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 John Sharp  
**Finance Officer**  
 Bill Wright  
**Sgt. at Arms**  
 Steve Swam  
**Chaplain**  
 Teresa Ayres  
**Historian**  
 Harry Smith  
**Service Officer**  
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 Cid Reyes  
 Marv Frush  
 Jim Brown  
 Bob Schestag  
 Jim Smith  
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**MEETINGS:**  
**Legion, SAL and**  
**Auxiliary:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 7 pm  
**Riders:**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 7 pm



*Hampstead American Legion Post 200*  
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**From the Commander:**

Fellow Legionnaires:

Spring events are rapidly approaching:

- St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage, Reuben's & Rachel's.
- Our Auxiliary's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Car Show. All cars are eligible to be in the show, so please bring one or come in to have a bite and view some of the nicest autos around.
- The Memorial Day Ceremony at the Hampstead War Memorial is always a solemn occasion and then stop at the Post for the picnic.

We have experienced severe crowding in the lounge on Friday and Saturday nights - a good thing to have so many patrons. Please be courteous of our food handlers trying to negotiate the crowd. We are considering a furniture rearrangement to make the aisles more accessible.

Membership renewals are slower than last year at this time. Please let me know if you need help with your dues. We need everyone's dues to continue our commitment to our over-80 year-old veterans. If you know of a veteran, not just our members, that may need help, please call me at 410-833-1600.

Sincerely,

For God &amp; Country,

Bill

## Auxiliary:

**Membership:** is currently at 408 – If you have not paid your dues, please do so. Our own Western Maryland District (Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties) is **currently** in first place for membership in the Dept. of Maryland.

**Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser:** 15% was earned from the sale of gift cards in November for a total of \$264.00. Then 33 families attended our dinner night on January 14th. We earned another 10% which amounted to \$170.50. Grand total of profit from this fundraiser was \$434.50. Thank you to all who helped to make this a great event.

**Girls State:** Attention any girls who are juniors at Manchester Valley High School! Enjoy a week (June 17-21) at Salisbury University with hands-on training in the management of a democratic government at city, county and state levels. It will only cost you \$45.00 and the rest is paid by the Hampstead American Legion Auxiliary. See the Guidance Office for all the forms to apply. It is a wonderful experience! The deadline to have the application to the guidance officer is March 8<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss this great opportunity!

**Feb 23 - Shrimp Feed** – 4-7 in the Upstairs Hall (Sold Out), and please join us afterwards down in the lounge for Karaoke by Saxy Joe from 7-11. Wear your Mardi Gras attire!

**March 1** – Kathleen Twigg Scholarship paperwork has been delivered to the Manchester Valley High School Guidance Office. For graduating students who are interested, you must contact the guidance office by April 18<sup>th</sup>. We will collect them on April 19<sup>th</sup>. A committee will review them and select two students to receive \$500.00 each at the High School Awards Ceremony in June.

**March 16** – 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Hampstead-Manchester Business & Community Expo held at the Manchester Valley High School, 3300 Maple Grove Road, Manchester. Stop by and see us between 9 and 2 pm.

**March 17** - St. Patrick's Day Dinner – served in the Lounge from 12 noon until gone.. See flyer on page 7.

**March 24** - ALA Western Maryland District Meeting at Mt. Airy Gold Star Post #191. Any auxiliary member interested in how our organization works is invited to attend. Just ask one of the officers.

**March 30** - Post 200 Oyster Feed – in Lounge from 1-4. See flyer on page 7.

**April 1** - Our regular meeting will begin at 6 pm with the reading of essays by our contest winners followed by our mtg.

**April 19** - Good Friday – Baked Goods, Soups, Subs and much more for lunch. New this year for the children is a puppet show in addition to the egg hunt and magic show. See notice below for times, etc. Bring the kiddies out for lots of fun!

**May 4** - Poppy Day in Hampstead.- Poppy containers will be placed in businesses throughout the area. Please be generous and help us to help our veterans and their families. Take a poppy and wear it proudly!

**May 11** – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Auxiliary Car Show at the Post. See flyer and entry form on page 7

**May 25** - Hampstead Day once again will be held at the Arcadia Fairgrounds. The Legion Family will be serving delicious food and drinks in the main kitchen. Stop by to say Hi and have some lunch.

**May 29** - Memorial Day Service 9 am at the Hampstead War Memorial. Picnic at the Post from 1:00 to 3:00. Bring a covered dish to share.

For GOD & COUNTRY,  
Mary Jane Wickline, President  
410-596-7998

**Auxiliary Meetings:**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> (6pm), May 6<sup>th</sup>**



**Banner Program....We have reached our limit of 23 requests for banners that will hang along Main Street in the town of Hampstead from Memorial Day to 9/11 this year. Thank you to all who submitted applications. We are starting a wait list for next year. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in having a banner, contact Elinore at 410-374-4466 or Misty Strevig at the Hampstead Town Office at 410-239-7408.**

### **Good Friday Auxiliary Bake Sale and Much More!**

**9 am** - Bake Sale begins. Let us do your baking for Easter!  
Lunch will be available for purchase any time after we open! Soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, red beet eggs, sodas, coffee, tea and lots of desserts. Takeouts will be available also.

**12 noon – 12:45 - NEW** - Puppet Show by Hampstead Baptist Church Puppet Ministry. Bring the children early to have lunch and watch this great show!

**1 pm – Egg Hunt** –The hunt is divided into 5 age groups, so all children have a chance to find eggs and prizes. Texas Roadhouse is again giving us special eggs with certificates for free kids meals in them.

**2 pm** – Magic Show in the pavilion by Dave Thomen!

**Don't miss this FREE fun day for the kiddies!**

**We welcome these new members to the Auxiliary:**

**Donna L. Herbert,  
Ashley L. Hill,  
Melanie L. Martin  
Shirley P. Martin  
Kathy Barbagallo**

\*\*\*\*\* Greetings to All from Squadron 200\*\*\*\*\*

▶ The Sons are getting ready for the Annual Drawdown at Perryville Post #135 ....Sat. March 2nd, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. This gathering will Benefit the State Commander's Project --- this Year is Boys State.

▶ A call out to the Legion Family ... Any suggestions or young nominees that we can sponsor from Our Community??!! The motto is "Sons Empowering our Future Leaders". The entire Legion Family at Post 200 is making a Donation to this Project.

Fantastic Opportunity for a High School Junior ... the Son, Grandson or Gr. Grandson of a Veteran.

▶ Our S.A.L. Officers recently returned from the Winter Conference in Ocean City, Md. preparing for 2019 Events, Current Activities and Training. Contact any of us for Assistance. We meet the 1st Monday of each Month at 7p.m.

▶ As our membership has increased now to 329 Sons we are at 80% paid up and on track to achieving 4 Star status. Welcome to newest members Tim and Justin, already volunteering for the upcoming February Shrimp & Chicken Feed {A Sold Out Event!!}

Thank you Ladies, Sons, Legionnaires and Riders for your support ! There will be Silent Auction items & games of chance.

▶ Our current Lounge Raffle is A Chesapeake Bay Fishing Trip - Tickets & Details are Posted in the Lounge - Some lucky Winner and guests are going Fishing on the Bay !! Monies raised by the Sons of the American Legion go to Support Veteran Programs and Interests --- Special Olympics, Boys State, Local Veteran Needs, Post 200 Improvements and Programs ..... Toys for Tots, Fisher House, Casey Cares, the USO, Golf Tournaments and many other causes.

▶ Our Plum Crazy Wednesday Night Game is Ending ---only Being replaced by a New Game of "Queen of Hearts" \*\*\*\* Those FunRaisers Extraordinaire Past Commanders Roger Mazzone & Tom Clavell (and their ladies) and All who have enjoyed & Supported "Plum Crazy" deserve a Big Post 200 Hurrah ... Well run, well done.! Don't miss the new unveiling as Tom & Roger introduce the "Queen of Hearts"

▶ The Western Md. District is now in 2nd position at over 80% of nearly 4,200 paid members. Spring D.E.C. Meeting is April 14th at 1p.m. in Glen Burnie.

▶ One item we, as a Squadron, always address and encourage each & every member of the Legion Family their friends and Associates to Purchase is the Annual Calendar from John Bowersox --- it is never too late even now .... As the winning numbers drawn are retroactive !!! Can you imagine if every member and their contacts Purchased one Calendar (only \$25.00) the impact that would have! The Sons have always won \$\$ money back ... and don't forget there is also Dinner that goes along with every Calendar purchased -- It's a No Brainer !! See John Bowersox he'll tell you.

▶ 2019 is the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion --- Squadron 200 will be supporting that Celebration !! --- Our American Flag Replacement Program is active and we encourage the retirement of American Flags that have seen service that are tattered, torn, faded, stolen .... we Sons, will replace or exchange for them for a New American Flag! Contact us for your 2019 Flag. Also, we seek knowledge of any Veteran that is in Need of ANY assistance. Active Duty Personnel will have their Membership dues paid by us.

▶▶ Special shout out to the Al & Kate Painter Family -- Congratulations to Major Jeffery Painter !!! --- now promoted to :Lieutenant Colonel Jeffery Painter {February 11th} Jeff completed 4 tours, last in Afghanistan ....I take this occasion to recognize this North Carroll Graduate and Hero --- His Great Gr. Father Frank Wisneski U.S. Army WW1 Awarded the Croix de Guerre, Purple Heart and Victory Medal with Campaign Ribbons; His Great Uncle John Painter U.S. Army WW2 Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart service from DDay to wars end ; Lieutenant Colonel Jeffery T. Painter U.S. Army 2002 to Present -- N.C.H.S., West Point U.S. Military Academy, Armor Officer and Company Commander with 4 deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. Currently assigned to Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB Tampa, FL. --- Now go and buy a Calendar !!

It is through your support - the Legion Family and your Contacts- that we are able to assist our Veterans and Active Duty Personnel.

▶ The Sons of the American Legion are holding their 46th Annual Convention at nearby Hunt Valley Maryland on June 21,22 & 23, 2019 --- I'm certain we will have a few visitors during that time ..... I look forward to extending our hospitality during that time. More information at [www.mdsal.org](http://www.mdsal.org)



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S.A.L. Continued....

▶▶ An update on MIA/POW Pavilion - we have secured New Permit(s) and are awaiting final inspection once we are able to address the finishing details. Weather permitting that should commence and be completed shortly. The Grinch simply delayed our completion schedule and cost us \$250. {that could have gone for Veteran needs} seems everything had been done to A-one standards!

No real issues were found, but since the formal complaint was made they had to fine tooth comb the project ... we ended up moving one door frame down 2 inches!! Thanks to All our Volunteers and laborers on this Project!! They have built 3 ADA compliant restrooms, outfitted with Waterless Urinals and Wheelchair Accessible Units. Also, adding a much needed on site Storage Area. All fitted with Steel, lockable doors. These additions now make the Pavilion much more rentable, as well as, reducing the impact on our Legion facilities.

▶ We also now have Jeff Herbert representing the S.A.L. on the newly formed Legion's Construction Committee. They will help coordinate efforts as we continue to make Capital Improvements to Our Post 200. There is now NO EXCUSE to go outside this Post; if anyone has concerns or issues with any Post Project. We stand ready to address any and all concerns And reserve the right to put your interest(s) first, to use, as Volunteers are always needed.

▶ As a final thought, as we approach Spring .... keep All who serve in your prayers. I often think during these bitter cold days .....

..... Of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment "the Old Guard" .... the Guardians of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Dedicated in 1921, the Tomb has been guarded every minute of every day since 1937. The Guards volunteering to this duty must commit to two years of life to guard the Tomb, they live in the barracks under the Tomb, Cannot drink Alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform (fighting) or the Tomb in any way. The Guard is changed every 1/2 hour during the Summer and every hour during the Winter. There are 3 buried - one from WW1, WW2 and the Korean War and until (1998) the Vietnam War. All were presented with the Metal of Honor at time of interment. Since the identification of 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie - a marker now placed reads "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen."

God Bless our Veterans and Those Who Serve, Pray for their Comfort and Safety.

Best regards, Charles (Charlie) Bevard

Commander S.A.L. Squadron 200, Post 200



### March, April, May 2019

Our "Ugly Waitress" spaghetti dinner was postponed due to inclement weather. We will be setting a date at our February meeting. Stay tuned to the lounge TV and look for new flyers and a sign-up sheet. This dinner is for the Post 200 members and the member can bring a guest. We are looking forward to getting reacquainted with the legion members. So please come join us for the dinner. You're sure to have a good time.

With Punxsutawney Phil not seeing his shadow, we are looking forward to the early spring to start our "whoever shows goes" rides each month. Watch our Facebook page for information on our rides.

I have had the pleasure of participating in a new group called the NW Baltimore / Carroll County ALR. This group consists of the riders from Westminster, Sykesville, Reisterstown, Hampstead and Owings Mills. We have combined together to create a brotherhood of American Legion Riders and to help each other in support of our fellow veterans. I'm looking forward to working with this group with future events and to creating a comradery between our local posts to support our veterans.

Once again don't forget the Big Bucket sales on Saturdays and Sundays!! Come in to the lounge and take a chance on winning cash. The proceeds of these Big Bucket sales help the Riders to better support our Legion and our local veterans and military members.

Thank you,  
Teresa Ayres  
Director  
ALR Post 200

**We welcome new member, Kathy Barbagallo to the Legion Riders! Welcome, Kathy!**

# March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Spaghetti	2
3	4 Regular Mtg 7pm Legion, Aux. SAL	5 Mardi Gras	6 SAL Game 7:30	7	8 Crab Cake DJ Magic Mike	9
10	11	12	13 Riders Mtg 7 pm SAL Game 7:30	14	15 American Legion 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Meat Loaf	16 DJ Lew Marshall
17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner in Lounge	18	19	20 SAL Game 7:30	21	22 Steamed Shrimp	23 "Never Too Late" Band
24	25 Maryland Day	26	27 Exec. Mtg 7 pm SAL Game 7:30	28	29 Pork Chop	30 Post Oyster Feed 1-4
31 ALA WMD Mtg. at Mt. Airy #191						

# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Auxiliary Essay winners will read their entries at 6 pm▶	1 April Fool's Day Regular Mtg 7pm Legion, SAL Aux. Mtg 6 pm	2	3 SAL Game 7:30	4	5 Watch for new specials	6 DJ Lew Marshall
7	8	9	10 Riders Mtg 7pm SAL Game 7:30	11	12 Special TBA	13 WMD Reception at Carroll #31 3pm Mark Jacob Acoustical
14	15	16	17 SAL Game 7:30	18 Prep for Good Friday Bake Sale	19 Good Friday Bake Sale, Lunch and Egg Hunt Special TBA	20
21 Easter Post Closed	22 Earth Day Carroll County Mtg at Carroll #31	23	24 Exec. Mtg. 7 pm SAL Game 7:30	25	26 Special TBA	27 Mark Miller DJ
28	29	30				

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 SAL Game 7:30	2	3 Special TBA	4 Poppy Day in Hampstead
5 AL WMD Mtg at Thurmont	6 Regular Mtg 7pm Legion, Aux, SAL	7	8 Riders Mtg 7pm SAL Game 7:30	9	10 Special TBA Newsletter Deadline for June, July, Aug	11 ALA Car Show DJ Lew Marshall
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 SAL Game 7:30	16	17 Special TBA	18 Armed Forces Day
19 ALA WMD Mtg at Hancock #26 AL DEC Mtg at Proctor Kildow #71	20	21	22 Exec. Mtg 7 pm SAL Game 7:30	23	24 Special TBA	25 Hampstead Day at Arcadia Fire Grounds
26	27 Memorial Day Service 9 am at War Memorial. Picnic at Post 1-3 pm	28	29 SAL Game 7:30	30	31 Special TBA	

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

Diane Harroll  
 Suzi Zepp  
 Caroline Marschall  
 Elyse Weckesser  
 Joe Taymans  
 Linda Allen  
 Joe Prajzner  
 Carolyn and Tom Evans  
 Liz Watson  
 Phil Wilson  
 Jackie Russo  
 Carole Brown  
 Beverly A. and Ed Martin  
 Louise Angley  
 Bonnie Kahline  
 Bobby Greenwood  
 Angie Cassetta

All those who are suffering whose names are not on this list.

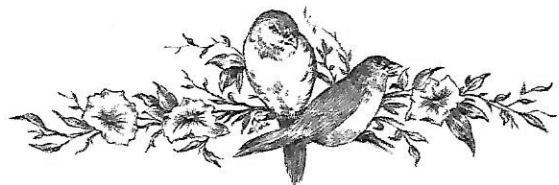
*Strengthen them in their struggles; bring them deep and lasting peace and make them well again.*

**Post Everlasting**

Richard Lee Moffitt  
 Wayne Morris Wolfsheimer  
 Praxeda Marie Wisnewski  
 Oden A. Kemp  
 Dennis L. Hann  
 Doris Smith  
 Betty Kelly  
 Gerald Henry Bollinger

They have touched our lives in so many ways and we will forever remember them.

May they and their families know everlasting peace.



The Hampstead American Legion Auxiliary Unit 200 presents:

# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW

## Saturday, May 11, 2019

Registration from 9 – Noon

Awards Presentation at 2:00

Judging by Registrant Votes

Awards for **Top 15 Cars**

Along with Commander's, Auxiliary's & People's Choice Trophies

**\$10.00 Advance Registration - \$15.00 day of Event Registration**

*(Goodie Bag including lunch voucher to first 50 registered)*

American Legion Post 200 – 4600 Legion Lane, Hampstead, MD 21074

*Hampstead American Legion & Auxiliary are not responsible for vandalism, theft or other damages. No alcoholic beverages permitted on premises.*



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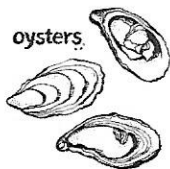
Make Checks Payable to: **H.A.L.A. Unit 200**

Send to: Hampstead American Legion Aux. Unit 200, 4600 Legion Lane, Hampstead, MD 21074 Attn: Car Show

Additional information email [staceynash1@gmail.com](mailto:staceynash1@gmail.com)

### American Legion Post 200 Oyster Feed

**March 30, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**\$40.00 per person**



**Includes: Fried – Steamed –Raw – Stew – Beef  
Sodas and Draft Beer Included**

### Heroes Haven Crab Feast June 15<sup>th</sup>

Motorcoach day trip leaving Post 200. A mystery stop first, then on to the crab feast event at Mardela Springs followed by Layton's Chance Winery with music by "Tranzfusion". Small coolers are allowed on the bus, but not at the events. Bring folding chairs for the Music Concert at Layton's Chance. More details to follow....See Patty Sater

### SAL Notice

**When the Plum is found – stay tuned for a NEW GAME ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. Exciting details to follow!**

### POW/MIA Candlelight Vigil

Scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in September. 9/20/2019. Due to an important event in our lives at the same time, I cannot chair this event this year. Looking for someone to take it over. The format is already done. If interested: call Elinore 410-374-4466

### FYI:

**We now have a baby changing table in the upstairs hall ladies room.**

### **NESAP Collection Box**

We will be collecting canned goods and non-perishables for the months of March and April. Please be generous. Let's help the less fortunate. Thank you for your support.

### **Dates to Remember**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** – Day For God and Country at Camp West Mar in the mountains 2 pm  
**June 16<sup>th</sup>** – Chicken Feed at Camp West Mar at noon.  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Joint Installation of Officers in the upstairs hall.  
**July 16 – 19** – Annual American Legion and Auxiliary Department Convention at Ocean City, Md.  
**August 17** – SAL Crab Feast  
**August 18** – Post 200 Crab Feast  
Tickets for these two events go on sale after the regular June 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings.

Please help keep our members better informed. We are collecting email addresses to become more efficient by emailing newsletters and other important items of interest. It will be more cost effective. We are a nonprofit organization and any savings will be an asset to our Post.

The story of two youngsters who shared many things as boys, young men and now adults follows in this issue. It is our hope that you take the time to read it as you recall your own time spent in the service to our country.

### **We welcome these New Members to the American Legion:**

John Calhoun  
  
Robert Gunnerson, Sr.  
  
Calvin N. Evans

### **We welcome these new members to the Sons of the American Legion:**

Douglas G. Bezzeg  
Thomas F. Connors  
Keith A. Gill  
John L. Hallsmith  
David A. Jones  
Jay K. Mazzone, Sr.  
Timothy A. Reprigel  
Phillip Wickline  
Richard J. Wickline  
David L. Zumbrum  
Scott A. Dickson

### **Welcome New Bar Chairman, Earl Hare**

**Watch for new specials from the kitchen** beginning in April. Check the Facebook page: **American Legion Post 200 - Bar** and the lounge TV for new items, Friday night specials and other special nights.

### **Bar Bingo**

will begin on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and continue on the first Tuesday of each month. Stop by to win some cash!

### **St. Patricks Day Dinner**

#### **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Noon until ?**

Stop by for some of Sandy's corned beef or ham, Jim's cabbage and potatoes....or maybe you want a Rueben or a Rachel Sandwich. Other items will be available from the kitchen too.

**Thank you to all who supported the sock drive for the needy of the county. It has been a great success.**

**Be sure to check our website and the TV in the lounge for latest updates!**

[www.alpost200.org](http://www.alpost200.org)

Submissions for the next newsletter are due by **May 10<sup>th</sup>** for June, July and August.

Submit you information via email to [efrush@live.com](mailto:efrush@live.com)

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## True Brotherhood

Sometimes it seems like a lifetime has passed since their first meeting when they were in Boy Scouts, to when they served in Vietnam to their working together in business today. Alan K. Grieger and James (Jimmy) H. Moore III first met at the Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Maryland when they joined Boy Scout Troop #444. Numerous badges and awards were earned while there to prepare them for life.



*Boy Scout Troop #444*



Alan and Jimmy worked together during their high school years at the Four Corners Gas Station. After graduation; Jimmy from Hereford High School and Alan from Dulaney High School, they decided to join the Army and went to the Towson recruiting office to sign up.

Basic Training was at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Jimmy and Alan were in the same company, but different platoons and they saw each other every day. Jimmy went on to Fort Jackson, South Carolina to train on wheeled vehicles, then on to Fort Benning, Georgia where he worked on tanks and track vehicles. He learned how to recover those types of vehicles with a M88 tank retriever which was a tow truck for tanks.

Alan went on to Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he studied Fire Direction Control, then it was on to Engineer Officer Candidate School in Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The Engineer Officer Candidate School (OCS) commissioned more than 35,000 officers in support of three periods of this nation's armed conflicts, (World War II, Korea and Vietnam). He graduated as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and from there he was sent to Fort Holabird, Baltimore, for further training and a commission in Military Intelligence. Then it was on to Fort Bragg, North Carolina to train new troops. He was there for 4 cycles, each containing 8 weeks. After that he headed to Fort Dix, New Jersey where he shipped out to Vietnam.



*Alan at Engineer School 1969 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt.*



*Jimmy returns from Korea*

After Jimmy finished his schooling, he was sent to Korea in 1969 for 13 months although he thought he would be sent to Vietnam. He was stationed at Camp Casey in Dongducheon, South Korea. Camp Casey is a United States military base located about 40 miles north of Seoul, Korea. Camp Casey is one of several U.S. Army bases in South Korea near the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Camp Casey spans 3,500 acres and is occupied by 6,300 military personnel and 2,500 civilians. Jimmy spent 6 months guarding the DMZ where they tried to catch infiltrators and sometimes experienced harassing fire from the North Koreans. He tells that there were nights when everything was dark and voices came from loud speakers saying that they would kill American soldiers by name. It was hard to know how they got those names. Eleven soldiers lost their lives while he was there.

After returning from Korea, he went to see Alan at Fort Bragg before being assigned at Fort Bliss, Texas where he worked on M42 Dusters, a track vehicle with a 40mm pom pom gun that would be used for road security while in Vietnam. The 40mm M2 Dual Automatic Gun was a truly awesome weapon when its twin machine cannons were pumping out 2-pound high explosive tracer projectiles at the rate of four rounds each second to a maximum range in excess of 10,000 yards. In the broad category of "machine guns", this is about as big and bad as they come. Although officially declared obsolete by the U.S. Army after the Vietnam War, the M42 soldiered on in the National Guard until 1987 with the far more efficient Stinger anti-aircraft missile system.

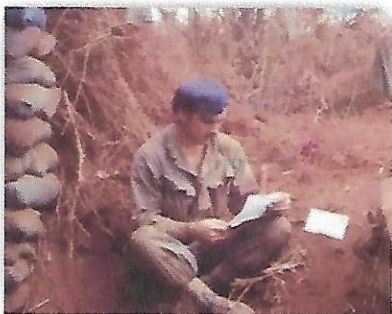
In Vietnam, Alan was assigned to the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Mobil Divisional Unit at Camp Eagle in Phu Bai Combat Base. This unit was a sensor platoon dealing in ground surveillance techniques. 83" of rain had fallen during the monsoon in 5 months and the enemy was moving in. His job was to install remote sensor systems along the jungle trails and routes. A remote sensor system is a continuous all weather surveillance system which provided monitoring of activity in elected areas. The sensors consist of relays and monitoring equipment placed at selected points to provide an integrated sensor network, activated by seismic, magnetic, infrared or optical detections of moving targets. Detections are transmitted by FM radio link directly or via relays to the monitoring equipment. Operators can determine location, direction, speed of movement and even the number of vehicles or personnel. The information is then forwarded to intelligence, operations and fire support agencies.



*Graduation from Basic  
1968*

Alan remembers as he was crawling through the jungle that it was his birthday. What a way to spend your birthday! Of course, there was no internet, no radios for news or music, no newspapers, so it was easy to see that one could lose track of time.

Jimmy remembers that on the day he left for Vietnam, a family friend named Charlie Hoover, a WWI vet came by to see him off. Charlie had been wounded and gassed at Belleau Wood and lived on Paper Mill Road in Baltimore County in a renovated chicken coop. Jimmy remembers Charlie saying sincerely; "Jimmy, boy, take care of yourself". That meant a lot to Jimmy as he could tell that Charlie knew what might be ahead. Before Jimmy left, he took a small bottle of dirt from his home and carried it with him the entire time he was away. It helped him feel close to home and those he was leaving behind. Before leaving for Vietnam, while on leave Jimmy met his future wife, Regina.



*Jimmy reads a letter from Regina*

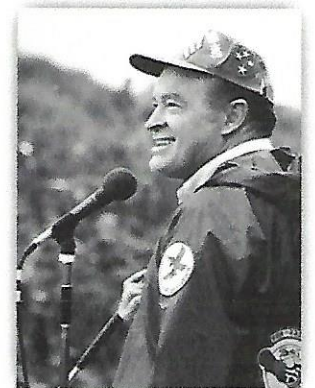
In November, 1970, Jimmy was sent to Vietnam to Cam Ranh Bay where he called Alan. He then went on to Da Nang to a replacement center. He didn't go as a unit as they needed certain MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) and his specialty was needed. He went on the Quang Tri where he was assigned to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Maintenance Battalion.

In February of 1971 the United States portion of the mission was to sever access to the Ho Chi Minh Trail with Operation Dewey Canyon II and Lam Son 719 to clear Highway 9 where they reopened the Khe Sanh Combat Base, the supply point to move men, food, ammo and helicopter transportation near the Laotian border. The United States provided

logistical, aerial and artillery support to the operation, but its ground forces were prohibited by law from entering Laos. They moved everything through the months of February and March.

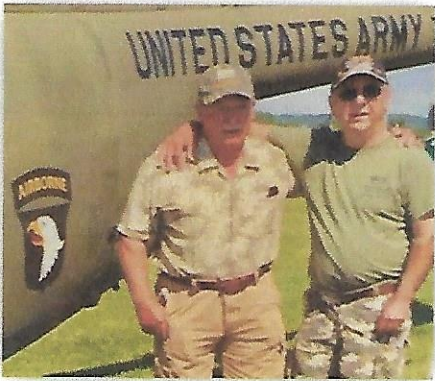
Jimmy tried to get attached to Alan's unit, about 50 or 60 miles away, but was not successful. He was allowed to visit him though for about a week. Later he went back to Quang Tri and finished his tour as Specialist 5. He remembers coming back home on Father's Day, June 20, 1971.

A special memory for both Alan and Jimmy was Operation Holly; the day that Bob Hope and his troupe came to Camp Eagle at Phu Bai at Christmastime in 1970. Hope brought with him The Gold Diggers, Lola Falama, Ursula Andress, Les Brown and his Band of Renown, and a 22 year old ballplayer and 1970 National League MVP, Johnny Bench. Nearly 20,000 servicemen attended this show on what was called "Freedom Hill" and at the time, neither realized that they were both there in the audience.



Bob Hope always ended his USO Christmas shows with everyone singing "Silent Night", which made a bunch of tough, hard as nails military men get teary eyed. Being 12,000 miles from home at Christmastime and hearing that familiar tune made the war go away, if only for a few minutes.

Both Jimmy and Alan got out of the service in 1971 and went to work for Explosives Engineers in Cockeysville, Md; Alan as a blaster; Jimmy drilled holes for explosives. They both credit their time in the Boy Scouts for preparing them for what was ahead. They learned discipline, it helped to build their character and they learned to look out for one another, which is what they have done all their lives. They have worked together, served together and now own the business together, now called Explosive Experts and located in Parkton, Md.



**LZ Maryland at Timonium**

Forty-five Fathers Days after Jimmy first got home from Vietnam, they both attended a Father's Day Weekend on June 18, 2016, where Maryland Public Television set up a 140-foot-long "Tour of Duty Map" of Southeast Asia that left space for vets to write messages at the LZ Maryland (Landing Zone) as a tribute and thank you to Vietnam War Veterans at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium.

In addition to the map exhibit, 1,017 chairs were set up representing each Marylander killed in the war. There was also a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and a Huey helicopter from the war.

Jimmy is the son of Helen Louise Moore, brother to Patty Sater, both members of Auxiliary Unit 200 and brother-in-law to Darwin Sater, member of SAL Squadron 200. His father, James H. Moore, Jr. (deceased) served in the Army Air Corps during WWII.

We thank both Alan and Jimmy for their service and dedication to our country as well as all who have served. It was an honor to sit with them and hear their stories. Both are members of Hampstead American Legion Post 200.

*From time to time we interview veterans about their experiences while serving. It is always a pleasure and an honor to listen to their stories.  
God Bless them, one and all.*



**Alan and Jimmy with Map of Vietnam**

## American Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday March 15

March 15, the designated birthday of The American Legion, is the day in 1919 when the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force, convened in Paris. Much as the birthday of the United States is celebrated on July 4 – for the day in 1776 when revolting patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and the spirit of America was born – March 15 is the date on which the Legion came to life.

Each year, and especially this year, Legion posts across the country will be holding events – public, private or both – to commemorate this 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Let us plan something at Post 200 to celebrate our birthday.