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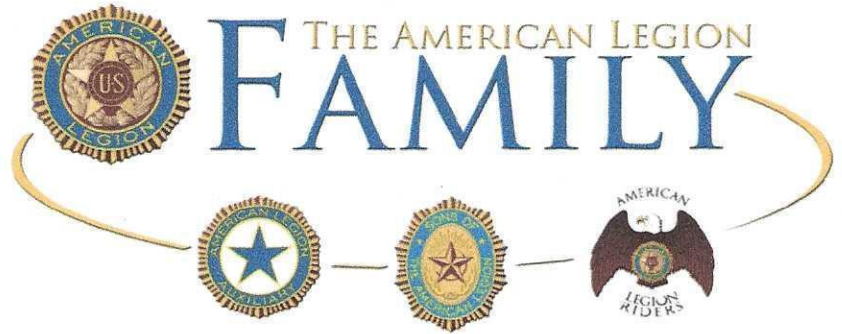
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MEETINGS:

**Legion, Auxiliary
and SAL:**
1st Monday 7 pm
Riders:
2nd Wed. 7 pm



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Greetings All,

This is my first Newsletter since accepting the Commander position this past June.

As Commander of Post #200 you will find my efforts to improve and update our facility in many areas. Please give me the opportunity over the next few months to continue this hard work that I promise will benefit our Post and the community.

- We now offer credit card purchases for both your bar and kitchen checks. Tips must be paid in cash as in the past.
- Our kitchen staff is on a regular schedule and covers hours from 12 noon to 9 pm Monday thru Saturday. On Sundays you will find Joe serving a limited menu as he works both in the bar and the kitchen. He wears both hats to serve your needs. Thanks Joe!
- Our office is undergoing an update to files to make some room and allow all divisions of our Post easy access to information. This will make our events run more smoothly in the future.
- Our bar staff are now wearing uniform shirts, they look nice. The bar staff will be serving with a coaster and a smile!
- Our liquor room has been re-organized and Wil is doing a great job "of course" keeping us stocked and ready to serve. Thanks Wilbert.

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- The patio has new fans to deter the smoke from coming in through the back doors. A big thank you to Scott & Dee McBrien, Jeff and Donna Herbert for cleaning this area. A special Thank you to Justin Saunders for trimming our trees and to MaryAnn Schestag for planting bug deterrent plants.
- Our bar area has been cleaned up and supplied with all new glasses, so we have continuity and consistent pours. We now have bottle wines of better quality for all our grape lovers.
- White Claws are now available for sale both at the bar and in the Pavilion as well as upstairs hall rentals.
- Our website is being redesigned for easier use for members and visitors. Keep an eye on it for dinner specials, fundraisers, veteran services and this monthly Newsletter.

We do have a few future plans and hope to introduce these soon:

- New island behind the bar
- An added space at the opposite end of the island for an extra work station
- New Highlight boards are coming for the bar area to advertise the Kitchen specials and desserts, ones you can read more easily!

I'd like to remind everyone that our Post depends on the many volunteers that serve us in various positions and with much effort. When you see someone, volunteering remember to say "Thank You" remember to be respectful and above all remember we are volunteers.

Membership is what keeps this Post moving forward. Please invite your friends, neighbors or family to join in the fun. Support our Legion and sign up NOW!

Very Important Note. This will be our last mailed Newsletter. You will now be able to download the Newsletter from our website or pick up a paper copy inside the Post.

Thank You, For God & Country,
Bob Schestag, Post 200 Commander

Legion Fundraiser....Annual Golf Tournament

By the time you receive this Newsletter Our Annual Golf Tournament is approaching. At Oakmont Green Golf Course, September 16, 2023 at 7:30 am. Registration Forms are behind the bar. Your Participation would be greatly appreciated.



Greetings from the Auxiliary,

First of all, I would like to thank Josie Bowersox for serving as the Auxiliary President for the past year and serving as my First Vice President this year to help guide me in the office of President.

We did very well this year at the Department of Maryland annual convention in Ocean City in July. We earned first, second and third place certificates in various categories. Also 2nd place for our Book of Prayers and History Book. Most important of all, we won the coveted Bessie L. Mercer trophy for best all-around unit in the district. Way to go, girls! Fantastic Job! You can see the trophy proudly displayed in the case in the room off of the lounge.

Every year the newly elected Department President picks a new theme for us. This year, President, Joann Weis' theme is "Mission Beelieve". There are 8 districts within the State of Maryland and this year we were each assigned a flower to attract bees make more honey. Our District 8 has been chosen to represent the Black-Eyed Susan, our state flower. So you may see some of these beautiful flowers around here this year. The other 7 districts will represent the rest of the bouquet with roses, lavender, sunflowers, marigolds, poppies, snapdragons and lilacs.

We will be holding our annual POW/MIA Candlelight Vigil on Friday, September 15th at 7 pm. This year our focus will be on those Missing in Action. The public is invited to attend. We need participants so if you would like to help us out, please let Elinore know. We will hold a practice on Thursday, the 14th at 6:30 pm.

Unit 200 has been asked to host the next Western Maryland District Meeting. It will be held in our hall on Sunday, September 24th. We will begin with a meal at 1 pm followed by the meeting. We will especially need some of your scrumptious desserts for this. This same Sunday is also the day when we honor our Gold Star Mothers/Members.

Speaking of Gold Star Mothers and Members, we will have kits for you again this year if you want to set up a luminary display at your home. Lots of compliments were received last year from the beautiful displays that honored these special families who have given so much. We can provide a set of 4 luminary bags, battery operated candles and sand for you to create your own display. Just call Mary at 410-374-2431 if you would like to pick one up.

Our Unit sends out emails from time to time as reminders and notices of upcoming events. If you would like to receive these notices, please provide us with your email address to auxiliaryunit200@gmail.com and we will add you to the list.

Together We Serve,
Mary Coleman, President, Auxiliary Unit 200

NOTICE FOR ALL AUXILIARY MEMBER:

Our annual dues are now \$35.00.

Please try to keep your dues current. Notices from National will go out in September for 2024 dues and if you have paid them, please disregard. It takes time for us to get the information from National.

Thank you for understanding!

"Mission Beelieve" is located at 4585 Babylon Road, Taneytown, Md. Check out their website

www.missionbeelieve.com

Email: missionbeelieve@gmail.com

A little more about our theme this year....

"Mission Beelieve"

Veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD.

TBI and anxiety have turned to beekeeping for relief since the early 1900's. Their mission is to provide veterans and first responders a beekeeping education through workshops and one on one hands-on training. They teach them and their families a new trade, while providing a peaceful environment, and a way to reconnect with a community. This is all done free of charge to the veteran or first responder.

Our Department President, Joann Weis has chosen this program as her project this year and we hope to help with support.

Greetings All from the Sons of the American Legion;

Thanks to our incoming officers for this year and to all who stepped up to continue to help out. This year is going to be a busy year as in years past. We are getting geared up for the crab feasts on August 19th and 20th. The pavilion rentals have been a success; it is booked all the way to October. Thank you to Tracy Bowman, the manager for making this happen.

The Queen of Hearts raffle winner was picked after 15 weeks. Congratulations to the winner, Scott McBrien.

We also did a donation to Masyn Fuhrman (a junior auxiliary member), a young girl that is going thru some health problems. Thank you to all who donated to her as she continues her fight.

The membership is going fairly well. Please put your membership number and phone number on your renewal and new application form. I look forward to seeing everyone at the post.

God Bless America,

Steve Unkart, SAL Commander

From the Legion Riders:

As for the ALR post 200, we do not have a meeting in July, however we do have things in the works. We have had several pick-up rides and have had our members participate and supported other ALR post functions. We have hosted the Hero Dogs run from post 22 and a poker run from post 31. We are working towards some wonderful future plans and very excited about these ideas. Our goal is to support all factions of our Legion family. Most of all we are very appreciative of the participation in the Big Bucket. We have had a lot of winners. Thank you all for the support.

ALR Director Post 200, Jimmy Maddrey

“Watch for Riders Raffle updates in the future”

The Legion, Post 200 is sponsoring a shred-it day on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9 am until the truck is full. Open to all members and their family. The cost is a donation.

Post 200 Lottery Calendar Tickets are always available in the lounge. The cost is \$25 and you have a chance to win cash every day of the year except Sundays, plus no matter when you buy them, they are retroactive back to January. So if that number has already won, you win! All calendars are sealed until sold. See Jack Bowersox for tickets or questions.

**Free Veterans Dinner,
November 12, 2023**

Held in the upstairs hall. Free to all veterans and their guest. **You must sign up. 1 pm seating or 3:30 pm seating.**
Contact Elinore 410-374-4466 or sign up at the bar **after October 1st.**

Pray for our sick....may they be healed.

Joe Taymans	Joan Reese
Joe Prajzner	Georgia Myers
Liz Watson	Phil Wilson
Gary Kemp	Angela Cassetta
Carolyn Evans	Virginia Harrell
Sis Osborne	Louise Smith
Bonnie Kahline	Doris Rhoten
Valerie Steiner	Wilbert Rhoten
Dan Martin	Joleen Cullison
Helen Moore	Bill Morley
Masyn Fuhrman	Rick Rote
Amanda Starace	Sue Smith

Pray also for all those who are suffering whose names are not on this list, but need our prayers. *Strengthen them in their struggles; bring them deep and lasting peace and make them well again.*

*Thank you to all who responded to the Banner Program.
The banners will hang along Main Street from Memorial Day to 9/11.
Interested for next year?
Contact Elinore 410-374-4466*

All dues for 2024 are due now. If you did not pay your dues for 2023 please pay them now. Please try to keep your dues current. Reminders are sent out in September from National and if you have paid your 2024 dues and receive notice from National, please disregard.

Membership Chairperson Contact Information

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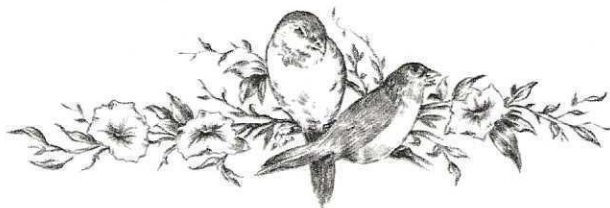
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Sons: Patrick Fitzgerald 301-898-9216 or

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Post Everlasting

James "Jim" Clinton Unger

They have touched our lives in so many ways and we will forever remember them. May they and their families know everlasting peace.

***Thank you to everyone who donated to the Baby Shower at Martinsburg VA.
This year we are serving 40 Moms who are receiving their prenatal care at the VA.***

Mark Your Calendars....

- December 3, 2023 Senior Christmas Party 1-3 and Children's Christmas Party 4-6 pm

An Editorial worth sharing.... "Our National Anthem"

So, with all the kindness I can muster, I give this one piece of advice to the next pop star who is asked to sing the national anthem at a sporting event: save the vocal gymnastics and the physical gyrations for your concerts. Just sing this song the way you were taught to sing it in school—straight up, no styling. Sing it with the constant awareness that there are soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines watching you from bases and outposts all over the world. Don't make them cringe with your self-centered ego gratification. Sing it as if you are standing before a row of 89 year old WWII vets wearing their Purple Hearts, Silver Stars and flag pins on their cardigans and you want them to be proud of you for honoring them and the country they love—not because you want them to think you are a superstar. Sing "The Star Spangled Banner" with the courtesy and humility that tells the audience that it is about America, not you.

....Author Unknown

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fried Chicken	2
3	4 Labor Day Picnic at the Post Bring a dish 1-3	5 Taco Specials	6 Steamed Shrimp Special	7 Wing Night	8 Spaghetti & Meatballs	9
10	11 Patriot Day Burger Night	12 Taco Specials	13 Steamed Shrimp Special	14 6:30 pm Practice for POW/MIA Candlelight Vigil Wing Night	15 7 pm POW/MIA Candlelight Vigil Stuffed Pork Chops	16 Post 200 Golf Tournament
17 Constitution Day	18 Air Force Birthday Burger Night	19 Taco Specials	20 Steamed Shrimp Special	21 Wing Night	22 Ham	23 Shred-It Day at Post 200 9 am until the truck is full. Donation.
24 WMD 8 Meeting at Hampstead Unit 200	25 Burger Night	26 Taco Specials	27 Steamed Shrimp Special	28 Wing Night	29 Steamed Shrimp	30

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Burger Night	3 Taco Specials	4 Steamed Shrimp Special	5 Wing Night	6 Meatloaf	7
8	9 Columbus Day Burger Night	10 Taco Specials	11 Steamed Shrimp Special	12 Wing Night	13 Navy Birthday Baked Fish	14 Ocean City Bus Trip
15 Ocean City Bus Trip	16 Burger Night	17 Taco Specials	18 Steamed Shrimp Special	19 Wing Night	20 Salisbury Steak w/ gravy	21
22	23 Burger Night	24 Taco Specials	25 Steamed Shrimp Special	26 Wing Night	27 Salad with grilled chicken	28
29	30 Burger Night	31 Halloween Taco Specials				

Always check the lounge or website for entertainment
at the Post

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Steamed Shrimp Special	2 Wing Night	3 Shepherds Pie	4 Post 200 Calendar Feed 1-3
5	6 Burger Night	7 Taco Specials	8 Steamed Shrimp Special	9 Wing Night	10 Lasagna	11 Veterans Day
12 Free Veterans Dinner Sign Up	13 Burger Night	14 Taco Specials	15 Steamed Shrimp Special	16 Wing Night	17 Chicken and Dumpling	18
19 WMD 8 Meeting Frederick #11	20 Burger Night	21 Taco Specials	22 Steamed Shrimp Special	23 Thanksgiving Day Post Closed	24 Roast Beef	25
26	27 Burger Night	28 Taco Specials	29 Steamed Shrimp Special	30 Wing Night		

Please try to attend our 11th Annual POW/MIA Candlelight Vigil.

The Vigil will be held in our beautiful pavilion on Friday, September 15, 2023 at 7 pm. It lasts about an hour. There will be the presentation of colors and a missing man table ceremony where each item brought to the table is explained.

In the past we have always honored those who were Prisoners of War. This year we will hear of a soldier who was Missing in Action. This soldier's niece will be here to tell his story. We will close with the singing of Amazing Grace and retiring of colors.

We will need your help. We will have practice on Thursday evening, September 14th at 6:30 pm. If you would like to help, please let Elinore know. 410-374-4466 or email: efrush23@gmail.com

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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