to grow. "There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer. With it beats the spirit of service, generosity, and compassion... and the health of the community, country and our world." -- Kobi Yamada, in "The Heart of a Volunteer."

*Kirsten Brown*  
First Vice President

## AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



### From the Adjutant



John Bussard  
Adjutant

A week prior to the deadline for submitting information for the newsletter, registrations are coming in full bore before the December 31, 2021 membership year-end deadline.

During my first six months as Adjutant there have been some faux pas, which I knew there would be, but over this period the Post has been able to process more than 618 memberships for 2022, several 2021 and 2020 memberships. and we have added at least 59 new members. The anticipated December registration rush will be those approximately 380 who have not registered to date.

About thirty or so members will lose their continuous membership from 2019 and 2020 because their dues are not up to date. That may be partly due to the possibility that their contact information is not up to date in the national database and their mail is therefore coded "unde-

liverable" in the system. If you have not gotten the dues notice from American Legion National it may be because you have moved or there is a problem with your address in the database, so please contact me at [adjutant166@gmail.com](mailto:adjutant166@gmail.com) and I will attempt to find a solution and correct the bad information. I would, again, suggest that each member with an email identity log into MyLegion.org with that email address and a password and verify their address and contact information.

Membership renewal notification dates for 2022 will begin with January 7, February 25, April 30, and then around July first. Add those dates to your calendar and then return your membership dues as soon as possible after you receive your notification. The member dues will remain at \$35. If you are local to Ocean City you may also drop off your dues and registration notice at the post.

*John Bussard*  
Adjutant



# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

## Our Own Emery Busko is First Female Eagle Scout In Tri-State Delmarva Council

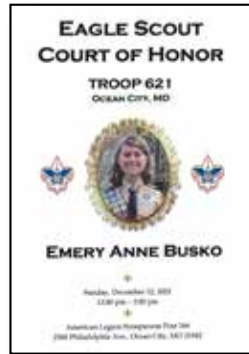
In a ceremony held Dec. 12 at the Post, Emery Busko of Troop 621 was invested as the first female Eagle Scout in the Tri-State Delmarva Council comprising Worcester, Wicomico, and Somerset counties.

Emery was invested in the Post's main hall in front of family, friends, fellow and sister scouts,

legion members, elected government officials, and officials from the scouting organization.



Emery, right, with her parents and brothers



Robert Smith of VVA Chapter 1091 presents Emery with the Vietnam Veterans of American Eagle Scout Medal



Dave Kline presents Emery with a citation from the First Detachment Marine Corps League



Post Commander Tom Wengert could not say enough about Emery's accomplishment



Emery lighting candles that stand for elements of Scout law during her investiture



As part of the ceremony, new Eagle Scouts choose a mentor who helped them get there. Emery chose her father, Nick, Scoutmaster of her Troop 261



Eagle Scouts have a distinctive uniform neckerchief. Here, scouts from her troop are placing the red, white, and blue Eagle Scout neckerchief on Emery



With her mother and father looking on, Emery gives what amounts to a acceptance speech thanking many who helped her along her road to Eagle.



That's a proud father telling the audience about his trailblazing daughter



# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

## Veterans Day at Veteran's Memorial



Call to Colors by Post 166 Color Guard Michael Higdon



Combined Color Guard from Posts 123 and 166 and the First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League mustering before the ceremonies



Large turnout for the first live Veterans Day Ceremony in two years



First Detachment Marines Mustering



Empty chairs set up to commemorate the last 13 lives lost when the U.S. left Afghanistan



Seaside Christian Academy Children's Choir led the singing of the National Anthem



Taps by First Detachments Frank Del Piano. In the background is the Delmarva Chorus that sang a medley of service anthems



21 gun salute to close out the ceremonies

For the first time in two years the Worcester County Veterans Memorial held a live ceremony commemorating Veterans Day, under perfect November weather of blue skies and comfortable temperatures. That ceremony was followed up later in the day at Post 166, with a commemoration that reached back to WWII and forward to the last war our nation fought – Afghanistan.

To mark these conflicts, organizer Bob Paul searched out Veterans who served in all the con-

flicts. Bob's son, Joe of the SAL acted as MC and introduced each veteran as they each presented a short vignette of what they did, what it was like: WW II - USMC Veteran Morris Semiatin; Korean War – Hershel Rose, U.S. Army (represented by his wife, Carol Rose); Cold War – Navy veteran Ed Pinto; Vietnam – Army veteran George Bartsis; Gulf War – Navy veteran Sam Wiley; Iraq War – Army veteran Scott Brown; Afghanistan – Army veteran Robert Smith.



# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

## Veterans Day at the Post



As usual the Post Veterans Day ceremony was well attended



Marine PFC Morris Semiatin speaks. He served on two Jima where he was wounded



Pledge of Allegiance led by our Scouts



For George Barstis, his most deeply felt memories of the Vietnam War was returning home to insults and jeers



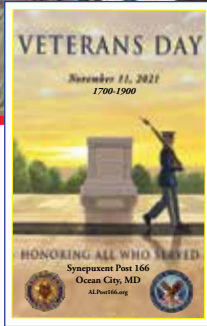
Post Steward Sam Wiley, who served as a Navy corpsman during the Gulf War



Navy vet Ed Pinto recounts searching for Soviet submarines in an S2F Tracker antisubmarine aircraft off the U.S. East Coast during the Cold War



Scott Brown represented those who served in Afghanistan



Mrs. Carol Rose who spoke for her husband, Army Korean War veteran Hershel Rose



Delaney McDaniel, Emery Busko, Addison McDaniel did the honors of placing the wreath at the MIA Table



After the presentations, Karen Holmes led the singing of God Bless America



# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

Every year at Holiday time the Post gets together – all ages from ALA Juniors to the most seasoned veteran – to load Care Packages for Operation We Care. Since 2007 Operation We Care has been packaging food, toiletries, and other items for daily living for military outposts around the world. It's no different this year. Kristy Johnson coordinated the effort this year that ended with 100 Care Packages stuffed, sealed, and delivered the U.S. Postal Service. Take a look at how it was done.



The Auxiliary also turned out. That's Marie Gilmore in the foreground



It's an assembly line operation



When it comes to helping those still serving you are sure to find our Marines on the front lines



Our Juniors were fully engaged that day



It takes lots of bodies to fill the boxes but we had volunteers in abundance



ALA Unit 166 Juniors with just some of the items that went into the boxes



Glenda Eichelberger spent lots of her time and creative energy and the result are more cards for our troops



The day is done. The boxes are packed. Now it's a handover to the U.S. Postal Service. Thanks to all who assisted stuffing 100 boxes with needed items



Fran Yates also created some hand-made cards, beautifully addressed to our soldiers for Support the Troops boxes





# 1ST STATE DETACHMENT MARINES

## Marine Corps Ball Celebration

On Saturday November 13, The First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League celebrated the 246th Birthday of the United States Marine Corps with Detachment Members, fellow Marines, Navy Corpsman who served with the Marines, and special guests at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club. This formal event follows the traditions of the Marine Corps and the scripted protocols that Marines follow in every clime and place.

The event opened with presentation of Colors followed by our National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance. The Salisbury Detachment of active-duty Marine recruiters presented the National colors. The cake presentation was escorted by detachment members in full-dress uniform following the protocols for a formal USMC Birthday Ball. Tradition calls for the cake to be cut by sword by the senior escorting Marine and the first piece served to the oldest Marine. Our oldest Marine, Morris Semiatin, a decorated Iwo Jima combat veteran handed the first piece to the youngest Marine, Lance Corporal Robert Mosley. Special awards were presented to John Daddezio

(Marine of the Year), and Sami Oruc, (Associate Member of the Year). Karen Hart and Brad Hoffman were presented Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of their selfless service to the Detachment and the communities we serve. Department Commandant Frank Del Piano presented a Special Recognition award to Detachment Commandant Marty Kwesko in recognition of his three years of Leadership and the Detachment's accomplishments during his tenure as commandant.

After a great dinner, 120 attendees got the party Started. Music provided by DJ Mikey got the dancing going. The blend of generations of Marines and their guests made for a wonderful afternoon and evening of festivities where everyone enjoyed themselves.

Throughout the year, First State Marines will continue to practice the tenets of Semper Fidelis (Always Faithful). Our commitment to community Service through our Toys for Tots Program, annual golf tournament, and Semper Fi Bike Ride works to improve the lives veterans and citizens here on the shore.



John Daddezio, Marine of the Year with Commandant Marty Kwesko.



Presenting the cake, left to right, Jim Wright, Bob Broderick, LCPL Robert Mosley, John Daddezio, Rick Pounsberry.



Marty Kwesko and Dave Kline receiving the Associate Member of the Year award for Sami Oruc.



Mary Pat & Brad Hoffman.



Marty Kwesko, Left, receives Special Recognition Award from Frank Del Piano.



# SAL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Here we go again. The year is over, and we are in the middle of Mister Winter, who is putting a chill in the air. I hope everyone is warm and had a great holiday. Looking back on a great end of year, we had our Bull and Oyster Roast on November 13, and it went very well. Everyone loved the food and the music and said it was one of the best Bull and Oyster Roasts they have been to. As you know we had a fundraiser for a fishing trip. All the proceeds from that went to giving needy family's Thanksgiving dinners and to Christmas gifts for children.

Some of the money raised also went to different veterans and organizations for individuals and families in need. As you know from our last newsletter we are having a new fundraiser on the Topsy Tiki Floating bar. It's for twelve people and the drinks are all included. The winner and guests will get a one and a half hour trip on the bay. The tickets are on sale for \$5 each or five for \$20. They are available at Post 166. If you don't have 12 friends I know where you can find some!

Our membership is coming along well, but you must get your renewals in before it's too late. We are still looking for people to do some volunteering for some of the events. The Son's meetings are on the second Monday of each month

from 7 to 8 pm with a happy hour from 6 to 7.

We would like to see more members join us and provide suggestions on what fundraisers we should do.

Until I see you at the Post or a meeting, I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.  
SAL Commander

*Joe Verdura*

## POST STEWARD UPDATE

*Continued from page 5*

officers of this post. Best of luck Josh! And welcome aboard!

Moving forward, be sure to follow us on Facebook. Also, make sure we have your current e-mail address so we can reach out to you on constant contact and keep you informed about special events.

A few events to look forward to are The Four Chaplains' ceremony Sunday, February 6, Super Bowl Sunday, February 13, and the Post super bowl party. Also, on Saturday February 12 the SAL Valentine's Day Dinner, Thursday February 24 Post 166 Business Networking Event, and March 12, St. Patty's Day celebration.

Before you know it will be warming up and will be seeing spring. Until then, stay warm and stay safe. If there is anything I can do for you, please reach out to me.

Respectfully,

*Sam Wiley*

- Post 166 Steward

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### Queen of Hearts Jackpot Hit Twice

The \$100,000 jackpot was won on September 26 by Kevin Wenrick on the last week of the drawing. The Queen was sleeping behind #34. Surprisingly, the next jackpot was won only five weeks later - \$25,000 - by Dave Walter - a Sons member from Ocean Pines. He found the queen behind #25.

The current game was still going on at press time. As we went to press the sixth card was drawn.

Winners in this current game were Bill Hershey (\$50), Linda James (\$100), Ivy Duffy (\$50), Jim Fletcher (\$50), Alisha James (\$50), and Al Pilarski (#50)





## SAL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

### SAL Winners of the Bull Roast

Missed the Bull and Oyster Roast? Here are a few pictures to show you what it was. And in addition to the great food there were prizes, also, Legion shirts, hats, and other swag.

Here is who won the loot.

Kenny Morris, Ren Foster, Bonnie Hansen, Kristi Reim, Rose Baine, Jerry Dronenburg, Johnny Miller, Joyce Martenek, Ray Shanahan, Marigold Morris, and Larry Duffy



Tickets for prizes being sold



This party was a jumping place



The Money Wheel



The Cake



Every seat taken



Full Tables



# AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

## Hometown Heroes Wanted



Since 2013 Ocean City Elks Club Lodge #2645 has sponsored the Hometown Heroes banners along the Boardwalk. Banners are displayed on 40-light poles of living veterans who reside in Worcester County, and who served in WW II, Korea, the Cold War era, and Vietnam. The Lodge is seeking nominations for the 2022 display. The application form follows.



OCEAN CITY ELKS LODGE #2645

### 2022 HOMETOWN HEROES' MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

#### HONOREE NOMINATION FORM

The Ocean City Hometown Heroes Military Banner Program was originally created in 2014 for the Community of Ocean City, MD to recognize and HONOR our active-duty military personnel who reside in Worcester County, MD. In 2016 we expanded our program to include living Veterans of World War II & the Korean War Era. In 2020 we added Cold War Era Veterans. 2021 was the first year we included our local, living Vietnam Era Veterans as well. These banners display a photo of the HONOREE, as well as their Name, Rank and Branch and Era of Service in the United States Armed Forces. There is no cost to the HONOREE for this program. 2022 will be our 9<sup>th</sup> year of honoring our HOMETOWN HEROES along the legendary Ocean City Boardwalk. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis in the order they are received.

HONOREE'S NAME & RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH of SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Served: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Town/City, \_\_\_\_\_, MD (Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER:( ) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Person submitting nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number:( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed NOMINATION FORM, along with a digital photograph of your HONOREE, preferably in uniform to:

Pat Riordan at [pat@cuinoc.com](mailto:pat@cuinoc.com) or by USPS mail to:

OCEAN CITY ELKS LODGE #2645 c/o Pat Riordan

### 2022 HOMETOWN HEROES' MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

13708 SINEPUXENT AVENUE, OCEAN CITY, MD 21842

# **Our Scout Troops Dispose of Worn Out American Flags In Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony**



Evan Hurley of Troop 261 and his mother, Tanya, ready a flag for retirement.

Post-sponsored Scout Troops 261 and 621, and Cub Pack 261 held the annual Flag Retirement ceremony November 13 at the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial. Hundreds of flags were burned in accordance with American Legion protocols Resolution No. 440, passed by the 19th National Convention of The American Legion in New York, Sept. 20-23, 1937. The ceremony has been an integral part of American Legion ritual since that date. Cloth flags are burned, flags made of artificial fibers cannot be burned because of the toxic fumes that are generated. These flags are disposed of by cutting the stripes from the flag, at which point, when the stripes are removed what remains no longer is a flag and may simply be disposed of. If you have a flag that is worn out and needs to be disposed of, bring it to the Post. There is a collection box outside the front entrance.



Cub CJ Colon of Pack 261 proudly holds the first flag he prepared for retirement



Tristin Thompson of Troop 261 shown helping CJ Colon fold his flag



In the foreground, Cristina Eche of Troop 261, and Gianna Tomey of Pack 261, folding their flag. Behind them, Nichole Kiser and Jenaya Colon of Troop 621 work on others



Only cloth flags could be burned. Flags made with artificial fibers are retired by cutting off their strips until they are not considered flags, which is what Reece Solomon and Chase Ponton are doing.



Newest Scoutmaster James Smith of Troop 261, with Troop members Colt Grevey, Greg Grevey, Assistant Scout Master Kenny Nichols, Jeremy Gill and Jonathan Smith



Scouts of Pack 261, Troop 261, and Troop 621 gather before the flag retirement ceremony began.



Lucas Jones, Pack 261 Weblo, set to toss his flag into the fire pit.



Saylor Amos Troop 621



Mason Bradshaw and Nash Kozlowski of Pack 261 wait their turn



Waiting their turn are Nash Kozlowski, Summer Grande, and Maddie Kuzman, from Pack 261



## LEGION RIDERS NEWS & ACTIVITIES

As winter approaches and the riding season closes, the Riders have been busy planning next year's events. There will be a lot coming up, so be ready!

The Riders donated over \$500 to Wreaths Across America at the Eastern Shore Veteran's Cemetery in Hurlock, MD. Always remember. The Riders, as well as the other Legion groups, have purchased a brick paver to place at the Worcester County Veteran's Memorial in Ocean Pines. Thank you, Marie Gilmore, for all you do for our veterans! We also have events on-going for the Christmas season. We will be giving gift cards to the USCG Station Ocean City, decorating the Post's Christmas tree, hosting a joint Christmas Party with the Sons of the American Legion, and hopefully winning the ugly sweater contest in December. I wonder if Harley Davidson makes an ugly sweater.

### Thanksgiving 2021

Coast Guard Crewmember Kayle Bell, from USCG Station Ocean City, receiving Thanksgiving dinners from the Post. Thank you for all you do!



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### Angel Tree Gift drop-off at Holy Savior

Members of the Riders drop off gifts donated to Holy Savior and their Angel Tree. Every year, the church sponsors needy families for Christmas and the Riders are happy to help out!



### 2022 ALR Events

*Look for the following events in 2022!*

- The annual Crab Feast will be July 14
- Bike Week Open House will be Sept. 17
- Charter Fishing Trip Raffle will be held during the Bike Week Open House.

**Tickets are on sale now.**

We have other events in the planning stage so keep an eye out. Also, if you have any suggestions, let us know. We meet the third Thursday every month (except December). Come by and see what it's about.

We'd like to welcome two new members to the Riders, Alicia Muir and Harry Rey. Welcome aboard. If you are a motorcycle rider, or just want to support the Riders, let us know. Once again, thank you everyone for your continued support. Ride safe!



### Donations Continuing

In the four-month period July through October the Post donated \$54,408 from the slot machine requirement and \$30,241 from our internal post donations.

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



# SERVICE OFFICER



Scott LaCoss

## If You Need a Helping Hand, Here's How to Get It

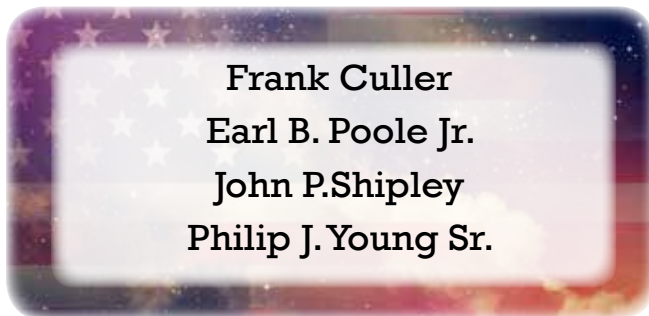
If you know a veteran who needs assistance in submitting VA claims, or in securing additional VA support services, please refer them to me. I can be reached via phone and email (below). Rather than offer a standard time window to service the needs of our Veterans, I have found it more

effective to work directly with each individual to carve out time that works mutually. Remember, this time of year can be particularly difficult for veterans suffering from unseen ailments, particularly depression and PTSD, so please watch out for each other.

*Scott LaCoss*  
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## POST EVERLASTING REPORT

The following members transferred to Post Everlasting



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## 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 again Comrades from the Chaplains corner of this publication. Hardly seems like it but we again find ourselves in another winter season. 2021 has been an unstable year for us in this country but now it is just history. We don't know what lies ahead for us in 2022 but with prayer and God's help our elected officials can come together in one accord to get us back on the right track. It doesn't appear that it will happen, but I believe in miracles. As the old sayings go, "we are what we eat," and we must "sleep in the bed we make." Let's make a tight bed!

On another front, the Post was an incredibly active place last year, with attendance up after coming off the virus restrictions. Our House Committee along with our Commander and Steward put together some well attended activities that attracted great participation. I congratulate them all with a job well done and for keeping up the good work. I believe that our service folks, -- bar, kitchen, and volunteers -- are second to none. They all deserve a warm thank you for their service here at the Post.

I continue to pray for, send out cards, and speak with those on sick call and family members of our Post Everlasting comrades. I can't stay on top of this challenge without your help. Please let me know of someone that is on sick call or perhaps a shut-in who would like a phone call or maybe a ride to the Post for meetings, or to just share an afternoon or evening with some old friends. We are all getting to or will eventually reach that point in our lives.

I continue to enjoy coming to the Post and seeing so many warm, smiling faces. That's what keeps me coming back. Remember, friendliness is contagious, and we are the friendliness place in town.

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and joyful New Year.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post!

GOD Bless and stay safe,

— Ben

Chaplain

## First State Detachment Donates \$10,000 Raised at Bike Ride

On December 6, the First State Detachment, 689 of the Marine Corps League made a formal presentation of \$10,000 to the Semper Fi and America's Fund at an Ocean City Maryland City Council Meeting. Funds were raised at the second annual Semper Fi Bike Ride held on Ocean City Maryland's Iconic Boardwalk on October 17th. The ride was extended to include a distance ride from the Ocean City Inlet to the Indian River Inlet and beyond to Rehoboth Beach Delaware and back, 63 miles. Retired Colonel Sabrina Hecht represented and received the awarded funds on behalf of the Semper Fi & America's Fund and presented a "Certificate of Thanks" to the Mayor and City Council for their continued support for the Detachments annual bike Ride. The Detachment Commandant Marty Kwesko along with Fire Team Leaders Bob Broderick and Brad Hoffman

Presented the check to Colonel Hecht and gave the council members an overview for growing the event for future years.



L-R: Brad Hoffman, Bob Broderick Col. Sabrina Hecht, Marty Kwesko



# Quarterly

# Calendar WINTER 2022



## JAN

Date	Event
<b>1st</b>	New Years Day VVA Chapter 1091 Meeting 1300 hrs Followed by NYD Party
<b>2nd</b>	Junior Auxiliary 166 Meeting 1400hrs
<b>4th</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
<b>5th</b>	Game Night 1800hrs
<b>10th</b>	SAL Meeting 1900hrs Social Hour 1800hrs
<b>11th</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
<b>12th</b>	Game Night 1800hrs
<b>17th</b>	AL Executive Committee Meeting 1730hrs
<b>18th</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
<b>18th</b>	Auxiliary Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
<b>19th</b>	Game Night 1800hrs
<b>20th</b>	AL Riders Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
<b>24th</b>	Post Membership Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs Speaker 1830hrs
<b>25th</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
<b>26th</b>	1st State Detachment Marine Corps League Meeting Noon
<b>26th</b>	Game Night 1800hrs
<b>31st</b>	TET OFFENSE #54



## FEB

Date	Event
<b>1st</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1300hrs
<b>2nd</b>	Game Night 1800hrs
<b>6th</b>	Four Chaplains Service 1400hrs
<b>6th</b>	Junior Auxiliary 166 To follow
<b>7th</b>	VVA Chapter 1091 Meeting 1800hrs Social w/Food 1700hrs
<b>8th</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1400hrs
<b>9th</b>	Game Night 1800hrs
<b>11th</b>	Sip'n Shop 5 pm to 10 pm
<b>12th</b>	Valentines/Sweetheart New York Strip/Shrimp Dinner 1700-2000hrs
<b>14th</b>	SAL Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
<b>15th</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1400hrs
<b>15th</b>	AL Auxiliary Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
<b>16th</b>	Game Night 1800hrs
<b>17th</b>	AL Riders Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
<b>21st</b>	Post Executive Committee Meeting 1730hrs
<b>22nd</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1400hrs
<b>23rd</b>	1st State Detachment Marine Corps Meeting Noon
<b>23rd</b>	Game Night 1800hrs
<b>24th</b>	Networking Event Start 1700-2000hrs
<b>28th</b>	AL Membership Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs Speaker 1830hrs



## MAR

Date	Event
<b>1st</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1400hrs
<b>6th</b>	AL Junior Auxiliary Meeting 1400hrs
<b>7th</b>	VVA Chapter 1091 Meeting 1800hrs Social w/Food 1700hrs
<b>8th</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1400hrs
<b>12th</b>	St Patrick's Day Party 1400hrs w/Corned Beef & Cabbage
<b>14th</b>	SAL Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
<b>15th</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1400hrs
<b>15th</b>	AL Auxiliary Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs
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<b>23rd</b>	1st State Detachment Marine Corps League Meeting Noon
<b>28th</b>	Post Membership Meeting 1900hrs Social 1800hrs Speaker 1830hrs
<b>29th</b>	Beach Singles Social (Corn Hole) 1400hrs
<b>30th</b>	Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day 1300-1600hrs

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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

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

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