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Issue 29

Serving The Youth & Veterans of Howard County

July 2007

**POST MEETINGS ARE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM.
ALL VETERANS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AT THE Owen Brown Community Center**



Commander Report CRD Roger Chang

For the month of July, Columbia Post 300 led the American Legion contingent in the Riverhill community July 4th Parade with "Mac" MacDonald's Russian motorcycle and side car based on a World War II design. I rode in the side car! This was followed by James Lawson's Viper with Bob Berlett riding, Al Grinspoon's Corvette, a Lexus LC430 convertible driven by Carolyn Adams with Shelby Rogers riding, and Bill Volenick's Lincoln Town Car with Ed Trumble riding. The weather was great with the biggest crowd lining the streets since we started participating. We gave out all our poppies!



The Riverhill Community Organization thanked us for our continued participation.

We again received a multitude of Awards for membership at the Maryland Convention in Ocean City. The Convention ran from July 9-13, 2007 and included training for Officers plus awards and elections. The Parade was eliminated this year due to lack of local police funding for support. See the Awards on page 5.

We have extended an invitation to Congressman John Sarbanes to speak about the BRAVE Act he co-sponsored with several Maryland legislators to help disabled veterans get Social Security disability ratings based on Veterans Administration disability ratings without having to apply to the SSA system.

Service Officer, Ed Houston, laid out an ambitious plan for Phoenix House, a new non-profit service to help homeless veterans. All members are welcome to attend the Phoenix House planning meetings held at Howard Community College.

On July 20, 2007 both Columbia Post 300 and Ellicott City Post 156 Commander Larry Killen met with our Howard County Police Chief to present our joint donations for the Bear Trax Camp and the Listening Post to help at-risk youths in Howard County. County Commander, Bill Volenick, led our contingent with his daughter, Linda also participating. On July 28, 2007 the same contingent less Linda, went to the Therapeutic Riding Center in Glenwood for a tour and to present a donation for their efforts to help autistic children in Howard County. Continued on page 3





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

Health Issues



Taps

Michael Leary Passed away at 13:00 on July 10, 2007 served by Mother Dessie Leary ,Wife Janet Leary and Daughter Gwendolyn R. Coffell.

Call 410-480-0025 or email eltps@comcast.net for any Information for the Health Issues

Landstuhl Heroes Deserve Your Support

American Legion | 27 June 2007

Recovering troops at the U.S. military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany need your help. During a recent visit there, American Legion National Commander Paul A. Morin and American Legion Auxiliary President Jo Ann Cronin found these war heroes are in need of comfort items and essentials that could improve their quality of life.

The National Commander, the National President and Sons of The American Legion Commander Earl Ruttkofsky are asking your help in raising at least \$50,000 for this cause. Don't let the well-deserved media attention given to Walter Reed Army Medical Center detract from the needs of the heroes at Landstuhl. These veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars must not be forgotten as America is engaged in a war on terror to protect all of our freedoms.

[Click here to read their report and to donate to this worthy endeavor](#)

Post Meeting schedule

- Aug 18, 07 Exec Meeting
- Aug 23, 07 Post Meeting
- Sep 20, 07 Exec Meeting
- Sep 27, 07 Post Meeting
- Oct 11, 07 Post Blood Drive OBC
- Oct 18, 07 Charlotte Hall Open House 10:00 to 14:00
- Oct 19, 07 50+ Expo at the Wilde Lake HS 09:00 to
- Oct 25, 07 Post Meeting
- Nov 01, 07 Exec Meeting
- Nov 08, 07 Post Meeting
- Dec 07, 07 Post Holiday Party



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Ocean City Experience

The State American Legion conference can be quite
 rewarding. Shelby Rogers and Ed Trumble rode
 down and back to the Conference sharing stories
 both ways. Number one tip: be sure to get to Ocean
 City by 14:00; Then you can take part in the An-
 nual fish fry and weenie roast. We stayed at the
 Maridel Motel whose parking lot adjoined the Con-
 ference center. Five minutes after walking out the
 front door in the morning we were at the Dough
 Roller Restaurant for breakfast. Legionnaires come
 in all shapes and sizes. It was great to meet a lot of
 new people and share ideas. During the Member-
 ship training class Gail Murdock Pointed out that
 Post 300, one of the newest posts, is doing an out-
 standing job on Membership.

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On July 26, 2007 our newly elected officers were in-
 stalled at our County Meeting by Commander Bill
 Volenick. We followed with our general meeting cov-
 ering the past events above and future events like the
 Charlotte Hall Open House visit on October 18, 2007
 the 50+ Expo at Wilde Lake HS on October 19, 2007
 and the Morningside visit on Veteran's Day, Sunday
 November 11, 2007. We need your support for all
 these events. Please contact Ed Trumble at:

eltps@comcast.net or 410-480-0025 if interested.

At our July 26, 2007 General Meeting, "Mac" MacDonald
 gave me his medal for donating 50 pints of platelets at the
 Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Congratulations! He of-
 fered to transport to WRAMC anyone wishing to participate; in
 the side car of his Russian motorcycle! I have already done
 that in our 4th of July parade at about 2 MPH! I am sure your
 ride will be faster to get to the WRAMC. *Roger Chang*



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A photo featuring an American flag will be included in each issue. If your photo is selected, you will receive a T-BONZ Gift Certificate. Please include your name, when and where the photo was taken (if known), photographer's name, and brief caption. Need not be a member to enter. Good luck, and congratulations to our winner!

The picture can be submitted as a digital picture or a hard copy. Submit your entries to Ed Trumble Sr. @ 410-480-0025 or e-mail him at eltps@comcast.net

Winner Byron Bonebreak



Membership.

Our goal will be increased this year to 1 member more than our membership at the cut-off date. We are a Four Star Post for the third year in a row.. We were third in the state in membership growth. Over the top! Help us for 2008 For Post 300. Failure to remain a Four-Star Post is not an option.

Present Count:

IT'S TIME TO RENEW . . . UNLESS YOU'RE PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL)

Membership cards are in! Let's get a jump on membership renewals and not wait for the official "reminders." Please help promote membership among your eligible friends, family members and co-workers. Everyone can and should participate in membership recruitment and retention. If you need forms, see your Post Adjutant Robert Berlett. Membership makes a great gift! "Draft" a veteran or eligible relative; recruit and mentor your replacement!

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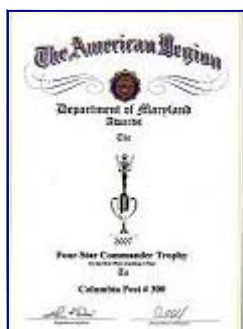
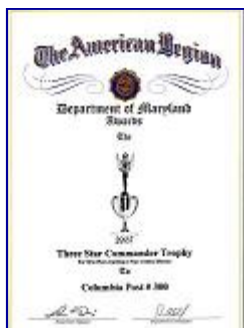
**First Time Attendees to Post 300 meetings
On July 26, 2007.**

Henry (Phil) Hanes hphanes@comcast.net

If fear is cultivated it will become stronger, if faith is cultivated it will achieve mastery.
[John Paul Jones](#)



2007 Membership Awards



1. Three Star Commanders Trophy 1st in District to reach three star
2. Four Star Commanders Trophy 1st in District to reach four star
3. Four Star Award all time high
4. Pershing Memorial Trophy Largest increase in Membership for Posts 100 to 200 Members
5. Platinum Record Breaker for Achieving 132% Membership 2007

TAPS copied from Post 154

“Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison 's Landing in Virginia . The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the

Soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his

breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heart-broken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial

despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as Taps Used at a military funeral.

Resent questions have been raised whether this the truth or a myth.

Courage is doing what you are afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you are scared.

[Eddie Rickenbacker](#)



How do you stop a thief?

This was the question that vexed my brother-in-law, a rugged Marine. Every morning he picked up coffee from Starbucks, and every morning that cup of coffee mysteriously disappeared from his desk. Although he never caught the bandit, he did resolve the matter. One morning, when all personnel were gathered for a staff meeting, he popped out the partial plate from his mouth and swished it around in his coffee before placing it back. His coffee was never stolen again.

— Joke contributed by Jean Short

Heroes to Hometown

Heroes to Hometowns is a growing community-based effort to welcome home our wounded warriors. The American Legion partnered with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) in 2006 to support this new program. Due to reconstruction at the Pentagon, OSD's Military Severely Injured Center's Pentagon Detachment moved to a new location in Arlington, Virginia. For more information on Heroes to Hometowns, The American Legion's DOD Liaison for the Severely Injured can be contacted at 703 908 6250 or visit www.legion.org/h2h

When you join the American Legion you are doing several things:

1. Joining a group with similar past.
2. Being counted as supporting appropriate treatment for Veterans and those who now serve their country.
3. Being there to help them adjust to Civilian life.
4. Sporting youth programs for their health welfare and pride in their country.



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[Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)

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