

History of the Daniel-Jeffers American Legion Post 247

On September 14th, 1949 there was a call meeting by Mansfield Daniel at 8 P. M. in the Dickerson School with the plan to form a Legion Post. There were 20 men present, Mansfield Daniel presided. It was voted to call it the Daniel-Jeffers Post and for Mansfield Daniel and Charles E. Orme to act as temporary Commander and Adjutant.

On October 14th the next meeting, a temporary Charter had arrived and the Post number would be 247. An election followed:

Commander	Mansfield W. Daniel
Vice Comm.	Charles H. Jamison
Adjutant	Charles E. Orme
Serv. Officer	Gorman Lee Butler
Historian	Wellstood White Tipton
Chaplain	Herbert T. Dixon
Sgt. at Arms	Robert Day
Sr. Color Bearer	John Moore
Jr. " "	Harry C. Ward
" " "	Charles H. Jamison

Mansfield Daniel gave a short talk about the two boys for whom the Post is named, Lt. Wm. A. Daniel and Flight Officer Harold Benton Jeffers. An article about them is on page two. During this year there were dances and raffles, etc. to make some money, always with the idea of a Post Home as soon as funds could be raised.

In 1950, flags were purchased and Mansfield Daniel put them on the graves in several local cemeteries. They also helped in Polio Drives and for the Heart Fund, collected toys for the needy and helped hospitalized veterans, etc.

On May 7th, 1955, Commander L. A. Abercrombie announced this a 4 Star Post with 46 paid members and a Building Fund of \$1170.47.

In 1956 the Legion helped in the formation of Junior League Ball Teams.

## Harold Benton Jeffers

Harold Benton Jeffers was born in Alleghany County, Maryland on January 23, 1919. He graduated from Poolesville High School in 1940, and enrolled at the University of Maryland, where he completed one year in pre-law school. On August 12, 1941 he enlisted in the service at Washington, D. C. His air training was acquired at Arledge Field, Shephard Field, Curtis Field and Lubbock Field, all in Texas. He graduated October 9, 1942 from Lubbock Air School, and was appointed Flight Officer November 17, 1942 at Randolph Field. He served at Army Air Force Bombardier School at Midland, Texas, and was killed while acting as co-pilot on a routine flight between Midland and Waco, Texas, on December 21, 1942.

He was survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark P. Jeffers, of Barnesville, Maryland, and by four brothers, Richard W., Donald E., Paul M., and Mark P. Jr.; and by two sisters, Helen Virginia and Jean Elizabeth.

Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery.







