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had a very short business meeting to discuss options for a new meeting date and time to lock in the larger meeting room for the entire year. Also, Ed Trumble, Sr., Bob Berlett, and I paid a visit to Madeline Bietz after losing her husband Joe, who was a 60 year member of the American Legion and also a member of our Post. The food and camaraderie was great with both main courses and a variety of desserts. Thanks especially to Al and Jeanne Grinspoon for coordinating all the contributions and managing the setup team.

Have a Happy Holiday!



Those Present

Roger Chang	Robert Berlett
Norman & Jean North	Al Murphy
Tom Sexton & Wife	Shelby Rogers
James Macdonald	Edward Trumble, Sr.
Ed L Trumble, Jr.	Dot Morrell
Donald Lewis	Edward Houston
Robert Berlett & Wife	Jim Riley
Lou Amster & Wife	Byron & Kathy Bonebreak
SAL	Robert Nemcheck
Guests	Linda Bishop Dist Commander
Bill Volenick County Commander	

Commander Chang's Report



We had a wonderful Holiday party that was well attended by friends, family, and our County Commander Bill Volenick and our District Commander Linda Bishop on Wednesday December 20, 2006 at 7pm. We



Columbia Post 300

Dear Lord Accept into Post Everlasting
Gerald P. Caplin 08/29/1929 to 11/19/2006
Korean War Army Veteran Recipient of the
Korean Service Medal, 2 Battle Stars and 1 Purple
Heart Medal. Lord please keep and comfort the
loved ones he has left behind.

Wife Shirley

Son Jeffery

Daughter Cynthia



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When you need help your first best step is to contact
Ed our Post 300 Service Officer.



This statue currently stands outside the Iraqi palace, now home to the 4th Infantry division. It will eventually be shipped home and put in the memorial museum in Fort Hood, Texas.

The statue was created by an Iraqi artist named Kalat, who for years was forced by Saddam Hussein to make the many hundreds of bronze busts of Saddam that dotted Baghdad.

Kalat was so grateful for the Americans liberation of his country; he melted 3 of the heads of the fallen Saddam and made the statue as a memorial to the American soldiers and their fallen warriors. Kalat worked on this memorial night and day for several months.

To the left of the kneeling soldier is a small Iraqi girl giving the soldier comfort as he mourns the loss of his comrade in arms



CHARTER MEMBERS NEEDED

Post 300 is starting a Ladies Auxiliary and a Sons of the American Legion. Quite often Legion members qualify to be members of both the Legion and the new units. Ladies automatically qualify if they are Legion Members or related to a Legion Member or one that would have been eligible to join the Legion.

The Sons of the American Legion require that a Legion member can qualify if his Father or Grand Father were Legion Members or eligible to join the Legion.

At this time there is not, nor has there been an Auxiliary or Sons of the American in Howard County.

We are looking for both joint Members and regular Members.



Chaplin's Corner



Robert Virts

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Call him to report any problem, illness, or death



Columbia Post 300

We are proud to announce our participation in:

Soldiers For Soldiers Recycling Program

With over 300 million empty **inkjet and laser printer cartridges** being discarded into our nation's landfills each year, polluting our rivers and streams, something had to be done.



Well one person has — 20-year-old A1C Fallon O'Brien of the United States Air Force.

Airman O'Brien along with The American Legion have started the Soldiers For Soldiers collection campaign to raise funds for The American Legion (www.legion.org). Educational fund for the dependants of service personnel killed in the line of Duty Since September 11, 2001.

Unlike other charitable programs, we are a pure grass-roots fundraising organization made up strictly of 100% volunteers, so 100% of the proceeds go directly to helping our soldiers and their families. Feel free to drop off your donation at any of the 15,000 local American Legion Posts or mail them directly to us using our easy-to-use shipping instructions.

Please help us do a lot of good for our wonderful soldiers and their families; after all we are asking for "your Trash not your Cash."

Just drop off the cartridges at:

CENTRAL LIBRARY

**10375 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044**

EAST COLUMBIA BRANCH LIBRARY

**6600 Cradlerock Way
Columbia, MD 21045**



Richard Scott Missed the Holiday Party. He was Recouping from a detached Retina. You can send messages to lou4466@yahoo.com



Tobey's Matinee Dinner Theater

Post 300 is sponsoring a trip to see George M.

Cohen Dinner Theater Show. It will be April 4, 2007 the doors open at 10:30am show time 12:30.

Food will consist of Toby's traditional full buffet that includes carving station for roast beef and ham, steamed shrimp , and all of Toby's specialties.

The cost is \$34 for the show, food, and gratuity. Alcohol "is not" included in the \$34 cost.

"GEORGE M" will be a popular Musical and only your payment will guarantee your seats. Send checks payable to Bob Berlett : 5456 Hound Hill, Columbia, MD 21045

For questions Call or E-mail Bob at 410-997-3863
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On Thursday December 14th At 6:00pm Roger Chang , Robert Berlett, And Ed Trumble, Sr. called on Madeline Beitz to deliver some flowers and a Poinsettia Plant in memory of her husband, Joe Beitz, a Member of our post for a short while.

Joe had been a Legionnaire for 60 Years. His funeral was held in New Jersey. During the funeral taps was played and The Flag was presented to her.





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Holiday Party



WANTED: New Post Historian/Camera Person to take pictures of all Post functions and keep the Post Photo Album,



Veterans Day services were held at Morningside Assisted Living Center in Ellicott City . Robert Berlett and Ed Trumble took part in the service by giving out 22 certificates of appreciation to The Veterans living at Morningside.



The Post 300 On-Line Shopping Mall

Over 1,000 different merchants like: Macy's, JC Penney, Sears, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Target, K-mart, Bass Pro Shop, Cabala's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Eddie Bauer, ACE Hardware, Office Depot, FTD, West Marina, Circuit City, and even eBay and many more quality merchants.

When you see this logo on the Post 300 web page and click it and you will be taken to our shopping mall page.

SHOP OUR ONLINE MALL
 Support us while saving money and time. Over 1000 merchants ...
 Make us better one purchase at a time.




“Years ago I thought old age would be dreadful, because I should not be able to do the things I would want to do. Now I find there is nothing I want to do after all.”



Columbia Post 300



100% HONOR RIBBON 2006



Membership.

We have done it again. Our goal has been increased this year to 123 members. We are Four Star Post for the third year in a row.. The dues are still \$22.00 a month until December 31, 2006.

Goal: 123

Present Count: 132



Certificate Of Meritorious Service

For Faithfulness In The Performance Of Duties, And Meriting Special Confidence And Esteem Because Of Manifested Cooperation And Loyalty. Recognition Is Hereby Accorded For Meritorious Service Rendered As Hereinafter Set Forth, And Presented To

Columbia Post 300
Department of Maryland
The American Legion

Who, Has Rendered Meritorious Service By Enrolling For The Year 2006, A Membership Equaling Or Surpassing Its Previous All-time High. This Enrollment Was Accomplished By December 31 Preceding The Beginning Of The Calendar Year Indicated.

In Witness Whereof, This Certificate Is Given To Said Post, Under The Hand Of The National Commander, And Duly Attested By The National Adjutant, At Indianapolis, Indiana, This 31st day of January 2006, And Countersigned By The Commander And The Adjutant For The Department.

ATTEST:

Tom Bock
National Commander

Rob W. Ely
National Adjutant

Phil J. Suspenant
Department Commander

Lee D. ...
Department Adjutant



National Commander Tom Bock Certificate of Appreciation

Presented To

Roger Chang, Commander
Columbia Post 300
Department of Maryland

In appreciation for your successful membership program in 2006. Your post was successful in accomplishing 100 percent of its annual membership goal, a sure sign that the leadership, comradeship, and member involvement at your post contribute to an atmosphere of success.

You should be justly proud of your Legionnaires.

The American Legion strongly believes that an effective membership program within each Post is vitally important to the positive perception of our members and programs within the community. Your excellent care of your membership is a strong indicator that you are successful in all your programs. Legionnaires and indeed all veterans want to stay involved with a winning organization.

In witness whereof, this testimonial of personal gratitude is presented by the undersigned and duly attested this membership year of 2006.

ATTEST:

Tom Bock
National Commander

Rob W. Ely
National Adjutant

Post 300 Lapel Pin

A 1 inch pin



We believe the cost will be \$3.00 to \$5.00. The lapel pin is a discrete but visible way of showing the people you come in contact with that you are a proud member of the American Legion and Post 300. Please e-mail Ed Trumble, SR at eltps@comcast.net or call him at (410)-480-0025 to place your advance order. You may find more info on the Post web page.



MD CENTER FOR VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Check it out at www.mcvet.org for more info call.

MCVET (410)-576-9626 Ext 214

Col Williams attended the November meeting and talked about their program.



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