



CHAPTER 1917



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The President's Corner ...

Dear everyone:

Veterans' Day is celebrated on Wednesday, November 11th. I wanted to take this opportunity to offer some thoughts and salutations in honor of our veterans.

A SOLDIERS CREED

I am an American soldier
I am a Warrior and a member of a team
I serve the people of the United States and live military values.

I will always place the mission first.
I will never accept defeat.
I will never quit.
I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.
I will always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.
I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of The United States of America, in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

Warriors Ethos program

THE SOLDIER

It is the SOLDIER, not the minister, who has given us freedom of religion.
It is the SOLDIER, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the SOLDIER, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the SOLDIER, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.
It is the SOLDIER, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.
It is the SOLDIER, who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag,
Who allows the protester to burn the flag

Charles Province

REMEMBER OUR SOLDIERS AND OUR VETERANS on



VETERANS DAY

Best Regards, Chris

Our Meetings



Our membership meetings are held at the Worcester County Senior Center located at 41st street, Bayside, Ocean City, second Thursday of the month. When looking at the Convention Center from Ocean Highway, the Senior Center is located to the right, sort of under the water tower. There is free parking next to both the Senior Center and in the Convention Center parking lot.

You do not have to be a resident of Ocean City to join our chapter, and you can already belong to another chapter; that's fine with us.

Tell your neighbors! See you there at 9:30 a.m.!

NEWS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

- November 10th, 2015 – **Gold Coast Sun and Surf** . *Reminder for those who registered:* Free movie **“The Theory of Everything”** @ 7 pm. Bring your registration code.
- DUES, **just \$7.00 are due NOW** for 2016. PLEASE PAY UP BY MAIL OR AT NOV AND DEC MEETINGS, so you will continue to receive reminders and email, not to mention the difficulties of dropping and reinstating membership information. Please return the attached info update with your dues at our meeting or via mail.
- **FLU SHOTS** will be given at this week’s meeting beginning at 9:30 am. A pharmacist will be available to administer this medication. Please bring your insurance information.
- **Veterans Day is November 11th**. Show you care by displaying a **green light bulb** in your outdoor light fixture.



REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE!

2015 – 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 12, 2015 – Membership meeting and vote for AARP Chapter 1917 officers.



December 10, 2015 - 9:30 AM – Membership meeting during which we will have our annual Christmas party at the Senior Center.

TRAVEL NEWS and REMINDERS:

- **December 01-02, 2015: New York City - "Bonjour to Broadway": Bus will depart from the 65th Street Public Safety Building Lot at 9 am. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early. Assigned seating based upon payment received.**
- **April 5, 2016: Cherry Blossom Cruise, Washington DC, \$129/person. Includes bus transportation & driver tip, lunch, cruise and live music. Final payment due by 03/10/2016.**
- ***NEW!* May 18, 2016: Candlelight Dinner Theater, *Arsenic & Old Lace*, \$85/person. Includes bus transportation & driver tip, lunch and show. \$25 deposit due by 01/14/2016. Final payment due by 3/10/2016.**
- **September 16 -24, 2016: *Romantic Danube River Cruise* - Viking River Cruises on the Longship Freya. Cabin rates from \$3030.50, Dbl Occupancy. Viking Air specials announced monthly.**

Check our website Travel page for more information. [Just Click Here.](#)

Note:

Travel Flyers are available on the website and at the Travel Table during meetings.

GET READY TO VOTE !!!!

**OUR NOVEMBER MEETING THIS THURSDAY - includes voting
for our new President and several board members.**

OFFICER NOMINEES include:

FOR PRESIDENT---

JOHN BLOECHER

Background and Experience - Long-time resident of Ocean City, Maryland, and Volunteer Fire Company for 38 years, life member for the past 16 years. Served as past Secretary of Fire Company, past member of the board of directors. Self-taught tech in the computer field. **Certified Tech** with **16 years** of service in the field of **Computers and Repairs**. Avid Fisherman and **Certified Coast Guard Captain 100-ton Masters License**.

Current Work - Volunteer Tax Preparer for AARP Tax-Aide during tax season for past 7 years, Lower Shore Tech for the last & 7 years for AARP Tax-Aide. Now appointed District Coordinator for the Lower Shore AARP Tax-Aide Program. Part time Computer Technician with experience in Viruses & Trojan attacks removal and expertise in *Cat 5 networking wired or wireless systems*. Totally Disabled through Social Security for the last 6 years.

FOR BOARD---

CHARLIE "Tuna" HERBERT

Background and experience - Full time Ocean City resident in the Montego Bay Community. Retired Life Safety Fire Protection Union member. National member of AARP along with Local Chapter 1917. Past board of directors for MBCA community for several years on various committees. Current member of the OC Elks Lodge #2645 serving in the capacity of Trustee and Communications Manager. Past officer and Exalted Ruler of Glen Burnie Elks Lodge #2266. Current member of the WorCOA (Worcester County Commission on Aging). College educated, trade school trained, professional management career, and senior construction supervisor for Pentagon (post 9/11) Rebuild Project.

I have the desire, drive, ability, and tenacious achievement goals to advance, motivate, promote, build, and grow our chapter. Proven leadership skills, people person, optimistic disposition, problem solver, successful negotiator, and technology literate.

BOB McCLUSKEY

Background and experience - Bob is a former Baltimore County high school social studies teacher where he taught for 28 years. Upon retiring, Bob and his wife purchased property in Montego Bay in 2003 and moved there full-time in 2008. Bob has served on the Board of Directors of the Montego Bay Civic Association (MBCA) and continues to participate in the community's Neighborhood Watch program as well as the MBCA pond committee. Bob joined the local AARP chapter shortly after moving to Ocean City, and has enjoyed various AARP sponsored events. Bob co-chaired the 2011 AARP Fall Festival committee. He looks forward to serving on the Board, and hopes to help facilitate future AARP growth and activities.

We are losing a valued member of our membership committee. Mary Martinez is leaving by the end of this calendar year. She is responsible for adding names and addresses of new members. Please consider stepping in and helping us out. It is a rewarding role with minimal time requirements. We will teach you the process. Send your offer of help to info@aarp1917.org

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER FUN with reps Bridget Foster, Claudia Sandberg, and Brad Studebaker from the Salisbury Zoo, offered interactive participation and close up and personal visualization of several animals including a grey horned owl, a hedgehog normally found only in Europe, Asia and Africa, a boa python and an insect over 3 inches long called a Madagascar cockroach. After each animal's introduction, several audience members chose the "up close and personal" route of investigation, venturing into the touch and learn mode of participation.



Following their presentation, Chris Norris presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation for their highly informative and obviously favored presentation.



AARP FOUNDATION TAXAIDE

SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

FOR 2016 SEASON

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, is seeking volunteers to help taxpayers seeking assistance in preparing and filing their 2015 tax returns. Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to participate.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers receive free tax training, AARP supplied laptops, and are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses. They help taxpayers at sites around the state, learning new skills while giving back to countless communities.

Tax-Aides have said, "Over the years, we have assisted thousands of people in preparing and filing their tax returns, and could not do it without all of our loyal volunteers who make an indelible mark on the communities they help."

Last year, Tax-Aide volunteers helped over 1,000 taxpayers across the Lower Shore. They join the more than 35,000 Tax-Aide volunteers across the country, helping millions of taxpayers each year. Volunteers for the 2014 season are needed for the Salisbury and Worcester County offices in Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and the Snow Hill – Pocomoke areas.

For more information on how you can join the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide team, visit our web site at www.aarp.org/giving-back or call John Bloecher, District Coordinator, 410-213-1608.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in conjunction with the IRS.

BE a SNACK VOLUNTEER for our monthly meeting!
2nd Tuesday every month
Bring Meeting Munchies



Call Helen Norris with questions! 302 436-1784

It's a NEW YEAR!

Bring your thoughts on how to improve, upgrade or otherwise make our AARP chapter more interesting.

During our meeting this Thursday, we would love to hear your comments or have you write out your suggestions on a slip of paper if you would rather not speak in public. As we vote in new officers today, we always consider your thoughts and feelings relating to various items such as private speakers who might spark interest, travel trips that sound attractive, ways to enhance our volunteer efforts, lunch bunch choices, or other ways in which to promote camaraderie and fun among our members. We are here for you and other seniors in our community. It would be great if you could enhance our value and service for yourselves and others. Please think about these few items until Thursday **and jot down your thoughts for consideration.**

MORE FALL GOOD TIMES !

October Fall Harvest Party at the Golden Sands, great fun and great prizes.



YET MORE FUN.....

Many members enjoyed a trip to Dover Air Force Base and the Air Command Museum, followed by lunch and a winery tour and tasting at the Pizzadilli Winery.







SMILE A LITTLE

For those of our generation who do not comprehend or even care why Facebook exists: I try to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passersby what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

**And it works just like Facebook! I already have four people following me:
==two police officers.**





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MEMBERSHIP 2015-2016 INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT ONLY

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

National Membership ID#: _____ **(From your AARP National card)**

Expiration Date: _____ **(From your AARP National card)**

Membership Fee: \$7 per person per calendar year

Make Check payable to: AARP Chapter 1917

Mail to: Membership AARP 1917, PO Box 4193, Ocean City, MD 21843

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope; otherwise your membership card must be picked up at the membership table at a membership meeting.

Membership Requirement: You must be a paid-up member of the National AARP organization to become a Chapter 1917 member.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month (except for July and August) at the Worcester County Senior Center, Ocean City, located at 41" street, next to the Convention Center. Coffee and Conversation is at 9:30 a.m. Meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Please visit our website (www.aarp1917.org) to find out more about us.