

THE OCBP ALUMNI IS HAVING A REUNION OCT 15 – 17TH 2010 for all Beach Patrol Alums who served in the 1940's, 1950's, 1960's & 1970's.

WHERE: The Stowaway Grand Hotel 1-800-447-6779
WHEN: October 15th – 17th
GROUP: 1940's, 1950's, 1960's & 1970's ALUMNI
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Reunion Date:

October 15, 16 & 17th. (Friday, Saturday & Sunday) 2010 @ Stowaway Grand Hotel

Reunion Headquarters:

Stowaway Grand Hotel - 410-289-6191
www.grandhoteloceancity.com 1-800 -447-6779

Special rates have been established @ \$89.00 plus tax per night, and includes ocean view. Arrive early or stay over, as prices will remain at the same rate. When calling for reservations reference **OCBP ALUMNI REUNION GROUP.**

2010 Theme: Legends of the Past Impacting the Future

AGENDA:

FRIDAY OCT 15TH: ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION @ STOWAWAY GRAND HOTEL

After registering and checking into your room we will have open registration to receive your OCBP packets. We will have a welcoming area (in the lobby) for registration. Tables will be set up for your respective decade. Ex. (40,'s 50's, 60's & 70's).

FRIDAY KICK-OFF @ FISHTALES @ 6:00 P.M. Till __? __ (410-289-0990 / 22nd & Bay) www.ocfishtales.com

At 6:00 – ? **October 15, 2010** – We're going to have a blast. Fishtails has a great location across the street from the Stowaway Grand Hotel, right on the bay.

SATURDAY October 16th. KICK-OFF @ The Stowaway Grand Hotel:

11:00 A.M. - Beach Run & Pool Swim @ the Stowaway Grand Pool & Beach. As you know OCBP has try outs to see who can qualify as we all once did. We will have a fun Swim & Run, based on our era & age. (Includes a built-in handicap)

6:00 P.M. – Drinks @ Ship Wreck Lounge (Stowaway Grand Motel). Drinks on your own.

7:00 P.M. - Dinner (Grand Motel Ballroom) \$36.19 / person Surf & Turf "Buffett Bull Roast"

8:00 P.M. - Welcome to 2010 OCBP ALUMNI REUNION

SATURDAY EVENING PRESENTATIONS"

WELCOME TO 2010 OCBP ALUMNI REUNION, Most of us have a pretty good idea how the Beach Patrol was launched back in 1930, you will have the opportunity of listening to some of these legends of Life Saving tell "The Rest Of The Story" ! Presentations by Bill Pacy OCBP's third Captain, Lucky Jordan, Butch Arbin, John Jarvis & many others.

Special Plaque Award Presentations: Former Captain's &

Special OCBP Members

The Captain Bill Pacy Award – Ocean City's 3rd Captain. "The Beginning"

The Captain Bob Craig Award – Presented by Butch Arbin to Rob & Carole Craig

The Captain George Schoepf Award

The Lucky Jordan Award

The Captain Arbin Award

Special Service & Recognition Awards – Years of Service & Commitment

Auction: local merchants, guest & friends have donated prizes to the benefit of our OCBP

Guard Testimonials: How OCBP impacted their lives and careers.

Slide Presentation: "REMEMBER WHEN" – An opportunity to look back and remember when times were different.

OCBP – Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow – Presented by Butch Arbin

Memory & Tall Tales Presentations:

Music & Entertainment – LIFE GUARD'S BALL PIER BALLROOM @ the Stowaway Grand Hotel

A special program that has been developed to embrace the "years we served"

Make plans NOW as you're going to be reunited with the guys & gals you served with over the years.



Alumni Reunion 2007

OCBP Alum, Charlie Austin, refurbished this vintage buoy. It was auctioned off at the 2007 Alumni reunion for over \$350.00

Looking for summer housing?

Submitted by Glen Irwin, Exec Director of OCDC

For the past three summers the Ocean City Development Corporation (OCDC) has provided housing that is solely for OCBP employees. The OCDC is a nonprofit organization that works with the Town of Ocean City and OCBP to provide such housing. The OCDC manages two buildings located at 108 Dorchester Street and 110 Somerset Street. Both houses are immediately adjacent to OCBP headquarters and conveniently located near the Beach, Boardwalk, and other amenities in downtown Ocean City.

The Tarry-A-While Guest House, located at 108 Dorchester Street, provides dorm-style living accommodations with single and bunk bed rooms. The 110 Somerset Street house provides a four-bedroom apartment with bunk beds. All leases are individual contracts, but all residents must be OCBP employees. The OCDC charges \$1,500 per resident for housing for the summer season (May 21st thru September 27th). This rental fee includes utilities (electric and water). A security deposit is also required. The Tarry-A-While Guest House also includes free Internet and basic cable television. Both buildings provide central air conditioning. Rental payments are made through payroll deductions. The 110 Somerset Street house will be coed for the 2010 summer season. The Tarry-A-While Guest House will be for male employees only. For additional information about either house or for a housing application please contact the OCDC office at (410) 289-7739



or email questions to glenn@ocdc.org.

Captain's note: Both of these residences are Town of Ocean City property and are used exclusively for housing Beach Patrol employees. Therefore, there are rules and regulations that must be agreed to and your conduct as a tenant may affect your employment. This is an incredible benefit to our employees and we will not tolerate any behavior or activity that would jeopardize this arrangement.

Other Summer Housing:

Noreaster Apartments 105 Dorchester Street

These apartments are adjacent to Beach Patrol Headquarters. Although you would not be able to use the Beach Patrol parking lot you would be in close proximity to other guards that rent in the Tarry-A-While and the house on Somerset Street.

4 apartments available ranging from sleeping from 4 comfortable to 9 people. Depending on the apartment size the rent for the season ranges from \$7500—11,000

Basic cable, electricity, AC and water included.

For more information contact BP headquarters or the owner

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TOWN NEWS

Latest Plans for Beach Replenishment

Submitted by: Lt. Ward Kovacs

Following the string of destructive storms that passed through Ocean City last fall, there was enough damage to the beach and dunes that officials from the city, county, state and federal levels determined that we needed beach replenishment in order to restore our beach. Many of you were able to see the steep drop-offs that seemed to split the dunes down the middle (pictures were in the Fall newsletter). Some of these sand cliffs in the north end of town were 10-15 feet high. Since then, the dunes have been restored by giant dump trucks that brought sand from areas that suffered less damage, to the thinnest areas in the middle and northern parts of town. The city is cur-

rently working on clearing out the dune crossovers. While there were early reports that some sand pumping may start before the summer season, the latest updates from City Engineer Terry McGean have indicated that the Army Corps of Engineers is not going to be ready to start pumping sand until after Labor Day. This is good news for Lt. Stone as far as scheduling, and for Sergeants as far as opening and closing areas of the beach during the busiest days as the machines roll north and south of the replenishment pipe's landfall. This schedule may create some fall coverage issues, but we have worked around them before, and will again.

HISTORY

So, You Think You're Superman?

Submitted by Vic Sprecher, OCBP Alum

Prior to joining the Beach Patrol I worked as a life-guard at the Commander Hotel on 14th St. back in 1963. I was 20 years old and met a gal who was a guest at the hotel and we wound up going out on a few dates. She asked me if I was a Christian? I told her "I guess so", considering when I returned home at the end of the summer I usually made it to church on most Sundays, and asked her "why?" I had no idea what she was talking about and never saw her again although I did receive a letter from her a couple weeks later. She wrote me as if we had been dating for weeks. In her letter she said "Vic, you think you can do anything as if you were Superman, but soon you will find out just how dependent you really are and will cry out to God who will spare you in order to get your attention". Frankly, her letter made me wonder what she was talking about. But, there was no return address and no phone number to contact her. As far as I was concerned I was in the best shape of my life and agreed I was pretty self-sufficient. I could tell when we were going out that she was looking into my very being, asking questions about my relationship with God and my direction in life. I soon understood I didn't have the spiritual ingredients she was looking for and personally felt I didn't need it. After all I was a competitive swimmer and believed I could do almost anything and as far as

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website.

Thank you in advance for helping to make our USLA events this coming summer a success!! Contact me at ryancowder@hotmail.com if you have questions or need any forms.

List of Mid-Atlantic Regional Events (non-craft)

2k Run	400m swim
Rescue Race	Landline
Rescue Board	Run Swim Run
4x100 Run Relay	Beach Flags

Captain's note: Having put on the first Mid-Atlantic competition and every one through 1991 I understand the amount of work it takes. I appreciate all of the hard work that has already gone into planning for this event and know that there will be so much more to be done. Although, many people have already contributed to this effort I want to especially acknowledge and thank Ryan who has been the driving force behind the successful effort to bring USLA Mid-Atlantics back to Ocean City. Ryan will need lots of volunteer help both in the days leading up to the event as well as on the event day. Get involved and help make this another outstanding Ocean City event!

I was concerned. "Life was good!" I felt.

One week later we had a terrible North Eastern storm and while standing on the porch of the Commander Hotel I noticed a brand new raft being blown into the ocean. I ran down and jumped in to pull it in, but got caught in a rip current that was so powerful it took me out to sea as if I were on a Jet Ski. Being a competitive, strong swimmer and in pretty good shape I knew it would be no problem getting back to shore. After all, I was Superman. But, I was wrong! Even though I was trained to swim with the flow and not fight the rip I continued to be carried farther out to sea. I had become exhausted with waves getting the best of me; I turned toward shore looking for help as I was overtaken by the fury of the ocean. Without thinking, I found myself crying out for help to God, believing I wasn't going to make it, and amazingly I put my foot down and there was a sand bar out of nowhere. It gave me enough hope and energy to gain my confidence and swim back to shore. I now know what that gal was talking about as it strengthened my relationship with someone other than me. Yep, I became a believer and only wish I could call that gal and tell her I now understand.



South Padre Island Beach Patrol – Imitation is the Highest Form of Flattery

Submitted by: Kristin Joson

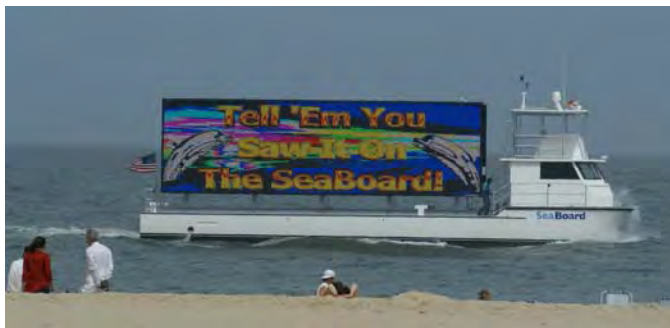
Chief Burney Baskett of the South Padre Island Fire Dept who is responsible for overseeing the operations of the newly organized South Padre Island Beach Patrol sent this picture. Along with the picture was the following message "Tell everyone (including yourself) THANKS for getting this thing going. I am very hopeful that we will continue to see this grow and "mature". Couldn't have done it without LOTS of help!"

It is great to know that the OCBP along with OCBP Alum Vic Sprecher had a part in helping the South Padre Island Beach Patrol come into existence. In fact, it was Vic who was instrumental in getting the local government to recognize, that following several years of multiple drowning deaths, that the time had come to offer some protection to

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Summer is right around the corner but you can still check out the good times from last season. The 2010 Ocean City Maryland Beach Patrol Calendar is still available. 13 months of reminders of the great times working and living at the beach. This is a great gift idea for parents and other family and friends that are tough to buy for. The cost is great too! You get over 50 photos on a glossy 13 1/2 by 11 inch calendar that opens to 22 inches. The date spaces are big enough to keep all your important appointments visible. A real keepsake for only \$9.95 plus shipping. You can email Kristin kjason@oceancitymd.gov to get a calendar or see Kristin or Mike at the Monday morning meetings.



The Ocean City Beach Patrol would like to thank the following for helping to save lives by getting our safety messages out:

- The Dispatch
- Ocean City Today
- Worcester County Times
- The Daily Times
- The Beach Guide
- The SeaBoard



You can order pictures and other keepsakes lynnell@lynnellisphotography.com Don't forget to visit the Gallery!

John P. Dunnigan Photography

Don't forget professional photographer John P. Dunnigan was at Crew Comps and various other events and got some amazing shots. You might remember he put some crew comp shots on a DVD with music that we watched at the Banquet and the last few Fall meetings at City Hall. You can still purchase the DVD for 10.00 and you can view his work at <http://jpdphotography.com>

Choose from wallet to poster size. Also, tons of really cool merchandise available with your fav photos on them such as playing cards, coasters, stickers, key chains, jewelry boxes etc. ."

Have your parents visit the website to get some Christmas or Birthday Shopping Ideas! <http://jpdphotography.com>

