



Columbia Post 300 – Department of Maryland

NEWS LETTER

News Letter # 14 April 2006

<http://www.american-legion-post.us/300/post300@american-legion-post.us>

Serving The Youth & Veterans of Howard County



Numbers to Call

Post Commander
Roger Chang
(410) 765-0506
roger.chang@ngc.com

Judge Advocate
Rufus Clanzey
(410) 997-5242
drclanz@toad.net

Adjutant/Finance
Bob Berlett
(410) 997-3863
columbia_berlett@juno.com

Service Officer
Shelby Rogers
(410) 730-5182
bigrog65@verizon.net

1st Vice Commander
Norman North
(410) 997-5655
nenjan1951@gmail.com

Historian/Communications
Edward Trumble, Sr.
(410) 410-480-0025
eltps@comcast.net

2nd Vice Commander
Byron Bonebreak
(410) 561-1077
bbjr@erols.com

Sergeant-At-Arms
Boy Scout Liaison
Al Grinspoon
(410) 730-0541
sail.3@netzero.net

3rd Vice Commander
James Savoy
(410) 381-2744
ksavoy@comcast.net

Chaplin
Clarence E. Frazier
(410) 730-5269
emmanuel1925@comcast.net

Web Site
Edward Trumble, Jr.
(302) 398-3427
n3rsn@american-legion-post.us

Commander's Report - Roger Chang



We had an outstanding County Meeting on April 12 at 7:00 pm followed by our general meeting at 7:30 pm at the Owen

Brown community Center. We had a Guest Speaker, Neil Quinter, Maryland State Delegate, who shared the results of recent legislation benefiting military retirees in Maryland.

County Commander Bill Volenick announced the success of our Policeman of the Year and EMT of the Year competitions. The Policeman has gone all the way to National finals and is one of 5 entered.

Long time reservist, COL Jack McNiff represented Post 156 and gave us an insight into their many contributions.

We opened our meeting by voting to continue Bill Volenick as our County Commander.

Our Guest Speaker, Neil Quinter, Maryland State Delegate, arrived to share with us the resolved Military Retiree Pension exclusion of \$5000 passed at 10pm the night before. There might be a Special Session called for the unresolved Public Utility rates issue.

We followed these highlights with the numerous service events we support including the Eagle Scout award presentations led by our Sergeant at Arms, Al Grinspoon, who will recognize 76 awardees in the County.

Our May 20, 2006 Poppy give away will be at the Owen Brown Giant (Come join us 8:30 am-12:30 pm or just say hello).

Join us in our May 29 Memorial Day participation with Post 109 in Arbutus, and the 4th of July parade in open top vehicles in the Riverhill area. Adjutant Bob Berlett will attempt to get more vehicles because we filled our slots in the Viper, Corvette, and Sebring convertible.

We have locations to send books for Iraq thanks to Ed Trumble.

We also have a complete slate of officers for our May election and will accommodate anyone wanting to contribute time as an officer of the Post. Thanks for all your support.

We are now at 279% of goal thanks especially to Ed Trumble Sr and Ed Trumble Jr for getting the word out by recruiting, sending newsletters, updating our web site and being persistent in our recruiting.



In attendance for April 11th Meeting

Roger Chang	Robert Berlett
Al Grinspoon	Shelby Rogers
Edward Houston	Edward Trumble Sr.
Byron Bonebreak	Norman North
Tom Sexton	Bryan Bonebreak
Arthur Swint	Al Lewis
Ken Reese	Donald R. Lewis

Guests

Geoffrey Johnson 297
Speaker, Neil Quinter



New Members in March
297 transfers

MATTHEW E RUSS	WARREN E. SMITH
RICHARD A. LAMBERTI	
RICHARD BAKER	JOHN C CHRISTY
MYRON A. ROSHTO	JAMES L. CRITES

GEORGE H. JOHNSON

New Members to Legion

PHYLLIS JONES A. THOMAS BAITY



Second Notice

Maryland State Convention

The Convention will be held at the Ocean City convention Center July 11, 2006 to July 14, 2006. Next door to the convention Center is the Ramada Limited Hotel. The room rate will be based on single to quad occupancy in a standard room with either a king bed or two full size beds. The Room rate will be \$119 per night. Reservations can be made by calling 800-288-6488. You must mention that it is for the American Legion Convention.



DUES:

Dues payments for 2006 are still \$22.00, even though National has increased their charge to us. Post 297 dues are still at \$25.

Send Dues of \$22.00 to:
American Legion Post 300
% Robert Berlett
5456 Hound Hill Ct.
Columbia, MD 21045-2238

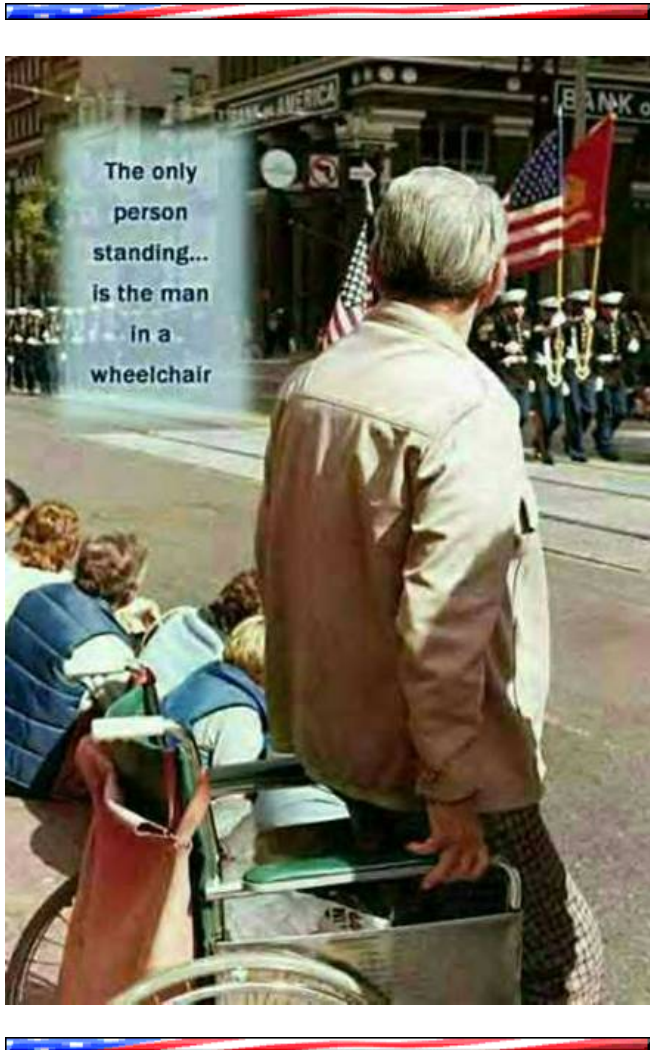


Lincoln Mercury Presents
American Legion with \$118,000



Last year each American Legion Member who bought a Eligible Mercury received a \$400 discount and \$100 was given to the American

Legion Scholarship Fund. This was such a success that the discount will continue this year on top of any current public offer.



A Cash Grant in a Pinch

The American Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program is available to help meet the basic needs of the minor children of men and women currently serving on active duty.

In order to maintain a stable home environment for the child or children, non-repayable grants may be awarded to help families in financial need meet the cost of shelter, utilities, food, and medical expenses.

Temporary Financial Assistance Grants

Maintenance

Maintenance grants may be used for:

- Shelter • Utilities • Food • Clothing

Maintenance grants are not awarded for previously incurred debt, except to:

1. Prevent disconnection of utilities
2. Prevent eviction or foreclosure.

Medical

Medical grants for child healthcare may be Used for:• Medical Care • Dental Care • Surgery • Hospitalization • Medications • Dietary Needs

Medical grants require a written statement from a physician outlining the problem, treatment, and estimated costs and must be approved before services are rendered.

TFA applications typically originate at the community level through a local Post of The American Legion and are thoroughly investigated. To apply for TFA or for more information contact your local Legion Post (check the White Pages of your local telephone directory), e-mail familysupport@legion.org, or complete the [electronic request form](#).



News Letter printing and postage sponsored by

**Dot Morrell with
Century 21 H T Brown**