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from the National meeting regarding full funding for VA hospitals, educational assistance benefits associated with the new GI Bill, and other important actions that the American Legion leadership pursues for all of us.

Our Maryland Third Vice Commander, Orlyn Oestereich, followed with a short presentation on his duties in support of the Legion. Recruiting younger members was an issue of discussion. Also, Awareness was a big issue and our own Richard Russell volunteered his Public Relations talents to the State to help improve awareness of the American Legion.

Our Maryland 1st Vice Commander, Butch Haggard gave us a rundown on our membership recruiting. On record, we have 93 members renewed and needed 25 more before the end of the

Post Member in attendance at monthly meeting

Commander's Report - Roger Chang



Our October meeting was absolutely packed with information.

Department of Maryland Sergeant at Arms, Mike Mooney, opened by giving us a report of key issues

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Post 300 will be at the 50 Plus expo. Held at Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia, MD. The Expo will be on October 20th from 9:00am till 3:00 pm.

Stop by to see us and lend a hand if you can. Tell all your friends that we will be there.

Guest	
Dept Sgt Arms	Mike Mooney
Dept 3 rd Vice	O. Ostereich
Dept 1 nd Vice	Butch Haggard
County Commander	Bill Volenick
Commander Post 1256	J.W. Smith



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.

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.



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Call him to report any problem, illness, or death



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



WHO WE ARE!

This month we highlight our Post Judge Advocate Edward Trumble Sr.

I was born and lived my first 20 years in Cincinnati Ohio. Started College there but was drafted for the Korean War in the Army

I was headed for Korea but when I got there the top 13 men in supply were kept in Japan. I was the 13th. On Jan 13th 1954. I came to love the 13th.

I handled all classified files of Signal Corps items shipped to Korea.

Returned to Civilian Life and the University of Cincinnati. I took ROTC to get out of Gym. The instructors told me if I enlisted in the Air Force they would pay all my College Expenses.

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year. The dues will increase by \$5 for our post on Jan 8, 2007, so members were all encouraged to renew or become life members.

Our County Commander, Bill Volenick, conducted the county meeting after our distinguished State visitors because the State officers traveled from great distances to make our meeting. Bill covered the County inspection and reporting before introducing Post 156 Commander JW Smith, who provided us with an update on our sister Post's activities in Howard County to include recruiting active duty members as JW is still on active duty.

For our general meeting Adjutant Bob Berlett covered the dues increase and the Life Member structure our post will follow to minimize expense to our members. Note that the payment for Life membership can be done in 10% monthly increments instead of a lump sum.

Sergeant at Arms, Al Grinspoon covered our numerous initiatives with the Boy Scouts. Al's lovely wife Jeanne will again lead our Holiday Party efforts, which will be rescheduled to Wednesday December 20, 2006 to obtain a larger meeting room. Al is also coordinating having the Boy Scouts come to our Veterans Day meeting to learn about Boy's State from the Sons of the American Legion.



Finance Officer Shelby Rogers covered our book collection and donation efforts to four troop units in Iraq and the USN Hospital ship Comfort normally docked in Baltimore.

Our Judge Advocate and Recruiting Officer, Ed Trumble, reported on the 50+ Expo at Wilde Lake HS on Friday October 20, 2006 from 8am to 3pm. The time shifted from 9-4p as of the letter of instructions just received. We need everyone to drop by to support this well attended Expo and help Ed man the booth.

-Ed also brought in a DVD of the Fisher House efforts to provide a cost free family environment for recovering disabled veterans. This was a highly moving project support by the Sons of the American Legion, for which Robert Nemchuck became our first applicant.

Even with our packed agenda, we completed our formal meeting at the scheduled hour of 9pm by adjusting various actions in our normal agenda. Thanks to all for a lively exchange of information.

SHOP OUR ONLINE MALL
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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.



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So I did do that but I had my Tour of duty extended 1 year for the Cuban Crisis. After all they had to have some one to run the base swimming pool.

I did like the travel and the people I met but mostly it was a comedy of errors.

I have probably had more different jobs in my life than any other 10 men combined.

I did manage to have a marriage of 40 years with three children. One girl she was a crew chief in the Air Force before she got out. One son an aerospace ground control maintenance person who retired early for physical reason. Then Ed Jr. he was an aircraft hydraulic systems technician on 9 different air frames in his 20 year career and is a member of our post as well as our web master.

My fun is getting 297 members to transfer to the Post.



Where would this country be, or what language would we be speaking if it were no for the

Veterans



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Check it out at www.mcvet.org for more info call. MCVET (410)-576-9626 Ext 214
Col Williams will attend the November meeting to talk about their program.



Membership.

TIME TO RENEW IS SHORT

The National Organization will begin collecting an additional \$4.50 beginning in January 2007.

Logically; Post 300 will be raising Membership from \$22 to \$27 per year at the same time.

Please retain your membership in the fastest growing Post in Maryland.

The relatively few dollars that Post 300 keeps, allows us to reinvest that money in Howard County.

OR - 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, 5456 Hound Hill, Columbia, MD 21045.



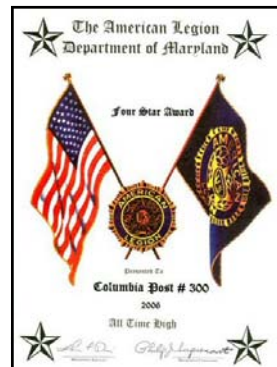
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Membership.

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.

Goal: 123
Present Count: 103



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