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Serving The Youth & Veterans of Howard County



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This has been a banner month.

We have selected a new Motto.
“Serving the Youth & Veterans of Howard County” Submitted By Robert Berlett.

On February 24th Post 300 was awarded Four Star Status for Being First in state in membership reaching 251% of our Goal.

Ellicott City post 156 reached 91% making them a three star post. The combination of our two Posts raised Howard County to the only post in our state to reach four Stars.



In attendance for Feb 14th Meeting

Robert Berlett Byron Bonebreak
Al Grinspoon Phillip Tucker
Shelby Rogers Arthur Swint
Kenneth W. Reese Rufus Clanzy
Will Rainwater & Wife
Leroy & Edna Snyder
Tom & Jesje Sexton
Alvin Lewis & Wife

Guests

A. Thomas Baity took Application
Bob Virts Post 109 ask to be transferred
Back.

Minutes Feb 14th 2006

During the opening ceremony a prayer was given by Byron for the transfer of three men to Post Everlasting.

**JOHN LYLES PUFUL 19 YEARS
2004**

PETER LEPANTO 26 YEARS 2005

ROBERT WATSON 1 YEAR 2005

NCD Quarterly Meeting Feb 2nd canceled because of snow.

We discussed Rally Day at Arbutus Feb 24. The meeting starts at 8:00PM. The meeting is to honor Post achievements in membership drive for 2006. We should be at the head of list. If you want to eat you should be there by 6:15. There are limited tickets so if you want to go apply early.

The National Commander will be in MD March 17-19 in Baltimore. He will be attending several Functions.

NCD Reception for MD Leaders March 25 6PM Aberdeen \$24 meal and open Bar.

A report was given by Al Grinspoon as Boy Scout liaison on feedback from Boy Scout leader John Esworthy. There is a need for starting Cub Scouting in Long Reach area.

108 paid members for 2006 put us at 251% making NCD & Howard County #1

Keith Miller an Allstate Insurance Agent renewed his merchant-sponsorship. Check him out on our sponsor page of the web site.

Bear Tracks Contribution for Howard County youth has been received. The money comes from our share of selling NCD tickets last year.

This year we received 250 Tickets for NCD (sold 103 so far) first prize \$1000.00 \$1 each 6 for \$5.00. The more we sell the more we can give.

Next month on March 14th we will have to set the room up ourselves so we need a few members to show up at 7:15.

We are still working on a book drive location to send the books. We have \$400 in the treasury to cover shipping and postage.

Justin Landry represented us well in the Oratorical Contest. First prize in our Post is a \$500 bond

Post 300 "Motto Contest" "Voting is still open until Feb 22.

Officer Elections will be in May. We are looking for some new member to volunteer to take an office.

We will celebrate Memorial Day with Post 109. Possibly Saturday May 27th.

We will also giving out Poppies at Giant store in Owen Brown Memorial Day.

We are looking forward to 4th July Parade in River Hill again this year.

 American Legion Support for our troops

Help for Your Family

The American Legion's Family Support Network stands ready to assist you and your family as you serve our country. You have enough on your mind. Your thoughts shouldn't include worrying about daily chores and the problems that sometimes arise around the house. With nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts across the nation, chances are there's a local Legion family member willing to lend a hand.

What kind of help can be available? Grocery shopping, childcare, lawn care, fixing the family car and countless other challenges to a military spouse.

Family members simply call toll-free: 1-800-504-4098. Provide details of the need and then let Legion family volunteers take over.

An American Legion post in the vicinity of your family will be called and asked to help. Members will contact your family to determine if and how assistance can be provided.

Legionnaires and their families have been in your shoes. We understand the problems and stresses that go with separation of loved ones during war. We stand behind you all the way and are anxious to help when you need it...no charge. Just our deepest "Thanks."

Legionnaires strongly believe we shall not fail those with whom we serve...no matter what war era. To request assistance, call 1-800-504-4098, complete the

[electronic request form](#) or e-mail familysupport@legion.org

DUES:

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

We reached our goal and are now at 251% of our membership quota. Can we carry on for more members in 2006?

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

Ladies: The Post 300 is asking if you want to start a Post 300 Auxiliary. Check our new web site:

www.american-legion-post.us/belong

Then click the Auxiliary button. Thanks

We hope to start our Auxiliary unit with service visits to shut ins. Joan Bassler formerly of the Liberty Post has offered to join us and has asked us to send visitors to Morning Side Assisted Living to visit individuals who never leave their room.



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