



# Synepuxent Observer Spring 2007 Ocean City, Maryland

## Commander's Message

Thanks to our Officers , Executive Committee and American legion members, much has been accomplished at Post 166 this year. These accomplishments are a direct result of the dedication , time and effort of many members and American legion leaders. Because of you , the proud tradition of the American legion continues. American legion PRIDE is evident around Post 166 .

We have achieved the Three star membership Award. Our Color Guard under the leadership of Captain Elmer Muth ,continues to bring tribute to the Post through their many activities. Out Post facility improvements bring many favorable comments and praise , thanks to our "House Committee" work. Bar specials and

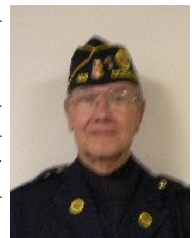
dinners continue to attract and increase patronage . Our employees work hard to foster a positive and enjoyable Lounge atmosphere .

In the time that remains this year , we do have some goals and objectives not yet accomplished . We need to seek volunteers to operate the Boardwalk motorcycle fund raiser ; We need to resolve the IRS problems ; We need to complete the final stages of our Hall renovation , and we need to identify and hire a post manager or steward to assume the day to day operation of our facility.

Nominations and elections of officers will be scheduled in April / May. Our American Legion will continue to operate efficiently and effectively by the continued willingness of members to assume responsibility to become a nominee for a leadership position in Synepuxent Post 166. We need you if

we are to continue to be successful. Please consider becoming a nominee and if elected providing leadership for this American Legion. As your 2006-2007 Commander, I have been blessed by having an outstanding leadership team . We experienced success because of their leadership and hard work. I am most grateful to each officer for the support , assistance and leadership provided to me during the year.

God Bless you. God Bless America and God Bless our military at home and abroad.



Yours In American Legion Service,

**N a t e P e a r s o n**  
**Commander**



**Bingo Chairman Frank Hoover (left) presents a check for \$3,000.00 to Ocean City Lions Club President John Roeder (center) for the assistance that members of the Lion's Club provide during the year. Also pictured are Commander Nate Pearson (right) and Assistant Bingo Chairperson Elmer Muth (back). It should be noted that the Ocean City Lions Club has been very generous in their support of our military stationed in Afghanistan and Iraq. They have donated over \$60,000.00 in "Care Packages" to our troops along with \$7,000.00 in clothing. Lions Club members have made several trips to Military Hospitals in Germany in support of our troops. Hats off to the Lions Club for their support and assistance to our men and women in uniform.**

## HONOR LISTING OF CHAIR DONORS

Special thanks and appreciation are extended to the generous American Legion members and friends who provided funds for the purchase of chairs for the Main Hall of the American Legion. The names of donors will be inscribed on the backs of the new chairs recently ordered and received. We needed replacement chairs since we have not replaced damaged and old chairs in many years. Thanks also to our Post Adjutant, Sarge Garlitz, who originated the plan to seek donations from members to replace chairs. We are most grateful to those members who participated in this project. You have contributed to the improvement of the Main Hall and have gone above and beyond in assistance to your post. You continue to make a positive difference in maintaining an attractive American Legion.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE CHAIR PURCHASES: (In random order) Sarge & Rosie Garlitz, Stanley F. Baker, Clarence W. Todd, John N. Nichols, Frank & Dottie Ruffo SR., Donald E. Saville, Stan & Faye Arnold, Samuel E. Villani Sr., Carl & Donada Moore, Alan W. Frost, Joe & Mildred Loetell Jr., Elmer G. Muth, Bernard J. Casey, Susan C. Kananagh, Carl & Lorraine Standish Sr, Paul T. Brown, James J McLareny JR, Betty J. Brown, Leroy & Maxine Duggan, Mary Catherine Brown, James & Karoline Mills, Josh Caracciolo, Edward S. Sheridan, James W. Gee, Michael & Claudette Janschek, John Sauer, Edward E. Rodier, Joan Sauer, William & Ann Neimiller, Luca Castaldi, Stanton & Lola Richardson, Steven J. Swierczek, Raymond & Mary Reed Jr., Brice & Shirley Phillips,

Harry & Isabelle Shenton JR, Jack & Jean Walker, Richard & Loretta Cudnik, Robert & Adele Biel, Phillip Reed, Carol A. Kerstetter, Thomas L. Dutton, C. Murph' Grimes, Jim & Carolyn Coyne, Robert Lamay, Robert E. Hein, William Bruchey III, James & Dona McLarney, Joe & Cecilia Lotito, Miguel A. C. Solan, John E. McDermott, Samuel E. Villani, Angelo Villani, Anthony Villani, Robert F. Cherry, Paul Miller, Paul A. Durboraw, Eugene W. Koch, Victor J. Scango, E. J. Smatt, Ronald L. Fisher, Larry Waltz, William J. McKay JR., Thomas Shea, Bobbie & Rush Buckley, Leo & Betty Bateman, Toni Davis, Earl & Betty Johnson, Lillian Lehman, Charles & Nancy Rummel, Ken & Kate Gray, Ray P. McLaughlin, Leonard J. Karhu.

## ADJUTANTS BRIEFING

This year as been fun for Rosie and I and many of the projects are standing tall. The Christmas Package Program done by Rosie for our active duty troops was great. In one of the many thank you notes Rosie received was from Master Chief Carder of the Ocean City Coast Guards. He was elated with the support that Post #166 has given the Active Duty members. He said it right when he said, " I got your message and I know your mission".

We had a real good year with our volunteers and many thanks to all of you. You had a

great run, so do not stop now. Your ideas are working and we will need your help big time in the future.

The election is coming up on us. Get a copy of the Officers job specks and get involved. We have to get set up for the younger members to get involved in the American Legion Programs. So we need some to pave the road for them. Let's get our older hands to reach out to join with the younger hands for our common cause.

The Legion year is coming to its end. Post #166 reached a 3

Star rating and met its goal. Before you know it the dues for 2007-2008 year will be up on us and will be called the year of the EARLY BIRD at Post #166. It will be fun to be an early bird next year at Post #166.

Here is your mission for the 2007-2008 Legion year that starts in July. Every member sign up one new member before July 15. Come on, it can fun working on and signing up a new member. It will make you feel sooo good. If you do this you will not be forgotten, whoaaah

Sarge Garlitz, Adjutant

I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it.

**Mark Twain**

# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** *Jim Hudson , Bud Breidenstien , Frank Holloway , Jim Mills Elmer Muth , and Ken Gray.*

**The Post 166 House Committee composed of members of the Executive Committee and the legion bar Manager has served with dedication attending to building maintenance ; repair / replacement needs and programs for members.**

Projects and programs either underway or completed by the House Committee since the beginning of the 2007 year include the following:

1. Roof hood covers lost during winter storms have been replaced.
2. A military Library has been established.
3. A Military Patch Display has been initiated.
4. Carpeting has been installed in the BAR/LOUNGE area.
5. New coin operated vending machines have been installed with Darts and Horse racing added to the existing machines.
6. New Chairs for the main Hall have been ordered and received in Mid January numbering 120 Chairs. Names will be installed for those who Have donated a chair. Many Thanks to the DONORS.
7. A new more compact Chair Caddy has been ordered and received . It will more compactly hold 84 chairs.
8. A vertical File Cabinet has been ordered and re-

ceived for the American Legion office to house IRS. Information and Membership Information.

9. Carpeting located in the Dance Hall area and the second floor were Steam cleaned on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

10. An outdoor mailbox was purchased and installed near the Main Entrance. (This is now a Postal Service Requirement.)

11. American Legion storage room has been reorganized.

12. Bar Stools have been recovered -60% . The Bar rail and remaining stools will be recovered when the material ordered has arrived.

13. Old BINGO Equipment has been sold providing more room in storage.

14. A dozen new tables have been ordered and no doubt will arrive by the time this newsletter is in your hands.

15. Retiling and new plumbing for female restrooms .

NOTE: All furniture and equipment and major repair was approved by the membership at various times during the past several months. Evidence for approvals is available in the Adjutants Minutes .

**DINNERS AND FOOD EVENTS:** Thanks to Bar Manager Ken Gray and his wife Kate , members and guests were treated to the delicious and gourmet food events listed below. Many thanks to KEN AND KATE for bringing members into the post for great food.

January 13.....FISH FRY; January 26.....SHRIMP;  
February 10.....SPAGHETTI; February 23..... SHRIMP;  
March 10.....FISH FRY; March.....17.....CORN BEEF/CABBAGE

## Statement From The American Legion Regarding Walter Reed Medical Center

Every American Service man and woman wounded or injured in the line of duty Deserves the absolute best care under the best circumstances for as long as necessary to effect a complete recovery. Certainly , according to the Washington post, it appears that those military men and women assigned to building 18 at Walter Reed Medical Center are not receiving that level of care.

The American Legion is giving those allegations the utmost priority and is investigating the conditions at Walter Reed. Our professional staff will prepare a comprehensive and documented report of its findings and will release those findings to the cognizant committees in congress and the US Army.

Under no circumstances will we be satisfied with less than a full and immediate resolution of the problem alleged.



Don't forget the Worcester County Veterans Memorial, check out the latest information at <http://www.opvets.com>.

## EDITORS MESSAGE

During the past three years , I have assumed the responsibility to write the Synepuxent OBSERVER Newsletter for Post 166.. I have enjoyed this experience and learned much about our membership and the American Legion during this 36 month period. . The newsletter has evolved from a four page newsletter to eight pages based upon the suggestions of a number of members who felt that the Observer should include more than a calendar and Commander's message..

The expanded SYNEPUXENT OBSERVER , has hopefully kept the membership aware of and informed about activities , events and programs sponsored by the American Legion.

Assistant Editor, Bill Wolf, has contributed significantly to the quality and the format of the Synepuxent Observer during this period. I am very grateful for his time and talent in producing the Observer. His computer knowledge and his use of "Publisher" has resulted in a quality publication that has included photographs and images. Our Post is extremely fortunate to have Bill Wolf , an active member, for his expertise and skill with computerized publications. It should also be noted that Bill Wolf has saved to Post increased printing costs by submitting a copy ready publication to the Printer.

Generally, the preparation of the newsletter is the responsibility of the Post Adjutant , since that officer serves as Post secretary and is the most knowledgeable about Post activities . This responsibility will no doubt revert to the Post Adjutant beginning with the June 2007 issue of the Synepuxent Observer .

I have enjoyed my experience as Editor of the Synepuxent Observer , and give it up with mixed emotions . However , I realize that it time to move on and have another talented Legionnaire become the Editor for our Post 166 publication. I appreciate the support , cooperation and assistance many have provided to me as Observer Editor. I extend my thanks and appreciation to our members and members of the American legion Family . I realize that our primary American Legion communication is through our newsletter and trust that the Observer will continue to be our best and most accurate source for American legion Information .

Yours in American Legion Service,

*Nate Pearson , Retiring Editor*

## ANNA FOULTZ CHAIRS SUCCESSFUL ALZHEIMER'S GALA

Anna Foultz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the American Legion, Unit 166 Auxiliary was the chairperson for a successful Alzheimer's Gala held in the Main Hall of the American Legion on Saturday, January 14, 2007 . She provided the letter below following this event.

*Dear Commander Pearson and Legionnaires:*

*I want to express my heartfelt thanks for allowing my committee to hold our Annual "Beef n Beer" at your lovely Post. Although we don't have the final figures, it looks as if we will have raised \$ 2,000 for Alzheimer's respite care from this fund raiser.*

*Allowing us to use your large hall at no charge certainly went a long way in helping us raise these much needed funds. Over the past 10 years we have raised over \$ 150.000 for Alzheimer's – the money going solely to help families on the Easter Shore who have to care for a loved one afflicted with this devastating disease It is because of people and organizations such as the American Legion that we have been successful in our efforts.*

*It is wonderful to know that our Legionnaires who have given so much to their country have now joined in another fight – a fight to find a cure for Alzheimer's.*

*My Sincerest Thanks,*

*Anna Foultz, Committee Chairperson  
& Unit 166 Auxiliary 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

## PAST COMMANDER ROBERT AKINS DIES:

Members of the American Legion – Synepuxent Post 166, were saddened to learn about the death of Past Commander ROBERT AKIN. He served as our Post Commander on two separate occasions. His first election as Post Commander was for the years 1953 and 1954. As a popular and effective leader, he was called upon again to assume command in 1961 and 1962. His leadership contributed to the success of the American Legion during the periods when he was the main officer. He was very active in American Legion programs , activities and functions during his era. Current members and officers are grateful and appreciative of his dedicated service and leadership over the years. He made a significant and positive impact on the American Legion for which he will be remembered and missed. A memorial service was held for Past Commander Akin at Middletown , Delaware on Saturday, February 3, 2007. For God and Country , he served us well.

## NEW YEAR CELEBRATED AT POST 166

Over 80 members and guests celebrated the advent of 2007 in the main hall of the American Legion. The hall was fully decorated for the Christmas season with a Patriotic New Year Theme of red , white and blue “Favors” and balloons. Members began arriving at 8:30 p.m. and remained until nearly 2:00 am.

Dance music was provided by “D.J Bob” Allen who did a fine job handling special requests and leading in the nights festivities. A special “Jean Kelley Dance Committee,” named the members listed below the MOST TALENTED DANCERS along with their dance partners , based upon style, foot work , and graceful moves.

**Hugh McFadden, Elmer Muth and Bill Wolf**

Thanks to Bar Manager, Ken Gray and Bingo Chairman , Frank Hoover for providing door prizes that were won by the following:  
**Fran O’Brian—Harvey’s Bristol Cream Sherry**  
**Mary Ann Gross—\$ 25.00 Bingo Gift Certificate (which she donated back to the Post)**  
**Bill Wolf—Bushmills Irish Whiskey.**

### A Word From the Assistant Service Officer

Commander Nate Pearson recently appointed me (Jim McGrath) as the Assistant Service Office for Post #166. I held the position of Service Officer for Post #130 (Overlea/Perry Hall) for more that a decade. I hope to use this experience to help Post #166 members deal with health care benefits, disability claims, education and training, burial benefits, home loan guarantees, nursing home are, prescription benefits, appeal procedures for veterans claims and job finding assistance. You are a veteran and earned these rights. Let me help you. Please feel free to contact me at the Post 410-289-3166 or call me at my home 410-289-4316.

The Post 166 New Years Party Committee served snacks throughout the evening.

Champagne was served at Midnight to properly bring in the New Year , and coffee and assorted pastries were available near the conclusion of the Celebration.

The largest party group was hosted by **Gerard Thuman , with the Leo Bateman** party a close second.

The New Year Celebration Committee responsible for the planning , decorating and Management of this successful event included: **Jim Mills, Elmer Muth , Jane Hiddleson ,Vernon and Margo Becker, and Rosemary & Nate Pearson.** Special thanks is extended to our American Legion staff members for their hard work in the success of this Grand Party, and included **Ken Gray, Kathy Bergeron and Joe Bergeron.** The year 2007 was launched in GRAND FASHION by your American Legion. Special thanks to the Party attendees for their support of this Special Celebration..

The income tax has made liars out of more Americans than golf.  
**Will Rogers**

## SAL DETACHMENT 166 FLOUNDERING

Although SAL Advisor , Ken Gray , has attempted to identify leadership people from among our SAL detachment , the group has not yet organized nor had any membership meetings. The temporary and appointed officers either because of illness or other problems have not developed a functioning Detachment. With the current year nearly at an end, it is regretful that nothing has been accomplished to have the SAL DETACHMENT become an active and functioning organization.

We do have SAL members but lack an organization that can support and assist in establishing a strong and effective Ameri-



### ASSISTANT SERVICE OFFICER NAMED

Service Officer , Al Ferguson is now home recovering from hip replacement surgery. Since this hip replacement was with a temporary hip, he will need to again undergo hip surgery at a later date to have a permanent hip . Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers from this extensive and complex surgery.

To assure that the Service Officer responsibilities continue to be performed , Nate Pearson , at the February 26 general meeting appointed James McGrath as the Assistant Service Officer. Jim McGrath is a new transfer member to Post 166 .

He has a wealth of experience with the responsibilities as Service Officer. In his previous Post , Jim served for over 12 years as SERVICE OFFICER. In addition ,many of the written job descriptions were developed by Jim. Please welcome James McGrath and keep him informed about those in our Post who are ill or have surgery scheduled.

can Legion that includes SAL as part of the Legion family . Where do we go from here? Of what value is SAL membership if no organization exists to support the goals and objectives of the American Legion. It is clear that the 2006 – 2007 year has not yielded any positive results in SAL organization. We need to determine what the year 2007- 2008 will yield . We need SAL members to take an active part in establishing an organization within their American Legion. The future of Detachment 166 of the Sons Of The American Legion is in the hands , commitment and dedication of the SAL Membership.

## COLOR GUARD REPORT

**Elmer G. Muth**, who has served as second in command of the American Legion, Synepuxent Post 166 Color Guard, had been named as Commander of the Guard by Nate Pearson at a Color Guard meeting held on February 28, 2007. Captain Muth, who rarely misses a Color Guard function has been responsible for a wide range of jobs with the Color Guard. He serves as a "READER" at funerals; a flag folder at burial services; a rifleman for the three volley salute; Cadence caller at Parades; Color guard Quartermaster; Armament Officer

and Color Guard Commander. His dedication, commitment, service and leadership are unparalleled. Synepuxent post 166 is indeed fortunate to have E. G. Muth as a member. His second in command will be Eric Nilsson who will be awarded the rank of Lt.

The Color Guard has held funeral services for deceased veterans during the year. The most recent was for Buck Kahler on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Color Guard has two parades scheduled. St. Paddy's Day Parade on March 17 and The Raven's Parade

on June 2. The Color Guard also presents and retires COLORS at each American Legion Membership meeting during the year. This requires two members for each of the 16 membership meetings.

Members who have been active this year and served in events and programs include: Vic Beard, Jim Hudson, Charles Rummel, Bud Breidenstein, Al Ferguson, John Sauer, Warren Disbrow, Dave Lewis, Bo Spicer, Jack Nichols, Elmer Muth, Eric Nilsson, Nate Pearson

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Members of Synepuxent Post 166 have been deeply saddened by the deaths of fellow comrades and members. We extend our condolences and sympathy to those families who have lost a loved one. The following members were transferred to Post Everlasting: Charles "Buck" Kahler

H. C. Harrison

Don Nichols

Robert Akin, Past Post 166 Commander

### THREE STAR POST:

Special thanks to all members who contributed to the success of the 2007 membership drive. When you receive this newsletter, Post 166 will have achieved membership of over 800 Legionnaires. We have earned the 3 STAR AWARD with a membership at 781 members and have exceeded our specified goal of 788 members.. Special appreciation is extended to Sarge Garlitz and Bo Spicer, the key leaders on our membership Committee.

## LEGION LAVATORY RENOVATION UNDERWAY

Members of the American Legion House Committee worked at the Post on Sunday, January 14, 2007 preparing the main hall female lavatory for the tile contractor. All fixtures and partitions were removed to enable the tile man to re-tile the floor of the restroom. In addition, the 120 new chairs that

arrived on January 13<sup>th</sup> were unboxed and set up on the chair dolly. Special thanks the House Committee work crew for their help. The work crew included Jim Mills, Jim Hudson, Elmer Muth & Nate Pearson. Arrangements will be made to have "DONOR NAMES" affixed to the chairs in the near future.

Hey Guys, a new year is soon to start for the Post in May, why not get involved in some of the activities that the American Legion supports. We can always use helpers for Thursday night Bingo and there are a bunch of committees that need willing participants, Boys State, American Legion Baseball to name a couple. There are a number of other committees, that can use you time and talents—so volunteer!

## POCOMIKE CITY VA CLINIC-TOLL FREE PHONE NUMBER

For those who use the Pocomoke VA Clinic, the toll FREE number for the Pocomoke VA Clinic is the same as the Cambridge VA Clinic. The number is **1-877-864-9611** and there is an option on the auto attended for the caller to be connected to the Pocomoke City VA Outpatient Clinic. When that option is selected, the caller will automatically be connected to the Pocomoke City Outpatient Clinic – **ALL TOLL FREE.** If you continue to have problems Call: **R. David Edwards** Chief, Public & Community Relations VA Maryland Health Care System 410-605-7101

**The budget should be balanced, the treasury refilled, public debt reduced, the arrogance of officialdom tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands curtailed, lest Rome become bankrupt.**

**Quintus Tullius Cicero**

(Golly, I think this may just apply today, old Quintus was a pretty smart general)

**NEWSLETTER PATRONS**

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

**HONOR LIST OF PATRONS**

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

**SALUTE TO MEMBERS WHO BELONG FOR SIX DECADES**

The American Legion – Synepuxent Post 166 is unique and special in many ways. One of the very special qualities of this Post is to have in the year 2007 , four veterans who have been members of the American Legion for 60 years. We are honored indeed to have these veterans as distinguished members of Synepuxent Post 166. As members of the Greatest Generation and veterans of World War 2 , they continue to serve their communities and this nation by their continued membership in the American Legion . We salute them ; We commend them ; and We thank them for their commitment and dedication to the American Legion.

The Four we honor in this publication for their 60 years on American Legion membership are:

**HARRY E. HOPKINS**  
**FRANK HOLLOWAY**  
**JAMES T. TAYLOR**  
**RUSSELL BRADFORD**

**American Legion—Synepuxent Post 166  
Quarterly Calendar—Spring 2007**

**APRIL**

**5- 12-19-16**  
AMERICAN LEGION BINGO 7:00 pm  
**9**— American Legion – Executive Committee Meets....6:00 pm  
American Legion General membership Meeting. 8:00 pm. Nominations for 07-08 Legion Offices.  
**14**—American legion Appreciation Dinner/Dance.....5:00 – 9:00 pm  
**15**—S.E.S.D.  
Meeting at Post 166.....12:00 NOON till 5:00 pm  
**16**—SAL – Detachment 166 meets 7:00 pm  
**17**—Auxiliary – Unit 166 meets...11:30 am.  
**23** - American legion ..."HOUSE COMMITTEE" Meets. 6:00 pm  
**23**—American Legion Meets .8:00 pm Nominations for 07-08.  
Guest Speaker.....Walter Starck

**MAY**

**3- 10-17-24-31**  
AMERICAN LEGION BINGO 7:00 pm.  
**13**—Mothers Day  
**14**—Synepuxent Post 166- Executive Committee Meeting 6:00 pm  
**14**—American Legion Membership Meeting 8:00 pm  
Nominations from floor.  
**15** - AUXILIARY – UNIT 166 Meeting.....11:30 am  
**19**—ARMED FORCES DAY  
**21**—DETACHMENT 166 SAL Meeting.....7:00 pm  
**28**—MEMORIAL DAY  
Worcester County Veterans Memorial Program 10:00 am  
VFW. Program 12:00 noon  
Post 166 Program & Luncheon 1:00 pm  
AMERICAN LEGION Elections.....2:00 – 8:00 pm  
American Legion Membership Meeting 8:00 pm

**JUNE**

**7 - 14 - 21 - 23**  
AMERICAN LEGION BINGO 7:00 pm  
**6**—D-DAY Invasion of Europe  
**16**—CONDO Association Hall Use.....10:00 am  
**17**—Fathers day  
**17**— Fire fighters – Baltimore County  
**18**— Fire Fighters – Frederick County  
**19**— Fire Fighters - Carroll County  
**22**— G. I Bill signed into law....1944  
**25**—KOREAN WAR Began.....1950

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Vice Commander Frank Hoover (right) presents checks totaling \$2,000.00 to BSA Charter Organization Representative Dr. Charles Rummel. The checks will go towards the area Boy and Cub Scouting Programs.

**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..... 410-957-6718
- Elsmere VA Hospital..... 1-800-450-8262
- Cambridge VA Clinic..... 1-877-864-9611
- American Legion-Dept of Maryland..... 410-752-3822

**WINNER – MID YEAR MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:**

During the first half of the 2006 – 2007 membership year, the membership fund accumulated \$ 73.50 . The first half year drawing was done on Monday , February 12, 2006. The winner was Bill Wolf. The second annual drawing will be held Monday, May 28, 2007.

**Visit the Legion Website**

For current information about Post 166, click on:  
<http://www.ALPost166.org>

Did you know that the State of Maryland has a Department of Veterans Affairs that is separate from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs? They are responsible for the State Veterans Home and the 5 Veterans Cemeteries. They also have trained Service Officers to assist you in obtaining Federal VA benefits. Visit then online at <http://www.mdva.state.md.us> . It is a also good place to visit for information on Maryland Legislation for the Veteran.



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