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# Columbia Post 300 Department of Maryland

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Serving The Youth & Veterans of Howard County

**POST MEETINGS ARE THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM.**

**ALL VETERANS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**



## Commanders Report

For the month of March, we sponsored our first ever application to Boy's State for Stephan Schnorf, who attends Wilde Lake HS, member of the National Honor

Society, Captain of the Wrestling Team, achieved a Black Belt in Martial Arts America, Runs in Outdoor Track and Cross Country, and was in Howard County Youth Swimming for 13 years. He is aspiring to enter a military academy and is highly motivated to attend the American Legion Boys State camp in Maryland. He is also an Eagle Scout and volunteers to help the Howard County Special Olympics. Our Maryland State Department offered to cover any of our applicants costs and fees because we still have a fledgling treasury and lack income producing facilities like the older, more established posts.

Boys State and Girls State are excellent camps to learn about our government and political processes. Applicants must be high school Juniors.

We still have a few tickets for the April 4, 2007 Toby's Dinner Theater matinee presentation of George M. Cost is \$34 and includes both the meal and the show. Contact Bob Berlett, our Adjutant for tickets, 410-715-3936.

Our Post and County Oratorical Contest winner, Ms. Diaz received a \$500 Savings Bond from us as an award for participating. She did not win at the District level, but had a great experience competing on Constitutional topics. Byron Bonebreak did a great job as usual helping to coordinate our efforts and thank all our members, who showed up to support our orator.

### Upcoming Event:

Friday, April 27, AFJROTC Medal Presentations at Fort Meade, Roger Chang and Shelby Rogers

Wednesday, May 2, Army JROTC Medal Presentations at Fort Meade, Al Grinspoon and Richard Russell

GIANT Day, May 5, Saturday, 8:30a-1p need at least two volunteers every two hours

Memorial Day, May 28, with Post 109 in Arbutus need at least 3 flag bearers

June 14 Flag Day with Eagle Scouts - retire old flags

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## Calendar of Events

April 4<sup>th</sup> Toby's Dinner Theater

April 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting

April 26<sup>th</sup> Howard County Meeting 7:00

April 26 Post 300 Meeting 7:30

May 24<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting

May 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day @ 109

May 28<sup>th</sup>, GIANT Day / Owen Brown



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

## Health Issues

Call 410-480-0025 or E-mail [eltps@comcast.net](mailto:eltps@comcast.net) to report Any health Issues in Post Members.

Michael Leary Now home 410-730-5158

Post 300 is in need of member volunteers to help with Post projects, to be willing to take official positions as officers, to help with projects for Youth and Active Military projects. We are also looking for new projects. Now is the time to shine and help those that have served, those that are serving, and those that will serve one day.

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TBD Saturday/Sunday County Eagle Scout Presentations - County Executive invited

July 4, River Hill Parade - need convertibles or open top vehicles.

October 18, Charlotte Hall Visit

October 19, 50+ Expo at Wilde Lake HS - need volunteers to man table 9a-3p,

Last WWI Combat Veteran Laid to Rest  
Army News Service | Spc. April L. Dustin |  
March 09, 2007

PORTLAND, Ore. - The echo of a 21-gun salute and bugler playing Taps seemingly marked the end of an era as a state and national treasure was laid to rest in Portland, Ore., March 2.

Retired Army Cpl. Howard V. Ramsey, Oregon's last living World War I veteran and the last known U.S. combat veteran of WWI, died in his sleep Feb. 22 at an assisted living center in southeast Portland. He was honored in a memorial service attended by nearly 200 people at Lincoln Memorial Park exactly one month before reaching his 109th birthday.

Of the seven known WWI veterans still living, none were shipped overseas, making Ramsey the last known combat veteran of "The Great War." Ramsey inherited the title two weeks before his passing, when Massachusetts veteran Antonio Pierro passed away on Feb. 8.

**State Officials of the Ladies Auxiliary will attend our Post Meeting in April to help us start our own Auxiliary Unit.**

## CHARTER MEMBERS NEEDED

Post 300 is starting a Ladies Auxiliary. Quite often Legion members qualify to be members of both the Legion and the new units. Ladies automatically qualify if they are Legion Members or related to a Legion Member or one that would have been eligible to join the Legion.

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### WHAT HAPPENED

Once upon a time in Burns Flat Oklahoma During WWII the Navy built a Navel Airbase.

Some time later the air base was closed. Along came a Senator in Oklahoma who was on the Armed Forces committee. He lobbied to reopen the Base as a SAC Refueling base.

The argument was that every thing was there already. The idea passed. SAC moved in and leveled all the buildings and rebuilt the Base.

One surprise remained. KC 135 Tankers need a longer run way than Navy fighter planes.

The Post Legal team went to the farmer who owned the field at the end of the run way.

The farmer refused to sell as he had a cotton crop in the field. His words were "I can not sell this land." The legal team said if need be they would file for eminent domain and the farmer would not get as much money as they were offering.

It took at least 6 months to get the case into the local court. By that time the farmer had harvested his cotton crop. The judge gave him one last chance to sell to the Air force before the judge ruled on the case. The farmer repeated "I can not sell this land."

The judge was the first one to ask him "Why can't you sell the land?" The farmers answer was I sold the land to the Navy 10 years ago>

Reported by Ed Trumble, Sr. ~Unknown source~

## Toby's Matinee Dinner Theater

Post 300 is sponsoring a trip to see George M.

Cohen Dinner Theater Show. It will be April 4, 2007 the doors open at 10:30am show time 12:30.

Food will consist of Toby's traditional full buffet that includes carving station for roast beef and ham, steamed shrimp , and all of Toby's specialties.

The cost is \$34 for the show, food, and gratuity. Alcohol "is not" included in the \$34 cost.

"GEORGE M" will be a popular Musical and only your payment will guarantee your seats. Send checks payable to Bob Berlett : 5456 Hound Hill, Columbia, MD 21045

For questions Call or E-mail Bob at 410-997-3863 [columbia\\_berlett@juno.com](mailto:columbia_berlett@juno.com)

**3 more members needed.**

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

Submitted by Al Grinspoon "USS New York" Happy Eating All!

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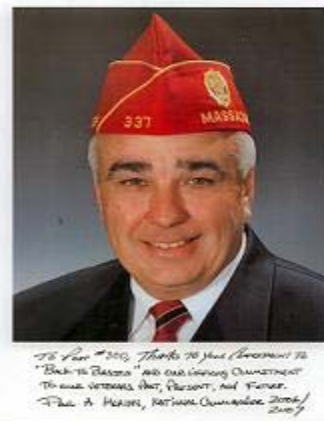
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**Membership.**  
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**Goal: 123**  
**Present Count: 147 + 3 Pending**  
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## Michael Peterson



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## Freedom

### Freedom of Religion or Freedom from Religion

In this day if you do not like what you see or hear you have several options: change the Radio or TV Station or walk away.

I gave 9 years of my life so that I can pray any where I want. Is not a prayer covered under freedom of speech?

If you do not like the phrase "I N GOD WE TRUST" on your money you do not have to take or use it. Commentary by Edward L. Trumble, Sr.

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## HUMOR IN UNIFORM

During WWII in the South Pacific an Admiral came down with a bad case of Athletes foot. There was no where in the Hospital to put him except with wounded sailors. The Admiral was the worse patient in the Hospital always creating a fuss. One day a male nurse came by with his surgical mask still on. The nurse told the Admiral it was time to take his temperature. The Admiral opened his mouth. The nurse said no it was time for the sunny side up temperature. The Admiral obliged. After that every one walking by the Admiral's bed snickered. The Admiral barked out haven't you ever seen some one getting his temperature taken?!! He was answered with a question "With a Daffodil ?" Curtsey Readers Digest.



Ricky's Tour" by Mike Jones



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## Results of the State Oratorical Contest

<http://www.nbc25.com/content/fulltext/?cid=10993>



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Building 2 (Heaton Pavilion)

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(202) 782-3372

Please call for more information on how you can help.

## USS New York This months Winning Picture

It was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center .

It is the fifth in a new class of warship - designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite , LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept. 9, 2003, "those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence," recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there. "It was a spiritual moment for everybody there."

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the "hair on my neck stood up." "It had a big meaning to it for all of us," he said. "They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back."

The ship's motto? "Never Forget"



## Post 300 Lapel Pin

A 1 inch pin



The Pins have arrived. The cost is as follows:

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