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Serving The Youth & Veterans of Howard County

February 2007

POST MEETINGS ARE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM.

ALL VETERANS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Commanders Report

Congratulations to us! We achieved 4 star status with membership again, giving me another Outstanding Membership 2007 Service Cap and a Navy Blue Blazer for Ed Trumble, our Membership Officer extraordinaire!

We have an applicant for Boy's State, who I had personally handed an Eagle Scout Award last year and who saw me giving out a scholarship at Wilde Lake HS for the Maryland Math Engineering and Science Association (MESA)! Stephen Snorf will be a highly motivated Boy's State participant, who wants to attend a military academy. Stephen was recruited by our Boy Scout Liaison, John Esworthy. Stephen had tried to find information on Boy's State from the High School, but the background information and applications came from us and John Esworthy!

On Sunday, Feb 25, 2007, we will be cheering on our Oratorical Contest candidate, Ms. Diaz under the leadership of Dr. Byron Bonebreak, who has led our efforts every year, since Post 300 started. The contest will be at Parkville Post on Putty Hill Rd in Baltimore. The State level contest will follow on March 4 at Mt. Airy. Both are at 1:00 PM.

We have a district membership rally on February 23, Friday in Towson. Thanks to all your support and confidence, we have been growing every year.

Remember Flag Day, June 14, 2007, when we retire old flags with the help of our Boy Scouts. We also expect our County Executive to help present 100 Eagle Scout awards as part of the ceremony!

We are taking nominations for Post Officers and will give anyone a position to contribute! Elections occur in May.

Bob Berlett has organized a great social event at Toby's Dinner Theater for a matinee performance of George M on April 4, 2007, Wednesday.

Don't forget to save your old ink and laser cartridges for donation.

ROTC Medal presentations will again be at Fort Meade Club in May for dinner. You need Post access to participate easily.

Let us know how you want to help!

Calendar of Events

March 22nd Executive Meeting

March 29 Post 300 Meeting.

April 4th Toby's Dinner Theater

April 7th Recruitment Day at the Post Office

April 19th Executive Meeting

April 26 Post 300 Meeting



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 Deadline for submissions is the Saturday following the Post monthly meeting.

The Passing of My Dad

My Mother Mary Chang survives the passing of my Father, Dr. Tsuan Yuan Chang after 60 years of marriage. His passing was quiet and peaceful with his last words, he felt his time had come and thanked my Mother for the 6 years of care while he had arrested the progress of Alzheimer's with miracle drugs taken daily. He managed to crack jokes with a trusted Aid, who took him to get his hair cut the day before his passing!

Although not an American Veteran, my Father was a Chinese Nationalist Army Veteran leading the construction and operation of both fertilizer and munitions plants in Taiwan during the crucial years right after the Communist takeover in mainland China. He received his Doctorate from MIT in chemical engineering during World War II in 1941. These weapons and economic needs for farming helped keep Taiwan free from Communism.

As a naturalized American citizen, my Father contributed to numerous projects as a member of a chemical design consulting company. He also holds a US patent for converting coal to gasoline, which he strove to get implemented after retiring.

Winning the Cold War was a difficult and costly effort. Sometimes we miss all the countless contributions that we and our allies made around the world to win the Cold War to prevent Communist domination of the world.

Yes, I will always remember my Father for his sense of humor, consideration, and loyalty throughout his life.

Health Issues

Call 410-480-0025 or E-mail eltps@comcast.net to report Any health Issues in Post Members.

Michael Leary Now home 410-730-5158

Taps

The Father of Roger Chang transferred to Post Everlasting Feb. 1 2007.

CHARTER MEMBERS NEEDED

Post 300 is starting a Ladies Auxiliary 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.

410-480-0025 or eltps@comcast.net

Post 300 is in need of member volunteers to help with Post projects, to be willing to take official positions as officers, to help with projects for Youth and Active Military projects. We are also looking for new projects. Now is the time to shine and help those that have served, those that are serving, and those that will serve one day.



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ECHO TAPS WORLDWIDE

On Armed Forces Day (Saturday, 19 May 2007), brass players from around the world will honor and remember military veterans with a worldwide musical performance of Taps.

Individuals, schools, and organizations are invited to participate as performers or volunteers and can register at the National Veterans Administration web site.

Echo Taps Worldwide will be conducted at all national cemeteries, state veterans cemeteries and American Battle Monument Commission cemeteries here and abroad.

This is part of a national effort to preserve the tradition of having a bugler perform this final military honor live instead of using a pre-recorded version of Taps which has been necessary due to a shortage of bugler volunteers.

For more information, visit Echo Taps at www.echotaps.org; Bugles Across America at www.buglesacrossamerica.org or register at

http://www1.va.gov/volunteer/EchoTaps_form.cfm.

Please make sure your local school bands are

Toby'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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Any one who reads the news letter may submit a picture that includes a US Flag. The winner will receive a coupon from T-Bonz. The picture can be submitted as a digital picture or a hard copy. Submit your entrees to Ed Trumble Sr. @ 410-480-0025 or e-mail him at eltps@comcast.net



Membership.

We have done it again. Our goal has been increased this year to 123 members. We are a Four Star Post for the third year in a row.. We are third in the state in membership growth. Over the top!

Goal: 123

Present Count: 147 + 3 Pending

Third Year in a Row Post 300 has led the North Central District in Membership drive.



Department of Maryland
Northern Central District
Membership Rally Award
February 23, 2007
Four Star
Columbia
Post 300
Linda Bishop
Secretary



For Sale

2 Lexmark Ink Jet cartridge #26
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Mahveen Diaz a senior at River Hill High School was a winner of our County Oratorical Contest Winning a \$500 bond towards her College Tuition.

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We wish to thank all who took part in our Soldier for Soldier Program. We were able to send 1 box of 83 Ink jet cartridges and 4 toner cartridges for the program to set up and educational fund for children of those killed in action since 9-11.



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We have received our first check keep it coming !!



President Gerald R. Ford 14/07/1913—26/12/2006

The world is ever conscious of what Americans are doing, for better or for worse, because the United States today remains that most successful realization of humanity's universe hope. The world may or may not follow, but we lead because our whole history says we must. Liberty for all men and women as a matter equal unalienable right. The establishment of justice and peace abroad will in large measure depend upon the peace and justice we create here in our own country, for we still show the way." July 4, 1976

Photo by David Hume Kennerly courtesy of Ford Library & Museum www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov



Post 300 Lapel Pin

A 1 inch pin



The Pins have arrived. The cost is as follows:

1@ \$5, 2@ \$9, 3@ \$12, 4@ \$14, 5@ \$15

To place your order contact

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