

THE RISING STAR

DISNEY-BELL POST 66 NEWSLETTER

JULY 1, 2001

Elections Over . . . Dewey Wins!!!

No, it's not the April Fool's Edition. It's just our editorial staff trying to come up with a cute headline.

On Wednesday, June 27th, the Post elected our new officers for the 2001-2001 administrative year. Your new Post officers are:

Commander: J. D. Larson

First Vice Commander: Clif Morvant

Second Vice Commander: Dave Kershner

Judge Advocate: Jim Pritchett

Service Officer: Eddie Thompson

Finance Officer: Herman Peterson

Historian: Myron James

Chaplain: Toni King

Sergeant-at-Arms: Les Wicklein

Executive Committee: Paul Thompson, Tom Murphy, Alwin H. "Major" Sprehe, and Charlie Milstead.

Congratulations to our new officers and I am sure you will all want to support them as they serve our Post in the coming year. On Wednesday, July 25th we will conduct a Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony for the Post, Auxiliary Unit and SAL Squadron. A cocktail hour begins at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. and the installation ceremony will immediately follow. Seating will be limited so be sure to make your reservation as soon as you can.

As my time as your Commander comes to an end, I wish to thank the officers and members of the Post who served with me for their support and hard work. To the officers and members of the Auxiliary and SAL Squadron, I thank you for all the things you have done, not only to make your organizations work so well, but also for your support of our Post and all of our members. We are truly one big family and it takes the dedication and effort of all of us to make Disney-Bell

Post 66 the best in the American Legion. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Commander and I hope to see many of you at the Installation Ceremony.

Jr. Martin
Commander

First Vice Commander Report

As I get ready to move on as your Post Commander, I wish to thank everyone who helped me during my service as First Vice Commander.

As you know, and have been reminded ad nauseam, the First Vice has the responsibility of making sure the Post attains its membership goals for the year. This is a very demanding position which requires the help and cooperation of all the Executive Committee and post members. I offer my experience and support to Clif Morvant as he begins his term as the new First Vice Commander and ask that everyone help him as you have helped me.

J. D. Larson
First Vice Commander

Convention Hours

During the Annual Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City, the Post Lounge Hours will be 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm daily from Saturday, July 7 through Friday, July 13. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. Thank You.

Adjutant's Call

As I mentioned in my column last month, National sends every member of the Department of Maryland a 2002 dues notice on July 1. While your 2001 card does not expire until December 31, 2001, this is an excellent opportunity to become an "Early Bird". By paying your dues now, you give the Post a head start on the membership campaign and you (and a guest) are entitled to attend the "Early Bird" dinner...FREE!

Again, another reminder. If you transferred to Disney-Bell Post 66 during the 2000-2001 administrative year (July 2000 through June 2001) pay your annual dues to Post 66 only. When you receive a renewal notice, look at the "Mail To" address on the left side of the notice. **DO NOT SEND YOUR DUES TO YOUR OLD POST.** If you do, you will automatically be transferred back and we have to do the same process all over again to get you back to Post 66. Even worse (for us), we will not get credit for your membership. Help us avoid this confusion by sending your \$20 check for 2002 dues to Post 66 NOW!

As always, if you have any questions on your membership, call me either at the Post (301-464-9814) or my home (301-390-6436). E-mail for the Post is alpost66@bellatlantic.net and my e-mail address is jimabniam@aol.com.

James L. Pritchett, Jr., Adjutant

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As Post Chaplain, I am always available to lend whatever support is necessary for Post 66 members who are in need of assistance. When a member is ill, in the hospital or has had a loved one pass away, we are here to lend our support and render any help we can. If you know of anyone who is in distress, please call me at 301-262-0257, send e-mail to me at rweik53164@aol.com, or leave a message at the Post. Thank you.

Toni King, Chaplain

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A special "congratulation" goes to Past Commander Pat Lamb and the SAL in recognition of an "Outstanding Service Award" presented to the Sons of the American Legion Southern Maryland District in recognition of outstanding service and contributions given to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and its residents.

Elections were held on June 11, 2001 for new officers of SAL Squadron 66 for the years 2001-2002. Officers are: Commander: Tim McEwan, First Vice: Dave Maxwell, Adjutant: James S. Clark, III, Finance Officers: Darby McNeil, Chaplain: Sam Clark, Jr., Sargent-at-Arms: Pat Lamb, and Historian: John O'Toole. Congratulations and best wishes to our newly elected officers. Installation will be held on Wednesday, July 25th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please call the Post early with your reservations.

I wish express our appreciation to American Legion Commander Jr. Martin and Auxiliary President Sandy Dadurka for their help, cooperation and hard work in helping to make the SAL a success this past year. Thanks!

In closing, I want to give you a reminder that our fall car show is scheduled for September 15, 2001. Tell your friends to look in the garage or uncover and wash-n-wax that classic in the driveway and support this annual function.

Tim McEwan
Commander

A Joint Installation of Officers will be held on Wednesday, July 25th. Cocktails: 6:00 pm, Dinner: 7:00 pm with ceremony to follow. RSVP to the Post no later than 7-21-01.

DAV Mobile Service Office Visits Bowie

Do you want straight answers about your veterans rights and benefits? There is so much to know and each year the laws and rules change. If you have questions and need answers, the Disabled American Veterans Mobile Service Office will be visiting Bowie soon. Sponsored by the DAV, the mobile office will be visiting the DAV, Omaha Beach Chapter #7, 8205 Lauarel-Bowie Road, Bowie on Monday, July 16, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.. You do not have to be a member of the DAV to get DAV service. If you have any questions, you may call E. Paul Stecklein at 410-230-4440.



WE'RE AT THE BEACH!

The Department of Maryland of the American Legion will hold its annual department convention in Ocean City, Maryland from the week of July 7-13. During that time, the Post will operate a Hospitality Suite at the Thunder Island Condominiums in room 156D. Hours of operation for the Hospitality Suite will be from noon to 8:00 p.m. daily. If you are in Ocean City during convention week, please stop by and visit. Thunder Island Condominiums are located right next to the Convention Center in Ocean City.

BASEBALL TEAM IN MID-SEASON

Looking for a fun family evening in the summer? Why not take them to a Disney-Bell Post 66 American Legion baseball game? It's fun, it's entertaining and it's free. Check the schedule for a game near you in our July monthly calender.

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VA CLINIC NOW OPEN

The Veterans Administration has opened a permanent clinic in Greenbelt. The address is:

*Greenbelt
Community Based
Out reach Clinic
(CBOC)
Greenway East Professional Center
7525 Hanover Parkway, No. T-4
Greenbelt, MD 20770*

For further information regarding hours, treatment, appointments, etc., the telephone number is 301-345-2463.