



NEWSLETTER

January 2004

JROTC Drill Competition

Thanks to the efforts of a Post Chaplain, Bruce Kipp, we presented American Legion drill team competition plaques to winners at Atholton High School on Jan 10, 2004. Three high school JROTC teams competed with these results:

- Howard HS - overall
- Howard HS - Color Guard
- Howard HS - Inspection
- Atholton HS - Precision Drill
- Oakland Mills HS - Creative Drill



Post 300 Chartered

This was a critical step in recognition, so we can proudly order our American Legion caps being the first new post in Maryland in 18 years. Congratulations to all our participants.

Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration Jan 11, 2004



At Long Reach HS Auditorium, Rufus Clanzy, Columbia Post 300 Judge Advocate, helped organize a truly outstanding event hosted by Marc Clarke of the top rated Baltimore morning radio show and Maryland Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele as the featured guest speaker. This gave us an opportunity for community awareness for the opportunities for scholarships in the Oratorical Contest and Boy's State. Potential candidates have been encouraged to meet with our Oratorical Contest leader, Byron Bonebreak, at the next General Meeting.

Howard County Meeting

County Commander, Wil Crable hosted the meeting Jan 5 at Post 156. John Horan is taking over as Post 156 Commander for Wil, who became County Commander. *Boy's State Jun 13-19*



Operation Give

Several members of Columbia Post 300 have been generously donating their time and effort to support collecting and sending toys to the Children of Iraq. Our 1st Vice Commander, Norman North, James Savoy, Shelby Rogers, and Joe Wall were recruited to support this effort at one of our General meetings before the season's holidays in December 2003. On Jan 27, 2004 the entire stash of toys will be shipped to Iraq by Federal Express for no charge.

Oratorical Contest

Chairman, Byron Bonebreak, (410) 531-5430, bbjr@erols.com, students grades 9-12 will have an opportunity to win one of the following scholarships in an oratorical contest based on the US Constitution. We need judges and coaches to support this outstanding opportunity.

Meeting Locations/Times

General meetings:
Owen Brown Community Center
6800 Cradlerock Way
2nd Tuesdays 7:30-9p monthly

Executive Committee meetings: are at the business office of Dr. Byron Bonebreak at 7160 Cradlerock Way in the Owen Brown Shopping Center on the 1st Tuesdays monthly at 7:30-9p.

Memorial Prayer Breakfast May 29, 2004

Post Chaplain, Bruce Kipp is leading our May 29 World War II Memorial Breakfast. The winning Howard HS JROTC Color Guard, which had previously taken 2nd place in the National competition has agreed to be our honor guard at the event. We are tentatively looking for a location.

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