

THE RAISING CAIN

DISNEY-BELL POST 66 FISH WRAP

APRIL PHULE'S EDITION

If it's April... We're Having Fun!

If it's April, then you can be sure of two things: One, activities are really starting to happen at the Post; and two, you can't believe everything you read in this issue. While most of the articles are genuine, you never know when someone is pulling your leg. (My personal favorite is the pancake dinner...like anyone would serve pancakes for dinner!)

March was no slouch of a month either. We had a fantastic Post Birthday celebration where we were able to donate \$7,500 to three Fisher Houses in the local area. Designed like Ronald McDonald House, these facilities provide a place to stay for families visiting wounded servicemen at hospitals at Andrews AFB, Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Army Hospital. It was also an honor to have our veteran friends from Charlotte Hall as our guests.

If you missed the St. Patrick's Day meal you indeed missed a great time. A very special "Thank You" goes to Tom Murphy and his crew for the long hours of getting the meal ready, sweating in the kitchen, setting up the hall and the clean-up. Thanks again, you did a great job!

It is a pleasure to announce that the blueprints for construction of the pavilion for Post 66 were approved at the last Executive Committee on March 10, 2004. The long needed pavilion will provide an area of shelter for our annual picnics, car shows, turkey shoots and other events that require shelter. The pavilion will have many new and exciting innovations; such as a retractable roof for sunny days; a hot tub/Jacuzzi combination; wide screen TV with remote controls and other smaller items of comfort. Due to building permit restrictions (we are not permitted to run electricity to the pavilion), it will be the first pavilion in Maryland equipped with solar panels for power and heat. While cost estimates have yet to be received from bidders, we expect only a modest increase in dues for the 2004-2005 year.

We are also moving along with the name change to our Post. Later in this issue, you will see a ballot for your submission to the Post to change the name from Disney-Bell Post 66. You may select one of the three offered by the Name Change Committee or submit one of your own. While any change requires the issuance of a new charter from National, it also needs to be ratified by two-thirds of all Post members living in Maryland as of 90 days after the original proposal was presented to the membership at a regularly convened meeting in which all members voting for the amendment were present and wearing Legion caps. All this notwithstanding, we progress ever so slowly. Ballots MUST be received at the Post no later than 5:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Don't forget to attend the meetings of the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. Check your the attached calender and be sure to join us for any or all the upcoming events.

Activities coming in April include our Post Everlasting on April 24th service, the most solemn ceremony of the year, as well as our usual alignment of Friday night dinners (pancakes notwithstanding) and Nascar racing Sundays.

Clif Morvant
Commander



Drug Problem?

Some people wonder why I am the way I am. Well, it's simple. I had a drug problem when I was young:

- C I was drug to church on Sunday morning.
- C I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.
- C I was drug to family reunions no matter the weather.
- C I was drug to the bus stop to go to school every weekday.
- C I was drug to the nurse's office to get my flu, smallpox, and polio shots.
- C I was drug to detention when I didn't do my homework.
- C I was drug to the principal's office when I cut up in class.
- C I was drug out of the game when I hot dogged or forgot the snap count.
- C I was drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my elders.
- C I was drug to the Selective Service office to fulfill my citizen's obligation.
- C I was drug out of my bunk each morning before dawn and taught true discipline in boot camp.

Those drugs are still in my veins; they affect my behavior in all I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, speed, or heroin, and if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America might be a better place.

Signed,
A Pre-Boomer Baby

We Are Going to Dover!



We're going to Dover! Whether you are an experienced NASCAR fan, casual observer or just want to see what the hubbub is about, plan on joining us for the Nextel Cup Race at Dover on Sunday, June 6. We will meet around 7:00 am at the Post for breakfast, leave for the race with a full compliment of beer, soda and food, and a ticket to the race. Depending on race time, we should be back at the Post around 8:00 p.m.-ish. The cost for the trip will is \$135 and is all inclusive. Deposits and payments are now being accepted, but you must hurry. Time is of the essence.

Post 66
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 28
7:30 P.M.
Agenda: Approve Blueprints
for New Outhouses

DID YOU EVER WONDER . . .

IF THE PROFESSOR ON
GILLIGAN'S ISLAND CAN MAKE A
RADIO OUT OF COCONUT, WHY CAN'T HE
FIX A HOLE IN A BOAT?

"Need A Lift?"

Disney-Post 66 has a limited supply of The American Legion College Financial Aid Handbook "Need A Lift?". This handbook is an excellent resource on loans, scholarships, grants and the organizations that provide them. It is designed to spare students and their parents frustration and save them time in the pursuit of higher education.

Copies of this publication may be obtained by contacting the Adjutant and Americanism Chairman at either the Post 301-464-9814, Post E-mail address is alpost66@bellatlantic.net, or my residence 301-390-6436, cell phone is 240-355-6809, and my e-mail is jimabniam@aol.com. Suggest you try my e-mail or cell phone first.

James L. Pritchett, Jr.
Adjutant

Unit 66 Report

The winners of the Americanism Essay Contest are in the hands of the District President for judging at the District Level. At our annual Tribute to Youth Program on April 23rd at 8:00 p.m. the essay winners will receive their awards. Everyone is welcome to come out to support these young people. Heather Hills and Samuel Ogle Elementary Schools were the Bowie schools participating. Light refreshments will be served.



Our membership is growing closer to making Four Star but we still need 19 more members to achieve that level so please ladies if you have not renewed please consider doing so now. Membership is important to the Auxiliary.

Our Friday night dinner on April 9th will be a bit different due to the fact that it is Good Friday and so we are serving pancakes, applesauce, hash browns, eggs and for those who prefer sausage and bacon. Dessert will be a fruit mixture. (Pancakes? These guys write better stuff

than I do!)

Our National President will be visiting Maryland and on Sunday, April 4th will be at College Park Post #217 for a breakfast at 9:00 a.m. On May 22nd at Fort McHenry, the Children's Miracle Network Walk-A-Thon will take place. I have pledge envelopes if anyone is interested in walking or even pledging. This is a worthwhile cause and all money collected goes to John Hopkins. Also, on May 22nd, the Post has given us permission to use the hall for a Trash and Treasure Sale. More information will be forthcoming and news of this will be in the Bowie Blade and Penny Saver. So start gathering your items together.

Turkey Shoots are over and many thanks to all the ladies who worked the kitchen and scatter shots.

A very Blessed Easter to all.

Priscilla Sprehe
President



Squadron 66 Report

I would like to thank everyone who bought scatter shots during the Turkey Shoots the past few weeks. We really appreciate the support the money will go toward our veterans programs.

I also want to thank all the SAL members that helped in the kitchen for the Oyster Bowl, as well the Honor Guard and Legion member that helped in the cleanup afterwards. Great job!

The SAL will once again be sponsoring the Mother's Day Breakfast on May 9th. It will be an "All you can eat" affairs with Mom's free and everyone else paying just \$5.00. The menu will be pancakes (Pancakes, get it? Breakfast = pancakes!), eggs (cooked to order — even omelets), bacon, sausage and much more. Come and have great time and honor Mom.

Don't forget our special Buffalo Wing night on Thursday, April 20th when our special guests will be the girls from Hooter's with special give-aways and other fun games.

Remember our meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.. I encourage everyone to come and participate

Skip Powell
Commander

DID YOU EVER WONDER . . .

CAN A HEARSE CARRYING A
CORPSE DRIVE IN THE CARPOOL LANE?

Post Everlasting

Every April, Disney-Bell Post 66 conducts our most solemn ceremony of our organization when we transfer members to Post Everlasting. This year, our ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 24. At that time, we will be officially transferring those members who have passed away during the past year.

Friends and relatives, as well as all Post members, are invited and encouraged to attend. As in years past, a tree will be planted on the Post grounds to honor their memory. A small reception will immediately follow the service.

Post 66 Auxiliary
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 21
7:30 P.M.
Agenda: Assess Damage
Caused by Serving Pancake
Dinner



Flag Disposal
Box Installed

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have completed installation of a Flag Disposal box out side the Post home. Donated by our local U. S. Postal Service, the previously used mail box is painted red, white and blue and marked for you use to drop off old, unserviceable American flags for proper disposal. We will honor their service with a solemn retirement ceremony on Flag Day, June 14. The box is located to the left of the Post entrance, adjacent to the Great White Rock. It is available 24/7, but not for mail.

Congress Authorizes Korean Defense Service Medal

Congress recently authorized the new Korean Defense Service Medal for service members who served in Korea from July 28, 1954 to a future undetermined date. To qualify for the medal, you must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea, assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility and have been physically deployed in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days or meet one of the following criteria which include being engaged in combat, be wounded requiring medical evacuation or participate as aircrewman flying sorties into, out of, within or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Questions should be addressed to, and only to, the NPRC Customer Service Center at (314) 801-0800.

DID YOU EVER WONDER . . .
IF ILLITERATE PEOPLE GET THE FULL EFFECT OF ALPHABET SOUP?

April Friday Night Dinner Menu

April 2	Steak
April 9	Pancakes <small>(Boy, that's a good one! Pancakes)</small>
April 16	Pork Chops?
April 23	No Dinner Salute to Children and Youth
April 30	Swedish Meatballs
 All meals are served 6:30 to 8:00 pm Reservations should be made by calling the Post no later than the Wednesday before.	
April 10	Shrimp Nite

SAL SQUADRON 66
MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 12
7:30 PM
AGENDA: Discuss Feasibility of Changing
Commander Position to King

**Name Change Ballot
(check one)**

The Happy Post

Veteran's First Post

Alfred E. Newman Post

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Money Bags: Dick Lanham, Candy Man: Eddie Thompson, Professor: Myron James, Dear Abby; Toni King, Bouncer: Nick Muller,
Three Blind Mice (plus two): David Cooks, Dan Healy, J. D. Larson, Bruce Settle, and A. H. Sprehe

Post Everlasting Ceremony



Saturday
April 24, 2004
2:00 p.m.

Light Refreshments to Follow Ceremony