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Serving The Youth & Veterans of Howard County

June 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 Roger Chang's Report

We ended the month of June with a bang. We were invited to a Press Conference with Congressman Sarbanes, who introduced the BRAVE Bill to allow veterans with a VA disability rating to use that rating for Social Security disability without reapplication to the Social Security Administration! This BRAVE Bill is receiving strong bipartisan support in Congress. Maryland co-sponsors include Congressmen Cummings, Ruppertsberger and Van Hollen. The Press Conference included representatives from several Veteran's organizations. Congressman Sarbanes would also be willing to be our guest speaker at a time to be arranged in the future. The Press Conference was held at Hopkins Plaza in Baltimore in front of the VA Offices in the Federal Building with press including the Baltimore Sun and television coverage.



With the help of our Boy Scout Liaison Al Grinspoon and Consultant John Esworthy, we had an

Eagle Scout Award presentation of 150 signed certificates for Howard County 2007 Eagle Scouts will be at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center on June 16.



On June 12, our Boy's State candidate, Mr. Schnorf from Wilde Lake HS, Adjutant Bob Berlett and Membership Officer Ed Trumble attended a very enlightening presentation on the history and agenda for Boy's State to be held this summer.

Congratulations to our Adjutant Bob Berlett, who retained his White Hat (North Central District officer) status in the Maryland Department at the June 24 NCD Caucus at Whiteford. He also got contact information on 3 National Guard troops, who will be joining Post 300.

Come see us in the River Hill July 4 parade!

We are planning a Red Cross Blood Drive with Owen Brown on October 11.



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Dear American Legion Post 300,

June 27, 2007

I would like to thank you for sponsoring me so I could attend Boys' State this past week. I had a great experience and thoroughly enjoyed my time at Boys' State. I met numerous people that have similar interests as I do, and formed new friendships.

I got a taste of military discipline and structure, which I also enjoyed. The days were packed with fun activities and lectures. I got an insightful view of state government, which would be difficult to get on my own. I held government positions on both the City and State levels. I was a City delegate, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman and the State Games Commissioner. Thank you again for all your effort on my behalf.

Sincerely,


 Stephen Schwoif

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

SEDTA , Joseph On May 10, 2007, JOSEPH, beloved husband of the late Agnes M. (nee MacEachern), devoted father of Salvatore Sedita, Maria Smith, Stephanie Ulaky and Bernadette Shank, loving grandfather of Sarah, Adam, Michael, Joseph, Steven, Melissa, Kate, Erin, and Ian.



No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation.

There is no substitute for victory.

[Douglas MacArthur](#)



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Special Message from ED White our Founder

Thanks Bob always good to hear from you and to see the great job you guys are doing, to have a new Post that is doing the GREAT job that you guys are doing is wonderful I follow the weekly membership report and your newsletter and I am Honored to have been involved. See you at the convention.

Do you have a need to sell, buy, or advertise an item or service let us help you.

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If you would like to have them saved on CD'S
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**Do you need help with the following programs:
Word, Publisher, Outlook and working with pictures. Contact Edward Trumble**

The German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206:

Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway."

Ground: "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven." The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (Coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark, -- And I didn't land." Tom Kelly

Post 300 Lapel Pin

A 1 inch pin



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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 Bill Volnick Allied Cemetery Reflecting Pool near Omaha Beach.



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 4-Star Post is not an option.

Present Count: 25

.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!

Renew on line at <https://www.members.legion.org/cgi-bin/lansaweb?procfun+hqr+hqrp2+tal>

Or Mail to:

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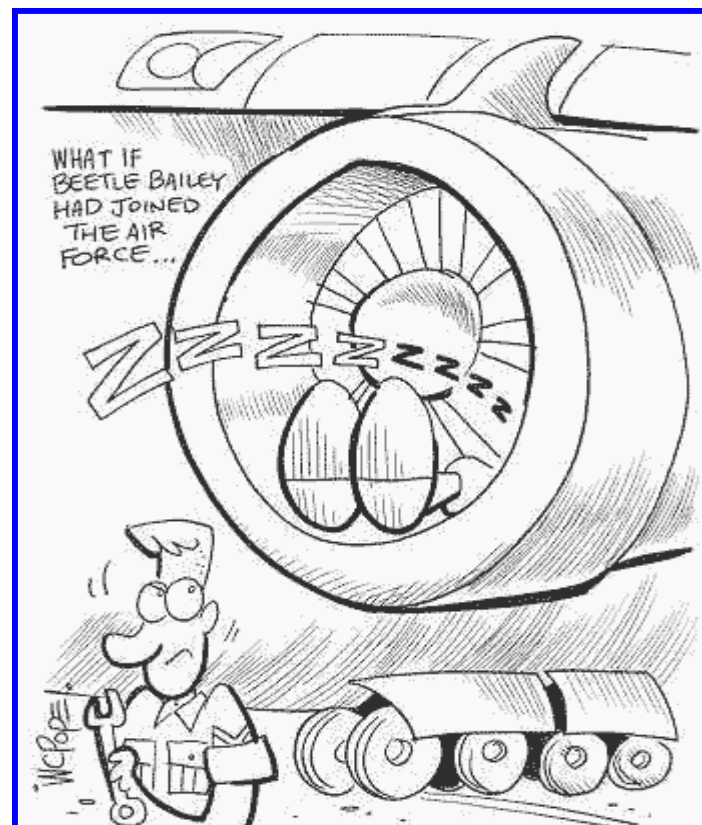
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c/o Robert Berlett
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First Time Attendees to Post 300 meetings On June 28, 2007

Chuck Barron signed by Ed Trumble

William McGuire Signed by Roger Chang





The Dombrowski Family retires an unserviceable U.S. Flag

(Photo by Rod Clayton)

ARMED FORCES DAY FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Every year in May, Columbia Homeschool Community (www.columbiahomeschool.org) participates in a weekend colonial style encampment at Camp Flintlock, located at Saint Mary's City, Maryland.

Camp Flintlock (www.campflintlock.com) offers campers a taste of life as it was in colonial America: campers dress in colonial clothes, prepare and cook their own meals, learn to throw tomahawks, fire muskets, chop wood, build fires, sleep on hay in colonial tents, sing Revolutionary War songs, enjoy the sound of the fife and drum, learn sword fighting, hear Bible lessons, learn about the early history of our great Nation, it's Founders, the Declaration of Independence, and engage in many other activities that center around Americanism and Patriotism.

This year the ceremony was conducted on Saturday night, 19 May (Armed Forces Day) in a meadow next to the encampment.

Mr. Graydon Stevenson, the Director of Camp Flintlock, who spoke about the meaning of Armed Forces Day, the contributions of our Nation's Veterans, and the Mike Hamilton of American Legion Post 300 in Columbia, who spoke about the nature of the ceremony and expressed gratitude to Post 66 for providing the flags. Hamilton was properly retiring unserviceable U.S. Flags.

followed by Mr. Brian Suddeth who, representing the Boy Scouts of America, initiated the campfire

into the World Brotherhood of Scouting Ashes. Mr. Suddeth was followed importance of properly retiring unserviceable U.S. Flags.

After his comments each family came forward and respectfully placed a flag into the flames of the campfire, and each flag was given its final salute. After the last flag was placed in the fire, everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by Mr. Stevenson reading the Declaration of Independence. The powerful words echoed across the years, through the stillness of the night, and across the meadow, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness". At the conclusion of reading the Declaration, Mr. Stevenson explained its history, what happened to the signers, and why their sacrifice and words are as important today as they were when first written. With that he ended the ceremony with a simple but dignified "Our flag is retired. I bid you good night".

That night, with a clear star filled sky, a beautiful moon, and a meadow filled with fireflies that reflected the glory of God's creation, surrounded by the patriotic fervor of its own citizens, 14 U.S. Flags were given their final salute and respectfully retired.

What is A Legionnaire?

A Legionnaire is a man or woman who at their Nations Time of Need stepped up and served.

After serving their country they banded together to see that those who came back received all the help they needed.

Legionnaires also elected to see that those still serving should receive all the help they and their family need.

Legionnaires then elected to help the Youth of America learn and appreciate about their great country.




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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 re-construction 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 <<http://www.legion.org/h2h>>.



WAR IS AN UGLY THING, BUT NOT THE UGLIEST OF THINGS, THE DECAYED AND DEGRADED STATE OF MORAL AND PATRIOTIC FEELING WHICH THINKS THAT NOTHING IS WORTH WAR IS MUCH WORSE. THE PERSON WHO HAS NOTHING FOR WHICH HE IS WILLING TO FIGHT, NOTHING WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY, IS A MISERABLE CREATURE AND HAS NO CHANCE OF BEING FREE UNLESS MADE SO AND KEPT SO BY THE EXERTIONS OF BETTER MEN THAN HIMSELF.
 JOHN STUART MILL (1806-1873)

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 Our 50+Expo display will be at the Wilde Lake HS Friday October 19. Se Ed Trumble for Times to visit and help .
 Thanks for all your support in FY 2007 as we move into FY 2008! Our membership reached 132%of our goal and we were 2nd in Maryland!

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