

The Rising Star

Disney-Bell Post 66 Newsletter

November 1, 2005

A Time for Thanksgiving

Now is the time of year for all of us to give thanks for the things we have. Please say a prayer for our service men and women who may not be home for the coming holidays and for their families who will miss them very much. I wish that all Post 66 Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members have a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families. I also want to give thanks for a good group of officers who work very hard for the Post and do their jobs from behind the scenes which the average member doesn't see.



What's new???? I would like to say that we have the building permit for the pavilion; however, since this needs to get to print and we may not know until tomorrow, we will have to "wait and see" just a little longer. We are hopeful that construction will begin soon.

Veterans Day, November 11, falls on Friday and ceremonies will be hosted by VFW 8065. After the ceremonies (hopefully weather will allow us to have them at Veterans Memorial Park), light food and refreshments will be served at Disney-Bell Post 66, and hosted by VFW 8065.

Turkey Shoots are again with us, come up and have some fun on Sunday mornings, stick around and watch the Redskins on our Big Screen TV and you could even sign up for our SUPER BOWL PARTY.

And, once again, if you have not yet renewed your membership please do so now. Dues to Post 66 are \$25.00 BUT, if you renew prior to Veterans Day, you pay only \$20.00. Not only will you be helping your Post, but you will also be entitled to

enjoy the Early Bird Dinner on November 19. I thank all of you who have already paid your dues and continue to support The American Legion.

God Bless America,
God Bless our Veterans

Thomas D. Murphy
Commander

Veterans Day Ceremonies

Hostilities in World War I, which began in late July 1914, were suspended at eleven o'clock in the morning of Monday, November 11, 1918, after the signing of the Armistice by the contending powers.

On November 11, 1919, the first Armistice anniversary, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed this day as Armistice Day. On June 1, 1954, President Eisenhower signed Public



Law 380 which changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day in honor of the veterans of all wars. Today, November 11, once a great patriotic holiday, is often ignored and forgotten. Many corporations do not include Veterans Day as a part of their holiday schedule.

Here in Bowie, thanks to our veterans service organizations, Veterans Day is observed as a day of respect commemorating the service of veterans of all wars. The American Legion, Disney-Bell

Post 66; the Disabled American Veterans, Omaha Beach Chapter 7; the Marine Corps League, Free State Detachment and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Bowie Memorial Post 8065 have united together each year at 11:00 a.m., November 11 to conduct Veterans Day services. They are joined by their fellow veterans of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, 7th Star and Seventh Stripe Chapter 2222 along with civic, fraternal and patriotic organizations to lay wreaths and pay respect to the memory of departed comrades.

The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 11, 2005 at Ascension Church, Route 564, Lanham-Severn Road. A reception will follow here at the Post. All Legion, Auxiliary, Squadron members and their spouses and guests are requested to be present for Veterans Day ceremonies.

Adjutant's Call



Another benefit of belonging to The American Legion is the free \$1,000.00 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance offered by your Department (Maryland) and the Legionnaire Insurance Trust. You are eligible for this insurance simply by being a member in good standing in The American Legion. However, you must enroll by mailing a coupon to the Legionnaire Insurance Trust. Once your coupon is received, your no-cost coverage will begin and will continue through August 31, 2011. Your acceptance is guaranteed; however, there that word is again, you must have mailed in the application post card/coupon. A post card has been included with every 2006 membership card mailed this year. If you have misplaced that card, contact me for an additional one.

By the time you receive this newsletter, time to qualify as an "Early Bird" will be fast approaching. To qualify, we must have your 2006 renewal by Veterans Day, November 11, 2005. If you run short of time, attend the Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park, 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 11, 2005 and come to the reception at Post 66 and pay your 2006 dues directly to me. This way, you can join your fellow veterans on "Our Day," enjoy some comradery and become an "Early Bird" all in one day. Come on down.

As the Commander reported, the Early Bird Dinner will be on Saturday Evening, November 19, 2005. Since the seating space is limited in our hall, there will be a sign up sheet at the Post starting November 1, 2005. You must call the Post to insure you and your guest is included. No one is automatically placed on the list so call anytime after 12:00 noon each day to make reservations.

As always, should you have any questions on your membership, contact me either at the Post

TGI Friday Night Dinner Menu November

Nov 4	Steak \$10.00
Nov 11	Lasagna \$8.00
Nov 18	½ Baked Chicken \$8.00
Nov 25	"All You Can Eat" Spaghetti \$7.00

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

Nov 12	Shrimp Nite \$6.50
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301-464-6914 or my residence 301-390-6436, cell 240-355-6809. Post E-mail is alpost66@bellatlantic and mine is jimabniam@aol.com. Suggest you try my cell phone or E-mail first.

In service to God and Country, I am.

James L. Pritchett, Jr.
Adjutant

Unit 66 Report

Activities have really picked up for the year. The Ladies' are charging forward with fund raisers to go toward programs to support veterans and their families.

A monthly Gas Raffle has begun with tickets at a dollar each or six for five dollars. The prize is a \$100 Citgo Gas Card. The drawing will be held on November 11, 2005 at the Auxiliary Friday Night Dinner.



Contact an Auxiliary member if you would like to purchase tickets or they are available at the bar. Buying a ticket satisfies a twofold goal: 1) The Ladies Auxiliary can support more projects for veterans and their families, and 2) Where can you get \$100 of gas for \$1 or \$5 these days? This fund raiser will be running each month with a gas card for different brand of gasoline. Raffle tickets will also be different colors for each month's raffle. Please buy a chance and help out our fellow veterans and their families.

There will be a Fall Bazaar on November 26, 2005 at Post 66. Tables can be rented for \$25 if you have a craft that you would like to market. Call the Post Home at 301-464-9814 and leave a message for Juanita if you are interested. We have a limited number of tables available so call early and reserve yours. If you just want to shop, you are welcome to come and look around. We will also be selling refreshments and there will be a bake sale so that you can satisfy your sweet tooth.

Turkey shoots have begun that also means that the Auxiliary is serving breakfasts to anyone between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served between the hours of noon and 2:00 p.m.. If you don't feel like getting up to fix breakfast on Sunday just come on up to the Legion and buy one from the Ladies, and if you're coming up to the Post for NASCAR or watch the football game you can get a nice hot lunch while you're here!

The menu for the November 11th, 2005 Friday Night Dinner is lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. As I mentioned earlier in my article the drawing for the \$100 Gas Card will be during this dinner, if you are there for dinner you could leave with a lot of GAS.

Juanita Thompson
Unit 66 President

Squadron 66 Report

I am happy to report that the SAL is ahead of goal with membership at 80%. Keep up the good work. We are continuing with the Tuesday Sandwich Night as well as our half chicken dinner on the third Friday of each month. We have started the annual Holiday Train Raffle and tickets are available at the bar. The SAL meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.. Hope to see you there.



Joe Weik
Commander

American Legion High School Oratorical Contest

Disney-Bell Post 66 will be sponsoring the local level of the National High School Oratorical Contest on

February 4, 2005. Interested students should preregister no later than January 1, 2006 by phoning Post 66 at (301) 464-9814 or Brian Frye, the Post Oratorical Committee Chairman, at (301) 860-1717.

Each year thousands of high school students gain a deeper understanding of the U.S. Constitution and share



that knowledge with a vast audience through the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest. Hundreds of students win scholarship awards at the Post level for speeches that explore the substance and meaning of the Constitution. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

The contest consists of a prepared oration between 8-10 ten minutes in length and a short oration on an assigned topic between 3-5 minutes in length. State and local contests run annually January through March, culminating at the national level in April. In Maryland, local Posts participating in the contest conduct the initial program and send their respective winners to the county level and then on to the state finals. The Maryland champion then competes at the regional and possibly national level. The three national finalists compete for scholarships ranging from \$14,000 to a top award of \$18,000 going to the winner.

The local contest in Bowie offers \$250, \$175, and \$50 for the top three competitors. The American Legion encourages parents and school administrators to support this annual competition which instills Americanism in our high school students across the country.

A few Volunteers to be time keepers and escorts are needed and should see Brian Frye for details.

ATTENTION VETERANS!!

Walk-In Flu Shots
Weekdays

9:00 - 11:00 am

1:00 - 3:00 pm

VA Health Center
Community Clinic

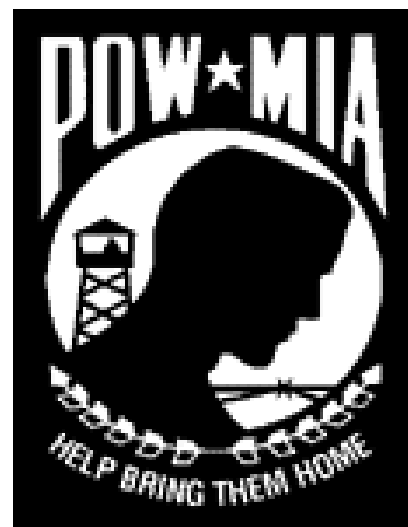
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Greenbelt, Maryland
301-345-2463

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or

DD-214 (or equivalent)
and

Social Security Number





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Veterans Day Ceremony
Friday
November 11, 2005
11:00 am
Bowie Veterans Park

Reception Follows
Post 66
Hosted by VFW Post 8065