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Dept Exec Cmte

John Sharp

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MEETINGS:**Legion, and****Auxiliary:**1st Monday 7 pmSAL: 1st Tues 7 pm**Riders:**2nd Wed. 7 pm*Hampstead American Legion Post 200**4600 Legion Lane**Hampstead, Maryland 21074**443-508-2119 www.alpost200.org***Hello Legion Post 200 Family,**

If you already didn't know, Jack resigned as Commander of our Post. I, myself, have stepped up and resumed Commandership of Post 200. We wish Jack all the best and we thank him for all he has done for Post 200.

I will carry on and do the very best for our Post and our members. I am very proud to be your Commander and look forward to serving you.

I know, as well as you do, we are in a trying time at the moment. We will stay diligent and remain positive, be strong, stay healthy and get through this the best that we can. The holidays are coming up and by the time you read this, you will have already had your Thanksgiving with your family. I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving, and I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year!

Stays focused and stay active at Post 200. Please support our fundraisers by paying a visit to your Post 200 and participating in our events.

I look forward to seeing you all and welcome all who would like to become a member of our beautiful post.

For God and Country,
Cid Reyes, Commander

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Please observe the COVID 19 regulations:

Face Masks must be worn at all times in the Legion, except when seated at a table or the bar! Social Distancing must be adhered to at all times (no standing in groups, when sitting at the bar the spacing of the stools must not be moved). Tables now have sanitizer and paper towels on them, please wipe down your table before you leave! Wash your hands frequently!

These guidelines have been established for your protection and need to be followed to ensure we never have to go through another shut down again! We don't know what the future holds, but for now this is the hand we have been dealt, if we follow the rules we will get through this! One last thing if you don't feel well or think you may have been exposed to Covid-19; get tested and stay home!

**Laptop
Computer
Donation
Needed:**

Do you have a laptop you no longer need? A used one is fine as long as it has a version of Windows on it. The computer that runs the TV in the lounge is very old and is showing signs of wear. Contact Elinore at efrush@live.com

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

Joe Taymans
Linda Allen
Liz Watson
Louise Angley
Carolyn Evans

Joe Prajzner
Phil Wilson
Angela Cassetta
Janet Kreit

And for all those who are suffering whose names are not on this list, especially those affected by the coronavirus.
Strengthen them in their struggles; bring them deep and lasting peace and make them well again.

**For Hall Rentals: Call
Elinore or Marvin at
410-374-4466 or email at
efrush@live.com**

Free Veterans Dinner....

Thank you to all who came to pick up carryout dinners for Veteran's Day. We served 91 dinners on Sunday, November 8th. It is always a privilege and an honor to serve our veterans. Although the dinner was different this year, we hope that in the future we will be able to serve our veterans in a sit down manner in the hall once again.

To all veterans, we thank you for serving in the military when our country needed you. God Bless You!

P.S. Thank you also to those who made donations to the dinner. Your kindness and generosity is most appreciated.

Post Everlasting

Larry M. Przybylski
James M. Jackson
Victoria L. Mann

Robert L Gunnarsson, Sr.

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

Pray for all those who are in nursing homes who have not been able to have their loved ones visit them regularly. Also for those in the hospital who have not been able to have family with them during difficult times. Pray also for those healthcare workers, emergency responders and all those who are assisting others in any way during this pandemic.
Thank you.

The Hampstead American Legion Family wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our wish is for you to be safe and stay well in the New Year.

Our Kitchen is Open

Choose combination specials from our menu. Try one of our burgers on Monday nights. \$3.50 or \$4.00 for the "specialty of the day" burger with fries plus free pool.

Stop in on Tuesday nights and enjoy tacos. Post closes at 10 pm Monday-Saturday and at 8 pm on Sundays

Happy Hour and Pizza Special

\$1.75 domestic beers,
drafts, cans, bottles
Pizza with one topping \$7.00
Saturdays from 3 – 7 pm
Sundays from 1 – 7 pm
Friends, Fellowship, Football

Auxiliary Unit 200, Hello Everyone,

It is an honor to share with you some activities our Unit has achieved. For Veteran's Day, 91 carry-out hot dinners were prepared for pickup and delivery for those unable to do so. Along with the dinners, a "Thank You for Your Service" treat bag with a poppy flower, specially made cards and goodies were provided. We cannot thank our veterans enough for their service. **THANK YOU.**

We were also able to collect items to go to Veterans at the Martinsburg VA center in Martinsburg W.VA., these items included socks, sweatshirts, sweatpants, reader glasses, hand cream, and lots of beautiful handmade greeting cards. For the Department of Maryland Junior program, "Operation We Care" we continue to collect items for care packages going to our troops.

For our local community, in honor of *American Education Week*, we are presenting each of our 7 schools with a thank you card and treats for the staff. During this time of the pandemic, in-person, and virtual teaching, we certainly appreciate every effort!

In the spirit of the holiday and Christmas we adopted a local family through the Salvation Army, graciously supplying the family with grocery gift cards and presents for each family member. Remember to reach out with phone calls, as well as cards to folks at their homes, in nursing homes, and assisted living centers. Let us work together to keep everyone's spirits high.

Membership- 2021 Dues are due at this time, if you haven't already; please pay your dues (\$30) before December 31st 2020. Thank you.

Events have been cancelled throughout the remainder of the 2020 year; please note that the Auxiliary/SAL's annual Shrimp feast in February will be rescheduled at a future date. Notifications will be sent out.

Fundraisers- If not for our fundraising we could not achieve our unit's obligations, as we serve local, state, and national organizations. These organizations include Veterans, our troops, and their families, the Community, as well as Children and youth programs.

We were able to conduct three online fundraisers where members were able to place orders for Mary Kay products, Tupperware, and Norwex products. A big shout out to the hosts and the consultants! Our annual sub/sandwich sale went very well, please plan to order next time; they are quite delicious. Thank you to members that have chosen to give monetary donations, its greatly appreciated. Be sure to look for Post 200 In-House fundraiser/raffles for all 4 groups: Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Riders.

Stay safe and be well.

Helping each other to serve.

For God and Country.

Thank you, Patty Sater Unit 200 President

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Program Resources: ALAforveterans.org

Auxiliary Membership Dues for 2021

Once again we had an incentive program....If you paid your dues before October 31st you were entered into a drawing to be reimbursed for your membership dues.

Congratulations to the winner, Lori K. Grubb.

Auxiliary Sponsors Essay Contest

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Maryland, Inc. sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12 including students with special needs. Due to the pandemic, it was decided to use the same theme as last year which was; "How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military and their families?" If you entered last year, please don't submit the same entry as it will not be counted. Grade levels are divided into three groups, first, second and third awards. Three awards are given in each of the three groups at the Unit, District and Department levels. First place winners at the Department level will be sent to the National Competition. This essay contest runs from November 1st thru January 31st. We encourage all children in these grades to participate. Prizes are monetary and depending on the pandemic will be invited to read their essays at the Auxiliary meeting in April. A copy of the entry sheet is available for download from our website. www.alpost200.org. For questions you may call Lynn Utz at 443-340-5772 or by email at rlutz1951@yahoo.com

P.S. Post 200 Family: invite your children, grandchildren to participate in this essay contest.

URGENT:

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Upstairs Hall will be:

December 15th from 2-7:30 pm

Consider donating to save a life!

From the Sons of the American Legion;

The pavilion improvements are complete. Thanks to all that helped out. The rentals are all complete for this year and we look forward to next year. The Queen of Hearts Fundraiser game has ended for now. We thank everyone for their support of this fundraiser and we will resume it as things return to normal. Membership is doing well with renewals and new applications coming in. There will be a dues increase next year. Dues will then be \$30.00 yearly. The Sons will be hosting a DEC meeting at Post 200 on December 12th at 1 pm in the upstairs hall.

God Bless America,
Steve Unkart, Commander, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 200

Military Banner Program Begins for 2021

The Military Banner program is once again beginning in the town of Hampstead to honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, are still serving, or have given their life in the line of duty while serving. Any active, retired, or deceased military personnel, who live, have lived, or who may still have family members residing in the local area may participate.

A limit of 23 banners are put up sometime around Memorial Day and left up until just after September 11th each year; at which time the banners are given to the families. Anyone who would like to get a banner for themselves or for a loved one may stop by the Town of Hampstead Office or the Hampstead American Legion Post 200 for an application. These 3x5 banners cost \$110.00 each. The cost to the applicant is \$60.00 and the American Legion is once again paying \$50.00 toward the purchase of each banner. A copy of a DD214 (discharge paper or other proof of service) along with a 5x7 or 8x10 color (if possible) photo, a completed application and a check for \$60.00 should be taken or sent to the Town Office located at 1034 South Carroll Street or to the American Legion located at 4600 Legion Lane and marked Banner Program. Photos will be scanned into the computer at the town office and returned to you if desired. This is a wonderful way to show those who travel through our small town that we care and honor those who made our freedoms possible. Checks are made payable to AL Post 200.

For more information, contact Elinore Frush at 410-294-9330, email at efrush@live.com or Christy Collins at 410-239-7408, email at ccollins@hampsteadmd.org The deadline for applications is February 1, 2021. An application can also be printed from our website www.alpost200.org

350 Ruger American Gun Raffle Winner was.... Jon Neubauer

Thank you to these businesses for selling tickets for us: Hampstead Car Quest; Hampstead Ace Hardware; Al's Barber Shop; NACO; Outlaw BBQ; Matthew's Tire; Main Street Liquors and Deli; Marty Shaffer Logging and thank you to all who helped sell tickets to their family, friends and at work.

Please remember to support these local businesses as they have supported us!

Lottery Calendar Tickets

These tickets are available for \$25.00 each with a chance to win cash every day of the year except Sundays. If you buy one later in the year, it is retroactive back to the first of the year. You may have already won if you buy one late.

If every member of this post (Legion, SAL and Auxiliary) bought just one, we would have a very successful fundraiser. Please consider purchasing one to help us out as it is extremely hard to raise funds during this pandemic.
See Jack Bowersox for tickets or ask at the bar.

Sharing a bit of
nostalgia from an ad
printed in
The Evening Sun
in 1946 ►►

BIG DANCE
OCTOBER 18, 1946 From 8:30 to 12:00 Midnight
Sponsored By
**The American Legion,
Hampstead Post 200**
Music By
HARRY MARSH'S Biggest Little Band
From Southern Pennsylvania
HAMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL
EVERYONE WELCOME

Wreaths Across America Info

The laying of millions of wreaths at all locations in the country will be on December 19th beginning at noon.

One local cemetery, Immanuel Lutheran in Manchester has been approved for the first time this year and volunteers will be laying wreaths that day on 300+ graves in their cemeteries. A few of us recently visited the Wreaths Across America Exhibit when it was in the Westminster area where we learned the story of how this program got started and the meaning of the wreaths.

There are 10 bunches of balsam (known as balsam bouquets) that go into each wreath, each representing the special qualities of our veterans:

1. Their belief in a Greater God
2. Their Love for each other
3. Their Strength, work ethic and character
4. Their honesty and integrity
5. Their humility, selflessness and modesty
6. Their ambitions and aspirations
7. Their optimism for America
8. Their concern for the future
9. Their Pride in their duties
10. Their Hopes and Dreams that didn't always come true, but left them with no regrets.

Evergreen stands for Longevity and endurance; Red Bow stands for great sacrifice; Forest Scent stands for purity and simplicity; Circular Shape stands for eternity.

A veteran's wreath is a symbol of Honor, Respect and Victory

The wreaths will be on the graves until sometime in January when they are taken down. Please stop by and show your respects.

NOTE: Our own veteran's tree will not be put up in the lounge this year due to space constraints caused by the COVID-19 regulations. We are also taking into consideration those in our older community who enjoy searching the tree for theirs or their loved ones pictures. Please know that we will never forget to honor our beloved veterans. Honor them by stopping by local cemeteries, say their names out loud and Remember!

Sharing an article that was in the Auxiliary Department Newsletter recently.

These lessons we learn from geese can be very beneficial to us as we, the American Legion Post 200 Family continue to travel through this pandemic. Five Lessons we can learn from geese:

1. As each goose flaps its wings it creates "uplift", an aerodynamics orientation that reduces air friction, for the birds that follow. By flying in a V-formation, the whole flock achieves a 70% greater flying range than if each bird flew alone.
Lesson Learned: People who share a common direction and a sense of belonging can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling in the thrust of each other.
2. When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.
Lesson Learned: Be humble to admit the challenges we face and to seek help as soon as we get stuck. This humility will enable us, our team and our organization to move faster and achieve more.
3. When the Lead Goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.
Lesson Learned: Empowering others to lead is crucial to success of an organization. It pays to take turns doing hard tasks and sharing leadership.
4. The geese flying in formation honk up to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.
Lesson Learned: We need to make sure our Honking or should I say our words and conversations are encouraging.
5. When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it dies or can fly again. Then, they launch out with another formation or catch up with the flock.
Lesson Learned: We need to offer support in challenging times as well as when we are strong. In closing, we should keep in mind that organizations may change their strategies to remain worthwhile, but great organizations such as the American Legion Family Groups always stick to their core purpose and values to remain outstanding.