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### Commander's Message

Well folks, it's finally happening. Our long awaited rooftop Tiki Bar will open on Monday April 1, and that's no April Fool's Joke. We planned a soft opening for every Legion member who wanted to see this new amenity. It's a Soft opening because that's what you call it when you are working out the kinks before our Grand Opening on Friday, April 19. Everyone needs to be patient for the next few weeks because this is a brand new endeavor, but we are anticipating everything going smoothly Looking back, what a fantastic first quarter we had. January came in with a bang as it does every year at our Post. Our New Year's Eve party was packed and enjoyed by everyone, and on New Year's Day Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1091

celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with plenty of raw and steamed oysters. Next the Sons of the American Legion outdid everyone with another Bull and Oyster Roast. This one was the best, with great food, good camaraderie, and a lot of volunteers. The Auxiliary followed that with "Putting for a Cause," which registered 60 foursomes and raised \$17,500 for Veterans Suicide Prevention.



Commander Wengert selling Horse Soldier Raffles at the Boat Show.

February started with our usual Four Chaplains Service with local religious clergy participating in the event. As usual, this moving occasion was well attended. Afterwards a light fair was served. The Sons again had its yearly Valentines/Sweetheart Dinner, featuring a New York strip steak and shrimp. Once again our volunteers played a huge part by getting the food to the tables while it was

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### Rooftop Tiki Bar Opens for Business

April 1, 2024 was a milestone in the 75-year history of Post 166. The Tiki Bar served its first customers. In doing so there were a lot of firsts. The first bartender, the first Post customer, the first SAL patron, the first Auxiliary member to try it out, the first guest, and the first visiting American Legion member from another Post.



Sherree, the first bartender to work a Tiki Bar shift, serves the first customer a beer.



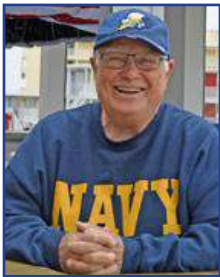
On the receiving end was Post member and Navy veteran Patrick McAleeman



Enjoying the view are McAleeman, Gene Fosnacht, first SAL member to buy a beer, Teri Souder, first Auxiliary member, with her guest Will Buckley from Post 175, Severna Park, first guest and first and out-of-town AL member at the Tiki Bar



**From the Editor**



Ed Pinto  
Editor

Even though this newsletter comes out once every three months, it seems like I'm working on it constantly. That's because this Post is so active, there's always something happening. Starting right off the bat in January with the Auxiliary's Putting for a Cause and Sunday Breakfasts, to the Sons Bull and Oyster Roast followed by the SAL

Valentine dinner, to the many other events held at the Post, including the always moving Four Chaplains Ceremony, and the huge turnout as usual for St. Patrick's Day.

We should rename this publication. It's not a Newsletter, it's a Happening Letter. One definition of news is information about current events. By the time you get the newsletter weeks, even months may have passed so the events are no longer current. They are gone, over, done, and the Post and its Family has moved on to planning and holding ending machine of service to veterans and our community and a social attraction for many of our new activities for the months ahead. We are a never-ending machine of service to veterans and our

community and a social attraction for many of our members who gather here every day, every night to eat, drink, socialize, and sign up for the next big event that is on the schedule.

Thank goodness we have so many dedicated volunteers among our members. For this issue I especially want to thank Jesse Wolfe-Parsons of the Auxiliary, and Kevin Matthews of SAL for Putting for a Cause photos and picture of the Four Chaplain's Service.

Commander Wengert in his column on page one mentioned the opening of the rooftop Tiki Bar, a milestone in the history of our Post since the opening of the building itself in 1954. We have another milestone to tell you about. Our membership is growing rapidly and in March we exceeded 1,000 members for the first time, making us one of the largest American Legion Posts in the state.

Once again, as I try to do every issue, thank you to all who have sent me articles and photos to use in this issue of the newsletter. You are helping to record our history by writing and taking photos of the many exciting events that make our Post, and this newsletter, a Happening Experience.

*Ed Pinto*

**Commander's Message Continued**

still hot. The very next day was Super Bowl Sunday and our annual party with the game showing on all of our tv's, including the big screen in the main hall. Party goers were treated to a fantastic buffet. There could not have been a Super Bowl any better than ours anywhere in Ocean City. Closing out February, our Post again was at the annual Seaside Boat show at the Convention Center, this year with our newest group, Post 166 Leathernecks. The Leathernecks raised money for veterans charities by selling raffle tickets for a signed bottle of Horse Soldier Bourbon. Look for more information about that special bottle of spirits in the Leathernecks column later in the newsletter.

When it comes to March you have to think Saint Paddy's Day. The month was rather quiet until that weekend, and then everything broke loose at the Post. As usual, Little Joe Verdura was in the kitchen preparing 700 pounds of corn beef, which just about sold out in one day. The beer and liquor flowed the entire weekend beginning on Friday. Camaraderie and laughter and dancing overflowed. We even picked up a couple new members who joined our Post or transferred from another.

Remember when coming to visit our Post, you must present your up to date 2024 membership card. Otherwise, you will either have to renew on the spot or we will have to turn you away. This new policy is due to IRS regulations since we are a non-profit veterans organization and classified as a private club. The people at the door checking membership are volunteers and are only doing their job, so be polite when they ask for your card.

In closing, I would like to say, be safe in your travels, wear your seatbelt, do not speed, and of all things do not drink and drive. Uber is waiting for your phone call to get you home safely.

May God bless you and keep you safe and may God bless America.

*Tom Wengert*





**AMERICAN LEGION NEWS**

**From the Adjutant**



**John Bussard  
Adjutant**

As previously reported, Our Post's 2024 membership goal was 940. I am pleased to report that between the 2023 members who have renewed, 92 new members, and 47 members who have transferred into Post 166, we reached exceeded, that goal in March. At the time of this writing, our total active membership is 990, or 50 members over our goal. Eleven

additional members before the June 11 cutoff date will put Post 166 into the 1001 and over membership category. We currently are in the 751 to 1000 members category. Here's the unhappy news. At the time I am writing this column, 110 members from 2023 have not renewed, as have an additional 260 members with expired membership from 2022 and earlier.

To establish our membership goal for 2025, our membership count on June 11 will be increased by one percent.

The American Legion has a new membership renewal program in which the member may log into their *MyLegion.org* profile and pay their dues in advance for three years, and make the payment by credit card. Also, you may want to check out the Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership program and never have to miss a renewal. A payment plan for this program is available.

Well, as the saying goes, "All good things will come to an end." June 30 will mark the end of my tenure as Adjutant for Post 166. Bruce Capecci has been training to take the reins of Adjutant beginning in July, with the advent of the 2025 membership year.

*John Bussard*



**NEW MEMBERS**

**New Members to Post 166**

**December, January & February**

- John Aiello..... Army
- Bruce Barrett.....Air Force
- Kenneth Baumann ..... Navy
- James Benton.....Air Force
- Howard Blake ..... Air Force
- Randolph Brown..... Army
- Ian Cameron ..... Navy
- Larry Dale ..... Not listed
- Anthony Febus ..... Navy
- Kenneth Goldstraw.....Air Force
- Taylor Good ..... Army
- Martin Houston..... Army
- Randolph Karson..... Coast Guard
- Cletus Lynch ..... Army
- Daniel McGowan..... Navy
- Trevor Mineo..... Navy
- Thomas Murphy ..... Army
- Rob Rippin ..... Air Force
- David Serafin ..... Army
- Daniel Sheldon.....Air Force
- Kenneth Steiding..... Marines
- Charles Thomas ..... Army

**TRANSFER**

**Transfers to Post 166**

**December, January & February**

- T. Michael Bradley ..... Army
- Christopher Crittenden ..... Navy
- Thomas Hendrix.....Army
- Joseph McBride.....Army
- Raleigh Midkiff..... Marines
- Michael Smith ..... Army
- Emmett Vaeth ..... Air Force
- Charles Wolfe.....Army



**Legion Baseball - Post 166 Recruiting Baseball Players**

Post 166 is reaching out to high school baseball players in Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, and Berlin, looking to recruit a team for this season's American Legion Baseball. The Post already has received an offer to play from Brunswick Post 96 to play a weekend tournament this summer here on the Eastern Shore. Preliminary plans are for a day/night double header on a Saturday and a Sunday game. If you know of a high school age baseball player that might like to join our team, reach out to Bob Gilmore at [opbobgil@aol.com](mailto:opbobgil@aol.com).



**AMERICAN LEGION NEWS**

**DONATIONS**

**December, January, February**

The Post 166 Family donated more than \$75,000 during the three months of December, January and February, highlighted by the Auxiliary's \$17,500 donation to Stop Soldier Suicide. The funds were raised by the Auxiliary's 2nd annual Putting for a Cause fund raiser in January. The list of donations follows:

POST 166	
AGH Regional Cancer Care Center	\$2,000
AL Auxiliary Dept. of MD	\$ 500
Believe in Tomorrow Childrens Fndn	\$1,000
Boys and Girls Club of Delaware	\$3,000
Cedar Chapel School	\$1,000
Cricket Center	\$1,500
Delmarva Whiskey Club Chart Fndn	\$ 500
Diakonia	\$1,000
Dove Point	\$1,000
Life Crisis Center	\$1,500
Macky & Pam Stansell Hse Hospice	\$1,000
Marshall Legacy Fund	\$ 500
National MS Society	\$1,000
Operation We Care	\$4,520
Perry Point VA Medical Center	\$1,000
Salvation Army	\$1,500
Sam Wiley	\$3,000
Stephen Decatur H.S. Boosters	\$2,000
Worcester Cty Development Center	\$1,500
Worcester Cty Gold	\$1,500
Worcester Cty Habitat for Humanity	\$1,500
Worcester Cty Youth & Fam. Couns.	\$1,000
POST 166 RIDERS	
American Legion Post 166	\$1,020
Cricket Center	\$2,000
Delaware Chapter B	\$1,000
St. Mary's Holy Savior	\$1,000
St. Paul by the Sea Church	\$1,000

AUXILIARY	
AGH Penguin Swim	\$ 500
Assateague	\$ 500
Bless the Children	\$1,000
Cricket Center	\$1,000
CASA	\$1,000
Decatur After Prom	\$1,000
Diakonia	\$1,500
McVets	\$1,000
OC Fire Station Brick	\$ 100
Operation We Care	\$ 500
Stop Soldier Suicide	\$1,500
Stop Soldier Suicide	\$17,500
POST 166 LEATHERNECKS	
AL Auxiliary Dept. of MD	\$ 96
Believe in Tomorrow Childrens Fndn	\$1,000
First State Detachment MCL	\$1,000
Semper Fi & America's Fund	\$3,000
Town of Ocean City	\$ 200
Worcester Cty Veterans Mem.	\$1,000

**Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer**

To paraphrase, ask not what our Post can do for you but what you can do for your Post. The fuel that runs Post 166 is our volunteers. If you have ever attended an event at the Post you saw them in action. Volunteering is your donation to Post 166. **To volunteer contact email [pmmccconnell2@gmail.com](mailto:pmmccconnell2@gmail.com)**



## SERVICE OFFICER

### Post Service Officer Team Grows



Tommy Ottenwaelder

Are you ready to dive into a spring filled with sunshine, laughter, and making a positive impact? Well, buckle up because your Post Service Officer (PSO) and team have exciting news and opportunities just for you!

This spring, the PSO is expanding our team. First, we brought on an assistant to help with benefit claims and support to our veterans. Please take a moment and welcome Scott Woodson as our new Assistant PSO. Scott has completed the American Legions Veteran's Service Officer training and brings a world of experience and dedication to the Post. Next, we are partnering with volunteers who can provide car rides to local medical appointments and are willing to do light home maintenance and repairs for veterans that need support. We are also connecting with other local organizations to provide support for our veterans. One recent partner group is the Atlantic Coastal Sportfishing Association that has offered to take our disabled veterans out for inshore fishing excursions. Lots of exciting stuff going on at our Post this summer.

Here's what else is coming to Post 166 for the spring of 2024:

- Concerned about rising prices of rent or feeling unstable in your current housing situation? The Veteran Administration has proven to be quite supportive of veterans in our area struggling to make the rent. There are several programs for veterans, family members and landlords that can

be accessed at [www.va.gov/homeless/](http://www.va.gov/homeless/). If you don't have access to the internet you can call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at (877) 4AID-VET (877-424-3838) for assistance.

- Do you have Veteran Affairs benefit questions or concerns? We are planning a Veteran Benefit workshop with local Veteran Service Officer (VSO). This VSO will do a presentation on current benefits and will spend one-on-one time answering questions for our members and their families.
- Need immediate assistance getting over one of life's curveballs? We are in the process of establishing a small emergency fund to help our veterans who need immediate financial support to overcome sudden hardships. These would be grants and loans to help cover the unexpected costs of emergencies like auto or appliance repairs, storm damage to homes, or other life emergencies.

We do all this to help make the season a little easier for our Post 166 members and our local veteran community. Please call on us if you would like more information or need any assistance.

So, your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to kick back, relax, and enjoy some well-deserved R&R this spring! Remember, sunscreen is your new camouflage, and BBQs are your battleground. Your country salutes you... with a refreshing cold beverage! Cheers to you.

*Tom Ottenwaelder,*  
Post Service Officer

## Color Guard Looking for a Few Good Men and Women

The Post Color Guard is equal opportunity, enrolling both men and woman. We are always looking for volunteers. We have the uniforms. We have the rifles. We are a special group that represents the Post at Patriotic functions and as an Honor Guard for those of us who transfer to Post Everlasting. The Post 166 Color Guard is your chance to put on a uniform again and help veterans in a meaningful way.

If you are interested in feeling that special pride that comes with a sense of accomplishment and continued service then you should be one of us. Contact me Mike Higdon the Color Guard Captain, at [mwhigdon@comcast.net](mailto:mwhigdon@comcast.net) or calling 443-944-7050



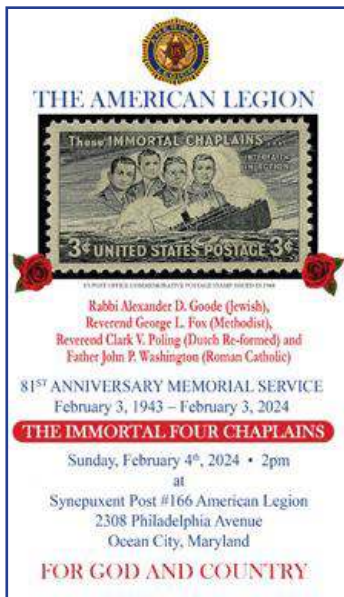
Mike Higdon, Color Guard Captain

# Synepuxent Post 166, Spring 2024

## Post Again Honors the Immortal Chaplains

Once again, in February, Post 166 gathered for the commemoration honoring the memory and sacrifice of the Four Chaplains: Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), the Rev. George L. Fox (Methodist), The Rev. Clark V. Poling (Dutch Reformed) and, Father John P. Washington (Roman Catholic). The four went down with the troop ship Dorchester in January 1943 after it was hit and sunk by a German U-Boat off the coast of Newfoundland. As the ship took on water they gave their life jackets to service men when the supply on board ran out. Then they linked their arms, prayed and sang hymns as the frigid north Atlantic waters washed over the ship.

Every year in February Post 166 gathers in a solemn remembrance of their their bravery and sacrifice, with members of all the Post Family groups, civilian clergy, Coast Guardsmen, and Junior ROTC members participating.



Glen Reeley places a life vest honoring Chaplain Washington



Mike Higdon placed the Life Vest for Chaplain Fox



Chaplain Fox saluted by a Coastie



Chaplain Goode's life vest is brought to the table by Bob Paul who organized the observance



Mary Higdon salutes after placing the vest for Chaplain Poling



Poppies were placed on the table for each of the chaplains



JROTC from the Marine Corps JROTC posted the colors. Here the ceremonies are over the they are retiring the colors



AMERICAN LEGION NEWS

St. Patrick Must Have Been a Legionnaire, He Attracts the Busiest Weekend of the Year

You have to have food on St. Patrick's Day. And Beer. Not any food but corned beef and cabbage. Post 166 served 700 pounds of the meat, along with the sides of cabbage and potatoes on St. Patrick's Day weekend that once again attracted huge crowds to the Post, beginning on the Friday night before St. Patrick Saturday, and continuing on Sunday. Red, White and, Blue was temporarily overtaken by Green everywhere, from staff to guests.



It starts in the Kitchen where SAL's Little Joe Verdura has led the team in roasting the corned beef



For those who wanted something else besides the corned beef we had hamburgers and hotdogs, served by Bob Pal and Marti Marron



Mike "MJ" Towle dressing up for St Patrick's Day festivities at the Post



That's Robin at the bar pouring beer and other drinks



Of course the food goes with the libations



Post Chaplain Dave Kline dug right in after giving a blessing



Our Auxiliary is always on hand, this time to sell Irish-themed shirts



Who knows when our Service Officer Tommy O started celebrating. He's well into it.



Nary a seat to be had in the main hall



The front bar was filled also



Elsewhere, other members of the Post celebrated at a St. Patrick Golf Tournament. (L-R) Joe Logan, Harry Rey, Ed Pinto, Milt Warren with jello shots on their first hole

## Synepuxent Post 166, Spring 2024

### First Responders Recognized for Excellence and Dedication

The main hall was filled in March when Post 166 honored men and women and departments from throughout Worcester County and Ocean City in its annual First Responders award program. Presentations were made to personnel from 16 organizations.

Awards were given to men and women from the Maryland State Police Barrack, Ocean City volunteers and career fire departments, and the Ocean City Police Department. Coast Guard Station Ocean City was represented as was the Ocean Pines Police and Volunteer Fire departments. Other awards were presented to personnel from the Showell Volunteer Fire Department, the Snow Hill, Pokomoke City and Berlin Fire department, the Newark, Girdletree and Stockton Fire departments. Worcester County was represented Sheriff's Department, the Fire Marshal's Department, and the 911 Emergency Call Center Department.



Deputy Shakan Topping, Outstanding School Resource Officer, Berlin intermediate school. Presented by Bo Spicer



Lt. Joe Enste is presented an award on behalf of the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department by Post 166 Color Guard member Kevin Mathews



BM2 Shane Baldwin, Coastguardsman of the Year, OC Coast Guard Station, presented by Tommy Ottenwaelder



Berlin Police Chief Arnold Downing (L) and Joann Wengert present the award to CPL Avery Marshal



Pocomoke City Police CPL Rachael Northam receives her award from Lt. Ian Castaneda



Worcester County Fire Marshal Chief Matt Owens receiving the award for Deputy Fire Marshal Chris Vieira from Glen Reely

### Post Meetings Quick Reference Guide

VVA 1091  
May 6 / June 3  
5 p.m. Social, 6 p.m. Meeting

LEATHERNECKS  
April 4/May 2/June 6 10 a.m.

AUXILIARY  
April 16/May 21/June 18  
6 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. meeting

AUXILIARY JUNIORS  
April 8/May 5/June 2  
1 p.m.

SAL  
April 8/April 13/June 10  
6 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting

RIDERS  
April 18/May 16/June 20  
6 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting

POST MEMBERSHIP  
April 22/May 27/June 24  
6 p.m. Social, 7 p.m. Meeting





## AUXILIARY NEWS



Marti Marron  
President

### Once Again Our Auxiliary Membership is First In the District

Hello everyone! I hope everyone has survived the wet and windy winter and is now looking forward to a nice spring. We start the spring with good news about membership. Once again we are first place in membership in our district. Our membership has continued to increase each month, bringing our total to date to 655 paid members. We added 151 new members since September 1, 2023. I would like to thank all of our members for making the commitment to support the Auxiliary through enrollment. Anyone wishing to join the Auxiliary or anyone having questions regarding their current enrollment may contact our membership chair, Lisa Capecci at 410-868-6297 or lcap5980@gmail.com.

Let's talk a bit about what we are doing. We got off to a great start to the year January with our first monthly breakfast. We are hoping to continue these throughout the year, holding them on the first Sunday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come out for some good breakfast food prepared by our fantastic kitchen staff. The best thing is that you don't have to cook.

Our biggest project so far this year was the Putting for a Cause. Everyone who participated, from the volunteers to the players, had a great time. A great big shout out and thanks to Emily Nock for putting this event together again. This year's event was bigger and better than the one that was so successful in 2023. We presented a check for \$17,500 to Stop Soldier Suicide. The Purple Moose Saloon was judged to have had the best bar hole, and we presented them with a trophy in recognition. Prizes were also given for best costumes. There were so many unique costumes that it was hard to pick winners, but Birdies and Booze took First Place, followed by Fanatic Fore's in second and Sarasota Mafia in third.

For all of you who are talking about participating again next year, you will be happy to know that Emily has already begun working on the 2025 event.

We have a new program in the offing. Our Auxiliary is going to start a Book Club with the first meeting scheduled for April 8 at 6 p.m. This will be more or less a general get together to decide which book we are all going to be reading. It should be fun to see what interests we all have in our choices of reading material.

Also in April we are again hosting the Worcester County Developmental Center Spring Dance on April 17. Those of us who help with the dance have as much fun as they do our guests. The Auxiliary is also busy selling raffle tickets for a tour on The Salty Siren, a six-person floating Tiki Bar. What a great way to enjoy a boating experience on the bay. This trip includes alcohol and best of all an on-board bathroom! The prize has value of \$600. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. You can see any one of our great bartenders to purchase tickets. They also can be purchased at our monthly breakfast and our Membership Meetings. The drawing is May 21 at our General Membership Meeting. You do not need to be present to win.

You might have noticed the new caddies on the tables in our Post that hold the condiments. They replaced older ones in dire need of retirement, of our Auxiliary.

Again a special thanks to all of our volunteers that put in the time to help our Legion run smoothly. We could not do what we do without you. There are too many people to mention who are constantly there in all capacities doing what needs to be done sometimes without asking. You know who you are. Thank you.

Now with the warmer weather on the horizon I am looking forward to a busy spring. I Hope to see you at our monthly meetings and around the post. It is always good to see new faces as our Auxiliary continues to grow.

Make sure you continue to turn the pages of this newsletter where you will find more photographs of Putting for a Cause and our Sunday Breakfast.,

Marti Marron  
President



The team of Auxiliary members who helped raise \$17,500 with Putting for a Cause. Turnout for the second annual event was a record 60 teams and the money raised also was a record



# AUXILIARY NEWS

## Auxiliary Breakfast

One of the new Happenings at our Post the first Sunday of the month, 8 to 11 a.m. is an AUCE breakfast hosted by the Auxiliary. Here's a tasty look at a recent one.



Helping make the breakfasts a success are (standing L-R) Jesse Parsons, Marti Marron, Lisa Capecci, Alicia Timmins, Lois Barstis, Penny Mathews. Kneeling are Assistant Steward John, and Peaches from our kitchen cook staff



The eggs are hot and moist



Here's how one guest assembled a plate



Muffins galore



Bacon and Sausage a-plenty



Sausage gravy goes on top



Tables in the main hall had plenty of guests



Standing hosts Lisa Capecci and Marti Marron, seated Lois Barstis and Penny Mathews

Our Juniors are always active. Here's a preview of what they did. For more see page 12



Juniors assembled Easter Baskets to take to Diakonia. Left to right, Brooklynn Paul, Delaney McDaniel, Addison McDaniel, Sophia Hume, Mia Hume, McKenna Birkhead-Thompson, Alexis Frantz



**The Friday before Memorial Day is National Poppy Day, designated by Congress at the request of the American Legion Family. On that day wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have work our nation's uniform.**



## AUXILIARY PUTTING FOR A CAUSE

The Auxiliary Second Annual Putting for a Cause was a great success, raising \$17,500 for Stop Soldier Suicide. When looking back at it, it looked more like a Halloween Party. Thank you to Crawl Street Tavern, Cork Bar and Grill, Purple Moose Saloon, winner of the best hole, Pickles Pub Ocean City, Papi's Tacos Ocean City, Post 166, 28th St. Pit-n-Pub, Mother's Cantina, and Coins Pub and Restaurant for hosting our golfers and creating some fun holes. More than 60 teams registered to play. Here's what many of them looked like. Here are some of the costumed teams.



**AUXILIARY JUNIORS**



Jessie Parsons

**Happy Spring from our Juniors Unit.**

Let me start this column listing our current Honorary Junior Officers of Synepuxent Unit 166: President is Delaney McDaniel; Vice President, McKenna Birkhead-Thompson; Chaplain, Addison McDaniel, Historian: ; Sgt at Arms: Brooklynn Paul

At our January meeting, our Juniors made veterans Survival Kits to distribute in honor of Martin Luther King Day. These kits included a fun poem of appreciation and candies/treats that coincided with the verses. Veterans at our post enjoyed the treat bags and juniors also took bags to distribute to other veterans they know. Also at this meeting our Juniors assembled small mementos from Maryland to share with other juniors at the National Mission training in February.

Delaney was on hand to help with the Auxiliary's Putting for a Cause fundraiser that raised money for Stop Soldier Suicide. Delaney is the honorary Department of Maryland Junior President this year. Her president's project is also Stop Soldier Suicide. A calendar fundraiser was coordinated across the department and so far has raised more than \$6,500 for the cause.

Delaney and McKenna attended the National Missions training in Nashville in February, and were able to meet juniors from across the country. They shared the Maryland mementos they collected, including salt water taffy and a patriotic keychain with the Maryland blue crab and flag on the back. Brooklynn Paul was on hand to participate in the Four Chaplains Ceremony at the Post in February. Also at the February meeting, Juniors made Valentines Day cards for veterans in nursing homes.



Juniors made veterans survival kits as treats for our veterans: Brooklynn Paul, Delaney McDaniel, Alexis Frantz, Mia Hume, SOPHIA hume, and Addison McDaniel

At our March meeting the Juniors assembled Easter baskets with donated items for children at Diakonia. They also signed cards for Easter for veterans in the Berlin Nursing Home. Gold Star Mother Sharon Hilty was able to share a thank you card she received in response to one of the boxes we packed for troops in December. It was from a soldier stationed in Africa and was a great example of how much kind gestures mean to our troops.

Four of our Juniors will be graduating from high school this year. At our meetings they have been made aware of scholarship information related to the Auxiliary and the American Legion, and scholarships available at the local, department and national levels.

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

April 2024 is Military Child Month; April 7, Juniors Meeting at 1 p.m. at Post 166; April 15, 2024 Purple Up Day; April 21, the National President will be meeting with Juniors in Severna Park.

May 5, Juniors Meeting 1 p.m. at Post 166; May 26, National Poppy Day; May 27, Memorial Day.

June 2, Juniors Department of Maryland Annual Meeting at Post 166. July 17-19, ALA Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City

Our Juniors continue to work to accomplish our mission. They are great assets to our American Legion Family and the communities where they live. We are so proud of them! We are always welcoming new members into our Juniors unit. Please reach out to me if you know an eligible girl that would like to join. Call 443-225-4930 or email me at [jessie\\_wolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:jessie_wolfe@hotmail.com).

*Jessie Parsons,*

Junior Advisor Synepuxent Unit 166



Two Junior members attended the National Mission Training in Nashville on Feb 3. Left to right: Jessie Parsons, Kathy McDaniel, Marie Gilmore, Delaney McDaniel, Nicole Birkhead Thompson, and McKenna Birkhead Thompson



## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



George Pickrell  
Director

As warmer weather approaches, we open our garage doors, pull out our motorcycles and we dust them off, it is imperative as riders that we conduct a Pre-ride inspection checklist also known as T-CLOCS. T-CLOCS is an acronym for what we should look for before you hop on your motorcycle and go for a ride. **TIRES, CONTROLS, LIGHTS, Oil, CHASSIS, STANDS.**

**T – Tires:** Air pressure – Always maintain the recommended tire pressure. Incorrect pressure can cause poor handling and tire or wheel damage. Condition – Check for cuts or gouges that could cause air leakage.

To avoid loss of control or injury, make sure axle nuts are tight and secured by cotter pins, and make sure wheel nuts are torqued properly.

**C – Controls:** Controls -- Ensure all controls work smoothly; Throttle and other cables – Ensure the throttle moves smoothly and snaps closed with the handlebars in any position. Ensure the throttle limiter (if equipped) is adjusted appropriately for the rider; 3. Brakes – Ensure the controls operate smoothly and are adjusted according to the owner’s manual. Your brakes are a crucial safety feature and must always be in working conditions; 4. Foot shifter – Ensure it is firmly attached and positioned for safe operation.

**L – Lights:** Ignition switch – Check the condition of the switch and make sure it works properly by switching it off and on during your warm-up period; Engine stop switch – Ensure it turns off the engine; Headlight and taillight – Check operation and condition of the lights.

**O - Oil & Other Fluids:** Do not get stranded because you are out of oil or fuel. Start your ride with a full tank of gas; Check the oil level with a dipstick or sight glass while the engine is off. Check your owner’s manual for procedure; Check for fuel or oil leaks; Take off the air filter cover and check the condition of the filter element. Be sure it is clean and not torn or blocked.

**C – Chassis:** Chain – Inspect, adjust and lubricate the chain regularly and drive belt. Your chain/belt is the vital link from the engine to the wheels; Nuts & bolts – Riding in rough terrain will loosen parts. Look and feel for loose parts while the engine is off. Shake handlebars, footrests, etc., before each ride and periodically check fasteners;

**S – Stands:** Center Stands - Check for cracks or bent stands, retention springs for proper tension; Side Stands.

Let’s all ride safely this season and always keep safety in mind.

*This Information was provided by MSF, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation*

**Condolences:** The American Legion Riders would like to express our condolences to member Don Piarulli on the passing of his beloved wife Debbie. (March 27, 1955-January 30, 2024). Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and his family during this difficult time.

**Gun Raffle:** On January 11, during halftime of Super Bowl LVIII the drawing was held for the gun raffle. The lucky winners were **William Hershey** (shotgun-left picture below) of Frankford, DE and **Bailey Walden**, (Henry Rifle-right picture below) of Dunkirk, MD.

The riders have decided to continue with the gun raffle tradition and hold another gun raffle, scheduled to be drawn at the annual Crab Feast in 2025.



**Upcoming Events:** As summer approaches we are gearing up for the annual crab feast to be held on July 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hopefully we can obtain Hooper’s Crab House as our crab supplier. For the past several years Hooper’s have done an outstanding job with rave reviews. Price of tickets and availability will be announced soon.

*George Pickrell*



Christmas Party 2023 with Lois Barstis and Wendy Milewski, standing, and Bonnie Strawbridge, Kevin Mathews, Penny Mathews, and Alicia Timmins



**SAL NEWS**



**SAL Unit 166 Has Huge Membership Growth**

Joe Verdura  
SAL Commander

Last quarter I told you about two SAL events that were about to take place in January and February. Well both of these events took place. The Bull and Oyster Roast and the Valentines dinner. I am happy to report that both were tremendous successes. The

Bull and Oyster Roast raised more than \$8,000 and we netted \$1,000 at the dinner.

The money we raise is used for the many community and veteran's requests that our SAL unit receives. Recently we donated funds to two local high schools: one to assist with their ROTC program and the other to support their football program. But more importantly than just raising funds, the two events mentioned above provided an opportunity for people to have a great time and socialize with fellow members. These donations also allowed our post to improve the lives of these students and, hopefully, they will become future members of the American Legion.

It was truly moving to watch all the members of our post family come together to make these events happen. A large shout out to our Auxiliary, Riders, Legionnaires, paid staff and of course our SAL members for all their hard work in making these events successful.

Our SAL current membership for 2024 is at 144 percent of the goal set by the District. We have 271 more members today than we did at this time in 2023. Our paid-up membership is at 554 and is increasing each week. The work involved in processing this many members takes a huge effort. The next time you see Tina, give her a special thanks for all the time she has volunteered to help us with the membership effort.

If you want to become a SAL member or become a more active member, we meet at the Post on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m., with a social hour before the meeting at 6 p.m. We hope to see you there and guarantee you will have a great feeling knowing that you are helping our local community in the memory of your family's veterans. It is a great feeling being part of something greater than yourself.

*Submitted by Ray Kudobeck*  
SAL Financial Officer



The Bull and Oyster Roast attracted a packed house



Bartender Aimee and Commander Little Joe Verdura live it up celebrating another SAL success



Little Joe and Tina Preziotti picking a 50-50 winner, one of two drawings that gave away hundreds of dollars



**SAL NEWS**

**Valentines Day Dinner**

Here's a look at some loving guests at the SAL annual Valentines Steak and Shrimp Dinner





# LEATHERNECKS



Bob Broderick  
Commander

## Our Horse Bourbon Was a Hit at the OC Boat Show

Shortly after the 9-11 terrorist attack on the U.S. an elite team of Green Beret and CIA were inserted into Afghanistan on horseback. Their mission was to attack the Taliban. Outnumbered forty to one, they pursued the enemy army across the mountainous Afghanistan terrain and, after a series of intense battles, captured the city of Mazar-i-Sharif, which was strategically essential to defeat their opponent throughout the country. In commemoration of that grueling mission that has since been turned into a book and a movie, a special vintage of bourbon with a label mold fashioned from Twin Towers steel and signed by Mark Knutsch and Alex Herdsnez, commanders of the Green Berets and Cia teams, respectively. Post 166 Leathernecks obtained a bottle from member Jerry Rinder to be raffled off, with the proceeds going toward supporting veterans charities and needs.

Our team spent three days at the Ocean City Boat Show selling raffle tickets, bringing in more than \$4,000. The raffle continues until July 18, when the winning ticket will be drawn. Tickets can be purchased at the bar.

*Bob Broderick*  
Commander



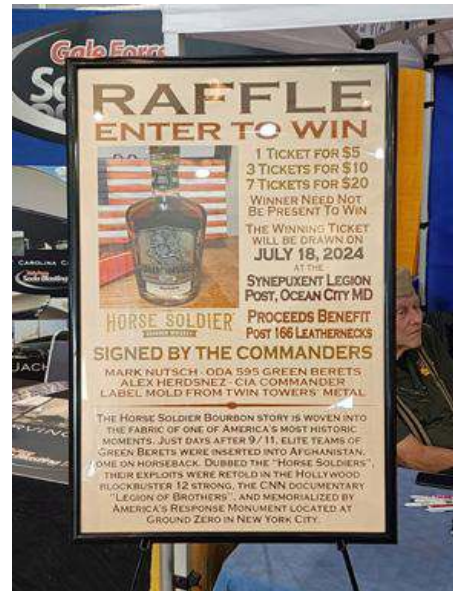
Leathernecks are not just for the men. Joanne Wengert sold raffles as did Kim Pearl and Lynda Kundrat



Harry Ray mimics playing Vic's famous cigar box guitar



Leathernecks Commander Bob Broderick and Chaplain Vic Freeman







# FIRST STATE DETACHMENT MARINES



**Al Soto**  
Commandant

The First State Detachment (FSD) of the Marine Corps League is off to a great 2024. Despite snow, driving rain, and windy conditions, we all seem to have found one another and are excited about what we can accomplish in 2024. Our focus remains the same, to be involved and provide support to our Veterans and all organizations that have a positive impact on our local community. I am truly amazed by the depth and breadth of FSD's

outreach and support within Sussex and Worcester counties.

Instead of sitting around and complaining about the weather, FSD kicked off its fundraising efforts for this year. Thanks to the generous donations made by Joe and Lynda Kundrat and Chuck Schaub, we were able to purchase another electric bike for raffle ticket sales. Chuck Schaub and Tom Redding headed up the effort to have the bike assembled and magnificently painted.

I know the new paint scheme generated more raffle ticket sales. Not to be out done by the bike, Lynda Kundrat, Cindi Schaub and Maggie Coffin took it upon themselves to start a monthly birthday celebration for FSD members. Lynda also brings her homemade cakes and pies! That should be reason enough to join our merry group.

We are off to great start to our community service support and fund-raising efforts. A few members attended the Believe in Tomorrow's charity Indoor Mini-Golf Tournament. We had a great weekend at the 2024 Ocean City Boat Show. Thanks to Frank Del Piano for leading that effort. Then it was off to the Ocean City Trade Expo. Thank you to Chuck, Schaub. Gene Dankewicz, Joe Novello, Tom Redding, Ed Pinto, Lynda Kundrat, Dave Kline, Frank Del Piano, Sharon Ruest, Ron Ruest, and Rhonda Soto for manning the booth.

We were fortunate to finish this quarter on a high note by administrating the Marine Corps League Youth Fitness Program at Most Blessed Sacrament School. It was a great day spent with a whole lot of energetic kids. Special thanks go to James Wright for leading this event every year. Then we finished March by participating in Ocean City St. Patrick's Day Parade and volunteering at Mountaire Selbyville, DE for their Easter for Thousands event.

We always have room for you to volunteer at any of our events. If you have any questions or do not know who to contact to sign up, please contact Joe Novello @ jn68rm@yahoo.com.

*Al Soto* Commandant

[Http://www.ALPost166.org](http://www.ALPost166.org)



Frank Del Piano looks hungry as Lynda Kundrat cuts pies for serving



Selling raffles at the Boat Show were John Sushinsky, Dave Kline, Frank Del Piano, Chuck Schaub



Chuck Schaub is with Mike Brown, the artist who decorated the bike with a POW-MIA on one side



Our booth was busy at the Ocean City Trade Show

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## VVA Looking For Members to Help Veterans Outreach Program

In order to continue our Veteran Incarcerated Outreach Program our Chapter is currently seeking members who are interested in participating in this worthwhile program at Eastern Correctional Institution (ECI) in Westover, Maryland. Members are requested to prepare and submit background/volunteer forms required by ECI. Both ECI forms are available in digital format on request by contacting Bob Gilmore at [opbobgil@aol.com](mailto:opbobgil@aol.com). A 60-minute orientation session by the Volunteer Coordinator at ECI prior to admission is required.

On our last visit to ECI we secured permission from the warden to order a Veteran cover for all the veterans with whom we interface. Bob Smith is having them prepared. We hope to have them ready by our next visit.

Election of Officers is expected at our April meeting. Members need to consider taking leadership positions. Nominations for president, vice President, secretary, treasurer will be made at that meeting.

The newly formed Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) is actively seeking new members. This organization is the legacy organization for the VVA when it dissolves in the future. Anyone over 18 years of age may join the AVVA. The only requirement is a desire to help veterans and their families. AVVA. Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m., just prior to the VVA. meeting. All are welcome to attend. Any questions may be sent to Marie Gilmore, at [OPMarie@aol.com](mailto:OPMarie@aol.com). See the article below for more information on AVVA



AVVA members in a special thank you to Marie Gilmore for organizing the group. (L-R) Vic Freeman, Tommy Ottenwaelder, Chuck Schaub, Bob Broderick, and Don and Maggie Coffin

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## AVVA Organizes to Succeed Vietnam Veterans of America

It's official. The local chapter of the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) held its first meeting at Post 166 in March.

The AVVA is a 501(C)3 corporation, whose main focus is on programs and educational materials to support Veterans and their families, as well as the families of active military personnel. AVVA strives to ensure that all Veterans attain the honor, respect, and benefits they deserve. Members will lend their expertise, support, and leadership to all Veteran related programs, community service, and social activities in support of our veteran community. You can learn more about the AVVA by visiting their website at [www.avva.org](http://www.avva.org).

Here are three cool things you should know about this awesome group:

1. The AVVA is THRIVING across our nation with more than 10,400 members. Our local chapter will have over 30 dedicated and passionate members at the start;

2. AVVA is open to all who wish to honor and serve veterans of all eras, peacetime or wartime. That means you don't need a military service connected family member to join and support our community;

3. The AVVA has some great programs. For example, "Heartbreak to Hope" helps families of Vietnam Veterans; "Paper Safe" assists with life planning and survivor benefits; and the "Helping Hands Grant" program assists veterans experiencing home insecurity issues.

Having the AVVA officially recognized as a local chapter adds yet another great veteran service organization to our community. Our group will meet the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m., followed by a social dinner and the Vietnam Veterans of America chapter meeting at 7:00 p.m.

We would like to give a special thank you to Marie Gilmore, AVVA President for getting this group together. To join contact Marie Gilmore at (410) 726-2881 or by email at [opmarie@aol.com](mailto:opmarie@aol.com).

*Tommy Ottenwaelder*

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# VETERANS MEMORIAL

## Veterans Memorial Looking Forward to Busiest Time

Spring is here! That means the busiest time of the year begins at the Worcester County Veterans Memorial. Our Educational programs begin May 10, with a field trip to the Memorial in Ocean Pines by Most Blessed Sacrament School, the first of many field trips by Worcester County 5th grade students. Before the month is over, more than 650 will have been met by docents who will have related stories about veterans and their sacrifices for our freedom. All three JROTC programs in our county will take turns teaching flag etiquette and flag folding. Docents will teach the history of the American flag and the local Coast Guard will talk about how the Coast Guard protects our coasts. Consider becoming a docent. Training is April 24, at the memorial, at 3 p.m.

Flags For Heroes returns to Veterans Memorial park on Route 589 in Ocean Pines. Flags will be installed May 18 and fly until July 4th. You are invited to honor a hero in your life by sponsoring a flag for just \$50. Businesses are invited to donate to the program and fly flags for their heroes. A "hero" is defined as anyone who has made a difference in your life, living or deceased, veteran, teacher, doctor, parent, or child.

brance, is placed on each flag with your name and the name of your hero.

Memorial Day, May 27, will be recognized with a ceremony, at the Memorial. There will be patriotic music, a guest speaker, and participation by the Post 166 Color Guard, the First State Detachment of the Marine Corps League, and the Leathernecks from Post 166. The Ceremony will begin promptly



Joint Color Guard Posts the colors at the 2023 Memorial Day Observance

The Memorial joined by the Ocean Pines Association will be constructing and dedicating a large gazebo in Veterans Memorial Park. This project will provide a sheltered space that we need for our educational programs, as well as a space for visitors to Veterans Park to enjoy some shade for a picnic lunch. We are excited to see the finished project, which should be in place for this year's educational programs.

Become a Docent. Sponsor a Flag. Attend a Ceremony. For further information, visit:

[www.WoCoVets.org](http://www.WoCoVets.org)

*Marie Gilmore*  
President



This is a joint project with the Ocean City/Berlin Rotary Club. A medallion, that you keep as a remem-



2023 Memorial Day attendees stand for the National Anthem



SCOUTS

The boys in Troop 261 have been busy this first part of the year. In January the boys attended the Klondike Camporee at Henson Scout Reservation. It was the coldest weekend of the year having an average feel like temperature below 10 degrees and snow on the ground. The boys did well. They placed second overall out of 42 teams.

The boys also enjoyed the annual boat show fundraiser and had a blast on the yearly ski trip to Pennsylvania.

All Three units Chartered by the American Legion could use a boost in membership. If you know of any youth in the area that would be interested in Scouting please have them contact the corresponding leader to age group or gender below:

- Troop 261 (boys)  
James Smith vmijessmith@gmail.com
- Troop 621 (girls)  
Nick Busko nickbusko@yahoo.com
- Cub Scouts (under 11)  
Becca Smith korasmomma17@gmail.com

James Smith  
Scoutmaster Troop 261



It's cold outside



Warmer in here

Scout me in!

If your family is looking for a new challenge that encourages life skills, leadership, career opportunities, ethics, patriotism and adventure - it is already in your own backyard!

Chartered by the American legion, Synepuxent Post 166, and meeting at the Lions Club in West OC, the local Scouts BSA has been training tomorrow's leaders in the area for over 50 years.

Our scouting charter is divided into Cubs (age <11, coed), young men 11-17 (Troop 261) and young ladies 11-17 (Troop 621) with the same meeting location, but different meeting times.

Join us for Welcome to Scouting nights!!  
Ocean City Lions Den

12534 Airport Road Ocean City, MD 21842  
Troop 261 (Boys) Mondays at 7:15pm  
Troop 621 (Girls) Sundays at 5:45pm  
Cub Scouts (Under 11yo) Sundays at 4:30pm

Can't make the welcome night? We still want to hear from you!

Contact: Jeremy Gill  
jeremyfgill@gmail.com

Scoutmasters:

Troop 261 James Smith  
vmijessmith@gmail.com  
Troop 621 Nick Busko  
nickbusko@yahoo.com  
Cub Scouts Becca Smith  
korasmomma17@gmail.com



Recent activities include:

- Camping Trips
- Legion Flag retirement
- Gettysburg Klondike Merit Badge College
- Eagle Scout Projects
- Kayaking Horseback riding



Troop 261 scouts Parker Gill (L) and Reese Solomon enjoyed Troop 261's trip to the Shawnee Mountain Ski Resort in Pennsylvania.



**Mayor's Breakfast**

The Ocean City Mayor's Breakfast is held annually in January as an inspirational morning at which the keynote speaker was Colonel Gregory D. Gadson, who lost both his legs to an IED in Iraq. Gadson, a Chesapeake, Va. native, retired from the U.S. Army after serving 26 years. His last tour was as Garrison Commander of Fort Belvoir. The Pos7 166 Guard played a key role at the Breakfast, presenting the colors, and a number of invited guests were from the Post.



With Col. Gadson are Dave Kline, Vic Freeman, and Bob Broderick



(L-R) Leatherneck Milt Warren, Commander Wengert, Sgt-at-Arms Bob Gilmore, Leathernecks Bob Broderick and Vic Freeman, Post Chaplain Dave Kline and former Post Chaplain Ben Dawson



Our reserved table

**Post 166 attends Ocean City Trade Show**

Post 166 kitchen staff and Auxiliary members who volunteers often to help out at food events at the Post attended the Ocean City Trade Show to get ideas about new foods and equipment that will make our already great kitchen even better



Bonnie Strawbridge, Steward Bridget Gunston, Marty Marron and Penny Mathews



Eddie Wockenfuss, Scott Osborne and Chris Osborne.

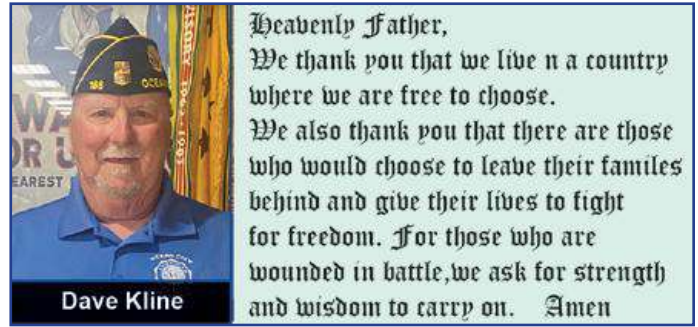
CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



We donated \$2,000 to Stephen Decatur High School for improved safety football helmets. Ben Dawson and Bo Spicer presented the check to Coach Jake Coleman and his wife Melanie



Ben Dawson and Bo Spicer of the Post Donations Committee present a \$1,000 check to Jennifer Leggour, Psy.D, and Kayla Figueroa, Director of Worcester Connects, part of Worcester County Youth and Family Counseling Services



Heavenly Father,  
We thank you that we live in a country where we are free to choose.  
We also thank you that there are those who would choose to leave their families behind and give their lives to fight for freedom. For those who are wounded in battle, we ask for strength and wisdom to carry on. Amen

Brothers and Sisters of our beloved American Legion Post 166, it is now spring and as your Chaplain I whole heartedly welcome it into our legion. Spring is bringing with its warmer weather our new rooftop bar and patio that will soon be dedicated. The weather for that occasion hopefully will be awesome.

The return of warm weather also means longer daylight hours. The blooming of flowers and leaves on the trees will make us all feel better. I guess you can tell that I love spring, and hopefully Christians are celebrating our risen Christ on Easter, as well as enjoying the warmer weather!

This spring season our Post 166 had the great privilege hosting an event that honored Worcester County First Responders with the presentation of awards to our standout troopers, police officers, fire department personnel and emergency medical technicians. The Coastguard was included. Our American Legion Post has so much to be proud of looking towards the upcoming spring season of Spring to enjoy. May God be with you and protect you and your family.

Dave Kline  
Chaplain

*We pray our Supreme Being to keep our Military service men and women who are on active duty around the world in these troubled times safe and ready, and to protect their families, Amen*






 **APR**

**Date Event**

1<sup>st</sup> House Comm Mtg 1030hrs  
 1<sup>st</sup> VVA Chapter 1091 Mtg  
 1800hrs Social 1700hrs  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Optimist Meeting 1730hrs  
 4<sup>th</sup> Leathernecks Meeting  
 1000hr  
 7<sup>th</sup> Junior Auxiliary Meeting  
 1300hrs  
 8<sup>th</sup> First Auxiliary Book Club  
 Meeting 1800hrs  
 8<sup>th</sup> SAL Meeting 1900hrs  
 Social 1800hrs  
 9<sup>th</sup> ACSA Meeting 1800hrs  
 9<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Executive  
 Committee Mtg 1900hrs  
 11<sup>th</sup> Ravens Roost 1800hrs  
 15<sup>th</sup> House Comm Mtg 1030hrs  
 15<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee  
 Meeting 1730hrs  
 16<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Membership  
 Mtg 1900hrs  
 Social 1800hrs  
 17<sup>th</sup> WCDC Dance 1500hrs  
 18<sup>th</sup> Riders Membership Mtg  
 1900hrs Social 1800hrs  
 22<sup>th</sup> Post Membership Mtg  
 1900hrs  
 Social 1800hrs  
 24<sup>th</sup> 1st State Detachment  
 Marine Corp League  
 Meeting 1100hrs  
 27<sup>th</sup> Legion Family Day  
 1200hrs



 **MAY**

**Date Event**

2<sup>nd</sup> Leathernecks Meeting  
 1000hrs  
 5<sup>th</sup> Junior Auxiliary Meeting  
 1300hrs  
 6<sup>th</sup> House Committee  
 Meeting 1030hrs  
 6<sup>th</sup> VVA Chapter 1091 Mtg  
 1800hrs Social 1700hrs  
 7<sup>th</sup> Optimist Meeting 1730hrs  
 12<sup>th</sup> MOTHERS DAY   
 ALL DAY  
 13<sup>th</sup> SAL Meeting 1900hrs  
 Social 1800hrs  
 14<sup>th</sup> ACSA Meeting 1800hrs  
 14<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Executive  
 Committee Mtg 1900hrs  
 16<sup>th</sup> Riders Membership Mtg  
 1900hrs Social 1800hrs  
 20<sup>th</sup> House Committee  
 Meeting 1030hrs  
 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee  
 Meeting 1730hrs  
 21<sup>st</sup> Auxiliary Membership  
 Mtg 1900hrs  
 Social 1800hrs  
 Also Salty Siren drawing  
 22<sup>nd</sup> 1st State Detachment  
 Marine Corp League  
 Meeting 1100hrs  
 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Service  
 Post 166 1400hrs  
 27<sup>th</sup> Post Membership Mtg  
 1900hrs Social 1800hrs

 **JUNE**

**Date Event**

2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Auxiliary Meeting  
 1300hrs  
 3<sup>rd</sup> House Committee  
 Meeting 1030hrs  
 3<sup>rd</sup> VVA Chapter 1091 Mtg  
 1800hrs Social 1700hrs  
 4<sup>th</sup> Optimist Meeting 1730hrs  
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 11<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Executive  
 Committee Mtg 1900hrs  
 16<sup>th</sup> FATHERS DAY   
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 16<sup>th</sup> Balto County Vol Fire Dept  
 Party 1800hrs  
 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee  
 Meeting 1730hrs  
 18<sup>th</sup> House Committees  
 Meeting 1030hrs  
 18<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Membership  
 Mtg 1900hrs  
 Social 1800hrs  
 20<sup>th</sup> Riders Membership Mtg  
 1900hrs Social 1800hrs  
 24<sup>th</sup> Post Membership Mtg  
 1900hrs Social 1800hrs  
 26<sup>th</sup> 1st State Detachment  
 Marine Corp League  
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- <http://www.legion.org> - Legion National Web Site
- <http://www.mdlegion.org> - Department of Maryland
- <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html> - request copies of military records
- <http://www.mdva.state.md.us> - MD Department of Veterans Affairs
- <http://www.va.gov> - US Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
- <http://www.opvets.com> - Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines

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- 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 ..... 1-866-441-0287
- Elsmere VA Hospital..... 1-800-450-8262
- Cambridge VA Clinic ..... 1-877-864-9611

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at <http://www.legion.org/renew>

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