



# *Synepuxent Observer*

*Summer 2005*  
*Ocean City, Maryland*

## Commander's Message

Dear American Legion members,

I am honored to serve as your Post 166 Commander during the 2005-2006 Legion year. With the support and assistance of each member and the elected leadership team, we plan to continue the goals of the American Legion and schedule activities that the membership can support and enjoy.

The contribution of the Past Commanders and past leadership teams in bringing successful programs to our Post, are indeed appreciated. We plan to expand these successful programs and adjust others to meet the needs of the 2005 membership.

To accomplish an efficient and effective Legion operation, I will need your help, your service and your talent. We have many functions during the year that require many

volunteer hours. We are hopeful that each member will step forward and provide some volunteer time. We must all do our part in the management and success of our American Legion. Your service to the community and nation can continue with your active participation in the American Legion functions.

Yours in Legion Service,

*Tony Curro*



## Post Officers for 2005-2006

| <u>Position</u>     | <u>Name</u>      | <u>Email Address</u>         |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Commander           | Tony Curro       | Commander@ALpost166.org      |
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| Chaplain            | Glen Duffy       | Chaplain@ALPost166.org       |
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| Executive Committee | Elmer Muth       | ExeCmte5@ALpost166.org       |

### Sons of American Legion

- Commander— Ric Feehley
- 1st Vice Commander— Larry Ohm
- 2nd Vice Commander— Arron Hyde
- Adjutant— Byran Talbott
- Finance Officer— Bob Chambers
- Sgt. At Arms— Ben Oliver
- Chaplin— Rob Kanotz
- Historian— Denny Collins
- Advisor— Sarge Garlitz



## From the desk of Lelia Lehman, Auxiliary President

We have had a lot of new members come into the Auxiliary. And, I am happy to say that by the time you all read this I will already be up on the boardwalk driving the Tram, so you won't be able to reach me, but leave a message on my machine and I'll Gladly call you back as soon as I can.

As you know every May is election month for the Auxiliary, And here is the new line up of officers.

President: Lelia Lehman  
1st Vice: Rosemarie Broc  
2nd Vice: Lily Tunis  
Treasurer: Nancy Rummel  
Secretary: Shirley Cover  
Chaplin: Theodora Rozzano  
Sgt At Arms: Kay Gubosh  
Sgt At Arms: Jean Morin



I would like everyone to come to our next meeting on Sept 20th . Bring a friend, lunch is served after every meeting.

Those of you who want to pitch in and help the Legion sell Tickets on the ATV. Out in front of the Legion, Please call The Legion at 410-289-3166 and ask for Vernon Becker.

I am going to be planning a bus trip to Perry Point to do a Bingo For the Veterans and give them dessert. This will take place in October. Those of you who wish to go on this trip and help out Please call me at 410-641-6381 and leave your name & phone number and I'll get back to you.

I want to take this time to thank all the people who worked on the Boardwalk for the Motorcycle last year, and yes I will be having a buffet supper for all those people, so watch for it in the next news letter. Our Christmas Party will be on Tues. Dec 20th. I hope to have a few surprises for everyone so try your best to make it at 6 PM.

### "PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS"

I am asking for everyone to pray for our young men and women who are over in Iraq and other war torn country's fighting for Freedom. Just take a few minutes and ask GOD to bring our Young men and women home safely. My young Grandson Richard Lehman is now in Kuwait. Richard Graduated from Steven Decatur High School last June, after being in JROTC for 3 years. He was a top wrestler for Steven Decatur. He graduated from High School and immediately joined the Marines in July and went to Parris Island in SC. He trained from Then to this April when he was attached to a ship and sent over Seas. He is now in Kuwait . Please pray for our boys over there.

P.S. I'll see you on the Tram, Love to all and have a safe and happy summer,

Your President  
*LiL Lehman*

## FIRST SGTS BRIEFING

Ready or not, here it comes. The new Legion year is less than a month away and will be starting up if we are ready or not. Lets get ready. I want to thank so many of you for your positive support during these past 8 month of learning. Rosie gets an "atta girl!" for pointing me many times in the right direction.

I attended the first Executive Committee meeting right after the Post Election and it was "GRAND". THE NEW TEAM 166 was 99% positive in all areas. It will be enjoyable to work with this 99% making the Post move forward in the 2006 Legion year.

On another note. Many members have received past due notices regarding

membership. Here is the real deal: If you paid your dues, have a current membership card in hand, disregard these notices. They are made up many months in advance and are mailed in bulk from National. However, if you find an error regarding your membership information, contact me ASAP.

2006 membership cards will be in house and can be renewed after the convention. Be an early bird and get your 2006 card early.

Lets recognize some of the troops. Go to the foot locker, yearbook, or up in the attic and start looking for some old information regarding your past. When you find it, share it with me so it can be shared with the members of the Post

I know that many of you who where "DEFENSOR FORTIS" have excelled in other areas than the Military. So if you are shy maybe a family member will come forward and supply me with information regarding your feats. It was maybe high school sports or sports beyond high school. Many of you have excelled in education, business, community services and the list may go on. There is nothing out of line in giving attention to those who have excelled these areas.

Support your elected officers, volunteers and Post committees. Yours in Legion service,

Sarge Garlitz, Adjutant  
443-735-1942 cell  
Adjutant@ALPost166.org

### DELEGATES TO THE 87th DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

8:00PM July 12th;8:00AM July 13, 14, 15 2005

Tony Curro, Sarge Garlitz, Bud Breidenstein, Elmer Muth, Nate Pearson, Frank Hoover, William Wolf, Al Ferguson, Jim Hudson, Hugh McFadden, Chuck Hinz, Jim Mills, Stanley Arnold, Geri Clark, Frank Holloway, Charles Rummel, Martin Price



## SAL Commander Briefing

### Squadron #166

The season is upon us and many will be visiting Post#166 and we all need to be on our friendliest behavior. After all you don't get a second chance to make a first impression. We will be judged by many and we should celebrate the liberties afforded us by the very veterans that we honor. We all work very hard to maintain our Post/Squadron but we must bring some of the behind the scenes efforts forward and make all guests to our Post feel right at home with everyone not just with themselves. We value their patronage to our facility so let's benefit from the warmth they can offer us all by experiencing our guest S.A.L.'s and their families.

Our summer project is to help the Post sell tickets on the ATV 4 wheeler that is parked on the Post lot beside the ticket booth. Lets help those who have really helped us. It will be a good fund raiser for us to start the fall season.

Every SAL member of #166 who reads this please call me on my cell phone 443-497-1105 or e-mail me at rfeehley@hotmail.com.

Ric Feehley  
Commander



Our Color Guard at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial Dedication on Memorial Day , May 30, 2005.

## LEGION ESTABLISHES BUDGET COMMITTEE

In keeping with sound and recognized business practices , and to develop greater accountability , a Budget Committee has been established and began meeting in June to plan for the expenses and funding needs for the year. With the help of Secretary , Kathy Bergeron , the committee will examine all legion costs and expenses and develop fund raising that will maintain a budget in balance and will also provide funding for replacement and maintenance costs . The following members of the American Legion are serving on this committee: Bud Breidenstein , Stan Arnold , Elmer Muth, Al Ferguson , Nate Pearson , H. McFadden and Glenn Duffy.

The Budget should be available in the near future.

**4th of July Weekend:** This is time of year we have a get together at our home. Friends stop by and a good time is had by all. This year we will be having it at the Post Home on Sunday July 3rd from 12:30 PM til 4:00PM. All members of the Post #166 American Legion Family and their guests are welcome to join us for this year's get together. "BRING A DISH". The "Bring a dish list" will be on the board at the Post.

*Sarge and Rosie Garlitz*

**SECOND SEASON ACTIVITIES:** We are planning on having some Sunday activities this second season. Some Sunday Football, a Super Bowl Party. If anyone is interested in the Wednesday night Shuffleboard League, check the board for a sign-up. Some interest has been expressed for the local Pool League. There will be sign-up sheets on the board for that also.

## 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 PATRONS by sending a check made out to American Legion patron in the amount of \$ 5.00. Current members 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 | A. Sgro         |
| H. Lucas      | J. Slowik   | V. Feltz        |
| J. LaGates    | V. Beard    | J. Walker       |
| B. Moore      | H. Lucas    | E. Edwards      |
| W. Garlitz    | R. Garlitz  | P. Linz         |
| M. Linz       | D. Dick     | D. Hafer        |
| J. Sangermano |             |                 |

### CONVENTION WEEK JULY 12—JULY 18

Contact Vernon at the Post if you can Volunteer some hours. All kinds of help is needed!

## **MESS HALL HAPPENINGS**

Lets give a huge cheer to our new cook Renee Sechrist. Along with the regular menu and dinners will have daily specials.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Tue- Sat (Lite Fare) 11:00AM til 5:00PM  
Sat Dinners 4:00PM til 7:00PM

We need volunteers to serve the Saturday Dinners, sign up at the Post or call Joe at the Post.

**APPETIZERS:** buffalo wings, chicken tenders, soup of the day, fries, shrimp & onion rings.

**SANDWICHES:** hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dog, ham & cheese, roast beef, meatball & cheese, steak & cheese, & fish filet.

### **SATURDAY DINNERS 4:00PM till 7:00 PM JULY**

- 2nd** Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas, Mexican rice, cinnamon , & sugar sticks
- 23rd** Meat Loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, succotash & roll
- 30th** Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, coleslaw & roll

### **AUGUST**

- 13th** Parmesan Chicken over Fettuccine, salad, & garlic bread
- 20th** Pork Chop, baked potato, green beans, & roll
- 27th** Spaghetti, salad, & garlic bread

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 3rd** Beef stew, salad, & roll
- 10th** Fish, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, & roll
- 17th** Chicken Breast, potato salad, corn, & roll
- 24th** Meat Loaf, mash potatoes, gravy, peas, & roll

### **UPCOMING EVENTS—VETERANS DAY WEEKEND**

Saturday November 12, 2005

## **BULL AND OYSTER ROAST**

Advance ticket sales only, Details to Follow

## **ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE**

Music will start up for the season on Saturday July 2nd at 8:00 til Midnight Check the local papers for who is playing. The schedule may vary due to hall rentals.

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE SCOOP**

We would like to welcome Renee Sechrist to the Post as the new cook. It looks as if another positive attitude has joined TEAM 166. With her knowledge of the food service field she will be a great asset to the operation of the kitchen. If there is any question regarding the kitchen contact Renee or Joe Bergeron the Kitchen Monitor.

The hall rentals have been on a rise and there will be a need for extra bar help during many special events this season. Any member wishing to be considered for one of these positions contact Vernon Becker the Bar Monitor.

### **BAR ROOM TALK**

Disrespecting and/or discrediting members of the American Legion family and it's employees in the Post Home of #166 will not be tolerated. An addition to the list will be loud, obnoxious behavior, profanity, foul and abusive language. This type of behavior is not acceptable and non-negotiable. It is not the American Legion Family way. Keep it clean! It is the bartenders responsibility to make sure it is kept clean. If the bartenders do so, they are just doing their job.

The ATV 4 Wheeler tickets are moving and there are many shift openings for selling tickets. Be part of this project. *Sarge Garlitz, House Committee Chairman*

## **A.T.V.- All Terrain Vehicle:**

The Legion has a sales booth outside the Legion Building where we are selling raffle tickets for an ATV. This fund raiser is supported by the SAL AND American Legion Auxiliary as well as the American Legion. The ATV, TRAILER COVER, etc. cost the three organizations over \$ 9,000.00 so we will need to sell lots of tickets at a dollar per ticket . The drawing will be held during SUNFEST WEEKEND. We will need help selling the tickets. The sign up sheet for the 4 hour shifts on the bulletin board by the bar . **DO YOUR PART. SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER NOW**

## **Installation Ceremony**

Combined Installation Ceremony for the Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. on September 9, 2005.

- 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Welcome Members and Guests
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Installation of Officers
- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Dinner, Buffet Style
- 8:30 PM - ? Music and Dancing

**ENTRY TO THE POST:** The Kitchen is OFF LIMITS. The Kitchen door is for deliveries and operational staff for the Post's daily functions. All others should enter from the front door and leave the Post by the same door. If you do not have a key card, ring the buzzer and be prepared to show your Legion card for entry. Non-members with you must be signed in as your guest. Your cooperation in the entry program is urged.

## 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.

## MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

As of June 2005, the American Legion family posts the Membership totals listed below:

American Legion.....740 members

American Legion Auxiliary.....240 members

Sons of American Legion.....83 members (4 star for 2005)

We have many eligible veterans living in our area who are not currently members. We need to make an extra effort in 2005-06 to increase our membership. Check with your friends and neighbors to recruit them as members. Forms are available at the Post.

### **NEW RECENT MEMBERS:**

|              |                  |                 |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| John Coleman | Jerome Guenther  | Ira Zaretsky    |
| James Coyne  | George Kavanagh  | Ted Flowchok    |
| Ron Fisher   | Eugene Carpenter | Ray Doppelheuer |

### **POST EVERLASTING:**

John T. Murphy                  Richard W. Lewis

*Nate Pearson , Membership Chairman*

## HELP NEEDED – HELP WANTED

The American Legion, Department of Maryland , has scheduled the Annual Convention at the Convention Center in Ocean City from July 10 through July 16. Some events being held at Post 166 . They include a breakfast , a “Beer Bash”, and a dinner. In addition , many Legionaries will gather at Post 166 for fellowship and socialization. We will need help in the kitchen, bar backs and general assistance. Sign up with “Sarge” Garlitz.

## NEW HOUSE COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Commander Curro has appointed a House Committee for 2005-06. Chairman Sarge Garlitz and his Committee of Joe Bergeron & Vernon Becker will assume all the duties & responsibilities of the House Committee. They are well under way having hired a new cook for our for operation. RENEE , the Legions new cook has experience working in a number of local restaurants. The food schedule and menu for dinners will be available soon.

## LEGION CONTINUES SUPPORT OF CHARITIES

The American Legion Charities review and recommendation Committee continues the tradition of providing needed assistance to Community needs and veterans groups . Chairman Al Ferguson, working with Stan Arnold and Bud Breidenstein made the recent awards noted below:

| <u>AMOUNT</u>    | <u>CHARITY</u>                               |
|------------------|--|
| \$ 1,000.00..... | Hunter Nock Fund – (Burn Victim)             |
| \$ 500.00.....   | Coastal Hospice                              |
| \$ 1,280.00..... | Department of Veterans Affairs.- Health Care |

## **Calendar for July**

### BINGO EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY

7:00pm doors open 5:30

#### ATV Raffle Sales

**10 to 10 Daily at the Post**

**Volunteers Needed**

**KITCHEN OPEN**

**Lite Fare available Tues.—Sat.**

**3rd** -Get together 12:30PM to 4:00PM

**12th through 18th** - Dept. of MD

American Legion Convention

**26th** - Executive Committee 2:00 PM

**27th, 1953** - Korean War Ended

**KENO AT LEGION**

## **Calendar for August**

### BINGO EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY

7:00pm doors open 5:30

#### ATV Raffle Sales

**10 to 10 Daily at the Post**

**Volunteers Needed**

**KITCHEN OPEN**

**Lite Fare available Tues.—Sat.**

**1st** - Air Force Day

**14th, 1945** - Japan Surrenders

**16th** - National Airborne Day

**KENO AT LEGION**

## **Calendar for September**

### BINGO EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY

7:00pm doors open 5:30

#### ATV Raffle Sales

**10 to 10 Daily at the Post**

**Volunteers Needed**

**KITCHEN OPEN**

**Lite Fare available Tues.—Sat.**

**5th** - Labor Day

**9th** - Combined Installation Ceremony,

Legion, Auxiliary and SAL at 6:00 PM.

**13th.** -SAL meeting Tuesday at 6:00 PM

**20th** - Auxiliary Meeting at 11:30 AM-

**KENO AT LEGION**

