

Legion Officers

Commander
Jack Bowersox
1st Vice Cmdr
John Crotts
2nd Vice Cmdr
Dan Martin
Adjutant
Bill Nash
Judge Advocate
Dennis Cullison
Finance Officer
Bill Wright
Sgt. at Arms
Steve Swam
Chaplain
Jim Maness
Historian
Marvin Frush
Service Officer
Rich Rote
At Large
Cid Reyes
Jim Brown
Bob Schestag
Joe Marschall
Membership
John Nash
Dept Exec Cmte
John Sharp
House Committee
Denny Cullison

Auxiliary Officers

President
Patty Sater
1st Vice Pres
Cathy Martin
2nd Vice Pres
Sharon Prajzner
Secretary
Debby Nash
Treasurer
Stacey Nash
Chaplain
Mary Maness
Historian
Joleen Cullison
Sgt. at Arms
Josie Bowersox
Membership
Beverly Martin
Exec. Committee
Jackie Baughman
Amanda Starace
Mary Coleman
Lynn Utz
Paula Scherer
Mary Jane Wickline

SAL Officers

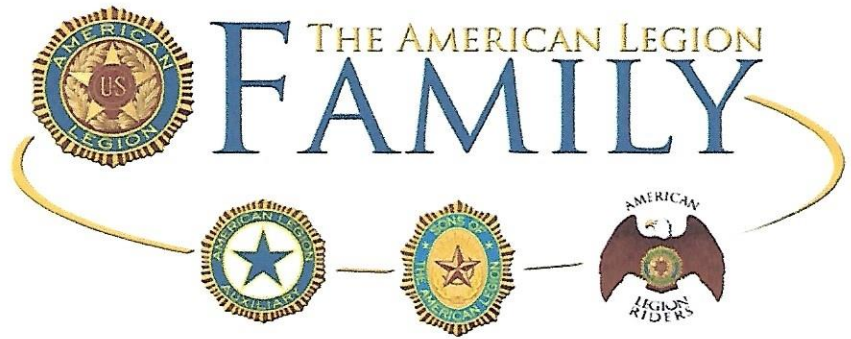
Commander
Steve Unkart
1st Vice Cmdr
Tommy Clavell
2nd Vice Cmdr
John Armacost
Adjutant
Greg Nott
Finance Officer
Eric Cellitto
Historian
Scott McBrien
Chaplain
Joe Prajzner
Sgt. at Arms
Robert Utz
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B.Jones /P. Fitzgerald
Dept Exec Cmte
Tom Clavell
Exec Committee
Charles Bevard
Roger Mazzone
Darwin Sater
Steve Unkart
John Armacost
SAL WMD
Commander
Tommy Clavell

Riders Officers

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Jimmy Maddrey
Asst Director
Ron Burton
Recording Sec:
Heather Cape-Frock
Treasurer
Michele Burton
Membership
Michelle Burton
Sgt. at Arms
Joe Parks
Historian
Kathy Barbagalo
Chaplain
Michael Frock
Public Info Officer
John Sharp
Ride Coordinator
Geno Antonelli

MEETINGS:

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



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From the Commander:

I would like to thank everyone for the confidence they have in me, by electing me Commander! What an unbelievable year 2020 has been so far, lets' hope and pray it gets better.

We managed to accomplish all the renovations while shut down! I would like to thank all who helped; it was truly a team effort. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation, as I am sure everyone does, to Bill Nash for his three years of leadership as the Commander and for agreeing to be my Adjutant. Thank You, Bill.

We are slowly getting back to normal at the Post, but we must continue to follow the safety guidelines (Face coverings and social distancing). A new Children's menu is now available for the little ones. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, some things had to be cancelled, let's hope we can get it all back on track next year!

For God and Country,
Jack Bowersox

Calendar Feed:

Due to the continuing uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, it has been decided to cancel this year's Calendar Feed, originally scheduled for October 31st. **If you would like to purchase calendar tickets for 2021, Jack and Josie will be in the pavilion on October 31st and November 1st from 1 – 3 pm.** These fundraisers are very important to us especially in these troubled times. Thank you for your continued support.

Let's all do our part!

Purchase a Calendar for \$25.00

What a deal; a whole year's worth of chances to win except Sundays!

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 mine and need to be followed to ensure we never have to go through another shut down again! I 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!

For God and Country!
Thank You,
Jack Bowersox

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure we follow the rules, if you see someone not wearing a mask; politely ask them to put one on! We are all in this together!

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

Diane Harroll	Joe Taymans
Linda Allen	Joe Prajzner
Liz Watson	Phil Wilson
Louise Angley	Angela Cassetta
Carolyn Evans	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.

Post Everlasting

Michael A. Elseroad
Faye Richards, Auxiliary
Theron Hann, SAL
John C. Waugh
Darrell W. Jones
Francis E. Banahan
William "Bill" J. Ullrich
Larry G. Taylor

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

In Loving Memory....

*Soon you will see a beautiful bench at the flag court. The bench is in memory of Auxiliary Unit 200 Past President, Faye Dell. 2006-2014. Faye served our Auxiliary well for much longer in many other positions.
Thank you, Faye*

Pray for all those who are in nursing homes who have not been able to physically see their loved ones for months. 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.

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

Please know that at this time we cannot put out a regular calendar for these 3 months due to the uncertainty of the pandemic.

We have kitchen specials every Friday night beginning at 5 pm in the lounge. Stop in and try one or chose from the menu.

Try one of our burgers on Monday nights. \$3.50 or \$4.00 for the "specialty of the day" burger with fries
Stop in on Tuesday nights and enjoy tacos.

Auxiliary Unit 200

Hello Everyone,

We start our 2020-2021 year with welcoming the new officers and thanking our existing officers. I will give it my best going into a second year representing our unit as President. Together (approx. 470) members, we will fulfil our mission and statement.

Throughout the coming months our unit will be presenting online fundraisers to help with our funds. There will be something for everyone, and opportunities to purchase gifts for our family and friends. Fundraising ideas are very welcome, and please share your thoughts. See below for more information.

Our Centennial Quilt will be raffled next July at the OC convention. Tickets are \$5 each, please participate and purchase a ticket and help as well with the sales. You will be helping with veterans and children & youth programs. Tickets are in the Legion lounge or contact me, and I will mail them to you.

Beverly Martin is our membership chairperson and we compliment Bev on this endeavor. She does a super job. Please pay your 2021 "early bird" dues before October 31st. Senior \$30 Jr.(under 18) \$10. Mail 2021 dues to: Beverly K. Martin, 1001 Terrace Court, Hampstead, Md. 21074. See notes below.

Our unit is putting together an updated Auxiliary group email, please share if you wish to receive updates. You can send your current email to our public relations chairperson; Elinore Frush at efrush@live.com, or to myself pattysater@aol.com. Through the pandemic this will be a great way to move forth and receive important information and updates.

For God and Country,

Thank you, Patty Sater

443-789-1183 text or call.

"100 Years of Service Not Self" For God and Country.

Thank you and take care, Patty Sater 443-789-1183 pattysater@aol.com

Check out the national auxiliary website. There is a multitude of information there for you to learn about the many phases and programs of our organization.

ALAforveterans.org



Membership Dues for 2021

Once again we are having an incentive program....Pay your dues before October 31st and be entered in a drawing. The winning name will be pulled at our November meeting and your dues will be reimbursed.

Last year's winner was Debby Nash.

Congratulations Debby!

We are accepting dues now for 2021, but you won't receive your new card until after September. Thank you for being an "early bird"!

Auxiliary Membership Chairperson,
Bev Martin 410-374-4063

Make checks payable to: ALA Unit 200

Auxiliary Annual Sub Sale

These subs are from Schultz's Deli in Hanover and are delicious! Place your order!

Sub order forms will be out after
October 5th.

Orders back in by October 16th.

You may pick up your sub order on October
28th in the lounge.

Enjoy!

Thank you for your support!

Questions: Call Bev Martin 410-374-4063 or Sue Miller
410-848-8011

Auxiliary Fundraisers:

Because we have had to cancel many of our regular fundraisers, we have decided to do something different: We are holding a few events all on Facebook:

- Mary Kay Fundraiser, now at: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 200/Mary Kay Fundraiser. Closes 8/24
Contact: Sandy Falsis 410-218-9490
- Tupperware fundraiser will be next. Contact: Joleen Cullison 410-259-1183 and on Facebook
- Then Norwex fundraiser next. Contact: Patty Sater 443-789-1183 and on Facebook
- Then Thirty-One next. Contact: Paul Scherer 443-821-2770 Stay tuned to Facebook and please try to place an order in these difficult times when we can't really get together. If you aren't familiar with any of these products, check them out on their websites. They are all excellent products and make great gifts. Christmas is coming!

From the Sons of the American Legion;

I thank each one for staying aboard with me this year. Sorry to announce that there will be no crab feast this year. But look forward to next year.

S.A.L is having a raffle that we are selling tickets to. \$500.00 total price to the winner; \$300.00 cash, \$100.00 Weis card, \$100.00 Main St. Liquors. Tickets are available in the lounge.

The Pavilion improvements are moving right along. This pavilion will be nice for any occasion; weddings, birthday parties, outdoor memorials, graduations as well as other events.

May God Bless America,

Steve Unkart, S.A.L.Commander

**American Legion SAL Squadron 200
Crab Feast Raffle**

Prize: \$300 crab voucher or cash

\$100 Weis Card

\$100 Main St. Liquors Gift Card

1st Drawing before or on 9/1/2020 (001-500)

2nd Drawing before or on 9/30/2020 (501-1000)

**Tickets \$2.00 each
available at the bar**

Ticket sponsor: Main Street Liquors and Deli,
Hampstead

Queen of Hearts Drawings:

Resumes on Wednesday,

September 9th, 7:30 pm

pending any changes in the Governors
orders.

Please come out to support this great
fundraiser. Our fundraisers are so
important especially during these
difficult times.

Thank you for your continued support.
Hope to see you back in the lounge on
September 9th!

Request from the SAL:

The SAL would like to hang the banners of anyone
who has gotten them for the banner program on
Main Street in the inside of the POW/MIA pavilion.

They would be hung high in the ceiling out of the
weather. There is room for about 30 or so around
the room. If you are interested in letting them

display your banner, contact Elinore at

efrush@live.com or 410-374-4466 The banners

can be hung for a short time or a longer time
depending on your wishes.

Hampstead's Banner Program

The banner program is over for 2020 and they are
displayed proudly along Main Street. The Town of
Hampstead together with the Hampstead American
Legion Post 200 has secured the names of 23
veterans. BGE allows us to put brackets on 23 of
their poles in town. The banners will remain up until
just after September 11th and returned to the family.

Thank you to the legion for paying \$50.00 toward the
cost of \$110.00 per banner for 3 years. If you would
like to be on a list for a banner in 2021, contact
Elinore at efrush@live.com or 410-374-4466. The
cost for 2021 has not yet been determined.

As citizens of this great nation, it is our
duty, privilege and responsibility to exercise the
right of franchise by casting our ballots on Election
Day. It was on this premise that The American
Legion's "Get Out the Vote" program was initiated
shortly after the organization's inception. Today it
is as important as it was to elections past.

Don't forget to VOTE.

**It's your DUTY, your honor, your
responsibility and your privilege!**

**If you don't vote, your right to complain is
revoked!**

Notice: There will be Luminaries in the POW/MIA Pavilion
on Friday, September 11, 2020 in honor of POW/MIA
Recognition Day and in place of our usual Candlelight
Vigil. We will also remember those who lost their lives on
9/11 and their families. Take a moment to stop by and
reflect on the fact that many have suffered greatly at the
hands of their captors and those whose families continue
to suffer as a result of the events of 9/11. We must never
forget those who remain missing in action and the families
left behind. God be with them.

Check out what our Past Commander recently did....

What did you do during the pandemic? Well, our Past Commander, Bill Nash was on a mission to do 22 pushups for 22 days to honor those 22 veterans who commit suicide daily in this country. Bill's wife, Debby documented each day on Facebook if you would like to see his dedication. Yes, that's the fact! 22 each day!

Because of his dedication, we are accepting donations to go to Platoon 22 based in Frederick, Maryland. Too many veterans are having trouble transitioning into life without the military and war. There is a real need for help getting them reconnected with their lives as a civilian. Platoon 22 has partnered with Goodwill Industries of Monocacy Valley to build a 20,000 square foot veteran center right here in our neighboring Frederick area. The center will offer first class services to our country's heroes who live across the region. They will offer: Job Training and Placement; Counseling; Mental Health Services; Physical Health Services; Benefits Navigation; Housing Programs; Transportation Services and Financial Education. Learning how to manage and mitigate trauma that has already happened in the lives of these veterans as well as the trauma they experience after they return home is addressed. Their goal is to turn PTSD into PTG (Post Traumatic Growth). Danny Farrar, Co-Founder states the following; "Not only can you survive post suicide, or post-depression, or anxiety or whatever you're dealing with, if you learn how to navigate that, you can actually survive."

Danny is an 8 year military veteran, former firefighter and EMT who served in the United States Army, including a combat tour in Iraq. A combat veteran who was once homeless and attempted suicide fought many demons, especially since he lost his brother and several loved ones to suicide. During his time in active duty, he took the first team into the Pentagon on 9/11 and has completed over 800 convoy combat missions in Iraq. As you can imagine his transition into civilian life did not go well. Fired from the first job he had when returning home, with his determination and the support from his wife, they began Platoon 22, helping other veterans. His main objective now is raising money for this veteran's center which recently broke ground. The goal is two million dollars of which he has raised \$600,000 himself and is up for a matching grant very soon. With more than 400,000 veterans living in the state of Maryland and 100,000 veterans living in Frederick and surrounding areas you could help by donating to this local cause. Make checks payable to Platoon 22 and send or deliver to Hampstead Post 200 and we will forward your donation to them. Check out their website: Platoon 22 Frederick, Maryland.

Free Veterans Dinner....

It'll be different this year but we will not forget our veterans! We will be providing free dinners for any and all veterans and a guest on Sunday, November 8th, but all dinners will be carry out. You will have to register so we know how many to prepare for. You will pick a time slot to pick them up. We will observe social distancing and you must have a mask on to enter the hall. Remembering you and your service to our country, we want to thank you in this very small way. Please send only one person to the hall for pickup. If you will need additional help, please let us know.

To register, please call: 410-374-4466 or email efrush@live.com to pick a time between 12:30 and 3:30 pm for pick up.

Remember, you MUST register for a time to pick up!

75th Anniversary of the End of WWII:

On September 2, 1945, formal surrender documents were signed aboard the USS *Missouri*, designating the day as the official Victory over Japan Day (V-J Day).

V-J Day was especially momentous—the gruesome and exhausting war was officially over—but the day was also bittersweet for the many Americans whose loved ones would not be returning home. "More than 400,000 Americans gave their lives to secure our nation's freedom, and in the midst of exultation, there was recognition that the true meaning of the day was best represented by those who were not present to celebrate," said Robert Citino, Director at WWII Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana.

A Little History....

From the desk of Elinore Frush, Past Historian for Auxiliary Unit 200

Everyone has probably had extra time to do things that you've been putting off during this pandemic. These are certainly uncharted waters for all of us, but we will get through this together, however what we once knew as normal will probably not be again.

With the renovations at the post, organization has also taken place and things have been discovered that haven't been seen or known about for a long time. So....did you know?

*Back
to
GOD*



In one of the folders, there was a booklet called; "Back to God". It was published by the National Public Relations Division of The American Legion. The year was 1950 and there was fear in this country that a virus known as communism was beginning to show its ugly face in the United States. Hollywood stars were blacklisted for saying things in favor of communism. Many never found work again. After the end of WWII, it was felt that it was time to re-evaluate and reaffirm faith in Almighty God as the pledge to serve God and Country states in the American Legion's preamble.

Emphasis was placed on everyone being urged to seek Divine guidance in their everyday activities. At the American Legion's 33rd National Convention, the "Back to God" program was officially adopted as a continuing program. It would honor and immortalize the Four Chaplains of different faiths who gave their lives for their comrades on the sinking troopship, Dorchester in WWII, by commemorating the date of their ultimate sacrifice on February 3, 1945. The Sunday immediately preceding or following that date each year was designated as Four Chaplains Sunday and was to be marked by special non-denominational religious services.

Along with honoring and remembering the Four Chaplains, the specific purpose of the "Back to God" movement was to encourage all people to renew their trust in God through regular church or synagogue attendance, daily family prayer and the religious education of our children. Grace Cards were available with grace before meals prayers for each denomination.

The first act of America's pioneer settlers was a prayer of gratitude to Almighty God and since then religious convictions have paved the way to America's freedom and greatness. The nation was ready for this as notes, telegrams, post cards and letters of profound approval for what the American Legion was doing with the "Back to God" program came pouring in, all with words of commendation.

Dwight D. Eisenhower was President at the time and as a veteran soldier himself, he was delighted that the veterans were sponsoring a movement to increase awareness of God in their daily lives. He said in his message: "In battle, they learned a great truth – that there are no atheists in the foxholes. They know that in time of test and trial, we instinctively turn to God for new courage and peace of mind."

President Eisenhower ends with this message: "Whatever our individual church, whatever our personal creed, our common faith in God is a common bond among us. In our fundamental faith, we are all one. Together we thank the Power that has made and preserved us as a nation. By the millions, we speak prayers, we sing hymns – and no matter what their words may be, their spirit is the same – "In God is our trust.",

As they have always done, the American Legion came through for the people of America during troubled times. The Legion remains strong today through those members who are willing to do everything "for God and Country". May we all find a "positive" in this pandemic?