

# Disney-Bell Family News

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## Special points of interest:

- With much hard work, we made our goal for 4-Star membership status. This is the 20th year in a row that the Post has achieved 4-Star status!
- Congratulations to the 2008/2009 Officers for our Post Family of organizations. See page 6.

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## Commander's Message



### My Fellow Legionnaires:

It hardly seems a year ago since I was installed as Commander. This past Wednesday, June 4, the elections were held at our Post and Mark Ryan was elected our new Commander. Mark is a man of character and integrity and our Post will be in good hands under his leadership. My congratulations to Mark and I assure you he will have my support.

Much was accomplished this last year and I have much of which to be proud. I want to thank my fellow officers for all of their dedication and hard work. We could not have accomplished nearly as much as we did without the

work of all of our fellow officers.

I said a year ago as I was installed as Commander that it was both an honor and a privilege to serve our Post in that capacity and a year later I still feel exactly the same way. Serving as Commander of Disney Bell Post 66 will always be regarded as one of the highest honors of my life. I am very grateful to our members for affording me this privilege.

God Bless our Veterans and  
God Bless America.

**Dick Lanham**  
Commander

## MEMORIAL DAY 2008

Memorial Day ceremonies are to remember and honor our service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. A ceremony is held each year at Bowie Veteran's Park, which includes the POW-MIA table and laying of wreaths by various Veterans and civic organizations. Four Bowie Veteran's organizations, including Disney-Bell Post 66, The Disabled American Veterans, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Marine Corps League, conduct the Memorial Day Ceremonies.



# Post Officers

2007 - 2008

Commander	Dick Lanham
1st Vice Commander	Mark Ryan
2nd Vice Commander	Brian Goldman
Adjutant	Mark Ryan
Finance Officer	Charlie Milstead
Chaplain	Toni King
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We welcome your news, ideas, suggestions, comments, or questions for the next issue of the **Disney-Bell Family News**.

E-mail us at: [newsletter@alpost66.org](mailto:newsletter@alpost66.org) or leave it at the Post to the attention of: Ray Hart.

## Have you moved?

The 2009 Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. membership renewals will be mailed soon. Make sure yours is sent to the correct address.

You can update your address online at: [www.legion.org/members/resources/changeaddress](http://www.legion.org/members/resources/changeaddress). You will need to enter your membership number and your last name. If you don't have online access, contact the Post so we can update your address. And remember to renew early. This way you will be able to keep your continuous membership with the Post and all its privileges.

**Susan Beckwell**  
**Treasurer, Unit 66**

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### Post Standing Committees

Finance Committee

House Committee

Membership Committee

Patriotism and Youth Committees (Baseball; Flag Education; Oratorical; Scholarship; and Scouts)

Veterans Committee

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### Monthly Meeting Schedule

- SAL Squadron 66 2nd Monday
- Post 66 Executive Committee 2nd Wednesday
- Auxiliary Unit 66 3rd Wednesday
- Post 66 - Membership 4th Wednesday
- American Legion Riders 4th Thursday

**All Meetings Begin Promptly at 7:30 p.m.**

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### Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry - PLEASE HELP!

*There is a continuing need for donations to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable boxed or canned goods to the Post, and drop them off in the white Rubbermaid container in the lounge area. There is an especially critical need for donations during the months of July and August when food supplies are depleted. Alternately, if you can donate money, please drop it off at the Post in an envelope marked "Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry". Thanks for all of your support!*

**JULY AND AUGUST POST 66 HAPPENINGS**

**Organizational Meetings**

Wednesday	July 9th	Executive Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	July 23rd	In lieu of the General Membership Meeting, we will have our joint installation of new and returning officers with cocktails, dinner, and program starting at 6:00 p.m. There is limited room for this event, so please sign up by the Friday preceding the event.
Thursday	July 24th	American Legion Riders Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	July 30th	Special Executive Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Monday	August 11th	S.A.L. Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	August 13th	Executive Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	August 20	Auxiliary Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	August 27th	General Membership Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	August 28th	American Legion Riders Meeting; 7:30 p.m.

**Other Post Activities**

Friday	July 4th	Annual 4th of July Picnic - 1:00 p.m., at the Post We're having our old-fashioned 4th of July family-style picnic and festivities (games and entertainment). Grilled meats will be provided. Please bring a dish to share with other Post members.
Saturday	July 26	S.A.L. Crab Feast - Tickets on sale at the Post
Holidays and Celebrations	July and August	Holidays are Independence Day on July 4th.

**POST 66 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Check the calendar on the Post website or contact the Post at 301-464-9814 for the most up-to-date information.**

<b>Daily Bar Specials</b>				
<b>Margarita Mondays</b>	<b>Two for Tuesday</b>	<b>Whiney Wino Wednesday</b>	<b>Thirsty Thursday</b>	<b>T.G.I.F.</b>
Margaritas \$1.50	2 beers for \$2	2 wines for \$3	.50 cent drafts	.25 cents off all drinks from 5 - 7
				

## Auxiliary Unit 66



My how time does fly; seems like the past year has just flown by. It is almost time for the Legion Convention again.

The Unit has accomplished many good things this past year. Our Poppy Chairman, Brenda Grubb-Graham, has gone great guns in getting donations, and as of this writing has collected more than \$600.00 in donations for the Poppy Program. We have had a few trials with the passing of Anna Thompson but the entire Unit pulled together and hardly missed a beat in staying on track. I know Anna would be proud of us all.

A reminder to all Unit members

that it is time to renew your membership. We did not make Goal this year but I know with more work and the positive attitude of our members, we will succeed this next year.

The new Unit Officers are listed on page 7. Congratulations to all of the new Officers.

Mark your calendars for the following dates. July 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Installation Dinner and ceremony. Try and attend to meet and show your support for the new Officers being installed for our Unit. There is no July meeting. August 20<sup>th</sup> is the Unit's first meeting of the new year.

Plan on attending as a lot will be

happening and your involvement is what helps to make our Unit successful. Enjoy the summer, be safe, and I'm sure Unit 66 will be ready for an outstanding 2008-2009 year.

I will be stepping down from the Secretary's position and this will be my last newsletter article for the Unit. I have enjoyed keeping everyone abreast of our activities and events. I want to thank all of you for your support and I do hope that I have lived up to your expectations.

**Judy Williams**  
**Secretary, Unit 66**

## S.A.L. Squadron 66



I bring you this edition of the S.A.L. news from the sandy beaches of Bermuda, where the only thing between me and the ocean is an ice cold margarita.

OK, so I'm actually at home in my boxer shorts with the air conditioner cranked up watching the travel channel, but you get the idea. I'll start off by congratulating all of the newly elected officers (listed on page 7). You should know most of them, as all of them are holding the same position as the year before. I guess that means we're doing something right. We'll see you at the Installation Dinner and ceremony later this month.

With the upcoming Legion Convention this month, I only have a few other upcoming events I'd like to point out. The first is a crab feast on July 26<sup>th</sup>. I don't really have to say much about our crab feasts because they already have a reputation for being one of our best functions. It's hard to find crabs as big and heavy as the ones we pile on the tables. Save the date and be sure to get your tickets early!



Looking ahead to September, we'll be holding our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show on September 20<sup>th</sup>. It's hard to imagine that we've kept this going since I was in high school. If you have a vehicle you'd like to enter, please visit the Post website at [www.alpost66.org](http://www.alpost66.org) to register. Otherwise, registration will be from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. the day of the show. Show time is 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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# American Legion Riders



Since the middle of May, we have been trying to catch up for lost time over the winter months. We have participated in the following events:

- City of Bowie Memorial Day parade – We had six and one-half bikes and two riders for a total of eight and one-half participants
- Rolling Thunder – We had five bikes (two guests) and one rider (guest) for a total of eight participants
- Bowie Memorial Day Services – We had a total of 11 members participate in this event, whether on bikes, riders or in cars.
- Purple Heart Ride – We had five bikes and two riders for a total of seven participants. The Post matched our \$100.00 contribution and each participant made a personal donation of \$25.00 for a total donation to this event of \$375.00. There were a total of 214 bikes (194 last year) that participated and a total fund of \$17,000.00 was raised to benefit the Armed Forces Foundation. Miles ridden per bike was approximately 95.

- COPS Ride – We had 11 Bikes (one guest) and three riders (one guest) for a total of 14 participants. The Post matched our \$200.00 contribution and each participant personally donated \$25.00. This made our total donation for this event \$750.00. Miles ridden per bike was approximately 70.

We have the following rides scheduled for the months of June thru August:

- June 28 – ALR Post 239 Poker Run to benefit the Fisher House.
- July 26 – Casey Cares ride to benefit the Casey Cares foundation.
- August 9 – Charlotte Hall Veterans Poker Run sponsored by the US Military Veterans M/C to benefit Charlotte Hall Veterans Home.

**Tom Atkins**  
Director

*S.A.L. (Continued from page 4)*

Cost to pre-register is \$12.00 or \$15.00 the day of the show. Get off your asphalt and come on down. Save the date. We're always looking for volunteers to help with this event so we can make this show bigger every year. If you haven't volunteered in the past, this is a fun event to consider.



The S.A.L. has received thanks from Andrews Air Force Base Fisher House, Ride Across Maryland (Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation), and Concerns of Police Survivors for recent donations. Thanks to all of our volunteers who make our events successful and which allow us to make contributions to these worthy organizations.

A final reminder, the S.A.L. will not be holding a meeting for the month of July. Our meetings will resume in August and are the second Monday of each month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

See you at the Post.

**James S. Clark, III**  
Commander, Squadron 66

# Election Results for Legion Year 2008-2009

Our congratulations to these individuals for stepping forward to help lead the Disney-Bell Post 66 Family of organizations forward for another year.

## Post 66

**Commander - Mark Ryan**  
**1st Vice Commander - Brian Goldman**  
**2nd Vice Commander - Don Suloman**  
**Chaplain - Toni King**  
**Service Officer - Eddie Thompson**  
**Finance Officer - Charlie Milstead**  
**Historian - Ray Hart**  
**Judge Advocate - Richard Beckwell**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms - Sonny Frank**  
**Executive Committee - Brian Frye, Dick Lanham, Phoebe LeMaster, Jr. Martin, and Clif Morvant**

## Auxiliary Unit 66

**President - Lois Van Sickle**  
**Vice president - Toni King**  
**Secretary - Phoebe LeMaster**  
**Treasurer - Susan Beckwell**  
**Chaplain - EmilyMary Goldman**  
**Historian - Linda Healy**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms - Brenda Grubb-Graham**

## Squadron 66 - S.A.L.

**Commander - James Clark**  
**1st Vice Commander - Del Billings**  
**Finance Officer - Darby McNeill**  
**Adjutant - Joe Weik**  
**Chaplain - Joe Clark**  
**Sergeant-at-Arms - Skip Powell**  
**Historian - Bill Milligan**

## American Legion Riders

**Director - Tom Atkins**  
**Assistant Director - Richard Beckwell**  
**Secretary - Susan Beckwell**  
**Treasurer - Cathy Busi**  
**Sgt-at-Arms/Road Captain - Sonny Frank**  
**Chaplain - John Cooper**



## Talk About Town

Xianna Perez completed her military service on June 20, 2008. Congratulations to her on having proudly served her country since 2006.

Lois Van Sickle's daughter Lindsay and Del and Rose Billings' son Jon will be tying the knot on August 31, 2008. This brings together two Post families, as all five of these folks are members of the Post Family of organizations. Best wishes to all!

James Clark and fiancée Darlene tied the knot last month on June 21, 2008. Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Tom Atkins' daughter Tara just got married to Tom's brand new son-in-law Rhollin Castellano. Rhollin joined the Army reserves and graduated from boot camp at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, on July 1, 2008. He has orders to report to Army Intelligence School at Fort Sam Houston in Texas.

*If you have any information that you would like to share about yourself or any Post member, please send your e-mail to: [newsletter@alpost66.org](mailto:newsletter@alpost66.org) or drop it at the Post to the attention of: Ray Hart by August 15, 2008.*

# Congressional Cemetery

## Memorial Day Flag Placement

The Post's Boy Scout Troop placed grave marker flags at Congressional Cemetery over the Memorial Day Weekend. This information was provided to me to share with Post members.

*We had 24 scouts and adults participate in flag placement at Congressional Cemetery on Saturday, May 24, 2008. Congressional Cemetery was 200 years old in 2007, and was Washington, D.C.'s first cemetery. 70 years before the creation of National Cemeteries, Congressional Cemetery served as the final resting place for many of those who defended our country. There are about 1500 Veterans interred at Congressional; 17 from the Revolutionary War, 14 from the War of 1812; scores from the Civil War; and many soldiers, airman and sailors from the wars and conflicts that followed. Those who were responsible for the running our Government, including 19 Senators and 120 members of Congress, are also interred there. Notable dignitaries from Washington's early days include: Eldridge Gerry, signer of the Declaration of Independence; John Phillips Sousa, Leader of the Marine Corps Band and 'March King'; General Archibald Henderson, longest serving Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Matthew Brady, Civil War photographer.*

**Mark Ryan**  
1st Vice Commander and Adjutant

## Thank you to a Very Special Person

*On Saturday, eight members of the Disney-Bell Post 66, American Legion Riders, participated in the Bowie Memorial Day parade. When we finished the parade, we decided to go to T. J. Elliot's for some refreshment, lunch, and good camaraderie. As it was such a fine and sunny day, we decided to sit outside, thereby allowing us to talk of the joy and satisfaction that our participating gave to us, without disturbing the lunch of the other patrons.*

*For the American Legion family, Memorial Day has great meaning as it allows us to remember the great sacrifices of those who went before us, to remember the parts we veterans played in the immediate past, and those who are currently serving to defend our Constitution and way of life. It gives us pause to thank all for their service to this great Nation.*

*When it was time to leave, and pay the bill, we were notified that the bill had been paid! Dumbfounded and bewildered, we looked at each other and were for once found to be speechless. When asked, our waitress said that a patron inside had seen our vests and the American Legion Riders Eagle that emblazons the*

*back of it and said that he would pay for our lunch. The gentleman (and I use this term affectionately) came out and all he said was, "Thank you for your service." Never before has anyone done something like this to me, nor to any one of us who were at the table. Two of us are veterans of the Viet Nam era and this circumstance was beyond anything we had ever experienced. I will be honest; I did feel a lump form in my throat.*

*Dear Sir, whoever you are, Thank You for what you did. On behalf of all of my fellow Legion Riders, and the Legion family, we accept and revere your sentiments. In addition, we accept them in the name of all service men and women who have given, and will give, of themselves to allow us the opportunity to have a Parade, in peace and liberty.*

*Richard Beckwell*

*(This letter was published in the Bowie Blade News, The Bowie Star, and the Free State Warrior.)*

## The Facilities Corner



Another Legion year has almost come to an end and a lot has transpired; building a new pavilion, a State smoking ban which required a new smoker's gazebo, getting 6 donated and 23 newly purchase picnic tables, building a new overflow parking lot, and a huge amount of donated or reduced cost manpower. We've cut costs by using more energy efficient lights, fixed an underground water leak, and joined an electric coop to reduce our electric rates.

We had our first Halloween party for the kids in our new pavilion as well as our first official post functions on Veteran's Appreciation Day and Flag Day with hot dogs and hamburgers on the Post's new gas grill, thanks to the S.A.L. Also, more thanks to the S.A.L. for the donation of the new storage container allowing us to store the picnic tables in the garage where they are closer to the pavilion.

Thanks to the trench team who ran the water and electric lines out to the pavilion. Thanks to Andy Parezo for installing the electric and our new lights, taking time from his busy work schedule. Thanks to Mark Ryan and Don Suloman, who helped us save a

bundle on our do it yourself gravel parking lot. Special thanks Nick Muller for being there when I needed him to baby-sit one of my projects or move gravel around with his backhoe. I can't say he was fast to get a job done, but the price was right and so was his heart. Last but not least, thanks to the House Committee for helping me get the job done when I had no experience doing anything like this before, nor a desire to repeat it.

For those of you like Skip Powell and Joe Clark who keep the kitchen in clean and running order and the other members who helped and gave time and labor especially for the building of the pavilion (too numerous to mention) my undying thanks for getting involved.

In closing, all I can say is it has been quite an experience and good luck to my successor. This is a thankless job and entails a lot of work.

**Brian Goldman**  
2nd Vice Commander

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## Military Appreciation Picnic

On May 17th, Disney-Bell Post 66 invited Veterans and their families, from the Bowie community, to attend the first "Veterans Appreciation Picnic" to celebrate Armed Forces Day. There was food and drink aplenty, including a leg of lamb and a pit-style roasted whole pig. Both were donated and prepared by the Sons of the American Legion. The pig got a lot of "ewes" from the kids, but it provided the most succulent pulled pork sandwiches that one can imagine. There were hamburgers and hotdogs obtained from the Laurel Meat Market. There was potato salad and cole slaw from the Red, Hot and Blue Restaurant which is also located in Laurel. In addition, baked beans, pasta salad, cookies, and bags of various potato chip flavors were available for everyone's eating pleasure.

I wish to give a heart felt "Thank You" to everyone who helped bring this event together. The success of this, our first ever Veterans Appreciation Picnic, is another example of how members of the American Legion Family work together as a team. An additional "Thanks" to the American Legion Auxiliary and to the American Legion for donating funds for this event.

**Susan Beckwell**  
Treasurer, Post 66



## Things to See and Do - New Feature!!

Sitting around with nothing to do and wondering what's out there to keep you amused?

Here are some local military-themed activities and memorials in which you might be interested.

**Twilight Tattoo.** The Twilight Tattoo is performed by the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" and The 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard). The Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long sunset military pageant that features Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), troop, and ceremonial units: The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, The U.S. Army Drill Team; The U.S. Army Blues, a soloist from The U.S. Army Chorus, and members of The U.S. Army Band Downrange. It is performed in Washington, DC, at Fort Lesley J. McNair, 4th Street and Maine Avenue, SW. It is performed on Wednesday evenings in May and June starting at 7:30 p.m. Get there early for first-come first-served bleacher seating. This year's final concert is on July 2, which still gives you an opportunity to attend. There is no cost to attend. Check the website for more information at: [www.usarmyband.com/events/twilight\\_tattoo.html](http://www.usarmyband.com/events/twilight_tattoo.html)

**City of Bowie Sunday Sunset Concert Series.** These concerts are held at Allen Pond Park from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. each Sunday evening this summer. We list the themed concerts and their dates below. There is no cost to attend.

- July 6 - U.S. Air Force Band Silver Wings (Country).
- July 27 - U.S. Air Force Max Impact (Pop).
- August 3 - The David Wayne Band (Country). Post member David Baust is in this group.
- August 17 - U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors (Jazz).
- August 31 - U.S. Navy "Cruisers" (Variety).
- September 7 - U.S. Army Field Band "Volunteers" Salute to America Concert (Partiotic).

**National World War II Memorial.** The National World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served in the armed forces of the U.S., the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. It is located in Washington, DC, on 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Constitution Avenue and Independence Avenue, SW. It is operated by the National Park Service and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no cost to visit. Check the website for more information at: [www.wwiimemorial.com](http://www.wwiimemorial.com).

**Korean War Veterans Memorial.** "Freedom is not free." Here, one finds the expression of American gratitude to those who restored freedom to South Korea. This memorial bears witness to the patriotism, devotion to duty, and courage of Korean War veterans. It is located in Washington, DC, on French Drive, SW, adjacent to the Lincoln memorial. It is operated by the National Park Service and is open from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. There is no cost to visit. Check the website for more information at: [www.nps.gov/kowa](http://www.nps.gov/kowa).

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial.** Deliberately setting aside the controversies of the War, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors the men and women who served when their Nation called upon them. It is located in Washington, DC, along Constitution Avenue, SW. It is operated by the National Park Service and is open 24 hours a day, with Rangers on duty to answer questions from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. daily. There is no cost to visit. Check the website for more information at: [www.nps.gov/vive/](http://www.nps.gov/vive/).

*"Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be." Douglas Mac Arthur*

*"An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." Winston Churchill*

# Independence Day (Each 4th of July)

By the middle of the 1700s, the 13 colonies that made up part of England's empire in the New World were finding it difficult to be ruled by a king 3,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean. They were tired of the taxes imposed upon them. But independence was a gradual and painful process. The colonists could not forget that they were British citizens and that they owed allegiance to King George III.

A "tea party" and a "Massacre" were two events that hurried destiny. Along with general unrest these events united the colonists. In 1767 a tea company in India, owned by England, was losing money. To save the company, England levied a tax on tea sold in the colonies in 1773. Partly as a joke, Samuel Adams and other Bostonians dressed up as Indians and dumped a cargo of the India Company Tea into the Massachusetts Bay. King George III did not think it was funny, nor did he lift the tax on tea. In the Boston harbor, British soldiers were jeered and stoned by colonists who thought the soldiers had been sent to watch them. The soldiers fired into the crowd and killed a few citizens. The colonists exaggerated the number killed and called it a massacre.

Virginia took the first step toward independence by voting to set up a committee to represent the colonies. This First Continental Congress met in September of 1774. They drew up a list of grievances against the crown which became the first draft of a document that would formally separate the colonies from England. George Washington took command of the Continental Army and began fighting the British in Massachusetts. For the next eight years, colonists fought fervently in the Revolutionary War.

In the meantime, a war of words was being waged in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress presented & debated a second draft of the list of grievances, and John Hancock, the president of the Second Continental Congress, was the first to sign. The document, called the Declaration of Independence, was treasonous against the crown and the fifty-six men who signed it were in danger of being executed.

Independence Day is celebrated on July 4 because that is the day when the Continental Congress adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence\*. From July 8, 1776, until the next month, the document was read publicly and people celebrated whenever they heard it. The next year, in Philadelphia, bells rang and ships fired guns, candles and firecrackers were lighted. But the War of Independence dragged on until 1783, and in that year, Independence Day was made an official holiday. 1941 Congress declared 4th of July a federal holiday.

John Adams, a lawyer, the first Vice President and the Second President of the United States, was one of the members of the Second Continental Congress who signed the Declaration of Independence. He wrote to his wife, "I believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival... it ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other..."

John Adams may have predicted the later Independence Day celebrations or perhaps he started traditions with his words. Every July fourth, Americans have a holiday from work. Communities have day-long picnics with favorite foods like hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans and all the fixings. The afternoon activities would not be complete without lively music, a friendly baseball game, three-legged races and a pie-eating or watermelon-eating contests. Some cities have parades with people dressed as the original founding fathers who march in parades to the music of high school bands. At dusk, people in towns and cities gather to watch the fireworks display. Wherever Americans are around the globe, they will get together for a traditional 4th of July celebration!

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## Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum Inc., at Charles County

P.O. Box 2123 - La Plata, Maryland 20646



This is a new memorial being developed to honor Maryland veterans of all wars, from the Revolutionary War to the present. It will also be a museum filled with memorabilia, artifacts, pictures, and information about each war. For membership or donation information, visit their website at [www.mdvets.cc](http://www.mdvets.cc).

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Flag disposal ceremonies at Post 66 on Flag Day, June 14, 2008.