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Commanders Corner

Columbia Post 300 took advantage of tax lines to recruit at the Columbia Post Office on April 9, 2005. Snowbird Dick Russell flew in from Ocala, Florida just to help us recruit. Sean Cremins was our first potential recruit. Although the air was chilly 48 degrees, our enthusiasm was hot. Recruiting is our primary goal for this year. Thanks to all our members for coming out and supporting this effort.

Our April Meeting was started off by a Howard County meeting led by Bill Volenick County Commander. When finished he turned the meeting over to Us. Greetings were given to two new members who were present Penny Sima and Dot Morrell.

First Item was the slate of officers to be elected next meeting.

Post Commander Roger Chang

Adjutant/Finance Robert Berlett
1st Vice-Comm Norman North
2nd Vice Comm Byron Bonebreak
Vice Comm James Savoy
Judge Advocate Rufus Clanzy
Service officer Shelby Rogers
Historian Edward Trumble
Chaplain Rick Waters

Sergeant-At-Arms Robert Virts

The next item of Business was discussing the recruiting day at The Columbia Post office.

Penny Sima signed up to transfer from Post 295. Nine people did sign up showing an interest in joining the post. It was suggested that we have a joint Poppy sale and recruiting day. It was also suggested that we have the people fill out the form there.

A reminder was given of the ROTC medal Presentation at Fort Meade on Monday May 4th and 6th.

We will be having a Memorial Day event with post 156 at Arbutus Post 109 Monday May 30th.

MD State Convention in Ocean City July 13-16

We need at least 3 Delegates from our post. The registration fee is {\$15/person}

We still have Northern Central District 50/50 raffle tickets \$1.00 each 6 for \$5.00. all of the money will be spent locally for such as Bear Tracts.

The post then approved the paying of \$32 for memberships to Ed Trumble Jr. and Dot

Morrell for Web Site Development and News Letter coasts

The post also agreed on the payment of \$42 for one year of Web Site rental. Treasurer report was made. We have \$340 in the Bank. A big Thanks were given to our Merchant-Sponsors for the \$465 donated to the Post.



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For the first time, The American Legion emblem is now available in local funeral homes across America. Funeral directors now have the ability to provide American Legion funeral products through a recently signed licensing agreement with Batesville Casket Company, which gives the manufacturer the right to produce its line of funeral accessories with The American Legion emblem.

Batesville Casket Company, a subsidiary of Hillenbrand Industries, is recognized as one of North America's primary funeral service suppliers of burial caskets, cremation products and related support services. Funeral accessories now available that feature The American Legion emblem are embroidered casket lid panels, embroidered casket overthrows, and engraved cremation urns. Later this spring, the company will introduce American Legion medallions for use on urns, as well as a casket corner design that features The American Legion logo.

Batesville Casket will pay a royalty to The American Legion for each purchase made, which will directly support American Legion national programs that give help to America's children, veterans, and military families.

ARLINGTON, Va. (Army News Service, April 20, 2005) – American Legion Posts across the country will take time to honor military members in their communities during the American Legion's Blue Star Salute on Armed Forces Day May 21, 2005.

The American Legion Blue Star Salute program provides communities the opportunity to recognize and present awards of appreciation to local military members and their families. Blue Star Salute recognizes hometown businesses that have excelled in supporting troops, and the program also promotes Blue Star Banners and educates the public about their significance.

"As wartime veterans ourselves, we know how important it is to stand squarely behind our troops and provide whatever support we can, not only to Soldiers, but their families left behind as well," said Joseph H. March, the director of public relations at the American Legion national headquarters.

"We understand how important it is for a Soldier to know that the folks back home are behind you 110 percent, no matter what. The Blue Star Salute is designed to let members of the armed forces, their families, and businesses who go above and beyond in supporting their citizen-soldiers, receive public recognition and 'thanks' for their service to America," said March.

The Blue Star Banners that are distributed by the American Legion were first used during World War I, and then extensively during World War II, said March. The banner was hung in the windows of homes across America to signify that a loved one was serving in the armed forces during the war.

"The banner was, and is, an effective way to show support of a loved one and for all members of the community to recognize the sacrifice that family is making for our country," said March.

Soldiers interested in the program should check with their local American Legion post, officials said, and if that post is not conducting a salute, contact the state American Legion headquarters for information on the next closest event.

"It is our hope that entire communities will come together to honor these outstanding American patriots and recognize that their sacrifices, their courage and their commitment to our way of life is the lifeblood of our Republic," said March.

"They are America's finest. And every one of their 2.7 million Legionnaire comrades is very proud of each and every one of them. They too now carry the honored title of 'American veteran'," said March.

Post 300 Columbia has a new web site it is:

<http://www.american-legion-post.us/300/>



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By Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.

