

# *Synepuxent Observer*

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Commander's Message: My fellow Legionnaires, another winter has passed and spring is just beginning to show its beautiful face. The seed catalogs are in the mail and we only have (5) Legion meeting left in this administrative year. As I think of Spring and Planting time I realize that we as members of the American Legion must be ever alert to the potential eligible Veteran and the fact that he or she may be waiting for an invitation to join our organization. As we plant our membership seed by the invitation we can also cultivate that seed by taking the time to explain what our American Legion is doing and how it benefits the Veterans it serves. Explain how the American Legion Post #166 helps Local Youth and the surrounding community and how it supports National and State sponsored American Legion programs. Invite the potential new member to attend a meeting and meet other fellow Veterans from this area. In effect nurture the seed of membership so that hopefully it will not only grow but it will increase tenfold.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who so graciously donated their time to help at the Post Home. The volunteers that worked at Bingo, on Shrimp Saturdays, at the Cover-Dish Dinners, at the Spaghetti Dinners, during other functions held at the Post and on meeting nights are greatly appreciated. I wish also to thank the House Committee, Ed George Chairman, Bob Boyles and John Shipley for their constant interest in the welfare of this American Legion Post. Thanks also to the Officers that have served this Post with me and who have been asked to wear two or three additional hats at the same time, they have never complained or refused a request for help. To all these Legionnaires "Hats Off to you with a right hand Salute".

Reminder. The American Legion State Convention will be here July 10<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>. WE are the Host Post for the Convention Delegates and their Families. Please call if you can help out during that time. If you are not sure what kind of help we need call us @ 410-289-3166.

Bingo will begin two nights a week the last week of June. From then throughout the summer it will be held on Monday and Thursday nights. We need volunteers to work the front tables, the bingo floor and the kitchen, if you can help call Frank @ 410-289-3166.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting or at our Legion Home. In Service to the American Legion I am,  
Sincerely, Martin G. Price, Commander.