

Announcements

2nd Annual Blue Mass in Ocean City
 submitted by: Kristin Joson

The Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the Ocean City Police Department have adopted a tradition of holding a special Mass dedicated to those who work in the field of Public Safety. They have gone through great lengths to include our own agency in this service and it would be nice to have a good turnout of those Beach Patrol members who live close enough to attend. Lt. Kovacs represented the patrol last year, and we look to have more members there this year. Below is a patch that was designed for those in attendance.



THE OCEAN CITY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

THE OCEAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE OCEAN CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
 & THE OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

WELCOME YOU TO

JOIN US

FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL

BLUE MASS

What is a Blue Mass?

A Blue Mass is an annual event held by the Knights of Columbus to honor public safety officials that serve their community each day. All emergency and law enforcement personnel in the greater Ocean City area are invited and encouraged to attend.

The non-denominational service includes the blessing of your badge and a thank you for your life's commitment to public safety.

We hope that you, members of your agency, and the family members who support the brave men and women in public safety each day, will attend this special event.

After the Blue Mass ceremony, a reception is being held to honor our public safety officials. We hope you, your colleagues, your family and your friends will attend to celebrate you and your service.

Date: May 12, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Ceremony Location: St. Luke's Church
 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland



Please RSVP on or before April 15
 by calling

Ocean City Police Public Affairs Specialist Jessica Waters
 at 410.520.5395 or
 emailing jwaters@oceancitymd.gov.

Reception Information: The reception will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located directly behind St. Luke's Church, immediately following the ceremony. Please RSVP no later than April 15, 2011.



LEGENDS OF LIFESAVING

Submitted by: OCBP Alum, Vic Sprecher (1964)

It is always sad to say goodbye to our brothers who have proudly served on the Ocean City Beach Patrol. Many new SRTs may not realize these men served when the Beach Patrol was newly formed and played a significant impact in the lives of so many they have saved. Imagine the families who are eternally grateful and will never forget that guard who pulled to safety their love ones. Truly a life spared by one of these Legends of Lifesaving who will never be forgotten. These brothers who have now passed understood the true meaning of a "Life of Significance" that truly measures success in life. In Butch Arbin's letter to our OCBP brotherhood, "we are An Organization of Significance" as for the rest of that families life, you remain significant".

As many of you know we hosted our 2010 OCBP ALUMNI REUNION this past October in Ocean City, MD. It included our Legends of Lifesaving from the 1930's through 1990's. We had the pleasure in meeting both Gordon Kirwin who served on the OCBP from 1943 - 1948 and Charles Gilfillan who served from 1944 - 1950. Unfortunately we did not have the pleasure of seeing Bill Booze who served from 1939 - 1940 or Henry Vinyard who also proudly served.

DATE	LEGEND	YEARS SERVED	AGE
MARCH 16,2011	HENRY VINYARD	1965-1967	65
JAN 21,2011	BILL BOOZE	1939-1940	92
January 1, 2011	GORDAN KIRWAN	1943-1946	84
January 1, 2011	CHARLIE GILFALLIN	1944-1950	82

You will never be forgotten!



Captain Robert S. Craig Scholarship
In recognition of dedication to water safety
Presented by the Ocean City Beach Patrol Chapter
Of the United States Lifesaving Association



Eligibility

To be eligible to receive this scholarship the candidate must:

1. Attend a high-school within the borders of Worcester County, Maryland, OR be an active DOD/DOT employee attached to Coast Guard Station Ocean City, OR be a resident of Worcester County, Maryland currently attending a college or university.
2. Enroll in a college or university for the fall semester, 2011.
3. Complete this application and attach a 500-word essay discussing the importance or value of water safety and the candidate's role, or intended role, in water safety (essays should not greatly exceed 500 words).

Scholarship Calendar

May 1, 2011	All application materials due
May 2-May 15	Decision Committee will review applications.
May 15-May 31	Scholarship winner will be contacted to confirm payable institution.
June 1-June 20	The check will be mailed to recipient-designated college. The check will include specific instructions to fund the student's account with the institution. A certificate of award will be presented to the student.

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current Institution: _____ Grade Level, May, 2011: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Intended Institution(s) of Enrollment (applying to): _____

Please attach an essay explaining the value or importance of water safety and your role or intended role in water safety. All materials are due to OCBP Headquarters, 109 Dorchester Street, Ocean City, 21842 by 5 pm, May 1, 2011.

The Ocean City Beach Patrol Chapter of the United States Lifesaving Association is presenting this scholarship. The chapter is funded by donations from the community of Ocean City, MD, membership dues and the proceeds from several events hosted each summer in Ocean City, MD. For further information about the chapter visit:
http://oceancitymd.gov/Recreation_and_Parks/Beach_Patrol/usla.html.

OCBP Chapter of USLA

USLA Nationals returns to Cape May, NJ

submitted by: Sgt. Ryan Cowder

The planning for this summer's Mid-Atlantic Regional competition and the 13th Annual Lt. Mitch Maiorana Run Swim Run is well underway. More importantly, has your training begun? If you're anything like me, the cold weather and lack of daylight hours make training more difficult than ever. However, one thing that continues to keep me motivated is having a competition on the horizon. I highly encourage you to sign up for a few pre-season races to encourage your training to start even earlier than usual.

At the March USLA regional meeting, Long Branch proposed to have the crafts return to their area and won the bid. This means that we will once again have to make the long trek to north NJ for the crafts event. Another downfall is that we will not have the advantage of practicing on the national course in Cape May like we thought. There is one major advantage to this, however. Traveling to Cape May for crafts, even though it is closer in distance, would have been much more costly. The lodging costs, coupled with the ferry fee, would have made for an expensive trip. The hotel we stayed at last year in Long Branch was very affordable.

Another discussion item from the March meeting was a reminder that membership is not allowed the day of an event. Therefore, please make sure that you become a member as soon as possible at the beginning of the season. This will hopefully avoid our trying to add anyone at the last minute. This year, we are sending the membership application with this newsletter. Please bring the application with your paperwork during equipment pickup. This will ensure that you receive the magazines and the membership kit in a timely fashion. It is much harder to add those that join at the end of the season. This year, the region has decided to do a towel instead of the backpack that has been done during the past two seasons. However, if you are interested in a backpack, we still have a few leftover from last year. These will be for sale, first come first serve.

As we look ahead to this summer, please mark your calendars for the events listed below. Even if you are not planning on competing, please try to make sure that you do not plan any special off days during these times to ensure maximum participation by those who want to compete. If we are going to do well as an organization, we are going to need everyone's help once again, especially during nationals in Cape May, which will require multiple days off for several guards.

Finally, in the past month, the USLA has decided to update their website. I encourage you to check out the new changes that have been made at www.usla.org. There are also some new added benefits to members that you may want to take advantage of. I look forward to seeing everyone in Ocean City soon.

Mark your Calendars!!!

July 13th - Mid Atlantic Regionals (non craft) in Ocean City, MD
July 20st - Mid Atlantic Regionals (crafts), Location TBD (Long Branch, NJ)

July 23rd – 13th Annual Lt. Mitch Maiorana Run Swim Run at Surf Ave. in OC, MD

July 25th - Mid Atlantic Regionals Junior Guard Championships, Location TBD

July 27th - National Park Service 27th Annual All-Women Lifeguard Tournament in Sandy Hook, NJ
August 4th, 5th, and 6th - USLA National Lifeguard Competition in Cape May, NJ

Below: The Convention Center sign displayed "Congratulations OC Lifeguards 1st Place Mid Atlantic Region" last summer after we captured 1st overall.



Our official Ocean City Beach patrol Chapter Logo created by Josh Giambalvo.

OCEAN CITY BEACH PATROL

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For off season correspondence
(October– April) please send to:
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PO box 158
Ocean City, MD 21842
Attention: Beach Patrol

Email: barbin@oceancitymd.gov



We're on the Web
www.ococean.com/OCBP

Check out the reborn alumni site. This is the alumni site that was a very popular link. It has been resurrected by OCBP Alum Mark McClesky. Click on the Alumni button.
www.ocbeachpatrol.com

Calendar/Important Dates

April 4 Mailing of Spring Newsletter

April 29—Employee Agreements due back

May 14-15 1st Officer Mandatory Weekend, Promotions CC and ACC

May 21– 22 CC paper work , Officer Work Weekend Optional, Warrior Dash 3.1 mile Budds Creek

May 14—21 Opening Set up

May 20—Buckingham Elementary Vehicle/Career Day

May 22—29 SRA I

May 22—27 Returning Drug Test

May 25—27 Paper work Equipment pick up for veterans

May 28 7:00 am prayer service First Day Guarding

June 4—SRA Supper Seminar

June 11 - Pre-Employment Ocean Test

For a complete up to date 16 month calendar click on the Employee Calendar link on the home page of the Beach Patrol website

OCBP WEB www.ococean.com/ocbp

People use our website as a tool to learn more about the OCBP, beach/water safety and as an OCBP employee resource. If you visit the site and see information that needs to be updated or if you have an idea or contribution for the web page, please contact our Web Editor/Public Relations Coordinator, Kristin Joson at [kjason@oceancitymd.gov](mailto:kjoson@oceancitymd.gov)



Important, Important!!!!

- In order to insure your W2 and your tax refund get to you, contact City Hall with any corrections on your permanent address.
- Also contact Debi Tyler if your phone number, mailing address or email address changes. DebiOCBP@aol.com or Dtyler@oceancitymd.gov

The mission of the Ocean City Beach Patrol is to provide for the safety and well-being of the beach patrons of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland, who participate in beach and ocean-related activities. This mission includes **educating** the public, **preventing** potential accidents, and **intervening** when necessary and appropriate, both on the beach and in the adjacent Atlantic Ocean waters. The Patrol intends to fulfill its mission by:

- Recruiting the most highly qualified candidates.
- Employing qualified individuals for administrative and educational positions, competent surf rescue technicians, and public-minded surfing beach facilitators.
- Training personnel with the most current information, technology and equipment.
- Outfitting personnel with current, well-maintained, and appropriate equipment.
- Upholding the highest standards of professionalism; to present knowledgeable, capable, and reliable Surf Rescue Technicians to the general public.

Discover an ocean of Fun!