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Serving The Youth & Veterans of Howard County

October 2007

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

ALL VETERANS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

County Commander Bill Volnick

Opened the County meeting at 7:00

On October 25. He was the only member of Post 156 Present. Guest Present were Gail Murdock 1st Vice Commander of the State and Next year State commander, Carolyn Baker North Central District

Commander, and Bill O'Hern North Central Adjutant.

Post 156 still does not have a slate of Officers.

Howard County Libraries is sponsoring "This is your Life Project. During November, the project will be focusing on veterans/active service members capturing

Their oral histories about their military experiences. Pleas contact Lois Sanders

lois.sanders@hclibrary.org 410-313-7791

Commander Volnick would really like to get a free membership coat this year but it will entirely depend on Post 300's membership drive.



Post 300 Adjutant

Robert Berlett

Post 300's meeting was started at 7:40. Prayer

Was given by Byron Bonebreak. The visitors were introduced and each gave a little talk. Congradulating Post 300 on it's achievements of Web Site award and the Post's growth and activities. At present our 2008 paid membership is at 152. Our joint 2007 & 2008 membership stands at 186. We have a few members to pay.

Our Blood drive was canceled for lack of registrations.

Eagle Scout Flag Burial initiatives have not been finalized yet.

50 Plus was a great success. Over 5,000 present. One new member and 5 more pending.



Charlotte Hall visit was a great treat



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A Great Idea!!!

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include a card to the

following:

A Recovering American soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington D.C. 20307-5001

If you approve of the idea, please pass it on to your e-mail list.



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“It’s Who We Are”

Country music singer Michael Peterson's DVD collaboration with The American Legion - featuring the song "It's Who We Are," a tribute to The American Legion – was released at the 2007 National Convention in Reno, Nev.

The "It's Who We Are" DVD includes interviews with celebrities and Legionnaires explaining “What Is The American Legion”, along with public service announcements about The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. **For each DVD bought \$5.00 will be added to the fund.**

It is available for purchase on The American Legion's website, <https://join.legion.org/peterson/>, and by calling 1-866 539-2509. They can also be purchased by sending a check for \$12.00 each, which includes shipping and handling, to: Michael Peterson DVD, The American Legion, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46206.

Things to do with this DVD.

- 1, Enjoy the Music.
- 2, Learn more about the Legion
- 3, Share with friends who do not know about the Legion.
- 4, Be proud of giving to the **The American Legion Scholarship Fund** for the children of those that gave their all for you and our country.

Post 300’s Web site has won the Best Web Site for 2007 in The National American Legion Press Association Contest. Website designer: Ed Trumble, Jr.

Editor / Publisher Ed L. Trumble, Sr. eltps@comcast.net
Assisted by Shelby Rogers.
Deadline for submissions is the Saturday following the Post monthly meeting.

Health Issues

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James Macdonald Car Accident jmacdona@bcpl.net



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New Retirement Center

Written by Shelby L. Rogers, Finance Officer

This is an excerpt from an article written in the Baltimore Sun Newspaper, circa 21 October 2007, titled "Former Fort to House Vets."

A scenic piece of waterfront land in southeastern Baltimore County located approximately 33 miles northeast of Columbia, on Fort Howard, MD is undergoing a large transformation to provide retirement housing for military veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has stated that a large piece of Department-owned land located at Fort Howard, MD will be used for housing veterans. In an agreement with the VA, a developer has begun to rehabilitate the old military quarters and brick buildings on the 94-acre campus. Sometime in 2009, 1,300 residential rentals will make up Bayside at Fort Howard and many of the units will be occupied by military veterans and their families. The first families are expected to move in by early 2009.

Project managers have already unveiled a museum on the site featuring old helmets, flak jackets, ammunition, journals and other war memorabilia donated by veterans who have signed up to live on the campus located on a peninsula surrounded by the Chesapeake Bay and Patapsco River. The Director of the Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System stated, "we're trying to develop this as a veteran-focused community."

The people in the state of Maryland, along with the veterans, really feel that it is veterans' property and that it should be used for veterans. Veterans will move to the top of the waiting list for housing, followed by their spouses, former spouses and then others age 55 and older. Rental discounts will also be provided to veterans.

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Membership.

Our goal will be increased this year to 1 member more than our membership at the cut-off date. We are a Four Star Post for the third year in a row.. We were third in the state in membership growth. Over the top! Help us for 2008 For Post 300. Failure to remain a Four-Star Post is not an option.

Present Count: 158 paid for 2008 Goal 164.
IT'S TIME TO RENEW ... UNLESS YOU'RE PAID UP FOR LIFE (PUFL)

Membership cards are in! Let's get a jump on membership renewals and not wait for the official "reminders." Please help promote membership among your eligible friends, family members and co-workers. Everyone can and should participate in membership recruitment and retention. If you need forms, see your Post Adjutant Robert Berlett. Membership makes a great gift! "Draft" a veteran or eligible relative; recruit and mentor your replacement!

Online renewal go to: <https://www.members.legion.org/cgi-bin/lansaweb?procfun+hqr+hqrp2+tal>

Name: _____ POST 300
DUES = \$27/YEAR (check payable to American Legion Post 300)

Address: _____

to American Legion Post 300

c/o Robert Berlett

5456 Hound Hill CT

Columbia, MD 21045-2238

Picture of the Month



Sears Purchase Program

For Legion Family

Remodeling? Relocating.? Sears makes it easy to choose and purchase the latest appliances for your home through the Sears Member Purchase Program, The American Legion's newest affinity partner.

You can also choose from several outstanding, well-known products for your home such as Craftsman Garage Storage, Sealy and Sears-OPedic mattresses, NordicTrack exercise equipment, Craftsman lawn tractors, Kenmore outdoor grills, televisions and more.

Available exclusively through Sears Commercial Sales, Legion family members will receive a private selection consultation with professionally trained Sears specialists. They will also receive Preferred Affiliate Program Pricing, backed by Sears' Matching Plus Policy. Visit a Sears Appliance Select Center nearest you, or contact Bill Gillette at (214) 687-8758 or via e-mail at wgiII03@searshc.com. Selections and purchases are not available through Sears retail or dealer stores.

To locate an Appliance Select Center, go online to: www.contractsales.sears.com/contactus/scs_contact_as_locations.html. When buying, use Member Purchase Account No. CU-067849.

"No Greater Love": Veteran's Day Evening Service

Glen Mar United Methodist Church invites you to an evening worship service to honor and give thanks for all those who have served our country and to offer special prayers for those men and women currently serving in harm's way. The service will be at 7:30 pm on Sunday, Nov. 11 at the church, located at 8430 Glenmar Rd in Ellicott City. A special offering will be taken to support the Wounded Warrior Project and the Coming Home Project. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to attend with you!

Contact: Amanda Sayers 301-362-6720, easayers@comcast.net



Apartments for active-living seniors are advertised to start at \$1,045 per month. Property Manager Kimberly Smearman said that about 300 people have put down payments to live on the campus and 1,100 others have expressed interest.

Once a plantation where the British fought the Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812 and then later an Army Post with General Douglas McArthur being among the soldiers who were stationed there. For decades, after the campus was turned over to the then-Veterans Administration in 1940, it was operated as the Fort Howard Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The 377-bed hospital closed in 2002. Except for an outpatient clinic, the campus has largely been vacant since it closed.

Included in the community will be a performing arts theater, exercise and swimming facilities and a resource center.

Project organizers have pointed out that residents will not be required to pay the six-figure down payments that other retirement communities often require. It was said that people can move into Bayside without having substantial sums of money. The developer, Federal Development LLC, which is leasing the property from the VA, is building the project in phases, with 532 units expected to be completed in 2009, 411 units in 2010 and the final 387 units sometime after that. For more information contact: Baltimore VAMC, VA Maryland Health Care System, 10 North Greene Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, 410-605-7000 or 800-463-6295; Fort Howard VA Outpatient Clinic, 9600 North Point Road, Fort Howard, MD 21052, 410-477-1800 or 800-351-8387

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
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Samsung American Legion Scholarships 98 given \$288,000
High School Oratorical 54 given \$138,000
American Legion Legacy Scholarship 8 given \$36,000 (Parents have died on active duty since 9/11)
Eagle Scout of the Year 4 given \$17,500
American Legion Baseball approx 52 given \$61,000

Holiday Party
Last years Holiday Part was a great success.



This years should be bigger and better.
December 7th 6:30 Owen Brown
Community Center.
contact Al Grinspoon and / or his wife at
grinspoon@verizon.net
(410) 730-0541

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We were given a 45 minute tour. It was great see all the active and cheery residents.
We gave the DVD Its who we are to the Legion Post at Charlotte Hall and a group of regular DVD for their Library
We hope more Post 300 members can attend the November 18th at 1pm Meeting at Post 191. Show support for our Web Site Winner. Food will be provided after the Meeting.



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Calendar of Events

- Nov 4th NCD Need some one to Answer Roll call
- Nov 8 2:00 Morning Side
- Nov 8 7:30 Pot meeting Dennis Schrader (FEMA)
- Nov 11 7:30 Veterans Day Service Glen Mar CH
410-465-4995 Collection for Veteran Programs
- Nov 18th DEC Meeting Ed Trumble JR Web Site Award Come and Show Support.
- Dec 7 6:30 Post meeting and pitch in Dinner



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