



# *Synepuxent Observer*

*Winter 2006*  
*Ocean City, Maryland*

## Commander's Message

*Dear American Legion Members,*  
*I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays with friends and family just as you had envisioned. I also hope everyone took time to say a prayer for all our men and women in uniform, serving all over the world. While we could and should feel proud of what we have accomplished with our Home*

*Post during the last year, 2006 brings a whole new set of goals and challenges. As before, I am confident that with your continued faithful service, we will prevail as we have in the past. For some of you who may not be aware, we now have an ATM for your convenience. The Hall is looking better and better everyday, (many thanks to our Decorating Committee) and we're not finished yet.*

*As always, all the officers and myself are very appreciative of the help you have given us in the past, and encourage you to continue to volunteer in the future. Please don't hesitate to contact any of us anytime, and visit our Website at: [alpost166.org](http://alpost166.org) for updates.*  
*Yours In Legion Service,*  
*Tony Curro*



## Post Officers for 2005-2006

### LEGION OFFICERS POST 166

- Commander.....Tony Curro
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander.....Frank Hoover
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- Finance Officer.....Bud Breidenstein
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- Historian.....William Wolf
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- President.....Lelia Lehman
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- Executive Committee..... Betty McLaughlin
- Executive Committee..... Sarah Gray

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- Commander.....Ric Feehley
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- Finance Officer..... Bob Chambers
- Sgt. At Arms..... Ben Oliver
- Chaplin..... Rob Kanotz
- Historian.....Denny Collins
- Advisor.....Sarge Garlitz





**SYNEPUXENT OBSERVER- NEWSLETTER PATRONS**

Special Thanks to the generous members who help fund our Legion Newsletter by their contribution of five dollars. All friends of Post 166 are invited to become PARTONS by sending a check made out to American Legion PATRON in the amount of \$ 5.00. Current members as of January 2006 include:

**M. Price                    J. Hudson**  
**B. Breidenstein        C. Rummel**

**D. Brey                    E. Muth**  
**V Becker                T Curro**  
**A. Ferguson            R. Brey**  
**F. Hoover               N. Pearson**  
**J. Sauer                 B. McIntire**  
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**J. Slowik                V. Feltz**  
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**H. Lucas                J. Clendening**

**FIRST SGT'S BRIEFING**

**ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE**

We need approximately 100 members to reach our Membership goal. With the help of all Legionnaires we can accomplish this goal. Everyone in sales knows that next year the goal is set higher . So if it higher, that is good because it puts more pressure on the Commander and 1sr Vice Cdr.

Several of us attended the SES District meeting in Berlin. The meeting was like most meetings, if anyone knows what most meetings are like. The highlight of the meeting was the excellent dinner prepared by the Berlin Auxiliary Unit . Their were about 12 Auxiliary members , smiling and enjoying working with their peers. Thanks Berlin Post 123 for presenting to the SESD Legion members, the way it was and the way it still is today.

FYI : - If you have a problem with the Legion operation and or Legion business , get in touch with me . If you call the bartender, they can not help you.

**"QUIPS AND QUOTES"**

- "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."
- "Procrastination: The art of keeping up with yesterday."
- "Man has never made any material as resilient as the human spirit" - Bernard Williams
- "Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?"
- "Why do mummies have trouble keeping friends? They're so wrapped up in themselves."

*Thanks to Bruce McIntire*

Getting in touch with me is so easy. Let's make it easy and I know it is not Easy being easy.

The year 2006 is so close that you can say it is on us. We have a few month until the election of officers for Post 166. Look things over and if you have something to contribute get out the soap box and begin gathering a crowd at the corner. Here is what you have to look at if you are an officer or thinking about running for an office.

The operation of the POST and the Business of the POST is a daily function. If you attend a meeting and do not Come into the POST until the next meeting the job won't get done. Holding an Office in our American Legion is a "Hands On" position.

"Whatever"

*Sarge Garlitz, Adjutant-*

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**POST HOME IMPROVEMENTS**

Under the leadership of House Committee Chairman , Sarge Garlitz along with the help of his committee and others that he has encouraged a number of improvements have been made to our post 166 Home since the last newsletter. These improvements include:

1. Two new thin line Televisions have been installed in the Lounge.
2. New cash registers have been purchased and placed in operation.
3. New telephone system has been purchased and installed.
4. The Legion main Hall has been painted & the kitchen & Pantry have been cleaned & painted.
5. Outside Painting bids are being sought.
6. Garden beautification completed , at the main Entrance thanks To Rosie Garlitz.
7. New and additional Ceiling fans will be installed in the Main Hall.

Many of these projects were proposed by Commander Curro who is The motivational force for Post Home Improvements. Much of the work has been done by Committee member, Joe Bergeron . The commander recently appointed Bruce McIntire to serve as a member of the "House Committee." Special thanks to all members of the "House Committee" for all their hard work and bringing about needed Improvements to the post Home and providing programs that enable the membership to enjoy their Legion home through socialization and fellowship. Make it a point to thank them for their dedicated work.

## SAL Briefing

This past year we started out running. All at once, without notice we stopped. Why? The next meeting will be Saturday January 7th at 1:00PM at the American Legion Post.. At this time we will try going in a different direction. It is time for you to select new officers for 2006. Many of you have expressed interest in being part of the growth of Squadron #166, now is the time to jump in.

The next social will be another "a Saturday afternoon at the Legion" on Saturday January 28th from Noon till 4:00PM. The final plans can be taken care of on the 7th. Here is the way it goes regarding the 7th and 28th, gee I do not know what I got planned on those days, da. Put the dates on your calendar and guess what? Those days are planned.

I want to welcome the following as new members: Neil Knight, Steve Rosen, Steve Spicer, Pat Fanning, Bret Henise, Pete Fox, and David cherry.

These guys are excited about the SAL and I hope they jump in with both feet. the Squadron has everything that is need to have a close knit organization. Come on guys give it a shot.

Those who have not paid your 2006 dues, they are due now.

*Sarge Garlitz, SAL Advisor*



## MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEGION FAMILY

As of Press time we have 642 members in Post 166. We are working hard to have 747 members which will enable us to receive the THREE STAR rating and will assure that our hard working commander will receive the special recognition he justly deserves. Please do your part as a member of the Membership Team. Recruit a member from your neighborhood, church, club and groups in which you have membership. Forms are available at the Post.

### NEW MEMBERS:

Robert F Ball	Steven Barbour	Calvin Buettner	Michael Bulkey
Charles J. Biondo	William Brooks	Paul Brown	David Coulter
Joshua Caracciolo	Scott Carstairs	Gary D. Devanna	John Granite
George Ginovsky	Robert Grant	Joe Heher, Sr.	Joseph Hare
Harry Heineman	Arlos A. Hefflin	William McNelis	Ron Miles
Henry Muth	Elmer Neisser	Angelo Pantos	David Parsons
Floyd Potter	William Regina	Warren Rowe	William Schmidt
Herbert J. Schoellkopf	Carol F. Shelton		William Sweeney
Tim Strawser	Gary Thomas	Leo Tillsberry	Lee Troutman
Dean Williams			

### POST EVERLASTING

Since the publication of the last newsletter, members of Post 166 were deeply saddened by the deaths of the veterans and Legion Members listed. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family members as they mourn the death of a loved one. "For God and Country", they served and shall be remembered.

George Ay	Robert D. Biddle	Ed Goldstein	Dean Davis
William Kalista Sr.	William Morris	Irving Oxenberg	Thomas Jones
Joseph Siechta			

*Nate Pearson, Membership Chairman*

## KENO IS HERE

Well, you already know that we now have KENO at the Post, but did you know that you can also play **Lotto, Mega-Millions, pick 3, pick 4 & Match 5**. Stop by and buy your weekly Lottery tickets here as well as play a round of KENO. Remember, if you are a winner the Post also gets a commission for selling you the winning number. An easy way to help the Post raise Funds.

## Nominating Committee

### Appointed:

Commander Tony Curro has appointed the nominating committee for the 2006 Elections process. Legion members who wish to be considered for a leadership position for the 2006 / 2007 Legion year should submit a letter of intent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee who will announce the names of nominees in Late Spring.

### The Committee includes:

**Frank Holloway, Chairman**

**Mike Cover**

**Larry Smith**

## **LEGION MEMBER INFORMATION** **HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA:**

The Maryland State legislature has passed a law providing Honorably discharged veterans of WW2, Korea & Vietnam the opportunity to receive a Maryland High School Diploma if the veteran withdrew from a Maryland High School during the senior year to enlist in the Armed Forces.

See Nate Pearson for applications if you fall in this situation.



### WELCH AND RUMMEL HONORED

At the November 14, 2005 American Legion Meeting, Legionnaires Fred Welch was presented with a special certificate of Appreciation For his nearly decade of service to the American legion – Post 166 as a volunteer for the regularly scheduled legion Bingo Program and his volunteer service and talent in the Legion Kitchen providing food for Bingo attendees , at Legion Meetings , and at Legion events. We are grateful to have his dedicated service and commitment to the success of Legion activities

Charles Rummel was also awarded a certificate of Appreciation for his leadership as post 166 Boy Scout liaison, and his service as a member of the Color Guard and his volunteer service in support of the Legion Bingo Program. Special thanks to these two hard working American legion volunteers .

## Charity & Donations Committee Report

The donations and grants committee is required and responsible for granting a percentage of gambling funds to charities. Under the leadership of Al Ferguson with the help of S.Arnold and B. Breidenstein Donations this Fall were granted to The following charitable organizations.

- \$ 1,500.00 American legion Emergency Fund Hurricane Relief.
- \$ 500.00 Delmarva Food Bank
- \$ 500.00 Golf Veterans Memorial Cumberland , MD
- \$ 505.00 Dept. of Veterans Affairs Gifts for hospitalized vets.
- \$ 500.00 Disabled American Veterans
- \$ 300,00 U S O
- \$ 200.00 Civil Air Patrol
- \$ 289.00 D-DAY Memorial – New Orleans

## COLOR GUARD REPORT

The American Legion Color Guard , under the leadership of Nate Pearson , has provided a number of services for deceased veteran’s during the Fall of 2005. In addition , the Color Guard, provided services at both the American Legion and the VFW on Veteran’s Day 2005 and had 100% Color Guard participation.

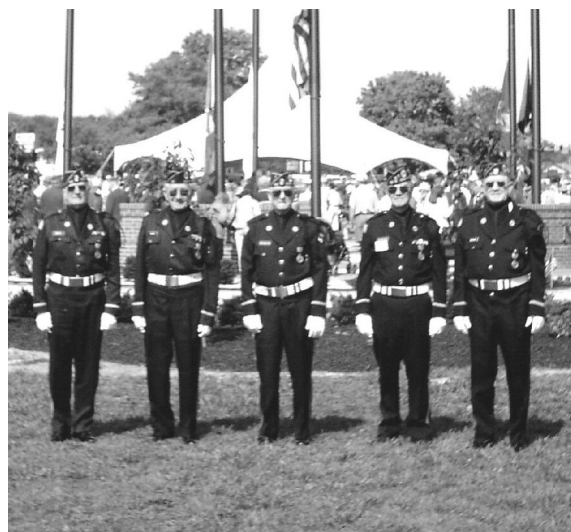
We commend and salute American Legion Members Al Ferguson, Eric Nilsson, and George Spicer, who became members of the Post Color Guard in November 2005. Synepuxent Post 166 can now demonstrate pride in having a “DEDICATED DOZEN” Color Guard Membership who will be providing the following services during 2006.

- Color Guard Duties and Services at Conferences.
- Funeral Services at Funeral Homes and Churches.
- Rifle Salutes at Community functions.
- Color Guard Services at American Legion Functions.
- Parades.
- Services at the Burial of Veteran’s.
- Veteran’s Tributes at the Worcester County Veteran’s Memorial.
- Veterans tributes at the Ocean City Flag Plaza .

The “Dedicated Dozen” Color Guard Members for 2006 include:

- Victor Beard.....Jack Nichols
- Bud Breidenstein..... Eric Nilsson
- Al Ferguson..... Nate Pearson
- Tom Hannon.....Charles Rummel
- Jim Hudson.....John Sauer
- Elmer Muth.....George Spicer

They will average approximately 40 events and services for Veterans during the year. They demonstrate “Above And Beyond The Call” Volunteer service in support of veterans and for our American Legion.



### BOB HOPE ON AGING (thanks to Bruce McIntire)

Upon turning 70 years of age Bob Hope said, "You still chase women, but only down hill."  
Upon turning 80 years, he said, "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."  
Upon turning 90 years his retort was, "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."  
And upon reaching 100 years, he commented, "I don't feel old. In fact I don't feel anything until noon Then its time for my nap."

**ACTIVE DUTY REPORT**

If you know of any members of the Military Reserve and/or National Guard who have been activated to active duty the American Legion will pay their first year membership dues. This also applies for anyone who has enlisted in the Military and is still serving.

**MISS LIBERTY FACTS**

The statue of Liberty which stands 151 feet tall from foot to torch and 305 feet standing upon the pedestal, is loaded with symbolism. The seven RAYS at her crown represent the seven seas and continents. The tablet in her right hand is inscribed with The date July, 4, 1776 in Roman letters. The burning torch Represents liberty and the chains at her feet for discarded tyranny.

The sculptor, Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi is said to have used His mother as the model and the interior iron framework Was designed by Alexandre-Gustave Effel, builder of the Effel Tower. The concrete and granite pedestal was designed By an American, Richard Morris Hunt. GOD BLESS AMERICA

**LEGION GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM**

During the 2006 year, we shall continue the guest speaker program. Speaker will be scheduled the second meeting of each month. Speakers will spent approximately 15 to 20 minutes informing us about topics of interest. The speakers and topics scheduled for January,

February, March and April are outlined below.

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC
01-23-06	Bruce McIntire.....	History of "TAPS" – Facts & Myths
02-27-06	Cdr. Chris Deming...	NJROTC Program Stephen Decatur High School Cadets will present Colors.
03-27-06	Bob Stevens.....	Early History of Ocean City Assateague & Life Saving Station
04-24-06	Cdr. Fred Bohn.....	The Marine League- Goals & Objectives-history

**Calendar for January**

**Legion Bingo...7:00 pm**  
January 5 – 12- 17 & 26.

**Legion EXCOM Meeting**  
7:00 pm. – Jan. 9, 2006.

**Legion Meetings**  
8:00 pm – Jan 9 & 23.

**A.L. Auxiliary Meeting**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. 11:00 am – Jan. 13.

**Happy Hour Food**  
every Friday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

**Pizza and Beer**  
on Tuesday 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm pizza of choice an pitcher of beer \$9.00.

**Dinner at the Post**  
Jan 7th—5:30 pm—7:30 pm  
Italian night with salad bread and dessert.

**SAL Event—Sat. Jan 29th “An Afternoon at the Legion”, \$5.00 per person advance tickets, music noon to 4:00 pm, Food 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm—sign up on the “bring a dish list”.**

Do your duty in all things, you cannot do more, you should never wish to do less.  
Robert E. Lee

**Calendar for February**

**Legion Bingo ...7:00 pm.**  
February 2 – 9- 16 & 23.

**Legion EXCOM. Meeting**  
7:00 pm. –Feb. 13, 2006.

**Legion Meetings**  
8:00 pm- Feb. 13 & 27.

**A.L. Auxiliary Meeting**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. 11:00 am – Feb. 21.

**Happy Hour Food**  
every Friday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

**Pizza and Beer**  
on Tuesday 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm pizza of choice an pitcher of beer \$9.00.

**Shrimp and Beer** at noon, Feb 18th:  
1/2 lb. shrimp and pitcher of beer \$10.00.

**Department Executive Committee Meeting** Feb 19th.

**Dinner at the Post**  
Feb 4th—5:30 pm—7:30 pm  
Meat Loaf, mashed potatoes, veggie, bread and dessert.

**SAL Event—Sat. Feb 25th “An Afternoon at the Legion”, \$5.00 per person advance tickets, music noon to 4:00 pm, Food 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm—sign up on the “bring a dish list”.**

**Calendar for March**

**Legion Bingo ...7:00 pm.**  
March 2 – 9- 16, 23 & 30.

**Legion EXCOM. Meeting**  
7:00 pm. –March 13, 2006.

**Legion Meetings**  
8:00 pm– March 13 & 27.

**A.L. Auxiliary Meeting**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. 11:00 am – March. 21.

**Happy Hour Food**  
every Friday 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

**Pizza and Beer**  
on Tuesday 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm pizza of choice an pitcher of beer \$ 10.00.

**Dinner at the Post**  
Mar 4th—5:30pm - 7:30 pm Fish Fry with the works.  
Mar 11 th.-12:00 noon Ham and Cabbage

Write your Congressman today! Tell them to become a co-sponsor and to vote for HR2679—The Public Expression of Religion Act. It is the result of



## UNSUNG HERO

It has been said that the LEGION is much like the Human body . The entire body is the membership. The Commander serves as the head or brain ; the Adjutant serves as the “right arm”. The executive Committee assists the brain with decision making; The chaplain serves as the “spiritual” part , etc. One comment overheard at the trim a tree party was , ROSIE GARLITZ, you are the HEART BEAT of the American Legion. She certainly is the HEART, and

the unsung hero of our American legion, She assists Sarge in anyway she can ; She beautified the front entrance ; She decorates the Legion for functions; She sells lots of Raffle tickets and Legion products; She assists in serving and preparing meals. She makes excellent soup for the Saturday “TAILGATE PARTIES.” She has a HEART of gold and is Definitely a LEGION HERO. Hats off to Rosie.

## RUMMEL HONORED BY COAST GUARD

Past commander Charles Rummel and his family attended the 2005 Coast Guard Ball as their Honored guests. The Ball was held Friday, December 9th at the Hyatt Regency, Chrystal City, Virginia. The Theme Of the Ball was “ HONORING OUR WORLD WAR II VETERANS.”

During the ceremony, Mr. Rummel was presented with the World War 2 Victory Medal by the Honorable Michael Cherloff, Secretary of Homeland Security AND Vice Admirable Terry M. Cross , Vice Commandant, USCG.

Master Chief of the Coast Guard, He also received a World War II memorial pin and a Coast Guard Commemorative coin.



### HOUSE COMMITTEE

#### REMARKS:

A Number of Legion members have expressed to Sarge, a willingness to assist him in his many duties. Now is the time to let him know that you are available to help. Give him your name and phone number. Don't delay – Do it today. Much has been accomplished under his leadership. Look around the post and It is very evident. Yet much will need to be done to put the home in good shape. He arranged recently to have an ATM installed In the lounge. We host the Department Meeting and Dinner On January 22, 2006. See SARGE to volunteer your help.

It was a gala affair with approximately 600 military personnel and their guests. Music was good for dancing and the food was delicious.. It was an event that will long be remembered by the Rummel Family . It was indeed a great honor to be selected for special recognition for his World War II service.

If a man has done his best, what else is there?

George S. Patton

## From the desk of Lelia Lehman, Auxiliary President

### CALL TO ARM'S

On February 19 , the post will be hosting a Department Meeting at the post home. I am sending out a plea to all ladies who would like to help them make this a meeting to remember for the Department of Maryland. Let's show the men of our post that we can respond when we are ask to pitch in and help them.

Please call me if you can make it on that date! 410-641-6381 or 443-523-2029

We will be accepting suggestions and information to put into the newsletter. I need everyone to call me with information that we need to get to our members.

For instance, if something is going on or someone needs to be recognized for something she has done to merit a salute, please

tell me and I'll put it in the newsletter. If you know a member who is ill, and could use a get well card or a visit from me to cheer them up, I'd like to know about it.. My phone numbers are: 410-642-6381 or 443-523-2039.

### From the desk of Rosemarie

#### Brac: 1st Vice President:

We have taken in a few new members .

They are: Gail Larain Schuler  
Rosemarie F. Kacinski  
Margaret M. McNulty

Members who have passed on:  
Antoinette Bassett

Please keep sending your dues so we can make our goal. Rosemarie and I would like to thank the people

who helped her and I , both in the kitchen and cleaning up after the 250 people who came to the “Toy's for Tot's” dinner on December 7<sup>th</sup> , especially: George Brac and Janice Key's. The dinner was a complete success. Watch the newspapers for the next Big thing we have coming up. Please come to our meeting of January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be served after the meeting.



God Bless our Troops and God Bless America. Love to all,

Lil Lehman ,  
Auxiliary President

## POST 166 EVENTS FOR 2006

**DINNERS** – The house committee will be hosting dinners the first Saturday of each month From 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm . Call 410-289-3166 to make reservations

**ITALIAN NIGHT**- January 7 – with salad , bread and dessert

**MEAT LOAF** . February 4- with mashed potatoes. Veggie , bread & dessert.

**FISH FRY** , March 4- with the works

**Ham and Cabbage**, March 11-St Patrick's Day-12:00 noon

**Irish Stew**, March 18-12:00 noon

**2006 – THE YEAR OF THE SOUP.**

**Sun. Jan. 1** - 1:00 pm...Soup by Rosie ( Black eyed Pea.)

**Sat. Jan 7** - 12:00 noon – Soup by 707 Sports Bar and Grille.

**Sat. Jan 14** - 12:00 noon - Soup by BULL ON THE BEACH, West Ocean City.

**Sat. Jan. 21** - 12:00 noon - Soup by COINS PUB , 28th Street

**Sat. Feb 4** - 12:00 noon – Soup by ‘B J ‘s on the Bay , 75th Street

**Sun. Feb 5** - 12:00 noon – Soup by MARK & GAIL SCHULER (Oyster Stew)

**Sat. Feb 11** - 12:00 noon – Soup by the WEDGE – Sunset Ave W. Ocean City

**Sat. Feb 18** - 12:00 noon – Soup by DR. UNKS – Route 611

**SAL EVENTS:** - For these events sign up at the post to bring a dish plus \$ 5.00 per person.

**Jan. 29**.....AN AFTERNOON AT THE LEGION- Music 12:00 till 4:00 pm Food served from 1:00 pm till 3:00 pm. Advanced tickets required

**Feb. 25**..... AN AFTERNOON AT THE LEGION – Music 12:00 till 4:00 pm Food served from 1:00 till 3:00 pm. – Bring a dish - \$ 5.00 per person. Advanced tickets

required.

**March 4**... FISH FRY with the works. Advanced tickets required. 5:30 pm till 7:30 pm.

**HAPPY HOUR FOOD; every Friday from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm.**

**PIZZA AND BEER** : ON Tuesdays – Pizza and Pitcher of Beer \$ 9.00

**SHRIMP AND BEER** : Saturday , February 18 at noon . Half Pound of Shrimp and pitcher of beer . \$ 10.00 .

**NEW YEARS DAY PARTY – January 1, 2006 – COME ONE – COME ALL** Ravens vs. Browns at 1:00 pm Redskins vs. Eagles at 4:00 pm.

**SUPER BOWL PARTY** – Sunday , February 5th , 2006- 12:00 noon- Soup by Schulers.

Maryland Basketball at 2:00 pm. Super Bowl Game Party at 6:00 pm. (Food ,Fun & Games)

## American Legion Auxiliary –UNIT 166—TREASURER’S REPORT

Listed below are some of the contributions to projects by the Auxiliary. Figures do not reflect the entire year, only the period from may to December 2005.

Chaplain.....Memorials and Flowers.....\$ 327.29

Community Service:

Ronald MacDonald House.....\$ 100.00

Feed the Children..... \$ 500.00

NOEL Community Dinner..... \$ 200.00

Interfaith Caregivers..... \$ 100.00

Goodwill industries.....\$ 250.00

Sick Unit Members.....\$ 250.00

Berlin Bingo.....\$ 167.07

Sub total.....\$1,567.00

Past Presidents party.....\$ 200.00

POPPY receipts..... \$ 200.00

Scholarships..... \$ 500.00

C. & Y. Christmas Party.....\$ 1,000.00

Subtotal..... \$ 3,796.32

Funds to Post.....\$ 12,792.61

Total.....\$ 16,588.93

*Nancy Rummel , Auxiliary Unit 166 Treasurer.*

## Did You Know?

1. The Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Steve Buyer (R-Ind.), announced plans to eliminate annual congressional hearings for Veterans Service Organizations. Under Buyer's plan, The American Legion and other Veterans Service Organizations would no longer be afforded the opportunity to present testimony before a joint hearing of the House

and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees.  
2. Using a regulation that has gone unused since it was written in 2001, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs is taking steps to raise the co-payments of millions of veterans who receive prescription drugs from VA outpatient pharmacies. These are only a couple of items that every

Legionnaire should know about and act upon. This information can be found at <http://www.legion.org>, the National Legion web site. If you have Internet access, please be sure to visit the National and State (<http://www.mdlegion.org>) Web Sites. Also let your Congressman know your feelings about these threats to every Veteran.

**DISTRICT & DEPT. MEETINGS**

Members of the American Legion are Welcome to attend the South Eastern Shore District meetings and the Maryland Department Meetings as well. Those scheduled during the Winter months include the following:

**Jan. 22, 2006 – S.E. Shore District Meets**

Duncan Showell Post 231, Berlin

SAL at noon

Legion at 2:00 pm

**Feb. 19, 2006....."DEC" Meets**

Synepuxent Post 166, Ocean City, MD

1:00 PM.

**Feb. 26, 2006 S.E.Shore District Meets.**

Dorchester Post # 91 , Cambridge, MD

12:00 NOON – SAL, Legion 2:00 pm.

**March 19, 2006. S.E. Shore District Meets**

Spirit Of Democracy – Post 145 , Salisbury

12:00-noon –SAL ; Legion 2:00 p.m.

**April 23, 2006- S.E.Shore District Meets**

Synepuxent post 166, Ocean City, MD

12:00 noon- SAL; 2:00 Legion pm.

**TRIM A TREE PARTY:**

This gala affair was attended by 72 legion Members and Guests. The lounge was nicely decorated to bring the holiday spirit in focus. The DJ played seasonal music which contributed to the joy of the season. A number of attendees danced to the music provided.

This December 4<sup>th</sup> Party was most successful thanks to the hard work and talent of the House committee that planned, organized and made possible this enjoyable afternoon. Special appreciation is extended to those responsible for the success of this event. The HOUSE COMMITTEE did a great job under the leadership of William "Sarge" Garlitz assisted by Joe Bergeron, Kathy Bergeron, and Bruce McIntire. The food was excellent, and enjoyed by all those present.

Commander Curro took the "Mike" to wish all a very enjoyable holiday and ask our prayers for those who serve in the military and are in "Harms Way". He also thanked all who have contributed to the Success of the American Legion during the 2005 year.

Adjutant Garlitz offered a prayer prior to the food that was provided. Thank him for a job well done.

**Hall Rentals**

Those interested in renting the Legion Hall should contact Kathy Bergeron at 410-289-3166. If she is not available at the Post, call Wm. "Sarge" Garlitz at 443-735-1942

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