



Synepuxent Observer Summer 2006 Ocean City, Maryland

Commander's Message

I am honored to represent the members of the American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 for the 2006 - 2007 Legion Year.

I first joined the American Legion in 1953 at a Post in Philipsburg, PA. and later transferred my membership to the Shippensburg PA. American Legion where I also served as an employee. I was inactive during my working career but following retirement and relocation to the Ocean City Area, I became a member of Post 166 in 1987.

Recognizing that the successful operation of the Post, is a TEAM effort that requires a lot of volunteer time from the members, Executive committee and Officers, I'm certain that we can count on your continued support and assistance and service in Legion programs During the 2006-2007 Legion Year.

I shall do my very best to serve as your commander and represent you to the best of my ability. I pledge to continue the accomplishments of the past leadership team. I also pledge to keep the American Legion Mission strong and

active. Our community, our state, our nation and our veterans need us. I extend my personal appreciation to the elected leadership team, Committees Chairpersons, and volunteers who have and will continue to contribute to the leadership and operation of this Post and to the success of Legion programs.

For God and Country, please continue to support and assist your American Legion.

Yours In Legion Service,
Nate Pearson



Legion Officers of Post 166 2006-2007

- Commander.....Nate Pearson
- 1st Vice CommanderMark Schuler
- 2nd Vice Commander.....Bill Wolf
- 3rd Vice Commander.....Frank Hoover
- Adjutant.....Sarge Garlitz
- Historian.....Eric Nilsson
- Chaplain.....Glen Duffy
- Judge Advocate.....John Hyle
- Finance Officer.....Hugh McFadden
- Asst. Finance Officer.....Bud Breidenstein
- Service Officer.....Al Ferguson
- Sgt-at-Arms.....Paul Taylor
- Executive Committee
Jim Mills, Bo Spicer, Bud Breidenstein,
Frank Holloway, Elmer Muth

SAL Officers of Sal Squadron 166 2006-2007

- Commander.....Steve Spicer
- Adjutant/Finance Officer.....Barry Derr
- Vice Commander.....Richard Pennington
- Chaplain.....Mike Donnelly
- Historian.....Charles Mann
- Sgt-at-Arms.....Ben Oliver
- Advisor.....Ken Gray



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Unit 166

I thank all members who served as officers and Chairpersons last year for their dedication and service to our unit. Our incoming officers for 2006-2007 are:

- President.....Rosemarie Brac
- 1st Vice president...Margaret Hudson
- 2nd Vice president...Anna Foultz
- Secretary.....June Saunders
- Treasurer.....Nancy Rummel
- Chaplain.....Theodora Rozzano
- Sgt.At Arms.....Lucille McNulty
- Color Bearers.....Kay Gubash
Donna Hansen
- Executive Committee:
Pearl Jordan



Sarah Gray
Pat Foringer

At this time, we have no historian, and ask any member interested to contact me for details. I am confident that our new officers will continue to work diligently for our units responsibility toward our programs and have another banner year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

July 8 - 14 2006- State Convention: Any member wishing to attend the State Convention, contact Nancy Rummel for registration. The Post needs help during This time. Contact Commander Pearson to schedule times you can help.

July 17, 2006. Monday Night Bingo Starts. Bingo will now be every Monday and Thursday. Help is needed. Contact Frank Hoover to schedule work hours. September 9, 2006 Installation of Incoming Auxiliary Officers. Contact the Post for tickets. September 19, 2006. Next meeting of the Auxiliary. October 6- 8, 2006- FALL CONVERENCE AT CLARIAN HOTEL, Hagerstown, Md.. Contact Nancy Rummel for registration.

Yours in Auxiliary Service,
Rosemarie Brac, President

FIRST SGTS BRIEFING

This past year was a good year for our Post. We made THREE STAR IN MEMBERSHIP and the overall operation of the Post would very easy get at FOUR STAR AWARD, whooaah. A salute goes to Commander Pearson and Past Commander Tony Curro for obtaining this 3 Star Rating. We will be putting this past year behind us as we move on to higher standards.

This year coming will be the year of membership. Every member should make a personal goal to sign up one new member with in the next 90 days. We will be awarding recognition to those who help us meet our membership goal for 2007 Legion year.

Commander Pearson is membership minded and wants to do everything we can to make a real nice Legion Home for our members. The more members we have the more input we can use to move further ahead. First Vice Commander Mark Schuler being our membership chairmen has committed to accept the Commanders challenge to get the members needed to get Post #166 back to a FOUR STAR POST.

As your Adjutant this past year Rosie and I want to thank all of you for your cooperation and participation. Your positive attitude and favorable remarks have been appreciated.

I am dedicating myself to help Mark

with the Commanders goal and as Adjutant will give him the anchor he will need to get this task done. Also, any member who wants to get involved in this membership project come on board. I will still be available anytime any member needs me to do "whatever" they might want to get done for themselves or for the "good of the Legion".

"Sarge" Garlitz
Adjutant
Cell 443-735-1942
firstsgt166@msn.com

LEGION MANAGER, KELLY SHERIDAN RESIGNS:

Following a one month period as manager of the Post 166 American Legion, the commander received a letter of resignation from Mr. Sheridan. The process of advertising and Interviewing for a new manager has begun. If you are aware of a person who might serve as a successful post manager, See Nate Pearson or Tony Curro.



SAL Squadron

It appears that Sons of the American Legion Squadron #166 will end this year with 97 members. The past two years Sarge Garlitz the SAI Advisor has signed up more members than this Squadron has ever had. He gave the membership the means and the tools to move forward. Very little effort was put forth to get a group of the SAI involved in Squadron and Post functions.



This year with Steve Spicer coming on board as the new Commander for 2006-2007 and Barry Derr as his Adjutant I am sure this will change. The summer season is on us so we will look for the fall to get moving as a refreshed SAL Squadron. A planning meeting will be held on Saturday August 26 at 1400hrs at the Post. The purpose is to set our goals for the coming SAL year. Put this date on your calendar now so it will be a done deal regarding this meeting.

There will be the Post's Installation and Awards Dinner is in September and we will need a good turn out for this event. We have the greatest facility in the area, tons of support from our Post and the worlds largest Veteran organization behind us. So lets use this to improve our Squadron. The week of July 9th is the Legion Convention and much help will be needed. As the Post's Bar Manager I am easy to get a hold of as I am there most of the time 410-289-3166. We also need members to sign up to work the beer wagon at the Sunfest. Come on guys lets do it this year. I want to thank Sarge for getting this Squadron's membership to where it is and now it is your job to mold it into a full operating Squadron. We can have fun doing this as well as serving our community and its Veterans.

Ken Gray
SAI Advisor

AMERICAN LEGION – SYNEPUXENT POST 166 AWARDS- RECOGNITION & INSTALLATION DINNER PROGRAM.

Saturday , September 9 , 2006
Social at 5:00 pm....Dinner at 6:00 pm.
Tickets at the Bar.....\$ 12.00 per person

The Auxiliary- Unit 166 will have Installation of Officers. The SAL will- Squadron 166 will have Installation of Officers. The Legion will be presenting awards. Mark your calendar.

PLAN TO ATTEND THIS GALA EVENT.

DECORATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The decorating committee has continued to make improvements in the Main Hall and the Lounge of the Legion. Committee members who have assisted in these projects include the following: Elmer Muth , Rosie Garlitz, Bo Spicer, Jim Mills, Tony Curro and Nate Pearson . The following projects have either been completed or are underway since the last newsletter.

1. Secure storage for "Instant Bingo" in the redesigned phone booth completed by Elmer Muth.
2. Relocation of the LEGION, AUXILIARY, & SAL Officers from the bar area to the Dance HALL section of the Main Hall.
3. Completion of the "THE REMEMBRANCE WALL" DESIGNED by Rosie Garlitz with carpeting and an entrance area.
4. The relocation of the POPCORN Machine.
5. Installation of a BEER & WINE display behind the Bar where the names of officers were originally displayed.
6. Installing gold cording around the three charters that are on display in the New Showcases.
7. Installing one half inch black borders around the white Army & Coast Guard Flags to better highlight and outline the flags.
8. Installing lighting around the stage area.

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or ideas on additional improvements , contact Jim Mills or Bo Spicer.

AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Poppy Program: Chairman – Margaret Hudson Due to the efforts of the "Poppy Workers" our Treasury has been enriched by \$ 1,005.64.

September 19, 2006 – Since our meetings ended for the summer in May, our next meeting will be as indicated above. There will be no further treasury reports until that time.

September 21 till 25, 2006 . The Beer Truck Fund Raiser For unit/Post. HELP IS NEEDED. Sign up now in order to Get the time frame desired.

Nancy Rummel , Treasurer

Only those are fit to live who are not afraid to die.

Douglas Macarthur

PEGGY HUDSON

“Bingo’s Best Volunteer”

We have lost “Mrs. Legion Bingo.” Peggy Hudson’s final day as Bingo Leader and Paymaster was Thursday, May 11, 2006. She has moved to Slidell , Louisiana to live with her son, daughter In Law and grand daughter. Although she was excited to be with her family, she was saddened to leave her many Bingo friends in the Ocean City area. She will be deeply missed by the American Legion membership and her Ocean City friends.

She had been a Bingo Volunteer for over ten years, working 50 Thursday evenings each year, and also working ten Monday evenings each summer. She was very dedicated in this Legion service, rarely missing a scheduled Bingo program. She arrived at Post 166 on Bingo days at 4:00 pm. **And** remained until 10:00 pm. That is six hours each week. Her volunteer time is a record and her contribution to the success of the Bingo program has been significant and of great value to Posy 166 of The American Legion. She devoted 600 days in the past ten years to help assure the success of the Legion Bingo Program . During these 600 days, she worked 3,600 hours. Based on a 40 hour work week, she worked 90 volunteer weeks or almost two full years of volunteer service to Post 166.. The officers and members of the American Legion and Bingo friends have been blessed by her service. We salute her, we commend her , and we thank her for her long time Service. We wish her much joy and happiness in her new home with her family. We extend our sincere appreciation for her volunteer service to Post 166 of the American Legion.

AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

When this issue went to press, we had 776 members in Post 166. Thanks to the recruitment by our members and the Membership Committee , the Post earned the THREE STAR award. This has not been achieved in a number of years. Our new membership Year begins in October, 2006. Please make it a point to become an “EARLY BIRD” member. Get your dues in early. I hope each member will become part of the 2006-07 membership team to enable us to again earn the 3 star award. Membership forms are available at the Post. During the past three months, we have welcomed the following new and transfer members to Post 166.

NEW AND TRANSFER MEMBERS:

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| Sandra L. Clenenstine | Roger W. Leggett |
| Mark Crotsley | Ellsworth Mason |
| Richard Cudnick | John McDermott |
| James G. Ehrisman | George Shoben |
| Charles Gallo | Miguel A. Solano |
| John Hines | William Stetter |
| Kathryn Leggett | Robert Young |

POST EVERLASTING:

Members were saddened by the deaths of the following veterans who were members in Post 166. We extend our sympathy to family members as they mourn their loss.

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| Tom Brogan | Earle W. Brown | Robert A. Nichols Jr. |
| Richard Cullum | Dick Riley | John T. Harmon |
| Edwin Sacha | John A. Slowik | |

Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy.
Norman Schwarzkopf

FORMER SGT AT ARMS DIES

Post 166 members and officers were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of a former officer and long time member, Richard Cullum. Dick was very active in Post 166 where he had served as Sgt. At. Arms for a decade or more. He also regularly attended meetings and Legion functions. He will be deeply missed. The viewing, Legion Ceremony and Service was held at the Burbage Funeral Home on Sunday, May 7th from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. The standing room only crowd was evidence of his popularity and respect among

friends and family. The American Legion Auxiliary was well represented with a contingent that included the president, Treasurer and other officers both past and present. The American Legion had many members in attendance including at least four Past Commanders along with other past Legion leaders and officers. The Legion District Chaplain was also present. The American Legion Post 166 Color Guard conducted a five phase Ceremony that Included a Eulogy by Nate Pearson, Veterans Farewell by Elmer

Muth; Traditional Farewell Salute by each member of the Guard ; A prayer by Guard Chaplain Charles Rummel, and was concluded by the traditional Military Salute. During the playing of TAPS.. Honor Guard members who participated included:
Victor Beard.....Nate Pearson
Al Ferguson..... Charles Rummel
Eric Nilsson..... John Sauer
Elmer Muth..... Bo Spicer
The Burial for Richard Cullum was conducted at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery near Hurlock , Maryland on Monday, May 8, 2006 at noon.

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.

BY LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

As required in the Legion By Laws, notice is hereby given to the membership that the By Law change will be presented at the September general membership meeting for a vote. The change relates to the HOUSE COMMITTEE. The Executive Committee recommends a favorable vote on this change.

FROM POST 166 BY LAWS ADOPTED 1982
ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES - SECTION 2

The Post commander will immediately upon taking office appoint a House Committee to be composed of (*new....at least*) three (3) members. At least one appointee shall be a member of the Executive Committee. The duties of the "HOUSE COMMITTEE" shall be designated by to Executive Committee and may be changed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee present & voting. The "House Committee" shall be directly responsible to and report to the Executive Committee.

THE RECOMMENDED CHANGE IS TO ADD THE WORDS (AT LEAST) found in the first sentence.

POST 166 EMPLOYEES

Get to know the paid employees of Synepuxent Post 166., whose professionalism contributes to the success of our Legion. They are very important members in the operation of this post who demonstrate the best in hospitality and public relations.

- Kathy Bergeron.....Administrative Secretary
- Joe Bergeron.....Maintenance & Building Services.
- Ken Gray.....Bartender & Instant Bingo Manager.
- Larry Gulla..... Bartender.
- Darlene Derr.....Bartender
- Karen Roorke.....Bartender
- Viola Shipp..... Bingo Caller
- Frank Hoover.....Manager- Instant Bingo

LEGION DONATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Al Ferguson, chairman of the Donations Committee assisted by Stan Arnold and Bud Breidenstein made the Donations Listed below during this quarter. The committee reviewed and evaluated dozens of requests and made these awards:

1. Worcester County Sheriff's Educational Program. To help fund a special alcohol and drug abuse program for youth. \$ 100.00
2. Television sets for the Veteran's Hospital at Perry Point. \$ 388.00
3. Naval Junior ROTC Program at Stephen Decatur High School. \$ 500.00
4. DAV- Disabled Veterans \$ 500.00
5. D-Day Memorial..... \$ 400.00
6. Naval Junior ROTC...Rifle Team..... \$ 200.00

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

MILITARY DD-214's AVAILABLE ONLINE:

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 records online:

<http://vetsrec.archives.gov/>

Military veterans and the next of kin for deceased former military members may now use a new military on line military personnel records system to request documents. The new procedure enables records to be processed more quickly.

AUXILIARY POPPY PROGRAM

The Auxiliary's presentation of the veteran's made RED paper Poppy was very successful. The poppy distribution was very well done by the Auxiliary members who volunteered. Special thanks to Anna Foulz, Kay Gubash, Donna Hansen, Carole Lohman, Joan Saunders, and Lilly Tunis for their help. I also wish to express appreciation to Charlotte Mays, past Poppy Chair for her advise and assistance as I assumed the responsibility in 2006.

Margaret Hudson, Auxiliary POPPY Chairperson

Don't tell fish stories where the people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish.

Mark Twain

POST 166 – COLOR GUARD REPORT

This past quarter has kept the Post 166 Color Guard very busy. The many activities have involved every member of the Color Guard. Listed below is a summary of the events and functions involving the Color Guard.

May 1 and 10..... Rifle Practice

May & June..... Four Funeral Ceremonies

May 21.....Presenting Colors at the OC Flag Plaza or Armed Forces Day.

May 28.....Three volley Salute at Mystic Harbour

May 29..... Memorial Day Ceremony at the VFW

May 29..... Memorial Day 3 Volley Salute at The Worcester Co. Veterans Memorial.

May 29..... Memorial day Ceremony at Post 166.

June 3..... Lead Color Guard Unit in RAVEN'S Parade.

June 14..... presenting Colors at the Worcester Co. Veterans Memorial for Flag Day Ceremony.

June 17..... Presenting Colors

for the MD. Credit Unions Convention at the Clarion Hotel Special Thanks to the dedicated members of the Color Guard For their Dedicated Service. Color Guard listed below:

- Bud Breidenstein Eric Nilsson
- Vic Beard Jack Nichols
- Al Ferguson Nate Pearson
- Tom Hannon Charles Rummel
- Jim Hudson John Sauer
- Dave Lewis Bo Spicer
- Elmer Muth

*Respectfully Submitted,
Nate Pearson- Coordinator*

AUXILIARY DYNAMO

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 166 has provided outstanding support for Post 166 during the past year. They have provided servers for Legion Dinners hosted by Post 166 for both the District and the Department of Maryland ; They have donated 7,200.00 to have the Legion Main Hall refinished ; They have provided financial support for the Synepuxent Observer newsletter , and they will be sharing profits from the Sunfest Beer Truck with the legion on

a 50 – 50 basis with workers from the Legion and the Auxiliary.

One of the greatest contributions provided by the Auxiliary is through one of their members , ROSIE GARLITZ. Her contributions to Post 166 are significant and noteworthy. She has devoted endless hours at the Post cleaning; decorating ; planting gardens; washing dishes; lawn mowing , and designing Post improvements. Her hours of service for Veter-

ans and for Post 166 are meritorious. She exhibits energy and enthusiasm in all she continues to do for Post 166. She neither desires or expects any special recognition for her services..

However, her continued service must be recognized and publicized. For God and Country,

ROSIE GARLITZ, continues to demonstrate “ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL” service. We are fortunate to have her assistance and contributions that make our Post as inviting and attractive as possible.

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
- 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

Don't forget to call your Senators' district office and leave the message that you want him or her to vote for the Flag Amendment - SJR -12. The vote is ONLY WEEKS AWAY. Follow-up with an email. Have a friend join you in doing the same....

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.

Abraham Lincoln

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM

Scheduled the second regular meeting of each month. Topics will involve a 15 to 20 minute presentation:

LEGION COMMITTEE:

Elmer Muth , Co- Chairman ,410-641-5107

Nate Pearson ,Co Chairman ,410-641-8427

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: On the 4th Monday of each month at the American Legion general membership meeting, Guest speakers have been scheduled to make

A 15 to 20 presentation about subjects of interest. We will attempt to have talks about experiences of our Veterans during times of War ; Charities to which our Post contributes ; Facts and information about the Greater Ocean City Area. , and Legislation and information important to veterans.

Listed below are the programs scheduled for the 2006 / 2007 Legion Year . If you have topics or know speakers, let one of the committee members know. Some of the speakers listed have not yet been confirmed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
10-25-2006.....	Bruce McIntire.....	"THE REST OF THE STORY" PART 2
11-27-2006.....	Dick Jacobs.....	Establishing Presidential Libraries
01-22-2007.....	Elmer Muth.....	D-DAY experience .
02-26-2007.....	Commander Deming.....	Up date on NJROTC Program, Presentation of Colors /NJROTC-Color Guard
03-27-2007.....	Bob Stevens.....	Assateague - Early History of Ocean City - Life Saving Stations
04-24-2007.....	Wally Starck.....	Fighter Pilot _"STARCK MAD"
05-22-2007.....	TO Be Announced	

American Legion—Synepuxent Post 166 Quarterly Calendar—Summer 2006


JULY

July 4Independence Day
 July 9.....A.L. Dept. Breakfast
 July 10....A.L. Exec. Meets 7:00 PM
 July 11....A.L. Dept. of MD Convention
 Am. Legion College
 A.L. Beer Bust
 July 12....A.L. Dept. Convention
 July 13....A.L. Dept. Convention
 July 14....A.L. Dept. Convention
 July 14....US Army Established 1775
 July 21....Dept. Vets. Affairs Established 1930

Bingo at the Post
 Every Monday and Thursday starting at 7:00 PM, begins July 17th.

AUGUST

Aug. 4....USCG Established 1790



Aug. 10....Dept. of Defense established 1949
 Aug. 14....A.L. Exec. Meets 7:00 PM
Bingo at the Post
 Every Monday and Thursday starting at 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4 Labor Day
 Sept. 9....Awards, Recognition & Installation Program
 Sept. 11....Patriots Day
 Sept. 11....A.L. Exec. Meets 7:00 PM
 Sept. 21....Sunfest—Beer Truck
 Sept. 22....Sunfest—Beer Truck
 Sept. 23....Sunfest—Beer Truck
 Sept. 24....Sunfest—Beer Truck
 Sept. 25....A.L. Exec. Meets 7:00 PM
 Sept. 25....Legion Meets 8:00 PM
Bingo at the Post
 Every Monday and Thursday starting at 7:00 PM

Did You Know?

The term "the whole 9 yards" came from W.W.II fighter pilots in the South Pacific. When arming their airplanes on the ground, the .50 caliber machine gun ammo belts measured exactly 27 feet, before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."

