
THE RISING STAR

DISNEY-BELL POST 66 NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1, 2001

2001-2002 Officers Nominated

At the May monthly meeting of the American Legion, a slate of officers for the 2001-2002 year at Post 66 was nominated. The nominees and the office for which they are running are as follows:

Commander: J. D. Larson, Tom Murphy
First Vice Commander: Clif Morvant, Tommy Andree
Second Vice Commander: Tommy Andree, Dave Kershner
Judge Advocate: Jim Pritchett, Dave Kershner, Charlie Milstead
Service Officer: Eddie Thompson
Finance Officer: Herman Peterson
Historian: Myron James, Sandy Harkleroad
Chaplain: Toni King
Sergeant-at-Arms: Les Wicklein
Executive Committee: Paul Thompson, John Marshall, Myron James, Clif Morvant, Jim Pritchett, Tom Murphy, Dave Kershner, A. H. "Major" Sprehe, Dan Healy, John Walkington, Charlie Milstead, and Sandy Harkleroad.

First of all, I wish to thank those members who have volunteered to run for office next year. Serving as an officer of the Post is an often demanding and thankless job and we always need a supply of Legionnaires to continue the great work of those who have served before.

Secondly, the decisions we make to select our officers should not be taken lightly. The work done by the Executive Committee is vital to the continued success of our Post and we place a great deal of responsibility on those members.

Elections will be held at our next regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 27th at 7:30 p.m.. I urge all members to make a special effort to come to that

meeting and exercise your right as a Post member to vote for the candidates of your choice. In order to vote, you must be a member in good standing (paid your 2001 dues) and have your *current membership card with you* and ready for inspection.

Even though summer is fast approaching, there are still plenty of things to do here at the Post. Don't forget, Fridays are Happy Hour Days from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with reduced drink prices and always some good finger food.

The 2001-2002 American Legion Baseball schedule is out and on the bulletin board at the Post. Why not check it out and support our team for a game or two.

June 14th is Flag Day and if you want to experience a great ceremony, plan to attend the Flag Disposal Ceremony held by the Forestville (My Maryland Post) American Legion Post 126. Our Honor Guard will be participating in this annual event and if you can attend, please do so.

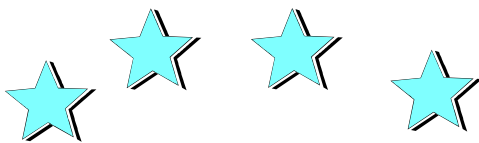
Plans are underway for the 4th Annual 4th of July Family Picnic and this one should be bigger than ever. There is plenty of time to enjoy the day here under our big tent, eat some burgers and barkers, enjoy the clown (face painting, balloon sculpting, etc.) and meet some old friends before going to the fireworks display. Cost is free and all we ask is for you to bring a little salad or dessert to share. Call the Post after June 1st to sign up.

Ocean City. Yeah, we are going and most, if not all, Post officers will be out of town July 7-14. Post Operating Hours will be reduced so check the next newsletter for exact times. If you happen to be in OC during those dates, why not plan on stopping by the Hospitality Suite and say hello.

Whew! Looks like a busy summer!
Jr. Martin, Commander



Summer is here and at Post 66 that means American Legion Baseball. The first pitch of the 2001 season is thrown at noon on June 2 with Disney-Bell squaring off against Rockville at Watkins Mill High School. Coach Terrill is back with five starters from the Bowie High School team and it looks to be a promising year. Check the June calendar section of the newsletter to see where our team will be playing and go and support them. A complete schedule for all teams is posted on the bulletin board at the Post.



FIRST VICE COMMANDER REPORT

Congratulations to Post 66! By the time you read this newsletter, Post 66 will have reached (and surpassed?) our goal of 819 members to once again reach four-star status within the Department of Maryland. Making four-star is not possible without the help of many individuals and I wish to express my thanks to them now. In particular, Jim Pritchett, our Adjutant, has been invaluable in helping us reach this goal. Thanks, Jim. We could not have done it without your help.

Many others have also contributed in this effort. From those who stuffed envelopes to those who collected dues, every bit of effort helps. Also, I wish to thank all the members who faithfully pay their dues in a timely manner and continue to be a part of the life of Post 66. Of course, a very special note of appreciation goes to all of you who enlisted a new member the past

year. Those who went the extra step to help our post are: Jim Pritchett (23), J. D. Larson (13), Tom Murphy (8), Les Wicklein (6), Tommy Andree (6), Ray Hart (3), Tim Kluchinsky (3), Charlie Milstead (2), James Hall (2), Eddie Thompson (2), Sandy Harkleroad (2), and with one each, John Walkington, John Marshall, Myron James, Jane Bostrom, Toni King, Dan Healy, Michael Shegogue, John Delinsky and Jr. Martin. Thanks again.

The past two years have been very rewarding for me and I have gotten to know many more members due to this involvement. I hope you all continue to support the new First Vice Commander in his efforts to continue our tradition of being an American Legion leader in membership.

J. D. Larson
First Vice Commander

Flag Day
June 14th

To all Post members — If you have a flag that needs to be placed out of service, the ceremony will be at Forestville Post 126 on June 14. Please bring your flag to the Post no later than June 8th.

ADJUTANTS' CALL

The American Legion Administrative year of 2000-2001 will end on June 31, 2001. Even though you still have six months remaining on your 2001 membership, National will mark the start of the new administrative year by mailing your first renewal notice for 2002. The "Early Bird" campaign gives our Post a head start on meeting the new membership goals and you are encouraged to renew your dues when you receive your notice. To prevent receiving another renewal notice in October, National must process your 2002 dues by August 8, 2001.

If you have transferred into Post 66 during this past year, look at the left side of your renewal notice. If it is from your last post, National apparently has not yet processed your transfer. **DO NOT** pay 2002 dues to your old post. If you do, you will automatically be transferred back to your old post and we must do the whole transfer routine over again, only this time, Post 66 **WILL NOT** receive credit for your membership. Mail your 2002 dues of \$20.00 to Disney-Bell Post 66, 9605 Old Laurel Bowie Road, Bowie, MD 20720.

As always, should you have any questions, comments or concerns do not hesitate to contact me either at the Post or my home (301-390-6436). Post e-mail address is alpost66@bellatlantic.net and mine is jimabniam@aol.com.

In service to God and Country.

James L. Pritchett, Jr.
Adjutant

LARGE SCREEN TV RAFFLE!!

With the purchase of a new large screen TV, the Post will be raffling off the old one. It is in good working order and will make a great addition to the couch potato's den. Tickets are on sale now at the bar. Cost is \$1 each or six for five bucks. The drawing will be conducted at the July 4th picnic. You need not be present to win.

Post 66
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, June 27
7:30 pm
Election of Officers



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the May monthly meeting of Unit 66, a slate of officers was nominated and will be serving as Unit officers for the administrative year 2001-2002. The new officers are: President: Juanita Thompson, Vice President: Barbara Goshin, Secretary: Cindy Queen, Treasurer: Anna Thompson, Chaplain: Priscilla (Mother Superior) Sprehe, Historian: Linda Healy, and Sergeant-at-Arms: Rose Corazzi. Congratulations to the new officers and I wish you all the best of luck for the upcoming year.

Delegates to the annual convention to be held in Ocean City, Maryland July 9-13 were also selected. Delegates this year are: Sandy Dadurka, Juanita Thompson, Shirley Heilig, Juanita Reilly, Priscilla Sprehe Marie Pritchett and Cindy Queen. Alternate-at-Large is Anna Thompson. I congratulate all the delegates and I know you will all work hard representing our Unit and Post 66. I wish to thank the Post for matching our travel allowances to the convention. Without your financial assistance, many delegates would not be able to attend. We sincerely appreciate your help.

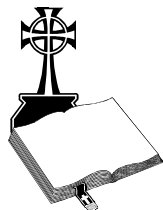
Memorial Day ceremonies were held on Monday, May 28th and I am glad many of you were able to attend. Priscilla Sprehe and daughter Cindy Queen represented Unit 66 by placing a wreath during these ceremonies.

Our annual Poppy Diner was held last month and was a very successful event. I want to thank the Legionnaires who supported us and whose help was really appreciated. Thanks, guys.

Diners will be resuming in September but we are not through yet. Don't forget the annual July 4th picnic will be here soon and in July, the Installation Dinner,

tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, July 18th. Until next month, start enjoying the summer.

Sandy Dadurka, President

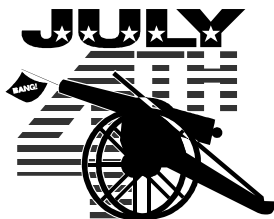


CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This is the last article for this year and though we have lost some of our comrades during the past 12 months, there have been good times too. Memorial Day, Veterans Day, the annual Department Convention, Christmas, New Years Party and Post Birthday celebration, were all great events. Our Post Everlasting memorial service was well attended and the ceremony was one of the best. It has been my privilege to be your Chaplain this past year, and I hope to continue if possible.

If you know of any veteran or their family who needs our help, please leave a message for me at our Post Home, or call me at 301-262-0257, or send an e-mail message to rweik53164@aol.com.

Toni King
Chaplain



The Disney-Bell Post 66 Fourth Annual 4th of July Picnic will be held on Wednesday, July 4th, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.. This year looks like it will be even better than ever. The food is on order (all

the hot dogs, hamburgers and fried chicken you can eat), the soda and beer are being iced down, the "big tent" is on the way and soon we will be all set. This year, as an added attraction to entertain the kids, a clown (or two) will be on hand to do face painting, balloon sculpting and other activities. So don't hesitate and mark your calendars now. If you've been to one of these before, you know what great fun we have. The picnic is free to all members of the Post, Auxiliary, SAL and their families.

We are asking for volunteers to bring a side dish (small salad, chips, snacks, etc.) or dessert to share with everyone. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Post so please call and let us know how many will be coming and what you can bring. You do not have to bring something to attend so don't let that be a problem, but in order for us to have enough food, we would still like you to call and let us know how many will be attending. RSVP no later than July 2, 2001.

SAL REPORT

I want to thank everyone for the great turn out for the Mother's Day Breakfast last month. I particularly with to thank those who worked so hard to make it a success; Steve Planty, Steve Planty and Darby McNeill (no, it's not a misprint, both Steves were here). We were all greeted by pleasant weather ana beautiful May morning to honor Mom's selfless devotion to raising Sons of the American Legion — and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

Remember! 10% of our members have yet to pay their annual dues. It is time to step up and give Squadron 66 your needed support.

Tim McEwan
Commander