

THE RISING STAR

DISNEY-BELL POST 66 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 1, 2004

National and State Champs!

Our National Champion Color Guard Team has brought another title to Post 66. During the Department Convention in Ocean City our Color Guard Team won the State Championship. Congratulations to Jim Pritchett and the members of the team. You have made us all proud. Best of luck defending your national title at the National Convention in Nashville on August 28th.



The Department Convention in Ocean City was a lot of fun and a learning experience for us all. Our Post received recognition and awards for our outstanding membership growth last year. Thanks to the membership team of Tom Murphy and Jim Pritchett for giving us even more reason to have pride in being members of Post 66.

Our Summer Break is over. The July and August calm is behind us and Post 66 is raring to get back in full swing. Friday night dinners, shrimp nights, SAL dinners and all of the regular activities are ready to start. We will be participating in a 9/11 tribute conducted by the city of Bowie. This may give you a chance to see our renowned color guard team in action. The SAL Car Show, always a fun day at the Post, is scheduled for September 18th with a rain date of the 25th. Come on down with the family and have a great time.

Post 66
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 22
7:30 P.M.

The SAL will be hosting a crab feast on October 16th and this is sure to be a sell out event. Tickets will be going on sale soon, Be sure to get yours early.

Just as our Post is getting back into action after our Summer Break, schools are starting their academic year. Please drive carefully at all times, but especially in school zones.

Clif Morvant
Commander

Adjutant's Call

One of the many benefits of belonging to The American Legion is a NO-COST-TO-YOU \$1,000.00 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance coverage arranged on your behalf by your Department of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust. To enroll you must complete and mail a post card to the Legionnaire Insurance Trust. National headquarters has asked each Post to assist in this matter by enclosing an enrollment coupon with each 2005 membership card. Post 66 is doing that; however, (don't you just love a sentence that has a "however" in it?), we did not receive the post cards until after the first several hundred 2005 cards had been mailed. If you paid your 2005 dues and did not receive one let me know and I'll send you one, or you can pick one up at the Post.

National will mail five (5) dues renewal notices to all members of the Department of Maryland, the first being July 1, 2004, which you all have received. Unfortunately, for those whose renewal has not been processed by National before September 8, 2004, you will receive another renewal notice which will be mailed October 1, 2004. There is nothing Post 66 nor Department can do to prevent that, so if you

receive another renewal notice and have paid for 2005, do as it suggest: IGNORE IT.

Should you have any questions of your membership contact me at the Post 301-464-9814 or my residence 301-390-6436, cell phone 240-355-6809. Post E-mail address is alpost66@bellatlantic.net and mine is jimabniam@aol.com. I suggest you try my E-mail or cell phone first.

In service to God and Country, I am.

Jim Pritchett
Adjutant

Punishment/ What Punishment?

A C-141A Starlifter had been delayed for takeoff for over an hour at Thule Air Force Base, Greenland, because it's sewage container had not been pumped out. An Airman meandered up to the aircraft with the containment pump, fiddled around for a while, then got ready to leave. The young Captain who was the aircraft commander confronted the Airman, and stated, "You have caused me to be 2 hours late for my takeoff. I'll see that you are not only reprimanded, but punished as well!" The young Airman smiled and said, "Sir, with all due respect, I have no stripes, I'm stationed at Thule, Greenland, it's 20 degrees below zero, and I'm pumping s--t out of an airplane. Just what kind of punishment did you have in mind?"

Post 66 Auxiliary
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 15
7:30 P.M.

1st Vice Commander's Report

The new Membership year of 2005 started in July and dues notices have been sent out by the National Headquarters for The American Legion.

Think about it!! There's a very good, all important reason to renew your dues **NOW**. Membership is the number one job of every Post and every membership chairman tries his or her hardest to get members to renew their dues. No matter what month of the year you renew your dues, you still renew every year. If you get in the habit of renewing in July and August, it is still only once a year.

The Post needs over 100 new members this and every year to maintain our current 18 year run in being awarded Four Star. By paying now, you help us to concentrate on recruiting those new members instead of chasing you. Pay your dues **NOW**, and every year in July/August from now on, and the membership committee will do its best to find the new members we need.

Thanks to all the members who have already renewed their dues.

Thomas D. Murphy
1st Vice Commander



Unit 66 Report

Convention and Installation are behind us and we begin a new year. I would like to thank Commander Clif Morvant and the Post, Skip Powell and the Squadron and Unit 66 for all the support that I received this past year. We truly are an American Legion Family. I would like to welcome Tammy Planty as the new Vice President. Her job

is to get the members to send in their dues, so ladies if you have not renewed for 2005 please consider sending them and make her job easier. At our August meeting we voted nine new members in and I welcome all of you. Also many thanks to the ladies who agreed to be chairmen of the different committees.

We will be starting our Auxiliary Friday night dinners on September 9th at 6:30 p.m. with an all you can eat spaghetti dinner so plan to come out and join us. The dinners held at the Post help fund the different Veteran projects the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL do each year.

On September 18th Charlotte Hall will hold its annual Carnival, and the theme this year is "SALUTE TO THE ARMED SERVICES". The Unit has decided to have a table and in the past the veterans have had fun playing the games and winning the prizes.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 15, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.. I hope to see you there.

Priscilla Sprehe
President

INVESTING FOR YOUR RETIREMENT

If you had purchased \$1000.00 of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00. With Enron, you would have had \$16.50 left of the original \$1,000.00. With WorldCom, you would have had less than \$5.00 left. But, if you had purchased \$1,000.00 worth of Beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the aluminum recycling REFUND, you would have had \$214.00. Based on the above, current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.

It's called the 401-Keg Plan

Friday Night Dinner Menu September 2004

September 3rd (**Color Guard**)

Grilled Steak (Cooked to Order) Baked Potato, Salad and Dessert
\$9.00

September 10th (**Auxiliary**)

Spaghetti Dinner
\$8.00

September 17th (**SAL**)

Stuffed Pork Chops, Potatoes,
Veggie and Dessert
\$8.00

September 24th (**Color Guard**)

Spaghetti and Meatballs
\$6.00

All dinners are served from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Take out orders welcome. Call Post for reservation Wednesday before dinner.