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Commander's Report -



Columbia Post 300 had a roaring start in July. After numerous generous donations to cover our postage to send over 30 boxes of paperbacks to an Army Cavalry Regiment in Iraq during May and June, we packed the bulk of the boxes on July 5, 2005 at the Capital General Services Warehouse Facility in Laurel, MD as coordinated by Ed Trumble.

Postage donations included a very generous donation on behalf of our County Commander Bill Volenick by his daughter. Ed Trumble Jr. also collected numerous donations from supporters in his local area in Delaware. The shipping boxes were also provided by Ed Trumble Jr. Thanks.

Thanks also go to the volunteers who helped pack and mail the 30 plus boxes -

Ed Trumble, Shelby Rogers, Bob Berlett ... And all the members behind this effort.

On July 2, we gave away poppies and promoted the American Legion and promoted our activities such as the Oratorical scholarship, books and toys for Iraq, ROTC medals, etc. Receiving numerous generous donations from member of the community while at the Owen Brown Giant for the morning. Thanks to Norm North, Ed Trumble, Shelby Rogers, Bob Berlett, County Commander Bill Volenick, ... For supporting the effort.

On July 4, we felt like beauty queens riding in the convertible and Dodge Viper provided and driven by Jim Lawson. We handed out poppies and wave to supporters at the Riverhill Parade behind the military color guard. Riders included myself, Shelby Rogers, Bob Berlett, and Ed Trumble.



Wrapping up only the first half of July, we had three members of our Post go to the Maryland Department convention in Ocean City. Bob Berlett, Ed Trumble and Shelby Rogers attended training classes and meetings on being an American Legion officer.



Ocean City

On 12 Jul 03, Shelby Rogers, Information Officer; Ed Trumble, Historian; and Bob Berlett, Adjutant,

Columbia Post 300 went to Ocean City, MD to participate in some of the Department of Maryland annual convention activities. Being the first day of a three day event, only classes for the various officer positions were taught on 12 Jul 05. Bob, Ed and I attended classes for the positions that we hold in Columbia Post 300. It was a very enjoyable day, a lot of very valuable information was disseminated and a lot was learned by all three of us.

Much of this information, dealing with such information as The War Memorial, The Maryland Veterans Home, Compensation and Dependency Indemnity Compensation, Pension and Death Pension, etc, will be passed on to the members of Columbia Post 300 in the coming months and can only help us to become better officers so that we can serve you, the members only better.

During Bob Berlett's course He learned That the State is expecting 500 New Post 297 members in our area. The State will be charged an addition \$3.00 for each 297 member who does not transfer out to another Post.



Wounded Soldiers Make Cross-Country Trek

BALTIMORE, July 12, 2005 – A 4,200-mile bike ride would be challenging for anyone. For someone missing a limb, it would seem impossible. But Army veterans Heath Calhoun and Ryan Kelly are proving just how possible it is.

DUES:

Dues payments for 2006 paid prior to Dec. 1st, 2005 will benefit the post. We urge early bird payments of \$22 for the 2006 dues.

Send to:

American Legion Post 300
% Robert Berlett
5456 Hound Hill Ct.
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We have 6 early birds How about you?

Post 297 Members

It is annual dues renewal time. As a member of Post 297 you are a name on a list in a cubby hole. Your membership only helps National. State will be assessed a fee for each person that has not transferred to a regular Post. Transferring you membership to a real Post, like ours, you help us, your community, and your self. It is not too late to transfer your membership to Post 300 and pay your dues through us.



Late Breaking News

Post 297 Raises dues to \$25.00 a Year

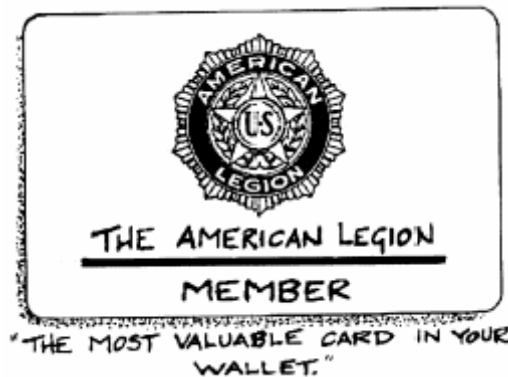
Post 300 Dues still \$22.00 a Year

Transfer and save plus more benefits



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