



# THE RISING STAR

DISNEY-BELL POST 66

NOVEMBER 1, 2003

## Turkey Shoots and Early Bird Dinner

Post 66 Turkey Shoots, a favorite event for many of our members, began Sunday, October 26. If you are a shooter, this is a grand opportunity to showcase your talent and win outstanding prizes. The camaraderie surrounding the shoots is well worth the entry fee. Even if you don't shoot, the breakfasts prepared by the Auxiliary are worth the drive.

The Early Bird Dinner will be held on November 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.. In order to be eligible to attend, your dues must be at the Post by Veteran's Day, November 11. Please remember to sign up early for this free event as it is usually a sellout. We'll be serving roast beef with all the trimmings. If you do not have your 2004 membership card, please get your check in as soon as possible to avoid another mailing from national.

The Auxiliary is anticipating the revival of craft shows at the Post. This is a great opportunity to promote Post 66 to the entire community.

Speaking of community, I hope all of you locals saw the recent Bowie Blade photograph and article on our National Champion Color Guard Team. Jim Pritchett did a great job in

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getting the Blade to run the story about Post 66 winning the national contest in St. Louis at the national convention.

Second Vice-Commander Jr. Martin is proceeding to get bids on building a pavilion for the back of the post. The pavilion idea has been around for a long time. It should be a great asset for many of our outdoor events.

Daylight-saving time ended on October 26. I hope you all remembered to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Clif Morvant  
Commander

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Will Rogers

### Adjutant's Report

The cut off date for qualifying as an "Early Bird" is Tuesday, November 11, 2003. Your renewal for 2004 must have been received by Tuesday, November 11, 2003 or be post marked not later than that date. Only those Legionnaires who have renewed their dues for 2004 will be eligible for the Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) membership drawing during the "Early Bird" dinner on Saturday, November 15, 2003. It is still not too late, so send those renewal checks in now or hand carry them to the Post.

Speaking of Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) membership, the new rates will become effective January 1, 2004. The cost of a PUFL is based upon your age at the time of the application and the amount of your Post's dues, which for Post 66 is \$20.00. The increase for my age group is \$47.00. If you are considering purchasing a PUFL, now is the time before the increase takes effect. Contact me for the rates and application forms.

Since wives sign most of the renewal checks, they might want to consider purchasing a PUFL as a holiday present for their spouse. Again, contact me for all the

details. The Post telephone is 301-464-9814 and my home is 301-390-6436, cell is 240-355-6809. Post e-mail is [alpost66@bellatlantic.net](mailto:alpost66@bellatlantic.net) and mine is [jimabniam@aol.com](mailto:jimabniam@aol.com). I suggest you try my e-mail or cell phone first.

In service to God and Country.

James L. Pritchett, Jr.  
Adjutant

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Will Rogers

#### ATTENTION VETERANS!!

Walk-In Flu Shots  
Weekdays  
1:00 - 3:45 pm  
VA Health Center  
Community Clinic  
7525 Greenway Center  
Drive  
Suite T-4  
Greenbelt, Maryland  
301-345-2463

VA Health Care ID Card  
or  
DD-214 (or equivalent)  
and  
Social Security Number



### Unit 66 Report

Unfortunately, due to Hurricane Isabel, we were unable to go to Charlotte Hall for their annual carnival. Because the banks were closed and computers down, we were unable to get the necessary items we needed for the game the veterans would have played.

Five officers attended Fall Conference at the Grand Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland on September 25-27. They were: Barbara Goshin, Linda Healy, Anna Thompson, Juanita Thompson and Priscilla Sprehe. All the reports from various committees were informative and especially to the new members. Our Friday night dinner was a sell out and thank you to all who support us.

The Children's Halloween Party was held on October 25<sup>th</sup> and was co-hosted by the DAV. Prizes were given to the overall funniest, scariest, and most original in two categories: six and up and five and under. The Judges were: Joyce Stevens, Mike Randolph, and Craig Hough and the winners were: Overall Funniest: Scooby Doo worn by Maeve Parker; Most Original: Madeleine worn by Lacy Hendrix; Scariest: Bloody Grim

Reaper worn by William Stevens; Best Costume of a child five and under: Lady Bug worn by Megan Dexter; and Best Costume of a child six and over: Cop worn by Griffin Specht. Judging was tough because all the children looked good and the costumes were real cute.

Out next dinner will be November 14, 2003 and will be oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, salad and apple crisp for dessert.

Plans are underway for our Craft Show to be held on November 22, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Table space will be \$25.00.

Coming up is the Toys for Tots and a box for toy collection will be in the bar area.

On December 6, 2003, several ladies will be going to Charlotte Hall for the Christmas gift wrap.

Once more, please ladies get your dues renewal in so we can continue to work for our four star.

Priscilla Sprehe  
President

There are two theories to arguing with a woman... neither works.

Will Rogers

1st Vice Commander's Report

I thank all the members who have renewed their dues for 2004. They understand what I have tried to convey to all the members about being renewed before Veterans Day, November 11, 2003. It has happened before. Right now we are at about 80% and there is still enough time to get your dues in before Veterans Day.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.

Will Rogers

Also, I want to remind you about the Early Bird Dinner (FREE) to 2004 paid members, and the drawing for a Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) membership. The lucky winner will never have to pay dues again. The Early Bird Dinner will be on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

There has been a lot of interest in Post 66 as our new member list grows weekly. Is it any wonder we sent a five-man honor guard squad to the National Convention where they promptly kicked butts and came home as the National Honor Guard Champions (Open Class). We are so proud of them. Remember my favorite word . . . elite.

Remember in earlier articles I mentioned our elite status

**SAL Shrimp and  
Oyster Roast  
Saturday  
November 22, 2003  
5 to 8 pm  
\$20.00**

within the Department of Maryland, well by getting your dues renewed now, we can add another Department to our elite status, that is membership, membership, membership. In next month's newsletter I am going to thank all the current members who have signed up a new member.

By the way, if you have fallen on hard times and money is an issue, we have a committee set up to handle those problems but you have to let us know. All the Post contact information is on the address page of this newsletter. Thank you again.

Thomas D. Murphy  
Membership Chairman



**TGI Friday Night Dinner Menu  
November**

Nov 7	Steak
Nov 14	Baked Chicken
Nov 21	Pork Chops
Nov 28	Spaghetti

All meals are served 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Reservations should be made by calling the Post no later than the Wednesday before.

Nov 8	Shrimp Nite
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It is the soldier, not the reporter,  
Who has given us freedom  
of the press.

It is the soldier, not the poet,  
Who has given us freedom of  
speech.

It is the soldier, not the lawyer,  
Who has given us the right to a  
fair trial.

It is the soldier, not the campus  
organizer,

Who has given us the freedom to  
demonstrate.

**Veteran's day  
ceremonies  
Tuesday, November 11  
11:00 am  
bowie veterans  
memorial park**



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# Veteran's Day Ceremony



**Tuesday**  
**November 11, 2003**  
**11:00 AM**

**Bowie Veteran's  
Memorial Park**