
THE RISING STAR

DISNEY-BELL POST 66 NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1, 2005



Spring is in the Air!

March is always an exciting month at Disney-Bell. We start recovering from the winter weather and the spirit of spring produces many opportunities to enjoy the amenities and camaraderie available at the Post.

Steak night at the Post will be March 4th with the usual steak and all the fixings. The attendance for this bargain dinner continues to grow and everyone raves about the great meal. Friday night dinners continue on March 11th with the Auxiliary Taco Night. This is a fun filled and casual meal that everyone enjoys. Hope to see you there.

March 12th will bring out all of the cooks for the SAL Chili Cook-off. What a deal it is, \$5 for the opportunity to try the culinary creations of members of the Post family. An "Abe Lincoln" couldn't be better spent. The judging will be from 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. and the chili chewing will run from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.. But it still won't be time to go home. The popular Shrimp Night follows. Sounds like a great light follow-up to a heavy chili brunch.

The following Thursday is St. Patrick's Day and we will again ask our resident Irishman, Tom Murphy, to insure that the day is celebrated with the traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. Tom's corned beef is always a treat for the tummy. Dinner will be from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and cost only \$7.00. We do ask that you call the Post no later than Sunday, March 13, to make a reservation. The next night, March 18th is the SAL turn to help satisfy the appetites of our Legion family by serving their ever popular baked half chicken.

The 19th is the Legion/Post annual Birthday Dinner. The Auxiliary has volunteered to prepare another of its signature meals of ham, scalloped

potatoes and green beans. This is one of our free events, but you have to register early to assure a seat. The fire code limits the number of guests we can accommodate and as soon as that total has registered, we need to cut off the list. So, please sign up early.

Salmon Teriyaki is on the menu for the Color Guard Dinner on March 25th. You can't beat this for a Good Friday dinner. Please sign up by March 23rd so the Color Guard will know how many fish they have to catch.

Don't forget that April 1 is the deadline for nominations for the 2005 Melvin Buck Scholarship.

Judging from all of the good eats in March, maybe we should have exercise nights in April to help us all keep our waists in check.

The last Turkey Shoot of the season will be on March 13. J.D. Larson and his "Shoot Crew" have done a commendable job throughout the winter, generating a lot of fun and excitement for all who participate. Thanks to all for another highly successful year. Hope to see many of you at the Post during March.

Clif Morvant
Commander



Post 66
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 23
7:30 p.m.



Unit 66 Report

Due to the good weather, I was able to visit three schools to have them make Valentines for the Veterans at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. I would like to personally thank Rockledge Elementary 1st grade students and their teachers, Mrs. Hornbeek and Mrs. Cullins as well as Samuel Ogle Elementary 4th grade students and their teacher Mrs. Monath. Also, Tulip Grove Elementary 2nd grade students and their teachers Mrs. Temporado and Mrs. Holt. These students did a fine job. Toni King and I were able to deliver nearly 250 Valentines to be given to the Veterans on February 14th.

We also had the chance to see the train layout at Charlotte Hall that they are putting together for the Veterans use. Paul Thompson donated some train equipment which we also delivered. The Veterans should enjoy many hours of entertainment once this is completed.

On February 20th Anna Thompson, Juanita Thompson, Toni King, Lois Van Sickle and I attended the 23rd Annual Day for God and Country at St. Anthony's Church in North Beach. District President Janie Hanko and her committee did a great job. Distinguished guests were Nancy August, Department President, Robert Trueblood, SAL Detachment Commander, Buddy Mastin, SAL Southern Maryland District Commander and Robert Johnson, American Legion Past National Vice Commander. Linda Newsome who was the keynote speaker. Once again this was a very worthwhile service in tribute to the four Chaplains who gave up their lives so others might live when their ship the Dorchester sank. A reception was held at Stallings-Williams Post #206 following the ceremony.

The Americanism essays are now in the hands of the judges and two schools participated. Heather Hills Elementary and Samuel Ogle Elementary.

The winners will be rewarded at the Children and Youth Program in April.

Several of us will be attending the Sandi Dutton Homecoming March 3-5, 2005. A brunch is being held at Stalling-Williams Post #206 on March 3rd and a Seafood Festival at Greenbelt Post #136 on the same evening. Also, a brunch at Cummings-Behlke Post #226 on March 5th and that evening a Banquet at Camden Yards. Anna Thompson has been working to put all these functions together and will be traveling with Sandi.

One important event coming up is the National President's visit and Southern Maryland District will host a luncheon at Damascus Post #171 on Friday, April 1st. Cost is \$8.00 per person and the reservation deadline is March 15th. This will take place following the Naturalization Ceremony at the Army National Guard Armory in Silver Spring. Juanita Thompson has been working to put this



Auxiliary Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 16
7:30 p.m.

together as Americanism Chairman for the Department. We will welcome all the new citizens.

Our March 11th dinner will be Tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, and vanilla pudding. I hope to see many of you at our dinner and functions and thanks to all for your support.

Priscilla Sprehe
President

1st Vice Commander Report

Iam baffled by the number of our members who have not renewed their dues, for the new Legion year, 2005. I wish I could talk to everyone who has not renewed their dues to ask them why? Are you not receiving your renewal notices? Does the Post have your address wrong?

If there is a reason why you are not renewing your dues, it would sure help to know why.

On a lighter note: St. Patrick's Day Dinner is Thursday, March 17 (go figure). Please sign up at the Post or call 301-464-9814. Cut off for dinner reservations will be Sunday, March 13 or when we get more people than we can handle, which is around 100 people. Dinner will be \$7.00 and consist of corn beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, dessert with a draft beer or soda and prepared by yours truly.

Thomas D. Murphy
Membership Chairman

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Celebrate 
St. Patty's Day
With Us!

Thursday
March 17
5-7 PM
Corned Beef and Cabbage
\$7.00

Adjutant's Corner

The American Legion traces its beginning to the Paris Caucus of March 15-17, 1919, where representatives of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF) gathered to form a nationwide Veterans Service Organization. Today, thousands of Posts worldwide, set aside a time to commemorate the birthday of the American Legion.

What better way to celebrate the 86th birthday of the American Legion than by inviting an eligible friend or neighbor to join with us as members of the largest veterans group in America.

Every eligible veteran has earned the right to be a member of the American Legion. Ask NOW.

For those of you who still have not paid your 2005 dues, National will send you another dues renewal notice on the 15th of March. Those who have just paid their dues will probably receive another notice since the cutoff date was last month. If you have paid your dues and have a 2005 card, disregard the renewal notice. If you have not renewed, what are you waiting for?

As always, should you have any questions on your membership, do not hesitate to contact me either at the Post, 301-464-9814 or at my residence 301-490-6436. Post e-mail address is alpost66@bellatlantic.net and mine is jimabniam@aol.com.

James L. Pritchett, Jr.
Adjutant

Friday Night Dinner Schedule and Menu March 2005

March 4th (**Honor Guard**)
Grilled Steak (Cooked to Order)(\$10.00)

March 11th (**Auxiliary**)
Tacos (\$8.00)

March 18th (**SAL**)
½ Baked Chicken (\$8.00)

March 25th (**Honor Guard**)
Salmon Teriyaki (\$8.00)

All dinners are served from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.
"Doggie" bags provided. Call Post for reservation Wednesday before dinner.

March 12th Shrimp Nite
Baker's Dozen & Draft only \$6.50

Melvin Buck Scholarship

Nominations to receive the 2005 Melvin Buck Scholarship are now being accepted. The winner will receive financial assistance in the amount of \$1,500. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a graduating high school senior in 2005.
2. Be a child, stepchild or grandchild of a member in good standing of the American Legion, Disney-Bell Post 66.

This scholarship is awarded by a blind draw of all applications accepted. Applications must be in writing and contain the following information: The applicant's name, address, telephone number, relationship to the member, member's name and membership number, and the name and telephone number of the high school the applicant attends. The deadline is April 1, 2005.



Applications may be delivered or mailed to the American Legion, Disney-Bell Post 66, 9605 Old Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, Maryland 20720 and

marked to the attention of Doug Peters, Chairman, Children and Youth Committee. Applications may also be sent via fax or e-mail.

Chicken Soup for the Drinker

Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza.

--Dave Barry

You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on.

--Dean Martin

Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.

--Ernest Hemingway

You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline. It helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a beer.

--Frank Zappa

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

--Benjamin Franklin

Can You Find Your DD-214?

Do you know where a copy of your DD-214 is? More importantly, does your family know where to find it when you are not here? All too often, the Post Service Officer is called to intervene on behalf of a family member to assist in obtaining this all important document. Regrettably, there is not too much he can do. If your family cannot produce a copy, there will be no flag on your casket. Funeral arrangements, including internment, can be delayed causing untold heartache and problems at a time when your loved ones are mourning. **DO NOT DELAY!** Make sure your family knows where to find your DD-214 for these and other veterans benefits to which you are entitled. If you cannot locate your DD-214, contact the Post Service Officer NOW!



SAL Squadron 66
Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 14th
7:30 p.m.



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Legion Birthday Dinner



Saturday
March 19, 2005

Cocktails: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Program: 8:00 pm



Limited Space
RSVP Now!