



# Columbia Post 300 Department of Maryland

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placement help.

Dennis Rebok from the Sons of American Legion presented a discussion of Boys State and the training/ benefits of participation. This would benefit youths in our area and provide additional scholarship opportunities.

Adjutant Bob Berlett explained the benefits of becoming Life members at this time prior to the large dues increase from National on Jan 1, 2007. I personally submitted my Life Member application as did many members of Post 300.

Judge Advocate/Membership Officer Ed Trumble Sr. briefed the result from the well attended 50+ Expo at Wilde Lake HS Oct 20, 2006 where 6000+ visitors were exposed to the Post 300 display. We will continue with presentations at next year's 50+ Expo. (Cont. page 3)

## Commander's Report - Roger Chang



We opened our Veterans Day meeting with a presentation by COL Williams from the Maryland Center for Veterans Education & Training and by the Director of Development Roslyn Hannibal-Booker. They provide a great service for Veterans at their facilities in Baltimore providing training and job

Post members in attendance at monthly meeting	
Roger Chang	Robert Berlett
Al Grinspoon	Ed Trumble Sr.
Vernon Workman	Louis Amiter
Tom Sexton	Arthur Swint
John Esworthy	Larry Blosser
Shelby Rogers	Richard Russell
Donald R. Lewis	Robert Nemcheck SAL
Byron Bonebreak	Wayne Wohlers 1 <sup>st</sup> Time
Visitors	
Roslyn H. Baker MCVETS	Evelyn Wohlers
Bill Volnick Co Commander	Dennis Rebok Post 122 Boy's Camp
Tom Bast 297	Col Charles Williams MCVETS
Bill Sawatzky MCVETS	



## Columbia Post 300

Dear Lord Accept into Post Everlasting

Joseph N. Beitz. Your true and faithful servant. He served in the Navy in WWII and 60 Years in The American Legion. Honor him and comfort his Loved ones Left behind.

Madeline Beitz Wife

Joe Beitz Son

Carol Guckes Daughter

Terry Guckes Son in Law.



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When you need help your first best step is to contact Ed our Post 300 Service Officer.



### Holiday Party

*Last years Holiday Part was a great success.*



*This years should be bigger and better. December 20th Owen Brown Community Center.*

See the full details on our web site.

[www.american-legend-post.us](http://www.american-legend-post.us) or contact Al Grinspoon and / or his wife at

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*You are not judged for what you do for yourself  
But by what you do for others.*

### CHARTER MEMBERS NEEDED

Post 300 is starting a Ladies Auxiliary and a Sons of the American Legion. 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 Or one that would have been eligible to join the Legion.

The Sons of the American Legion require that a Legion member can qualify if his Father or Grand Father were Legion Members or eligible to join the Legion.

At this time there is not, nor has there been an Auxiliary or Sons of the American in Howard County.

We are looking for both joint Members and regular Members.



### Chaplin's Corner



Robert Virts

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[robertvirts@yahoo.com](mailto:robertvirts@yahoo.com)

Call him to report any problem, illness, or death



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Commander's Report Continued from page 1:

One of the new members, who signed up at the "Expo", attended our Veterans Day meeting.

Finance Officer Shelby Rogers gave us a status on our "Books for Troops" program with boxes shipped in September and more being collected for the Hospital ship Comfort. The Comfort might be deployed away from Baltimore.

Adjutant Bob Berlett briefed the \$34 per ticket cost for **Toby's Dinner Theater show, "George M Cohan"** and lunch on April 4, 2007 at 11:00 AM.

Contact Bob for tickets.

Sergeant - at -Arms Al Grinspoon briefed the **Pot Luck Holiday meeting and social** on Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at 7 PM. We sent emails out detailing the contributions needed. Al can be reached at home 410-730-0541 and cell 443-538-1653 and [sail.r@netzero.net](mailto:sail.r@netzero.net) to coordinate your contributions to the social. Jean Grinspoon and Al will again lead our effort to make this a fun event. Thanks to you both. North Central District Commander, Linda Bishop, will be joining us for the social.

Tom Sexton, Exec Committee Member, reported on the Charlotte Hall visit that he, Bob Berlett, and Ed Trumble Sr. made on Thursday Oct 19, 2006.

Bob Berlett reminded us about the Maryland Department meeting Nov 19 at 1 PM at Post 109 in Arbutus.

Al Grinspoon and John Esworthy reported on our Boy Scout initiatives. We will be sponsoring a troop at no cost. The Boy Scouts will support our Flag Day retirement ceremony in Jun 2007, when we will also provide the 60+ Eagle Scout awards for the county. Former Sheriff Cave offered to participate again.

Ed Trumble Sr. and Bob Berlett attended the Morningside Assisted Living in Dorsey Hall on Veteran's Day and provided certificates, including one to a 60 year member of the American Legion!

Post 300 is supporting the "Soldiers for Soldiers" donations of used ink cartridges to raise money for education for Children of service members killed in action since September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001.

Bob Berlett will ask Oakland Mills; Shelby Rogers will ask Dorsey Hall; Byron Bonebreak will ask Owen Brown to set up drop points for the empty cartridges..

Ed Trumble briefed his visit to Post 60 to show and discuss the Fisher House video we had previously seen.

Ed Trumble also presented the finding on a Post 300 lapel pin that is under consideration for members of our post.

We need volunteers and participation for 2007 planning. Let us know how you can help in recruiting, visits, presentations, ceremonies, parades, etc. All are welcome to serve.

Thanks. Roger Chang, Post 300 Commander.



### The Post 300 On-Line Shopping Mall

Is 1,000 different merchants like:

Macy's, JC Penney, Sears, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Target, K-mart, Bass Pro Shop, Cabala's, Disks Sporting Goods, Eddie Bauer, ACE Hardware, Office Depot, FTD, West Marina, Circuit City, and even eBay and many more quality merchants.

When you see this logo on the Post 300 web page and click it and you will be taken to our shopping mall page.



Christmas is fast approaching and our Post 300 on-line Shopping Mall can be a fast easy way to do your holiday shopping and support the Post at the same time.





# Columbia Post 300

## Membership.

### MD CENTER FOR VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Check it out at [www.mcvet.org](http://www.mcvet.org) for more info call. MCVET (410)-576-9626 Ext 214  
Col Williams attended the November meeting and talked about their program.

We did great last year. We were first in County, Department, and State. Our goal has been increased this year to 123 members. If we just renew all present members we would again be a Four Star Post. The dues are still \$22.00 a month until January 10, 2007.

If you could get them in early you can save and help us reach the new goal. If each member could bring in one new member we could be the largest post in the County.

## Membership.

### TIME TO RENEW IS SHORT

Do you want to Pay \$22.00 for your 2007 dues by December 31st? Or \$27.00 after January 1st?

If you have questions about your payments call or e-mail Ed Trumble at [eltps@comcast.net](mailto:eltps@comcast.net) or call him at 410-480-0025

There will NEVER be a better time to become a Life Member.

That **PUFL** Membership will also become less attractive next year.

Send that \$22 check to: Bob Berlett

**Goal:** 123  
**Present Count:** 123

We still have 40 members who have not Paid their 2007 Dues. If you are not sure contact Ed Trumble, Sr. at (410) 480-0025 or [eltps@comcast.net](mailto:eltps@comcast.net)

## Thank you Veterans!!

We have received 16 letters from Mrs. Cochran's 2 nd grade class Sarah Stout - Student Teacher Hollifield Station Elementary School 2006 - 2007

*The letters are post on the web page so that members may read them all. We are looking for a few kind souls to volunteer to respond to the kids if you are interested please contact Ed Trumble, SR at [eltps@comcast.net](mailto:eltps@comcast.net)*



Proposed Lapel Pin for Post 300. A 1 inch pin.

This would be for purchase and as an award for signing up new members. Please e-mail Ed Trumble, JR at [n3rsn@american-legion-post.us](mailto:n3rsn@american-legion-post.us) or call him at 302-398-3427 to let the post know if you are interested in purchasing a Post pin. You may find more info on the Post web page.

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