



# Columbia Post 300 – Department of Maryland

## NEWS LETTER

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### Commander's Report -



Columbia Post 300 - four star rating with 91 members and 150% growth is far and away the fastest growing post in Maryland being the only new post in 20 years. We are veterans providing service to

veterans. We want to create a forum to help each other and share our knowledge and resources. Special thanks to the Trumbles, Ed Senior and Junior for facilitating the communications so vital to our growth and sharing. Our outstanding Charter Vice Commander Norm North and super Adjutant Bob Berlett bring up the rear in facilitating our member recruiting and retention. Also, heavy in this mix is our recently inducted Sergeant at Arms, Al Grinspoon, who is personally following up with every new member and picking up some members needing transportation to our meetings. Thanks to every member of our Post for making this a fun place to be and serve.

One of my classmates from the Army shared his cancer experience during a lunch get together. He wasn't aware of the confirmation of nerve agent destruction in the first Gulf War being a confirmed link to causing cancer as published in our American Legion Newsletter. This could lead to a major service connected disability. Over 100,000 veterans were exposed as were many, who handled the returning contaminated equipment like my direct rater in the Army Reserves.

For our November Veterans Day meeting, we were fortunate enough to have WW II veteran Lou Amster share his many experiences as a bombardier and POW. As is becoming our tradition, we circled around the chairs and had a group sharing in this well attended meeting as listed below. We had a fine group of visitors and guests. We must really rate

with that kind of attention! Of course, we hardly miss the County meetings because the County Commander, Bill Volenick and Post 156 Commander JW Smith were kind enough to hold County meetings a half hour before our general meetings at our site. We had a great turnout and a great meeting.

Thanks to all who helped at our Saturday Post Office recruiting effort. Donations were received, we gave away poppies, made potential recruiting contacts and had a great time making our community aware. We only took about a two hour shift to watch our table and display, so anyone could come and go as available.

Think about joining us at our future recruiting efforts at Giant, the Post Office, July 4 parades, ROTC Awards presentations, Eagle Scout presentations John Elsworthy, Legion Oratorical contests under Dr. Byron Bonebreak, etc. This is our service to veterans and the community.

We are also starting a second book drive for support to our troops. The hospital ship is a potential candidate and Al Grinspoon is our lead POC on this effort.

Again thanks to all for making Columbia Post 300 a great group to belong to and serve with!

Roger Chang  
Charter Post Commander



Attendance Nov 8 meeting

Guests Philip J. Surprenant Commander  
Maryland Department  
Gail E Murdock 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander  
Linda Bishop NCD Vice Commander  
Bill Volenick County Commander  
J.W. Smith Commander Post 156

Guest Speaker Lou Amster (Joining 300)

Roger Chang Commander Post 300  
Bob Berlett Adjutant  
Norman North 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander  
Byron Bonebreak 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander  
Al Grinspoon Sergeant-At-Arms  
Shelby Rogers Service Officer  
Ed Trumble Sr. Historian  
Paul Turlington  
John P Blaine  
Dick Russell  
AR. Joe Magione  
Geoff Johnson  
Donald R. Lewis  
Warren E. Smith \*\*\*297 Member  
John Elsworthy took application at meeting



DUES:

Dues payments for 2006 paid prior to Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 will benefit the post.

We urge early bird payments of \$22 for the 2006 dues.

**We have 70 early birds and 21 who have not paid for 2006.** About the Membership flag for 2006 Membership drive: We are in the spotlight now and we need the balance of 2005 members to help us shine. We were notified that we are at 150% of our goal keeping us and our District in 1<sup>st</sup> place.



Send Dues to:  
American Legion Post 300  
% Robert Berlett  
5456 Hound Hill Ct.  
Columbia, MD 21045-2238

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Transfers to Post Ever Lasting  
Peter Lepanto August 2005  
John P. Lyles October 2005

It has come to our attention that some important information has not been reported to the communications department. Such as one member moving out of our territory, one member having open heart surgery and another member losing his job. There are all kinds of help available. Please share by calling 410-480-0025 or emailing:  
[post300@american-legion-post.us](mailto:post300@american-legion-post.us)

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**To all active duty personnel if you join the American Legion now the first years dues are free.**

There is a lot of News about Katrina. It is being well covered by our web site.  
<http://www.american-legion-post.us/300/>  
and National. You can get to the national web site through a link from our site.



October 15<sup>th</sup> a Certificate was presented to Patrick McKitrick of troop 794 National Pike District on obtaining the Rank of Eagle Scout.

John Esworthy attended our meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. and signed to join the Legion and our Post. John has taken the Job as our contact with the Eagle Scout program.



I knew a man, called him Sandy Cane.  
Few folks even knew his name.  
But a hero, yes was he.  
Left a boy, came back a man.  
Still many just don't understand  
about the reasons we are free.  
I can't forget the look in his eyes,  
or the tears he cried,  
as he said these words to me.

All gave some and some gave all.  
Some stood through for the red, white  
and blue,  
and some had to fall.  
And if you ever think of me,  
think of all your liberties, and recall,  
some gave all.

Now, Sandy Cane is no longer here.  
But his words are oh so clear  
as they echo throughout our land.  
and all his friends who gave us all,  
who stood the ground and took the fall  
to help their fellow man.  
Love your country and live with pride  
and don't forget those who died.  
America, can't you see

All gave some and some gave all.  
Some stood through for the red, white  
and blue,

and some had to fall.  
And if you ever think of me,  
think of all your liberties, and recall,  
some gave all.

And if you ever think of me,  
think of all your liberties, and recall,  
yes recall,  
some gave all.

<http://www.beforeyougo.us>



**IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY-**  
On November 11, 2005 a presentation on  
“What is a Veteran and what he has done for  
us“ was made to the Morningside Assisted  
Living Center residents in Ellicott City.



**Post 300 HOLIDAY DINNER:**

**WHEN: DURING THE NEXT ALP300  
MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005**

**WHERE: OWEN BROWN  
NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**

**TIME: 7:00 pm**

**WHO'S INVITED: MEMBERS AND ANY  
GUESTS YOU WANT TO INVITE**

**FOOD: POT LUCK, EVERYONE BRING  
SOMETHING**

(AL GRINSPOON WILL SEND OUT SIGN-  
UP NOTICE FOR: MAIN COURSES,  
DESERT, SALAD, NAPKINS & CHIPS,  
DRINKS, PAPER PLATES,  
PLASTIC EATING UTENCILS, CUPS AND,  
ICE).

**WHO TO CONTACT: AL GRINSPOON,  
SGT-AT-ARMS, [sail.3@netzero.net](mailto:sail.3@netzero.net) (410)-  
730-0541.**

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**Ladies** Post 300 is asking if you want to start  
a Post Auxiliary. Check our new web site  
[www.american-legion-post.us/belong](http://www.american-legion-post.us/belong)  
Then click the Auxiliary button.

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