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Commander's Report -



We had a rip roaring meeting on March 14, 2006 with 18 persons in attendance,

numerous first time members and potential members. Phyllis Jones joined on the spot and offered to donate some of her daughter's autographed pocketbooks for our book drive for troops in Iraq.

We planned our Poppy Giveaway at the Owen Brown Giant on Armed Forces Day, Saturday May 20, starting at 8:30a.m. to about 1 p.m. This helps us recruit and get donations for our various programs.

County Executive Robey will host an Eagle Badge award recognition day May 11, 2006 for 76 scouts that we will honor with printed certificates from the American Legion on that evening. We are also exploring supporting a Cub Scout pack in the Long Reach area with our consultant John Esworthy

For the 4th of July parade, we have Al Grinspoon's Corvette convertible joining last year's Dodge Viper and other convertibles as available. We also got some new volunteers, who have to be at least as "pretty" as I am to wave to the public. At least I have set a very low threshold for this Post's "BEAUTY" standard of short, pale and ugly. Everyone should feel comfortable to join in the Riverhill Parade and ride to promote the American Legion and Veterans in our neighborhoods. You don't have to be a fashion model. Sherry Mosly volunteered

to ride in one of our vehicles after attending our meeting for the first time. She was brought by our new candidate for 2006 Service Officer Ed Houston, who works for the Veterans Administration and will be a great asset for our Post!

We have several volunteers willing to take on Post duties, Tom Sexton, Bob Virts, and Ed Houston. Thanks.

Roger Chang
Post Commander



In attendance for March 14, 2006 Meeting

Roger Chang	Robert Berlett
Al Grinspoon	Shelby Rogers
Edward Houston	Edward Trumble Sr.
Byron Bonebreak	Norman North
Roy Snyder	Tom Sexton
Bob Virts	Al Lewis

Will Rainwater

Guests

Sherry Mosley	Phyllis Jones
John Esworthy	



Oratorical Contest

For two Years in a row Justin Landy has represented our Post in the Oratorical Contest. This has netted him two \$500 savings Bonds

This contest is for students who

Welcome Learning

For the student who looks for an academic challenge and an opportunity to gain scholarship monies, The American Legion's National High Oratorical Contest is

a natural fit. Students learn valuable information about our country's Constitution in a contest that has been held by The American Legion for more than 65 years.

The main purpose of The National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.

Scholarship awards are presented to the three finalists in the Final Round of the National Contest as follows: 1st place - \$18,000; 2nd place - \$16,000; 3rd place - \$14,000. Each Department (State) winner who is certified into and participates in the first round of the National Contest will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Each first round winner who advances to and participates in the second round, but does not advance to the Final Round, will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship to pursue education beyond high school.

The scholarships awarded by the National Organization of The American Legion may be used to attend any college or university in the United States. Funds for the scholarships awarded by the National Organization are provided by the American Legion Life Insurance Fund.



First Notice

Maryland State Convention

The Convention will be held at the Ocean City convention Center July 9 to 13, 2006. Next door to the convention Center is the Ramada Limited Hotel. The room rate will be based on single to quad occupancy in a standard room with either a king bed or two full size beds. The Room rate will be \$119 per night. Reservations can be made by calling 800-288-6488. You must mention that it is for the American Legion Convention.

DUES:

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

We exceeded our membership goal by 251%. 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.

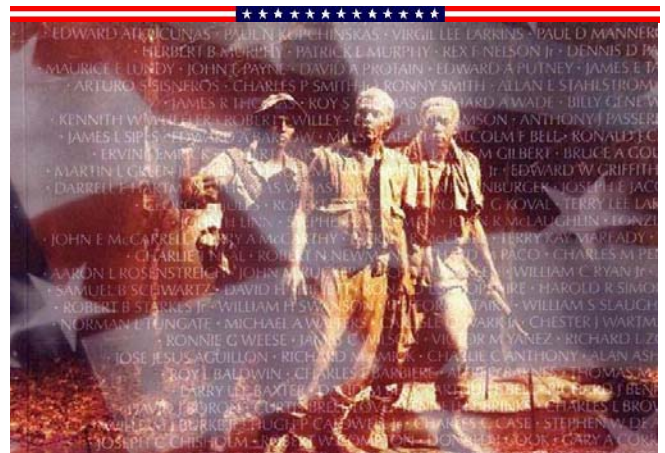




Have you visited the Web site lately?
 Do you know what is going on?
 Our web site is one thing that puts us ahead of other Posts. I have not seen any post that is kept up to date like ours. Use it. Get others to look at it. Be proud. Each member should be a member of the membership team. It should be a joint effort. Can we double membership this year?

Would you like to see the News Letter get a Name?

If you are getting the News Letter by regular mail U.S. Postal Service and you have an E-mail address please sign up for e-mail delivery. That way we can save some money on postage and paper. To sign up for e-mail send to post300@americal-legion-post.us



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