

# Disney-Bell Family News

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## *Special points of interest:*

- Veteran's Day, November 11, please honor those who have served.
- There are lots of special events and activities taking place during this holiday season to check out! See the calendar on page 3.
- Our Early Bird Dinner is November 14. If you're an "early bird", check out the info on page 11.

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We publish this newsletter on the Post's website. We mail one copy to each Post 66 family residence. If you do not need a mailed copy, please send a note to [newsletter@alpost66.org](mailto:newsletter@alpost66.org) and ask to be removed from the mailing list. Getting your newsletter from the website means you will get it faster and save the Post printing and postage costs.

## **Commander's Call**



Does time move faster as we get older? It seems like we just celebrated New Years and it is time to organize holiday events for the end of 2009! The children's Halloween and Christmas Parties are being planned. Rumor has it the second annual Army/Navy game day celebration is going to be great. We are looking for ideas and help to celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Eve at the Post. Super Bowl and Daytona 500 are on the schedule.

As you can see, the holiday season is busy at the Post home. Please stop by not only to enjoy these events but to help organize, plan, and execute them as well. Don't forget Turkey shoots are up and running each Sunday through March with breakfast made to order by the Auxiliary starting at 8:00 a.m.

The S.A.L.'s Tuesday night sandwiches (and small dinners) are up and running. They serve a great selection and a generous portion for a good price.

Friday night dinners are also in full swing. Each Friday is sponsored by a different organization; see page 3.

I echo Second Vice Commander Suloman's thanks to the members of the Post Family who came out for the Fall cleanup of the Post facilities.

Don't forget Veteran's Day services on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. Our Early Bird Dinner will be held on November 14 this year; watch for the signup sheet at the Post.

As you work on your Christmas card lists and look for those special Christmas gifts, don't forget those who need our assistance. The Bowie Food Pantry basket is next to the big screen TV, and the Toys-for-Tots program has room for a few more items. This year our Toys-for-Tots coordinator has a great raffle to help fund the program.

Attendance at our general membership meetings seems smaller and smaller each month. The Post is run by the membership, but to have a say, you must participate. General membership meetings are the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All Legionnaires in good standing (dues current, no outstanding debts to the Post) are welcome and given an opportunity to speak. E-mails, gossip around the Post, or suggestion notes left in the office will not create change or improve our organization. Only your attendance and participation can make a difference.

We also need volunteers for a number of activities around the Post. Please see pages 2 and 7 for a list of those committees and special events where you can help out.

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# Post Officers

2009 - 2010

Commander	Mark Ryan
1st Vice Commander	Sonny Frank
2nd Vice Commander	Don Suloman
Adjutant	Brian Frye
Finance Officer	Charlie Milstead
Chaplain	Nick Muller
Judge Advocate	Richard Beckwell
Historian	Brian Goldman
Service Officer	Linda Ryan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Carlton Gillard
Executive Committee	John Delinsky
	Ray Hart
	J.D. Larson
	Jr. Martin
	Clif Morvant

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We welcome your news, ideas, suggestions,  
comments, or questions for future issues of  
the **Disney-Bell Family News**.

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

## COMMITTEES AND EVENTS

**Finance Committee**  
**House Committee**  
**Membership Committee**

### Patriotism and Youth Committees

Baseball Commissioner  
Flag Education  
Oratorical Contest  
Scholarship  
Scouts

### Veterans Committees

Honor Guard  
Veterans Support  
Walter Reed Visits  
National Defense

### Post Publications

Newsletter  
Website

### Annual Events (In Order by Legion Year)

Installation  
Turkey Shoot Committee  
Army-Navy Game Event  
Children's Halloween Party  
Post Thanksgiving Day  
Toys for Tots Campaign  
Children's Christmas Party  
Post Christmas Eve Party  
Post New Year's Eve Party  
Super Bowl Party  
Daytona 500 Party  
St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
Legion/Post Birthday Dinner  
Early Bird Dinner  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
Flag Day Event  
Fourth of July Picnic  
Convention Hospitality

## LEADER

Charlie Milstead  
Don Suloman  
Sonny Frank

Brian Frye  
**(put your name here!)**  
Sonny Frank/Brian Frye  
Clif Morvant  
Brian Frye  
Linda Ryan

Darby McNeill  
Nick Muller/Linda Ryan  
Roger Goll  
**(put your name here!)**

Ray Hart  
Ray Hart

Outgoing Commander  
Dan Healy  
Brian Frye/Mark Ryan  
Elaine McNeill  
**(put your name here!)**  
Pat Lamb  
Auxiliary Unit 66  
**(put your name here!)**  
**(put your name here!)**  
Don Suloman  
J.D. Larson  
Auxiliary Unit 66  
**(put your name here!)**  
Sonny Frank  
Darlene Clark  
Honor Guard  
J.D. Larson  
**(put your name here!)**

**Committee/Event Volunteer Opportunities.** If you have some  
time available and would like to help out with one of the committees  
or events, contact the committee leader or the individual who has  
offered to take the lead. Contact us by sending an e-mail to:  
[alpost66@comcast.net](mailto:alpost66@comcast.net).

#### Monthly Meeting Schedule

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| • S.A.L. 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  |

# POST 66 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Organizational Meetings		
Monday	November 9	S.A.L. Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	November 11	Executive Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	November 18	Auxiliary Meeting
Wednesday	November 25	General Membership Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	November 26	Legion Riders Meeting; 7:30 p.m.; <b>CANCELLED</b>
Wednesday	December 9	Executive Committee Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	December 10	Legion Riders Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Monday	December 14	S.A.L. Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	December 16	Auxiliary Meeting; 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	December 23	General Membership Meeting; 7:30 p.m.; <b>CANCELLED</b>
Post Special Events		
Sundays	Nov. & Dec.	Auxiliary Breakfasts, 8:00 am; Post Turkey Shoots, 9:00 am
Wednesday	November 11	Veterans Day Ceremony (see Page 11 for details)
Saturday	November 14	Post Early Bird Dinner (see Page 11 for details)
Thursday	November 26	Thanksgiving Day Open House
Saturday	December 12	Army/Navy Game Event
Saturday	December 19	Children's Christmas Party
Thursday	December 24	Christmas Eve Open House
Thursday	December 31	New Year's Eve Open House
Post Meals		
Every Tuesday	Nov. & Dec.	Sandwich Night (S.A.L.; 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)
Friday	November 6	Steak/Shrimp Dinner (Honor Guard; 6:30-8:00 p.m.)
Friday	November 13	Dinner (Auxiliary; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) Lasagna Dinner only \$9.00
Friday	November 20	Half Baked Chicken Dinner (S.A.L.; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)
Friday	November 27	Fish Dinner (Post; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)
Friday	December 4	Steak/Shrimp Dinner (Honor Guard; 6:30-8:00 p.m.)
Friday	December 11	Dinner (Auxiliary; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) All-you- can- eat Shrimp Dinner only \$12.00
Saturday	December 12	Shrimp Night (Honor Guard; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)
Friday	December 18	Half Baked Chicken Dinner (S.A.L.; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

Don't forget to sign up by Wednesday (just call the Post) to attend any of the Friday night dinners. Just stop by the Post for the Tuesday sandwich nights, Saturday shrimp nights, and Sunday breakfasts. You're welcome to bring guests!!!

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



# Auxiliary Unit 66

The Auxiliary has been working very hard since the last newsletter. Some of the activities completed are listed below.

- Completed the Jelly Bean Prayer for the troops.
- (Several members) attended the Department of Maryland Fall Conference.
- Processed membership renewals.
- Held Friday night dinners.
- Held turkey shoot breakfasts and scatter shots.
- Sponsored Horses for Heroes.
- There was the first appearance for Miss Poppy.
- Solicited poppy donations.
- Worked on community service Blankets of Hope.

All of the members have been very active since the last newsletter was published. We still have many members who have not renewed their membership. You still have time to mail your renewal fee of \$12.00 to the Post home if your payment is received by November 11, 2009, you can be classified as an Early Bird and be eligible for the Early Bird Dinner on November 14. Please renew ASAP.

Remember the dinners prepared by the Auxiliary on the third Friday of each month; come out and help support the Auxiliary. On those months where we have five Fridays, we have a special Mexican-themed dinner.

Turkey Shoot breakfasts began on October 18, 2009. They are at 8:00 a.m., and the Auxiliary would like to cook your breakfast for you. You do not have to be shooting in the Turkey Shoot to enjoy a good breakfast. We will fix your breakfast and let you enjoy it as if you were in a five-star restaurant.

November 11, 2009, is Veteran's Day. Please remember all Veterans, active and retired.

The Auxiliary needs volunteers to travel to Charlotte Hall on December 5, 2009, to help wrap Christmas gifts for the Veterans, when they have selected the items for their precious loved ones.

This year's Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 19, 2009, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Post. If you plan on bringing your kids, please sign up your child/children and give their age. A sign-up sheet will be available in the lounge area. The Auxiliary will be holding this event as a joint venture with the DAV and VFW.

Remember to purchase your tickets for the Basket of Christmas Cheer. Ticket sales will begin on December 4, 2009.

Miss Samantha Stevens was selected to serve as Miss Poppy for Unit 66. When you see her with her crown and sash, and she asks you to wear a Poppy in support of our Veterans, please make a generous donation. The Auxiliary would like to thank her parents for allowing her to perform the duties of Miss Poppy for Unit 66. Congratulations Samantha!

Brownie Troop 430 and Kelly Sullivan, junior Auxiliary member would like to thank the members of the Legion and Auxiliary for their purchases of Girl Scout cookies and a big special thank you to the Sons of American Legion for their big purchase for the troops.

If you are a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66 and are not an active member, we welcome you to come to our meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. We need your ideas and help to make our Unit outstanding. All the officers welcome you.

For God and Country,

**Brenda Grubb-Graham**  
**President**



# S.A.L. Squadron 66

October has left us cold and wet, November and December, we're not safe yet. With layers of clothes and red frosty nose, there's a place you can go where you're safe from the snow. It's not too far; in fact, it's in Bowie. It's Post 66, who would of knewie! (Hey, it's hard to find a word that rhymes with Bowie). Hey folks, the fact is that the cold weather doesn't stop us from having fun at the Post. You'll find info in this article for some upcoming and ongoing events that are sure to give you a reprieve from the cold.

Before we get into other events, I need to express my thanks for all the volunteers who have made a few of our recent events a success. Our 14th Annual Car Show had an exceptional turnout and perfect weather. Thanks to all members and participants who showed up to make our event a success. Check out the pics at the bottom of the page. Also, while I was away in the woods celebrating my 30th b-day, the Squadron put on another belt busting crab feast. Good job guys!

On November 8, 2009, we will hold our First Rib Competition and Dinner. The cost to compete is \$15.00 and includes two racks of ribs to take home to prepare/cook to your liking (then brought back to the Post of course). Ribs must meet a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit at the Post prior to the start of the competition at 3:00 p.m. Entries may be dropped off as early as 2:00 p.m. Judging will begin at 3:30 p.m. Rib platters will be sold at a cost of \$8.00 until the ribs run out. Point of contact for this event is Jay Holman. Further details are posted at the Post. Come out and be a part of this "taste so good, make your tongue slap your brain" event. Thanks Uncle Joe for lending me the quote!

In ongoing news, Friday Night "Half Baked Chicken" Dinners have started and are on the third Friday of the month from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please sign up the Wednesday prior to the dinner. It's still only \$9.00 for half a bird, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed veggies, and a roll. Also, Tuesday Sandwich Night is every Tuesday from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The menu includes all of the usual fare and weekly specials. No reservations needed. Dinners will not be served on December 22 or 29 due to the holidays. Don't worry, they'll be back in January! Remember, you can place your orders to-go for either function!

It soon will be Christmas train raffle time. You have two options to choo-choo-choose from (yes, I recycled that from last year): one ticket for \$1.00 or six for \$5.00. The drawing will be held following our chicken dinner on December 18. Looking ahead to 2010, our Chili Cook-Off will be held at the end of January. Beans or no beans, the choice is yours. Even if you aren't entering, come on down to sample all the entries. Guaranteed to warm you from the inside out.

In closing, please remember to pay your dues for 2010. The Early Bird deadline is fast approaching. Also, our regular monthly meetings are the second Monday of each month and begin at 7:30 p.m. Have a safe holiday season with friends and family.

See you at the Post,

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





# American Legion Riders

We have welcomed four new members, three from Post 66.

Summer is winding down, and so also are the number of events for the Riders ,

We had an event which was a social ride to Deale for lunch at the Calypso Bay Restaurant. We had 7 bikes, 1 cage, in all, 13 members. It was an exceptionally well-planned and delivered ride for the only 59 miles that we traveled. Thank you to Tom Atkins.

We had a scheduled ride September 19, 2009, for the Cambridge Veteran's Tribute. There were representatives from all federal, state, local and service organizations to assist Veterans. Past history has shown that we are the group that travels the most miles to participate.

We also had a scheduled ride to Post 293 in Waldorf for a poker run, which was to raise funds for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Our group contributed \$175.00 towards this event. See the photos and captions below for additional information about the actual American Legion Legacy Run, which was held in Louisville, Kentucky. Three members of our Riders participated in this ride from Bowie to Louisville and presented a much larger check to the Fund on behalf of our group. Hundreds of American

Legion Riders on their motorcycles from all across the Country participated in this event.

The Post Turkey Shoots began in October and the Riders will be present to conduct 50/50 raffles.

Many of the Legion Riders Chapters from throughout the State met in Towson to discuss items of interest common to all.

Our neighbor Post 276 in Severn has started a Legion Riders Chapter. Some of us plan to visit their next meeting to welcome them to the Legion Riders family.

While our group membership continues to grow, the new Riders have all been current members of the Legion Family, whether a member of the Legion, Auxiliary, or S.A.L. We need to look for ways to invite potential members from the community to life at the American Legion. Suggestions will be welcome at our next meeting.

Since the weather will soon become unfriendly to motorcycles, there may be little or nothing to report for a few months.

**Chuck Schaefer**  
Director



Our American Legion Rider's Chapter donated \$500.00 to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. There was also a private donation of 150.16, to bring our total donation to this worthy cause to \$650.16.

Left, Richard Beckwell and Sonny Frank present the check in Louisville. Right, all the Riders on the Run.



## Adjutant's Corner

On October 1, 2009, National began sending the second 2010 dues renewal notice to all members of the Department of Maryland whose dues have not been received and processed by the August 2009, cutoff date. If you have paid your dues and have your 2010 membership card, you should ignore the renewal notice. If you have not renewed, now is the time to do it! The cutoff date for the third mandatory mailing is November 13, 2009. That is, your renewal must have reached National and been processed by them before November 13th to prevent a third notice from being sent. Also, remember that November 11, Veterans Day, is the cutoff to qualify as a Post 66 "Early Bird" and be eligible to attend the Early Bird dinner on November 14.

Additionally, if any member knows (or think they know) they have paid their dues for 2010 and have not received their card, please contact me.

As of this writing, our membership stands at 67 percent paid for the 2010 Legion year. Even though that surpasses the National target of 65 percent for November, we still need 284 more renewals to make 3 Star and 375 to make 4 Star status.

National Commander Clarence Hill recently had a video on his website where he discussed his vision on the membership shortfalls of the American Legion as a whole. The bottom line was, and is, membership is every member's responsibility. If anyone needs blank membership applications, we have plenty of them at the Post. Carry a couple of them with you, so when you are out and about and run into a Veteran who is not a member and is eligible, sign him or her up! Although those members from "the Greatest Generation" are dwindling, we have a brand new group of Veterans from the current conflicts that we need to try and recruit as Legion members.

As always, if you have any questions on your membership, do not hesitate to give me a call either at the Post (301-464-9814) and leave a message or my cell phone (301-728-4393). I also check e-mail several times a day, [adjpost66@comcast.net](mailto:adjpost66@comcast.net)

For God and Country,

**Brian G. Frye**  
Adjutant

*(Commander, continued from page 1)*

"Get out the Vote" was a major Legion program last year during the national elections, but what about this year? Local (city, county, state) elections directly impact our daily lives and the operations of the Post. Do you know what key leadership positions are being decided at the local level this time around? How will they impact Veteran Service Organizations? In this area many offices are won as a result of the primary election and individuals are on the ballot unopposed by Election Day. Register to vote, educate yourself on the issues, and get to the polls for both the primary and the general election.

In closing, I hope everyone is planning a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Yours in Service,

**Mark W. Ryan**  
Commander

### Membership is an action verb!

Disney-Bell Post 66 needs your active participation to be a successful organization. Numerous activities and committees need volunteers. Events cannot be held without a committee chair to organize and execute those events.

We are specifically looking for someone to take the lead on the following holiday planning committees. Please see the Adjutant or me if you are interested in helping us.

- Thanksgiving Day (Thursday November 26)
- Christmas Eve (Thursday December 24)
- New Years Eve (Thursday December 31)

Additionally the Post needs your help with the Legion/Post Birthday Dinner next Spring if you can't help out now.

**Mark W. Ryan**  
Commander

# Talk About Town

Welcome to Our New and Transferred Members!

## New Legion Members

Eugene Matullo, Dunkirk, MD  
 Scott Walters, Dallas, PA  
 Caitlyn Williams, Bowie  
 Matthew Williams, Bowie

## Transfers

Adrian Gutrich, Bowie

## New Auxiliary Members

Barbara Barnard  
 Kara Kinkin  
 Anna Mercanti  
 Lauren Wieand

Toni King, as we mentioned in the last newsletter, is back home and still battling cancer. Please keep Toni in your thoughts and prayers.

Jimmy Mack has been diagnosed with throat cancer and we hope that he is doing well.

Laura Martin had knee replacement surgery. Ouch! She has been recuperating well and hopes to return to work soon.

Bryan Costerisan had a run-in with Bambi while riding his motorcycle. He was seen around the Post sporting a soft-cast on his leg. We hope that he heals well, and is up and riding again soon.

Our sympathies are extended to Linda Ryan on the loss of her Aunt, who lived in San Antonio, Texas.

Please remember one of our Legion members, who is serving his country in Iraq, with a Christmas card during the holiday season. Capt. Joe Grubb, III, can be reached at: 14<sup>th</sup> BDE BTT, COB Basra, Unit 044, APO, AE 09374. It will certainly bring up his spirits while he is serving his country away from his loved ones during this special time of year.

*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 or drop it at the Post to the attention of Ray Hart, Editor.*

## The Facilities Corner

Fall cleanup was a success. A big thank you to the 15 hard working volunteers who showed up and who spent their Sunday morning cleaning, scrubbing, and polishing the Post. There were 5 Legion, 3 Auxiliary, 6 S.A.L., and 1 member from Post 136.

I'd like to ask all the members of the Legion Family to consider coming out next Spring to help with the Spring cleanup of the Post to make it a nicer place for every member to enjoy.

**Don Suloman**  
**2nd Vice Commander**



## Auxiliary VIM's

We have eight Auxiliary members who are VIM's (Very Important Members!), who are Paid Up For Life members.

Congratulations to each of them!

We'd like to invite more Auxiliary members to join their special ranks.

Kimberly Brady  
 Jan Hart  
 Catherine Hedzik  
 Elsie Hegedus  
 Elizabeth McGeehan  
 Sheila Peterson  
 Patty Piening  
 Marie Raum

## Troop 1688 Changes Leadership

On September 29, 2009, our Boy Scout Troop changed adult leadership. Tim Fink relinquished the position of Scoutmaster to Mark Zelenka. Tim has been our Scoutmaster since 2000, and leaves the troop in a great shape with a strong "boy run" legacy. Our thanks and appreciation go out to Tim and his family for all the years he has given to our Cub Scout Pack and our Boy Scout Troop.

Stepping up as the new Scoutmaster is Mark Zelenka. Mark has been with the troop since 2001, is the father of three Eagle Scouts, a member of the Order of the Arrow Honor Society, and a Wood Badge graduate. I am sure the Troop will continue a strong "boy run" successful program under his supervision.

**Linda C. Ryan**  
**Charter Organization Representative**  
**Troop 1688, Disney-Bell Post 66**

## Pool Tournament

The S.A.L will run a pool tournament beginning Thursday, November 19, 2009. Play will begin at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 10:00 p.m. Play will continue on Thursday nights, except Thanksgiving, November 26, 2009.



All Post 66 members are invited to play. However, the number of players is limited to 16 because there is only one pool table. The entry fee is \$25.00, which covers the cost of playing, a pool

league t-shirt, and a steak dinner at the end of the tournament. Entry fees will be paid on Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The rules will be defined at the first meeting before play begins. If you have any questions, please call Roger Adams at 301-464-9814.

### Service Officer

The **Post Service Officer** is available to help with a variety of different Veterans programs. Some of the items they can help with includes: providing the proper claims forms for VA benefit claims; assisting with VA claim applications; assisting with State and Federal Burial benefits registration; and assisting with VA medical benefits registration.

You can contact the Post 66 Service Officer by e-mail at: [ServiceOfficer@alpost66.org](mailto:ServiceOfficer@alpost66.org).

### Paid Up For Life (PUFL)

Become a **Paid Up For Life (PUFL)** member of the American Legion. Avoid the effects of inflation by never having to pay a dues increase. If you carry American Legion Life Insurance, you'll never risk its lapsing because you forgot to pay your dues.

### Post 66 E-news

Do you have an e-mail account? If you would like to receive occasional e-mail messages about Post events and activities, then you should sign up for the Post list-serv program: "66news."

Our list-serv is an announcement-only e-mail group. Messages can only be sent by designated persons. Your e-mail address is completely confidential and is not shared with anyone.

If you want to add (or remove) your e-mail address, log on to the Post website and click on the e-mail sign-up link on the home page and follow the instructions. It will only take you a couple of seconds and you will begin receiving occasional e-mail updates about The American Legion and our Post and its programs.

If you don't feel comfortable signing yourself up, send a note to [webmaster@alpost66.org](mailto:webmaster@alpost66.org) and request that your name and e-mail be added.

# Things to See and Do

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009.** To round out the year, we would be remiss if we didn't give you some ideas for local places to commemorate President Abraham Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A number of these places are associated with his assassination, and the plotters who were involved. Here is some information about these attractions.

**National Museum of American History.** This Smithsonian museum, in Washington, DC, reopened this time last year, and has a huge special exhibit about President Lincoln to commemorate his 200th birthday. There is no fee. For more information, go to: [americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/](http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/)

**Lincoln's Cottage.** This attraction is on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC. President Lincoln's Cottage served as the Lincoln family residence for a quarter of his Presidency. It served as an escape for him to get away from the White House. There is a small entry fee. For more information, go to: [www.lincolncottage.org/](http://www.lincolncottage.org/)

**National Museum of Health & Medicine.** This museum is located on the campus of Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Its special exhibit "Abraham Lincoln: The Final Casualty of the War" has several items and personal effects related to his shooting and death. There is no fee. For more information, go to: [nmhm.washingtondc.museum/](http://nmhm.washingtondc.museum/)

**Ford's Theater.** On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth while Lincoln and his wife were attending a play at Ford's Theater. National Parks Service employees give tours of Ford's Theater. You are able to tour the museum on your own in the basement of the Theater, which has undergone an extensive renovation. It is free, but requires a timed ticket. For more information, go to: [www.fordstheatre.org/](http://www.fordstheatre.org/)

**Peterson House.** This boarding house is located just across the street from Ford's Theater. This is where Lincoln was carried after being shot at Ford's Theater. President Lincoln died here early the morning of April 15, 1865. It is free, but requires a timed ticket. For more information, go to: [www.fordstheatre.org/home/performances-events/tours/petersen-house](http://www.fordstheatre.org/home/performances-events/tours/petersen-house)

**Surratt House & Tavern.** This attraction is located nearby in Clinton, Maryland. It is the home of Mary Surratt, the only female convicted and hung for her part in the assassination plot. Docents take you through the exhibit and you get a flavor for the life of that time. You are able to see the rural post office and tavern used by locals and travelers of that era. There is a small entry fee. For more information, go to: [www.surratt.org/](http://www.surratt.org/)

**Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum.** This attraction is located nearby in Waldorf, Maryland. It was the home of Dr. Mudd, who set John Wilkes Booth leg, when he stopped there after jumping onto the stage at Ford's Theater and breaking his leg. Dr. Mudd was sentenced to serve time at Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas. He was later released due to his care of prisoners afflicted with yellow fever. Docents take you through the house and you can explore the grounds on your own. There is a small entry fee. For more information, go to: [www.somd.lib.md.us/MUSEUMS/Mudd.htm](http://www.somd.lib.md.us/MUSEUMS/Mudd.htm)

If you are up for a road trip, visit the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace, Hodgenville, and the Lincoln Boyhood Home, Knob Creek, which are both located near Louisville, Kentucky.

If you are more interested in John Wilkes Booth and his entire escape route, there are a number of websites. One that gives a good overview is: [militaryhistory.about.com/od/civilwar/ig/Escape-of-John-Wilkes-Booth/](http://militaryhistory.about.com/od/civilwar/ig/Escape-of-John-Wilkes-Booth/)

"Good judgment comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgment."  
Fred Brooks

"Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't."  
Pete Seeger

# The Marketplace

Publish your ad in the newsletter and reach the entire Post 66 American Legion Family.

## Prince George's County Council



**Ingrid M. Turner**

*Council Member, District 4*

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## MEETING HALL and/or PAVILION RENTALS

The Post 66 Meeting Hall and Outdoor Pavilion are available for your rental needs.

For information contact Gidget at 301-464-9814 or via e-mail at: [BusinessMgr@alpost66.org](mailto:BusinessMgr@alpost66.org)

Forms for ads are available at the Post. Mail or leave your ad request and payment at the Post to the attention of *Newsletter Editor* by: December 15, 2009, in order to be printed in the next edition. Ads cost \$50.00 per issue or 6 issues for \$250.00.

## Turkey Shoots

The Disney-Bell Turkey Shoots returned to the Post on October 18, 2009. They will continue until March.

The turkey shoots allow you to use your 12-gauge shotgun to compete to win prizes including meats like hams and five pounds of bacon, and cash prizes. The Post provides the ammunition, targets, and all of the scoring and prizes.

You can spend a few hours outdoors (during the winter) and enjoy the sweet sound of gunfire and hopefully "bring home the bacon" for a small fee.

If you don't shoot, you are still welcome! The Auxiliary cooks an inexpensive made-to-order breakfast each Sunday morning before the Turkey shoots.

## Veterans Day Ceremonies

This year's ceremony to honor all Veterans who have served our Country will be held on November 11, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Bowie Veterans Memorial Park. (Inclement weather, ceremonies will be held inside Ascension Catholic Church across the street.) Bowie Memorial Post 8065, VFW, is hosting the event this year and a luncheon buffet will be served afterwards at the DAV Post on Maryland Route 197.

"If it ain't broke, keep fixing it until it is."  
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## Bar Specials

Two for Tuesday	Whiney Wino Wednesday	Thirsty Thursday
2 beers for \$3	2 wines for \$3	.50 drafts
		

## Early Bird Dinner

The Annual Early Bird Dinner will be held on Saturday November 14, 2009, for those Post members that have paid their dues by Veteran's Day (November 11, 2009). This Dinner is free for all of our the early birds!!! You must sign up by the Wednesday before to assure adequate meals for all. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

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## Toys for Tots Campaign

The 2009 Toys for Tots Campaign starts November 15 and ends December 5, 2009. Please donate new toys only, no used items. You may drop toys off at our Post or at the D.A.V. on Maryland Route 197. Toys must be delivered by **December 5** before the volunteers do their shopping trip.

If you can't get out to shop, cash donations are always welcomed. We will use all donations to purchase additional items that may not have been donated. Please make checks payable to American Legion Post 66.

We will have a raffle for several barrels and baskets of cheer. Tickets are on sale at the Post for \$5.00 each. The drawing will be held on November 21, 2009. ALL proceeds will go towards purchase of items that may not have been donated.

Please consider this worthy cause for children in our area who are not as fortunate as our children. Make their Christmas a merry one!

**Pat Lamb**  
Toys for Tots Coordinator

