

# THE RISING STAR

DISNEY-BELL POST 66 NEWSLETTER

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## Post 66 Begins New Legion Year!

This will be my first article as your new commander and I wish to welcome everyone to a new Legion year. So what's new at the post?

The house committee is hard at work improving the quality of our inside atmosphere. We are looking into a new air filtration system which is currently in use at a number of veterans service clubs and doing an outstanding job. When these units are up and running they filter 8000 cubic feet of air every minute. That's impressive! Hopefully, the work will be completed by the end of August.

Second Vice Commander Dan Healy is hard at work with our plans for the new pavilion. Exactly when the pavilion will actually be constructed is another question. Local government agencies really make you jump through the hoops before they will issue a permit.

Membership renewals have slowed down some what. **Remember! If you renew your dues before November 11, the amount is \$20.00. After that date, our dues increase will go into effect and the cost will be \$25.00.**

Honor Guard steak nights along with the other Friday night dinners have returned. Check

your calender for these meals and don't forget to call the Post no later than the Wednesday before so we know how many meals we need to purchase.



We are also experimenting with a new event at the Post. On Tuesday's, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., you will be able to purchase a good sandwich, hot or cold, and piled high with great meats on fresh bread for only five bucks (\$5.00). We will offer "Sandwich Nite" through December and if it proves popular, will make it permanent. The SAL is providing Sandwich Nite for the Legion faithful with John Holman (commonly known as "J") running the show. Here's a guy who knows his way around a good sandwich. Reservations are NOT required. Also, Tuesdays are "Two fer Tuesdays," two beers, two bucks. So, grab a couple of beers, a great sandwich and enjoy your Post.

All in all, you can see by reading this article that your Post is moving in the right direction

and your elected officers are working hard to make our Post a better place to visit and belong. God bless our Veterans and God bless America.

Thomas D. Murphy  
Commander  
Post 66



Post 66  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, September 28  
7:30 p.m.

### Chaplain's Corner

As we begin another administrative year, let us remember our fellow veterans in the VA hospitals and nursing homes. If you know of any veteran or their family who needs our help, please leave a message for me at our Post Home, or call me at 301-262-0257, or send an e-mail message to [rweik53164@aol.com](mailto:rweik53164@aol.com).

Toni King  
Chaplain

## Dues Increase???

**T**hat's right! At our regular membership meeting held in March, a dues increase was approved. This was necessary due to a dues increase we are required to pay the Department of Maryland and also to forestall any future increase mandate by National. Dues to Disney-Bell Post 66 has been raised from \$20.00 per year, to \$25.00.

But don't despair! We also voted that if you pay your dues BEFORE November 11, not only will you be an Early Bird, not only will you be entitled to attend the greatest Early Bird Dinner this side of the Patuxent, but you still only have to pay \$20.00. And, as if that isn't enough, if you wish to purchase a PUFL (Paid up for Life), do so prior to November 11, 2005 and you save by paying at the \$20/year rate. This could save you up to several hundred dollars over the course of a lifetime. Man, it doesn't get any better than this.



### Unit 66 Report

**M**y name is Juanita Thompson, and I am the incoming President of the Disney-Bell Unit 66 of the

American Legion Auxiliary for the 2005 - 2006 term of office. The new officers, members and myself have had our first meeting and we have a lot of great ideas to put into action and hopefully they will be successful.

This year as in previous years membership is first and foremost. If you have not paid your dues for the 2005 - 2006 membership please get them in as soon as possible, the Department of Maryland has made goal for 43 years, which if more than any other department in this organization, and we don't want to break the streak. So get your dues in today!



Auxiliary Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, September 21  
7:30 p.m.

The theme for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Summer Carnival is Mardi Gras, and the date of the carnival is September 17, 2005. Some of the Auxiliary members and myself have volunteered to run a game table that day. We will be leaving the Post between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. that morning. We will set up our game table before 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served to the volunteers, the veterans will start arriving at the carnival to play the games at 1:00 p.m.. The players

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

will be awarded a certificate and a monetary prize for playing. This year we are acting as a Legion family, and members of the Legion and the SAL are invited to attend and assist with the game. If you want to attend please call the Post home and leave a message to my attention. Now is the time to mark your calendars for the following activities: Saturday, October 29, 2005 - Children's Halloween Party - 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., at the Post Home Friday, April 28, 2006 - the Children & Youth Program - 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., at the Post Home.

We will still have our Friday night dinners on the second Friday of every month, the first dinner will be September 9th, 2005 starting at 6:30 p.m.. The menu will be: Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and Dessert. The menu for October will be lasagna. So get your names on the list before September 7th so you won't miss out on some great food and fun fellowship with friends and fellow members.

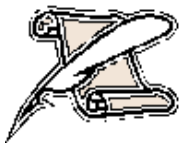
We also have several fund raisers coming up throughout the year. The first will be a CAKE RAFFLE, The prize will be a cake that will serve 10 - 20 people, there will be a poster at the Post Home with a picture of

the cake for that month. This raffle will run through the whole year. There will be a cake a month, decorated for that month. The cake for September will be a Hamburger Cake, the cake will be made when the winner requests it, so it will be fresh. I know because I'm the baker and decorator. Chances will be \$1 a piece, and the drawings will be done at our monthly meetings. The cake for October will be a Haunted House cake for Halloween. The proceeds from the raffle will go toward Veterans programs.

We are also in the process of planning a Craft Show in October. Details will be in the next newsletter.

For God and Country,

Juanita L. Thompson  
President



### Adjutant's Call

**E**very member of Disney-Bell Post 66, who is an annual dues payer, should have received the first dues renewal notice mailed by The American Legion National Headquarters. If you did not receive one, please contact me or mail your dues to the Post, Attn: Adjutant and I'll do the rest. Don't forget . . . although your

dues notice states that dues are \$25, pay before November 11 and it is still only \$20.

Response to the first notice has been great and we are currently ahead of our goal. However, (don't you just love it when a sentence begins with "however"), we need to continue this pace. Those of you who are hanging fire on your renewal, need to mail that renewal in as soon as you can. Another renewal notice will be mailed to all Legionnaires whose renewals have not been processed at National Headquarters by now.

#### September Friday Night Dinner Menu

September 2	Steak
September 9	Chicken Parmesan Spaghetti
September 16	TBA
September 23	TBA
September 30	TBA

All meals are served 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
Reservations should be made by calling the Post no later than the Wednesday before.

A few members, who have already paid their dues, will receive this notice. As always, if you have paid your dues and have your 2006 membership card, ignore this notice. For those who have not yet renewed, this will be your second "wake

up" call. Now is the time to renew before the \$5.00 dues increase takes affect.

Again, if you have any questions on your membership, do not hesitate to contact me either at the Post, telephone 301-464-9814 or my residence 301-390-6436, cell 240-355-6809. Post e-mail address is [alpost66@bellatlantic.net](mailto:alpost66@bellatlantic.net) or mine is [jimabniam@aol.com](mailto:jimabniam@aol.com).

For God and Country,

James L. Pritchett, Jr.  
Adjutant



### Turkey Shoots Return

**T**he 2005-2006 Turkey Shoot season is coming and will start on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.. We have some new events planned this year and we will be including many more cash prizes and all cash shoots as well. Super Shoots, Winner-Take-All Pots, Scatter Shots and a surprise or two can be expected. And, naturally, there will be hundreds

24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence?  
--Stephen Wright

of pounds of turkeys, hams, bacon and more. The price hasn't changed either.

Preregistration will begin on October 1 and you may sign 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.) So even if you don't shoot, you can't beat a great breakfast for a fantastic price.

Clean up 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. Oh never mind . . . we never cancel shoots.

Not all chemicals are bad. Without chemicals such as hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer.  
--Dave Barry

## Honey, Where is Your DD-214?

Every year we are contacted by family members of comrades who have been transferred to Post Everlasting, needing to locate a copy of the member's DD-214. And every year we print at least one item in the newsletter about the importance of knowing the location of your DD-214. We cannot overstate this issue. This document

represents valuable certification of the member's military service, and without it, you will encounter delays and/or denial of certain rights including the awarding of the U.S. flag and internment in a VA cemetery. ***The American Legion DOES NOT retain copies of your DD-214.***

### E-mail List

So you want to be on the Post 66 e-mail subscriber's list and receive last minute information and important notices? Then just send your name and e-mail address to us at [alpost66@bellatlantic.net](mailto:alpost66@bellatlantic.net) and we'll add you. Please put "E-mail Subscriber" in the subject line.

One of the greatest gifts you can leave your family is easy accessibility to your DD-214 for that time you are not here to help them. Here are some hints: make several copies and keep them handy. Put one in the safe deposit box, one where you file your bills, send one to all your kids, give one to your neighbor. We even had one member put it in a frame and hang it on the wall with his other awards and certificates.

Please, make sure your loved ones know where to find your DD-214. And, if you can't find it yourself (that happens), contact the Chairman of our Service Committee, Eddie Thompson, and he will help you get a copy NOW! His telephone numbers is

301-262-2263. (Spouses: Bug them about this!)

## Some of our Favorite Signs

Sign over a gynecologist's office  
"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

On a Plumbers truck:  
"We repair what your husband fixed."

On the trucks of a local plumbing company:  
"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

Pizza shop slogan:  
"7 days without pizza makes one weak."

At a tire shop in Milwaukee:  
"Invite us to your next blowout."





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**SAL Car Show**  
**Saturday, September 17**  
**Noon - 3:00 PM**

**SAL**  
**Crab Feast**  
**September 25**  
**2:00 - 5:00 pm**  
**\$25.00**

