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Commander's Report -



For the month of January 2006, we welcomed the New Year with our County meeting followed by our regular Post 300 meeting. Candidate for Maryland Sergeant

at Arms, Mike Mooney, came to meet our post and also attend the County meeting. We welcomed new member Roy Snyder to his first Columbia Post 300 meeting as we officially pushed to 101 members! Among our unanimous votes, Al Grinspoon, our Sergeant at Arms was voted in to become our official Eagle Scout Liaison. It was motioned and unanimously voted that we pay the dues of several members, who are in temporary financial difficulties.

Byron Bonebreak continues to lead our Oratorical contest efforts and we hope to get our 2005 contestant back for this year's competition.

We want to personally thank our many volunteers and contributors to the Books for Troops effort, Toys for Tots in Iraq under Operation Give, and our various community service efforts. We voted to reallocate our Howard County donation of \$115 to the Bear Tracks Program for youths in Howard County and sponsored by the Howard County Police. The potentially at risk youths that go to the Bear Tracks program apparently have never become a problem to our community following participation in the Camp. Sometimes knowing that someone cares is enough to make a difference.

Even if our temporary motto of "Serving the Youth and Veterans of Howard County" does not become permanent, it is what we practice. Ed Trumble, as corrected by Ed Trumble Jr., accidentally cut off our motto contest before the designated time of Feb 22, 2006, so you all

have a chance to vote still. Again, thanks for all your service because that is what Columbia Post 300 is about.

Roger Chang
Post Commander



In attendance for Jan 13th Meeting

Roger Chang	Robert Berlett
Al Grinspoon	Shelby Rogers
Arthur Swint	Edward Trumble Sr.
Byron Bonebreak	Norman North
Louis D. Ross	Donald R. Lewis
Roy Snyder	
Guest	

Mike Mooney Post 183 running for Sergeant at Arms for District of MD

Minutes Jan 10, 2006

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.

NCD Quarterly Meeting Feb 12 Post 130 Sunday 1 PM 8666 Silver Lake at Perry Hall. 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 Open Bar

Pot Luck Dinner was a great Success. Al Grinspoon was approved as our Boy Scout Liaison.

Approval was given for the Post to pay 2006 dues for three members in need. We now have 101 members paid for year 2006. We received \$50.00 from Dr. Sandler as a Merchant Sponsor. Look him up on our web page.

February & March meetings we will be in a different room so we will need set-up.

We voted to give to Bear Tracks again this year. The more tickets we sell the more we can give.

We received 250 Tickets for NCD (sold 103 so far) First prize \$1000.00 \$1 each 6 for \$5.00

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

We are waiting on a final decision on the Oratorical Contest. First prize in our Post is a \$500 bond

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

We will have a Valentines Party of Feb 14th our next meeting. Bring the love of your life.



Pictured above:
William G. Volenick
Eileen Bottamiller
John W. Smith

"It is a night I will never forget", said Ms. Eileen Bottamiller after she was honored by the American Legion of Howard County for the patriotic assembly that she organized at Rockburn Elementary School.

In this assembly, as Rockburn vocal music teacher, she crafted a memorial to the Heroes of 9/11, and the anniversaries of the U.S. Constitution and the National Anthem, all of which fell within a few days of each other in September. Kindergarten students through Grade 2 signed the Pledge of

Allegiance. Grade 3 spoke about what makes a hero, while Grade 4 gave a history of the National Anthem. The Preamble to the constitution was recited by Grade 5. All of the children sang "You are our heroes" in tribute to 9/11 personnel, and "Of the People" to highlight Constitution Day. The chorus of the school sang "The Star Spangled Banner". In all, over 700 students participated, carrying flags and dressed in patriotic colors.

A description of her effort was first noted by William G. Volenick, Howard County Commander of the American Legion when he read an article recounting her assembly in an article in The View of September 29th. He was extremely impressed with display of patriotism, and brought it to the attention of the legion membership in Howard County. The two legion posts, the Adams, Hanna, Moore Memorial Post #156 and Columbia Post #300 felt that deeds such as hers should be recognized, and a unanimous vote of the two posts to this end was recorded.

As a result, on December 13th the night of the school holiday recital at Long Reach High School auditorium, Ms. Bottamiller was surprised when, at the end of the concert and in front of her students and an auditorium filled to capacity with parents and friends, she was called to the stage. She was presented a plaque by County Commander

Volenick and Post #156 Commander John W. Smith that read, "A Certificate of Commendation is hereby awarded to Eileen Bottamiller in recognition of her outstanding work in fostering true Americanism in the Hearts and Minds of our Nation's Youth". The Commander of Post #300, Roger Chang was unable to attend due to a conflict with his post's activities.



DUES:

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

We reached our goal of 200% 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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