

Myles McComas Commander 1999 – 2001



Myles served his country in the United States Army from October 9, 1941 until his discharge as Master Sergeant on December 10, 1945. Just before Christmas of 1945, he received a phone call from a World War I veteran by the name of Albert Phillips. Mr. Phillips said that if he could get 25 names by the end of the year, a branch of the American Legion could be started in Hampstead and the number would be #200. The names were gotten and in 1946 our post was formed. There were 40 names on the charter roster, of which 3 remain. In addition to Myles, there is Ralph Wisner and Francis Coppersmith. After some discussion about whether to name the post after someone, it was decided that the name would be Hampstead American Legion Post 200.

Myles received his basic training at Camp Wheeler in Georgia and his mechanic school in Fort Crook Nebraska. Because he worked in transportation, he soldiered in 14 bases in the states, some of which were Ft. Leonardwood, Missouri and Fort Riley, Kansas. He went through the Point of Entry three times, but because there was a need for more men in transportation he never got to go overseas.

Raised on a farm at Falls and Resh Mill Road in Baltimore County, he was the oldest of four children (2 girls and 2 boys). His work on the farm gave him some experience to ready him for his service time. After he got out of the Army, he got a call from a former officer who wanted him to work for him in the carpet business. So on June 1, 1946, he began work for Alexander Smith, carpet manufacturer in sales and management, giving him the experience he needed to open his own business. Carpet Land, Inc was born in 1954 and continues operation to this day.



Myles married Rachel Hale, a school teacher in 1948 and they had two sons. He lost his dear wife in 1989. He served as Commander from 1999 – 2001 of Post 200 as well as serving as finance officer for a little more than 10 years. Myles also served as Judge Advocate for one term. We thank Myles for his service to his country as well as to our Post.

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