

Disney-Bell Family News

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Columbus Day

October 10, 2016

Farewell and Fair Winds

Many years ago I came to Post 66, 1985, to be exact. I met John Delinsky who was then Commander and I was interested in transferring from the National Post to a local Post in Bowie where I moved in 1983. I transferred and occasionally came in for a drink when what was then MD 197 was backed up at evening rush hour on my way home from work. I never got involved and as time past I stopped coming for many years. About the early 2000's J.D. Larson was doing the newsletter and was Post Commander. I got interested in some of the goings on at the Post and finally started showing up for meetings under the ever watchful eye of Jim Prichett who was currently the Adjutant of the Post. If you are going to come to meetings he said, you ought to have a Legion Cap which was the start of my involvement with Post 66 and then Commander Jan D. Larson. J.D. as everyone calls him.



What can you say about J.D.? He is a boisterous jolly man with an unbounded and infectious laugh that no one can miss or mistake. As he also said to a select few of us he was a “fellow gentleman of girth” and not easily missed with a formidable presence. Then we come to Michele. I would definitely say she has been the reason for the twinkle in J.D.’s eye all these years. As with a lot of men she brings out the best in the man and has been his rock and his main cheerleader for many years through three terms as Post Commander, all the Prince Georges County chairs to Commander, all the Southern Maryland District chairs to Commander and all the Department of Maryland chairs to State Commander. The pair of them have been together through good and bad, sickness and health, and now after many years of J.D.’s daydreams of moving to Florida to retire, his dream has come true.

Earlier this year J.D. finally convinced Michele (so did all the years of snow) that Cape Coral is where they ought be so they loaded up the truck and they moved to... you know the rest.

After many years of cruises and an acquired love of Trop Rock music, the two of them have made the break. They put their house on the market and Michele applied for a new job and got it.

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Post 66 Officers

2016 - 2017

American Legion

Commander	Phoebe Larned
1st Vice Commander	Andy Therrien
2nd Vice Commander	Nick Muller
Adjutant	Brian Frye
Finance Officer	<vacant>
Chaplain	Toni King
Judge Advocate	Brian Goldman
Historian	<vacant>
Service Officer	Claudio Poiani
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mark Ryan
Executive Committee	Ray Hart
	John Delinsky
	John Jones
	Steve Hemstreet

Sons Of The American Legion

Commander	Pat Lamb
1st Vice Commander	Kevin McMeans
Finance Officer	Tom Fisher
Adjutant	Joe Weik
Chaplain	Del Billings
Sergeant at Arms	Jeremiah Hammett
Historian	<vacant>

American Legion Auxiliary

President	Debbie McMeans
Vice President	Lois Van Sickle
Secretary	Barbara Graham
Treasurer	Anselma Obremski
Chaplain	Agnes Bowersox
Historian	Linda Green
Sergeant at Arms	Fran Sauers

American Legion Riders

Director	Steve Hemstreet
Asst. Director	Mark Ryan
Secretary/Treasurer	Del Billings
Road Captain	Andy Therrien



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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, or drop it off at the Post to the attention of the Newsletter Editor.

Post 66 - Bimonthly Calendar of Events

October 2016						
						Saturday
						1 Oct
						Crab Feast @ Post 66
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7:30pm - 9:00pm <u>Prince George's County Meeting</u>	5:30pm - 7:30pm <u>Sandwich nights at the post</u>			6:30pm - 8:00pm <u>Steak/Shrimp Dinner</u>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Columbus Day 7:00pm - 8:00pm <u>SAL Squadron 66 Meeting</u>	5:30pm - 7:00pm <u>Meatloaf Dinner</u>	7:00pm - 8:00pm <u>Executive Committee Meeting</u>	Happy Birthday <u>US Navy</u>	6:30pm - 8:00pm <u>Auxiliary Dinner</u>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
7:30am - 9:00am <u>Breakfast - Made to Order</u> 9:00am - 12:00pm <u>Turkey Shoots</u> 1:00pm - 3:00pm <u>SMD Meeting</u>			7:00pm - 8:00pm <u>Auxiliary Meeting</u>		7:00am - 10:00am <u>Karaoke</u> 6:30pm - 8:00pm <u>S.A.L. 1/2 Baked Chicken Dinner</u>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
7:30am - 9:00am <u>Breakfast - Made to Order</u> 9:00am - 12:00pm <u>Turkey Shoots</u>			7:00pm - 8:00pm <u>Post General Meeting</u>	7:00pm - 8:00pm <u>American Legion Riders Meeting</u>	6:30pm - 8:00pm <u>Spaghetti Dinner</u>	6:00pm - 8:00pm <u>Children's Halloween Party</u>
30	31					
7:30am - 9:00am <u>Breakfast - Made to Order</u> 9:00am - 12:00pm <u>Turkey Shoots</u>	Halloween					

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 * See the flyers elsewhere in the newsletter for special event information.

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November 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Nov	2	3	4	5
					6:30pm - 8:00pm Steak/Shrimp Dinner	6:30pm - 8:00pm TENTATIVE - Auxiliary Dinner
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
End Daylight Saving Time 6:30am - 8:00am Breakfast - Made to Order 8:00am - 11:00am Turkey Shoots			7:00pm - 8:00pm Executive Committee Meeting	Happy Birthday US Marines	Veterans Day 11:00am - 12:00pm Veterans Day Events 6:30pm - 8:00pm Auxiliary Dinner	6:30pm - 8:00pm Early Bird Dinner
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
7:30am - 9:00am Breakfast - Made to Order 9:00am - 12:00pm Turkey Shoots	7:00pm - 8:00pm SAL Squadron 66 Meeting		7:00pm - 8:00pm Auxiliary Meeting		6:30pm - 8:00pm S.A.L. 1/2 Baked Chicken Dinner	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7:30am - 9:00am Breakfast - Made to Order 9:00am - 12:00pm Turkey Shoots 1:00pm - 4:00pm DEC Meeting			7:00pm - 8:00pm Post General Meeting	Thanksgiving	6:30pm - 8:00pm Spaghetti Dinner	
27	28	29	30			
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S.A.L. Squadron 66



The S.A.L. Car Show was held September 10, 2016. Even though the temperature was close to 100 degrees, a good time was had by all. Our annual Crab Feast was held this past Saturday, October 1, and was a huge success! Great food, fun, and friendship was the order of the day! A personal THANK YOU to all who helped put on these events.

Upcoming plans include the following. We'll have our monthly ½ Baked Chicken Dinner (third Friday of each month), bi-monthly Tuesday Sandwich Nights, and Toys for Tots starting up in October. Your participation in these projects is most welcomed!

The next major event is one that is very special to me, The Toys for Tots program. I have been working on this program for over two decades. The Legion would greatly appreciate donations of bottles of liquor or wine for the basket of cheer raffle. Ticket proceeds from the raffle are a key factor in the fundraising that supports the Toys for Tots drive. Spirits may be dropped off at the bar no later than October 23. With your help, we can really make a difference for the local area kids this Christmas.

S.A.L. meetings are held the second Monday of every month, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. (with a complimentary drink after the meeting). Your input and ideas are appreciated!

**Pat Lamb, Commander
Squadron 66**

Membership News

Thank you to everyone that has paid their 2017 dues already and also thank you to all the new members signing up at Post 66. We are going to have a good year.

Just a reminder that Sons of the American Legion dues are \$15.00. If you send a check and would like your new card mailed to you, please include a self-addressed envelope.

The S.A. L. meetings are on the second Monday of every month and everyone that attends the meeting gets a free beer afterwards. We would love to see some new faces, ideas, and help. Don't let the help part scare you!

Since we are doing so good with new members in 2017 so far, I thought it might be a good time to share the eligibility requirements that some might not know.

S.A.L. Membership Eligibility Requirements

All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of Veterans who died in Service during World I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf War and the War on Terrorism, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for Membership in the Sons of The American Legion. There shall be no forms or class of membership except an active membership.

**Kevin McMeans
1st Vice Commander
Squadron 66**

Auxiliary Unit 66



It is so hard to believe that summer has come and gone already. There is a bit of cool in the air and the promise of fall is here. After a summer break, meetings have resumed, dinners are back on Friday nights, and we have some special fundraising Saturday meals planned as well. The Auxiliary has been busy, busy, busy.

We have two members who went to Charlotte Hall for their Carnival. Fran Sauers and Bonnie Bradley decorated our table in a south pacific theme (including grass hula skirts) and played games with the Veterans that reside there. This is so much fun for the Vets, they were lined up before the doors opened. Thank you both. On the same day at Post 66, we held a bake sale for our Junior Auxiliary along with the S.A.L. Car Show. Thank you S.A.L. for allowing us to participate in your function to benefit our Junior's charities. We are so fortunate to have enough involved members to take care of two functions in the same day.

Our Wreaths Across America fundraising is moving forward by leaps and bounds. We have individual forms to purchase wreaths available at the Post, in order to meet our goals, we ask that you engage your families and friends to purchase wreaths. The forms are already printed with our fundraising numbers on them and can be mailed directly to Wreaths Across America. We will receive credit and extra wreaths by using these forms. November 15 is our cut off date to purchase wreaths for this year. We will be holding a special dinner on Saturday November 5 for our final fundraiser of the year. A special thanks to Chesapeake Grill and Deli (at Hilltop Plaza in Bowie) this month for making our wreath project their charity of the month. So far we have collected about \$300.00 at the restaurant in donations. Be sure to thank them personally when you go there to eat. December 17 is the date to place these wreaths at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. All are invited to participate in the actual placing of wreaths. Details on the ceremony at Crownsville will be made available at the post for everyone.

The Children's' Halloween Party will be held on Saturday October 29. There will be lots of games, food and fun planned. We will be having a trunk or treat again this year. It was such a success last year

we decided to put up a prepaid bar tab for the best decorated trunk (of course adults only). For the children we will have a best costume contest and pumpkin carving contest also. Pumpkins will be carved at home and brought to the party for judging. This is going to be a good one...don't miss out. A sign up sheet will be posted in the bar.

These are some dates to note: Turkey Shoot breakfasts start October 16 at 7:30 a.m. The next Auxiliary meeting is October 16 at 7:00 p.m. The Children's Halloween Party is October 29 6-8 p.m. November 5 is the final fundraising dinner for Wreaths Across America.

God Bless America,

Debbie McMeans
President, Unit 66



It is the Post 66 Auxiliary's policy to NOT accept damaged or out-of-date foods for transport to the Bowie Pantry.

Thank you for your consideration.

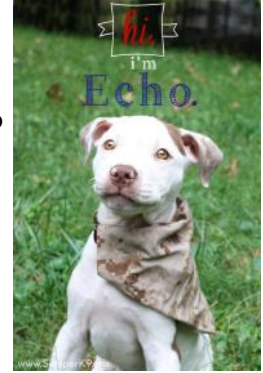
Junior Auxiliary News

The bake sale by the Junior Auxiliary at the S.A.L. Car Show, to benefit Semper K9 Assistance dogs, was a whopping success. What we didn't sell at the Car Show sold later that evening inside the Post. Thank You Marie Pritchett for taking the sale inside. We appreciate all you do for us.

On September 23, our Junior Auxiliary had a pancake supper to benefit two of their projects for the year. The proceeds were divided between the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund and Semper K9 Assistance Dogs. Tzeitel Hall and Savanna Sullivan prepped, cooked, and served food. Lots of pancakes were served and we had a fun filled night. Special Thanks to Jay Holman for cooking pancakes. We couldn't have done it without you!

On September 30, we received official notice that a puppy chosen by Semper K9 will be named "Echo". The request was made to them by our Past Junior President Megan Sandoval. The request was made to honor and remember USMC Sgt. Alberto "Echo" Echeverria. Semper K9 will be making a visit to the post to introduce the new puppy soon. We will let everyone know when they plan to stop by.

**Madison Sandoval,
Auxiliary Junior President**



Friday Night Meals

Don't forget! Post 66 Friday Night meals have resumed again.

Be sure to check the calendar on pages 3 and 4 or on the website for the schedule.

Please call or stop by the Post by Wednesday to sign up to assure that we have enough food for everyone.



Post Service Officer's Notes

The **Post Service Officer** is available to help with a variety of different Veteran's programs. Some of the items he can help with include: providing the proper claim 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.

Claudio Poiani, Post 66 Service Officer
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Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Post Chaplain's Notes

If any Legion member or a member of their family needs the services of the Post Chaplain, please contact:

Toni King, Post 66 Chaplain
301-262-0257 - home; 301-318-1108 - cell;
or 301-464-9814 - Post

Auxiliary Chaplain's Notes

Please contact me with information regarding illness or death relating to Auxiliary members:

Agnes Bowersox, Post 66 Auxiliary Chaplain
301-464-9374 or jabowersox@yahoo.com

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J.D. and Michele bought a new house being built in Cape Coral and two weeks ago they left us on their final drive to Florida.

J.D., you have been an inspiration to my life in the Legion. You got me interested in participating. You supported me on my rise from Sgt. at Arms to Post Commander as did you. I learned my good as well as bad habits from J.D. but always foremost my love of Country, Post, fellow Legionnaires and support for our Veterans and our troops.

From his many years of writing our witty newsletters, running the Turkey Shoots, and being a general encyclopedia of Legion information, J.D. has been our rock. As he and Michele move away from us in distance they will ever be always close in our hearts.

Fair seas my friends in your future years and farewell to you my fellow comrades. By the way, their new house has 8 bedrooms and J.D. said we are all invited to drop in and visit when we're in the area.

Happiness and long life. L'chaim.

Brian Goldman
Post 66 Judge Advocate
and past Post Commander

Talk About Town - POST FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE NEWS.

As of last week the Post is at 65.6 percent with 484 members paid out of 716 goal. We are currently ahead of the same time last year.

The Post had a Veteran's Appreciation Day in conjunction with the DAV, VFW, and the Marine Corps League on September 17. US Department of Veterans Affairs, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (no show), American Legion Disney Bell Post 66, Disabled American Veterans Post #7, Bowie Memorial Post 8065 VFW, Omaha Beach Chapter 7 of the DAV, Free State Marine Detachment of the Marine Corps League and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8065 participated. Service Officers provided assistance with forms and information. Food and drinks were provided along with a DJ playing music. Post 66, besides helping a few Vets requesting assistance, signed up eight new members to the American Legion according to the Post Adjutant Brian Frye.

The 1st Vice Commander will be setting up a membership booth this week at the grand opening of the new Harris Teeter supermarket at the re-opening of the MarketPlace Shopping Center.

Larry Merkel has had his replacement for his knee replacement. He is doing well and continues with physical therapy.

Commander Phoebe Larned was in the hospital for surgery on her foot. She is home and healing well.

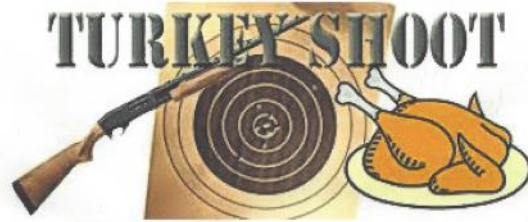
Jan and Ray Hart recently traveled to San Antonio, Texas, to attend Victoria Gossard's (Jan's younger cousin) graduation from basic training at Lackland AFB. Victoria makes the fourth generation of Air Force service members in the family.

Ray and Jan Hart are turning in their newsletter's "antique typewriter". After J.D. Larson made them an offer they should have refused, it is now 9 years later and 55 issues of the Disney-Bell Family News have gone to press. A huge thanks to them for hanging in there so long and many thanks to Brian Goldman for volunteering to take over this project from them for the Post.

If you have a special event or other news to share, let us know and we will include it in a future edition of the newsletter. Contact us at: newsletter@alpost66.org.



Renew your membership early and qualify for the Early Bird Dinner on November 12.
You must sign up at the Post to attend.



Disney-Bell Post 66 Turkey Shoots

SUNDAYS!

9605 Old Laurel Bowie Rd
Bowie, MD 20720

October 16, 2016 – March 26, 2017

Shoot Time 9:00 a.m.

- Breakfast by the American Legion Auxiliary 7:30 a.m.
- Registration 7:30 a.m.

14 Shoots for \$80 (\$75 if paid before Sunday)
Cash, Bacon, and Turkey (sometimes)
Scatter Shots, 50-50 and More!

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday October 29th 6-8 PM

Games, Food, Music, Trunk or Treat and Lots More

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST
(Carve at Home, bring to Post to display)

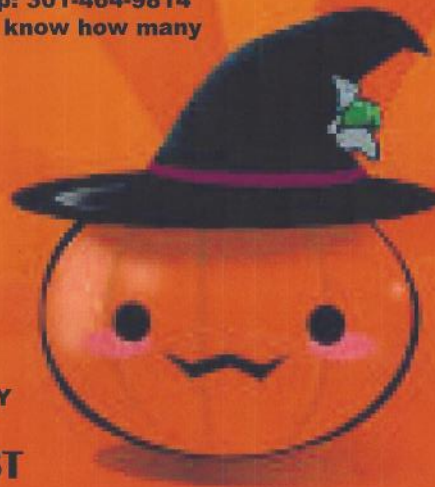
- *Battery Candles Only
- *Kids and Adult Categories

Sign up: 301-464-9814
Let us know how many kids

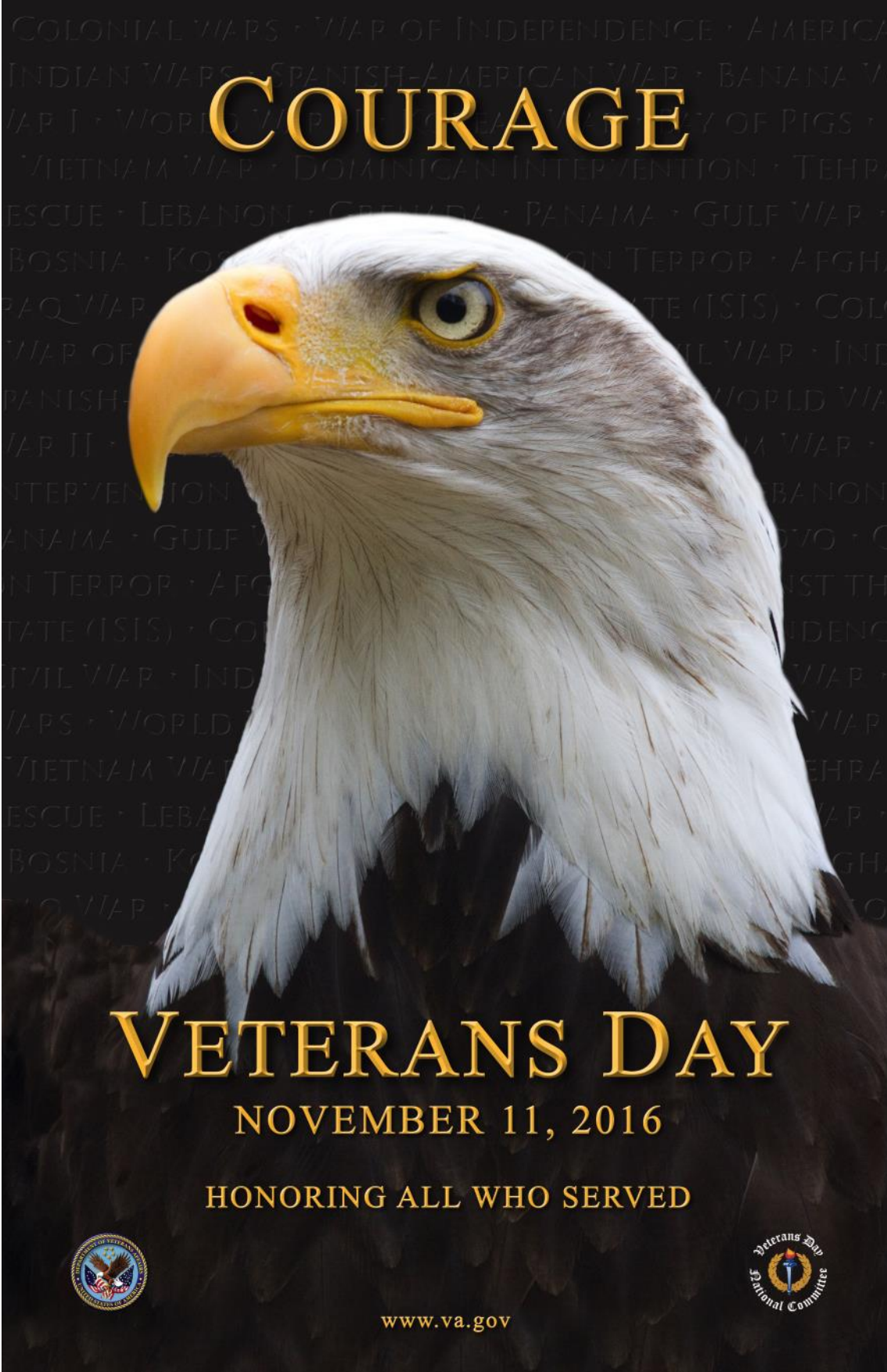
TRUNK OR TREAT - Decorate your trunk, put out candy and children will trick or treat to each car in the parking lot. There will be a prize for the adult with best decorated trunk.

PARTY IS FREE, WE WILL BE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE BOWIE FOOD PANTRY

CHILDRENS COSTUME CONTEST





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