



THE RISING STAR

DISNEY-BELL POST 66 NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1, 2003

Color Guard National Champs/Isabel Comes Calling

Our locally renowned honor guard has won the national championship. At the 85th American Legion National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, "We Band of Brothers," as they call themselves, competed August 23rd in the Color Guard, Military Open Class event. Representing Post 66 were Jim Pritchett, Commander of the Guard; Darby McNeill, Sergeant of the Guard; Steve R Planty; Steve E. Planty; Lois Van Sickle; Nick Muller and Del Billings. The Post is very proud of this outstanding accomplishment. The impressive trophy is on display in the Post social area.

Elaine McNeill, who attended the competition in St. Louis, wrote the following poem to honor the Color Guard and it is printed here with her permission:

To You "Band of Brothers"
Small and Large,
Congratulations,
From the wife
Of your Sarge.
It wasn't always easy,
Sometimes it was rough.
But you have what it takes.
And so you stood tough.
We're all so proud
Of what you have done,
You worked very hard
To become "Number One".
You've made my life easier
Because you beat Essex,
Oh what a feeling,
Like Christmas and good sex!
Thanks so much, again and again,
To a wonderful group of woman and men

Isabel certainly had an impact on everyone, and the Post Home was no exception. Power went out the night of the storm, and at least two days later we were still in the dark with the SAL Car Show on tap. As usual, volunteers stepped forward to offer assistance. Post member Bruce Settle said that he had a large capacity generator he would lend to the Post, but it had bad tires and needed to be towed in from Laurel. Another Post family member, Greg Prendable, stepped forward to say he would contact yet another member, Ollie Wiedmeyer, who was working, and see if he would stop in his tracks and pick up the generator and tow it to the Post. Ollie had the generator at the Post in about 35 minutes. The next problem was hooking it up to the power panel. Yet another member of the Post, Andrew Parego, a licensed electrician, was at the Post for the car show and he and his family were about to go home. Andy agreed to wait for the generator to arrive and hook us up. With Jr. Martin on hand to call the shots, the social area and coolers were back on-line in a short time. For at least the next couple of days, that generator was the difference between the Post being open or closed. Thanks to everyone involved for their generous assistance.

The Post recently purchased some additional cameras to increase the security of the exterior and parking lots. But, as most of you know, the cost of professional installation would probably be well above the cost of the cameras. As usual, Post

members pitched in. Tom Murphy, David Cooks and Joe Barger showed up on a Saturday morning and ran the wires and got the cameras running in no time. Myron James was also on hand as "sidewalk superintendent." Thanks, everyone for a job well done.

Our Finance Officer, Dick Lanham, has volunteered to try to add a little pizzazz to Redskins games at the Post. Starting with the Patriots game on September 28th, Dick will be preparing roast beef for sandwiches during the games. So if you want some good eating along with the pleasure of watching the game with a great bunch of folks, Post 66 is the place to be on game days.

Clif Morvant
Commander



Post 66
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 22
7:30 pm

Turkey Shoots Coming Soon!

Fall began in September and if it's fall the Annual Disney-Bell Post 66 Turkey Shoot season cannot be far behind. That's right! Turkey Shoots begin Sunday, October 26th at 9:00 a.m. and we are all set for another great year. Super Shoots, Winner-Take-All Pots, Scatter Shots and, of course, turkeys, hams, bacon and much more are planned for the upcoming year. While the cost of living continues to rise, along with gas prices and taxes, the cost for a shoot package of 18 shoots is still only \$50. This price hasn't changed in five years. And, you may preregister by signing up at the bar anytime during the week before the shoot. Sign-ups on the day of the shoot begin at 8:00 a.m.. The Auxiliary will be serving breakfast (also starting at

8:00 a.m.) and lunch with their now famous homemade soups. Even if you don't shoot, you can't beat a great breakfast at a fantastic price.

So clean your shotguns and break out your long johns and join us for a great time. In case of inclement weather, call the Post at 301-464-5425 for cancellation information.



Unit 66 Report

Well we are off to a good start with our Friday night dinners. Unfortunately I had to be out of town but I heard it went well. At our last meeting we had Chairmen Appointments. They are as following: Americanism - Anna Thompson and Kim Prendable, Girls State - Anna Thompson, National Security - Anna Thompson and Barbara Goshin, Education - Anna Thompson, Children & Youth - Priscilla Sprehe and Kim Prendable, Community Service - Cindy Morvant, Membership - Barbara Goshin, Poppy - Juanita Thompson, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation - Juanita Thompson. Turkey shoots will be starting up on October 26, 2003 and the Chairmen will be Linda Healy and Kim Prendable. Anyone who would like to help out in the kitchen making the breakfast and lunch please contact these ladies. Linda at 301-352-0608 and Kim at 240-375-5813.

Our annual Halloween Party for the children will be held on October 25th from 3-5 PM. Lots of games and prizes will be had as well as food. Our October 10th dinner will be oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable and salad and the desert will be hot fudge cake.

Ladies keep up the good work on renewing your membership.

Priscilla Sprehe
President

2004 Dues Reminder

On October 1, 2003, National began sending the second 2004 dues renewal notice to all members of the Department of Maryland whose dues have not been received and processed by the August 2003 cutoff date. If you have paid your dues and have your 2004 membership card, you should ignore the renewal notice. If you have not renewed, now is the time to do it. The cutoff date for the third mandatory mailing is November 10, 2003. That is, your renewal must have reached National and been processed by them before November 10th to prevent a third notice from being sent. Also, remember that November 11th, Veterans Day, is the cutoff to qualify as a Post 66 "Early Bird" and be eligible to attend the Early Bird dinner the following Saturday.

1st Vice Commander Report

Our membership current stands at a little more than 70% of our goal for 2004. Remember that the Early Bird Dinner is just around the corner. In order to be a part of this annual event, you must have paid your 2004 dues by Veterans Day. If you know of a veteran who is not an American Legion member, let us know at the Post and you will be given the credit for signing up a new member.

Also, as a further incentive to pay your dues early, we are going to make someone a life member at the

Early Bird Dinner. But to be eligible to be in the drawing, you must have paid your 2004 dues.

Tom Murphy
1st Vice Commander



Auxiliary Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 15
7:30 pm

Auxiliary Craft Show Coming Soon

Disney Bell, Unit 66 Auxiliary is having a Craft Show on November 22, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the American Legion. Table cost will be \$25.00. Please contact either Priscilla Sprehe at 301-262-4733 or Kim Prendable at 240-375-5813 for information and applications.



SAL Squadron 66
Monthly Meeting
Monday, October 13
7:30 pm



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TURKEY SHOOTS
18 SHOTS/\$50
SCATTER SHOTS
SPECIAL SHOOTS

SUNDAYS
Beginning October 26
Registration: 8:00 am
Breakfast, too!