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

Greetings All,

The holidays are upon us, and I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and looking forward to spending time with friends and family. My granddaughter is 2 this year and she will make our holiday extra special.

There are some changes and updates coming for our 2023-2024 year.

- As most of you have heard by now the membership is working with me and my financial committee to help reduce our losses for the 2023 year. It's important for all of you to know losses for 2023 are not new to this Post, we have been losing money for the past few years. This years' officers and financial committee had to make some hard decisions. This is my Legion as well as yours and I want each of you to know I take this situation seriously. Together we can find a path to financial stability while continuing to enjoy the camaraderie and friendships we have built with so many. Your attendance at the Post will help us financially. Please make the Legion a constant in your weekly activities.
 - We need each member to support us in some fashion and contribute to our Fundraisers.
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- Our new hours will be Sunday noon to 8 PM, Monday-Tuesday & Wednesday 3:00 PM to Midnight, Thursday-Friday & Saturday 12 noon to midnight. Our bar staff has the discretion of closing before midnight if attendance is at a minimum.
- We are bringing back our Friday Night Comfort Dinner Special. You will, if you haven't already, have received an individual letter with discount coupons for the month of December meals. I hope to see old and new faces on Friday nights. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm.
- We have a new cook in the kitchen, Jade, she is doing a great job and handles a crowd well. Mary is taking over the daily kitchen operation, ordering and weekly specials. Let's show them both we appreciate their efforts by showing up and eating a meal.
- We have a new frost-free glass chiller. Thanks to SAL and Auxiliary for their donations on this piece of equipment.
- Watch for some new events in 2024. I heard the Oyster Feed is making a come-back.
- We have a new website. Alpost200.org. On this new website you will find a great deal of information. Events, menus, meetings, membership, and contact information. If you have an announcement to make or want to just drop in to see what is happening visit this site soon. Our Facebook page will link to the website for each of our events. It will be a great tool for keeping in touch and seeing what Your Post is doing. Facebook (American Legion Post 200)
- Spring of 2024 we will have a Cornhole tournament each week in our Pavilion. Thanks to Todd Rhodes for organizing this new event. Get your teams together now. Watch for updates.
- We will be doing live Entertainment just twice a month for 2024. The weekend nights that we do not have Entertainment we will have Open Juke Box. Please come visit with us on Friday or Saturday and enjoy the tunes.
- Our Bar Manager, Wilbert Rhoten, is retiring. He has had some medical issues that prevent him from serving us any longer. He is missed already. Drop him a card. We send best wishes to Wil and hope to see him and Doris on the other side of the bar again soon! 2101 Snydersburg Rd, Westminster, MD 21157

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

Check out the Post's New Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Opening at 3 pm to midnight

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Opening at 12 noon to midnight

Our Bar Staff has the discretion of closing before midnight if attendance is at a minimum.

Sunday from 12 noon to 8 pm.

Greetings from the Auxiliary,

Winter is fast approaching and the holidays are in the air. I want to thank all of you who have helped, baked and cooked for all of our events during the past year. You ROCK!

Our Christmas Parties for Seniors and for Children will take place on Sunday, December 3rd. The senior party is full and we look forward to having them for a meal and bingo.

If you have any children that would like to attend, please let us know, so that we can have enough supplies for their crafts, etc. Their party will be from 4 - 6 pm. Santa will arrive with presents and our balloon artist will be making some cute little figures for the children. Parents and children will enjoy a meal also. There is a sign-up sheet at the bar.

Also please don't forget that our Essay Contest for children from grades 3 through 12 is now taking place. The title this year is "What does freedom mean to me?" Information has gone to the schools and your children should have heard of this. Forms are also on the website to print down. Alpost200.org. **Essays are due to us by February 1, 2024 and must be signed.** We had to disqualify some wonderful essays last year because they were not signed.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe Holiday Season.

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 went out 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

If you know of a veteran who would like to learn the craft of beekeeping, please contact them.

They will teach the veterans for free.

A Huge **Thank You** goes out to all who helped with the **Free Veterans Dinner on November 12th**. You baked, cooked, helped to set-up and clean-up, served and helped the veterans as they needed help with their dinners. We served 200 dinners to the veterans and their guests, to our help and sent 11 carry outs to those who couldn't make it to the hall. This was done in two seatings; 1 pm and 3:30 pm.

Each veteran was given a thank you card, some treats and a delicious dinner. The compliments were many and I know they enjoyed it and appreciated everything. Six door prizes were given out at each seating.

We were honored by our Auxiliary Junior, Addy Bowersox as she performed a beautiful solo of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and as you would expect she got a huge round of applause. Well done, Addy. We are very proud of you.

After the article appeared in The Northern News about the dinner, I received 2 emails from two ladies who are not members who wanted to help. They wanted to do this to honor their dads. They came and both were a great helps. So, you see, you don't have to be a member to care about our veterans. Thank you girls!

The day ended with having everyone stand if they were able and join hands and sing: "God Bless America". It was a wonderful day for all of us. We headed home knowing we are blessed!

Thank you to Everyone,

Elinore Frush and my wonderful group of worker bees. We must never forget our veterans!

Greetings All from the Sons of the American Legion;

Hope everyone is ready for the Holidays. The SAL has started the Queen of Hearts again, every Wednesday with the drawing at 7:30 pm along with a 50/50. Come out and enjoy the fun!

Mark your calendars for April 27, 2024. We will be doing our Oyster Feed. More information to follow.

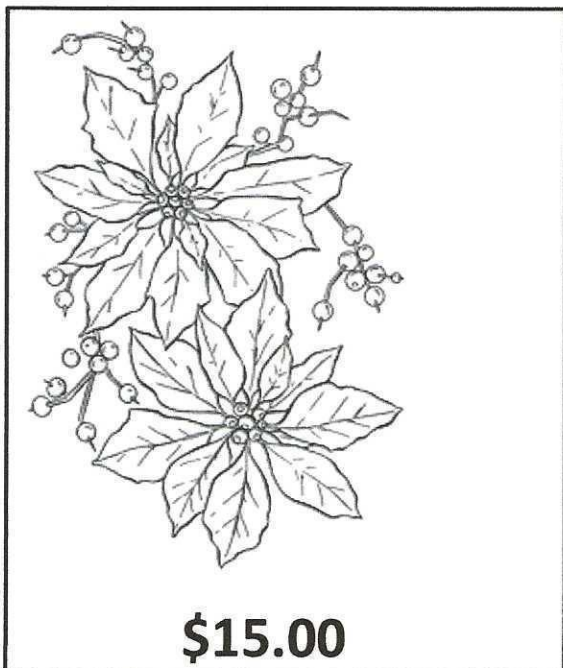
The pavilion is starting to book events for the 2024 year. Contact Tracy Bowman for bookings.

Membership needs everyone to pay your dues. We look forward to seeing everyone at the post.

NOTICE: PLEASE MAKE NOTE: The SAL dues will go up to \$35.00 beginning with the 2025 year.

God Bless,

Steve Unkart, SAL Commander



Poinsettia Sale
Sale is open now.
Reserve your plant now.
Price is \$15.00 per plant.
Pick up your poinsettias
on December 16th. These
are very nice plants to
beautify your homes for
Christmas or to give as
gifts.

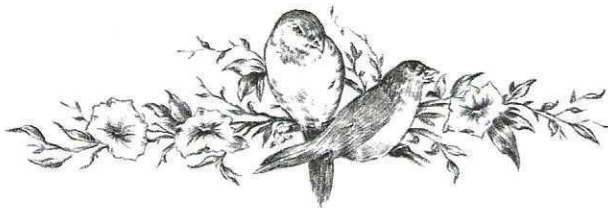
**Post 200 Lottery Calendar Tickets
for 2024**

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.

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

Joe Taymans	Joan Reese
Joe Prajzner	Sue Smith
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	Bob Schestag
Dorothy Donmoyer	Josh Lamont
Jeanne Dansereau	Jeff Martin

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 hang along Main Street from Memorial Day to 9/11.
Interested for next year?
Contact Teresa Ayers at teresak21169@comcast.net
Application forms are available on the website. Alpost200.org*

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

Legion: Bill Nash 410-833-1600 or
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angelglowbkm@comcast.net

Sons: Patrick Fitzgerald 301-898-9216 or
Sal200membership@gmail.com

Post Everlasting

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John "Jack" T. Lyburn, Jr., Legion
Albert J. Albertini, Legion
Charles R. Daugherty, Sr., Legion
Orville H. "Obie" Freitag, Legion
Ronald Lee Poole, Legion
Georgia Elaine Myers, WMD President Auxiliary
Bonnie J. Margiottiello, Auxiliary
Diane Catherine Fisher, Auxiliary
Michael Walter "Mike" Donmoyer, SAL
John E. "Eddie" Simms, Jr., SAL

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

Mark Your Calendars

March 29, 2024 Good Friday
Bake Sale, Lunch and Egg
Hunt

April 27, 2024 Oyster Feed
in the pavilion

June 16 – 21, 2024 Girls
State at Salisbury University

December 2023

Don't forget to use
your \$3.00 coupon for
Friday Night Dinners.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Stuffed Pork Chop w/steamed veggie	2 Check the website for entertainment
3 Senior 1-3 and Childrens 4-6 Christmas Parties in Hall	4 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL Mtgs. 7 pm Burger Night	5 Taco Tuesday	6 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm Shrimp Night	7 Pearl Harbor Day Wing Night and Ladies Night BYGO	8 Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes, veggie	9 Check the website for entertainment
10	11 Burger Night	12 Taco Tuesday	13 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm Shrimp Night	14 Wing Night and Ladies Night BYGO	15 Baked chicken, flavored rice, veggie	16 Wreaths Across America 12 noon Post Christmas Party 1-4
17	18 Burger Night	19 Taco Tuesday	20 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm Shrimp Night	21 Wing Night and Ladies Night BYGO First Day of Winter	22 Baked Fish, baked potato, veggie	23 Check the website for entertainment
24 Post will close at 8 pm Enjoy your families	25 Christmas Blessings! Post Closed	26 Taco Tuesday	27 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm Shrimp Night	28 Wing Night and Ladies Night BYGO	29 Lasagna, side salad and veggie	30 Check the website for entertainment
31 New Year's Eve						

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2 Taco Tuesday	3 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm Shrimp Night	4 Wing Night and Ladies Night BYGO	5 Check the website for specials	6 Elvis Show in Upstairs Hall Benefits Kidney Foundation
7	8 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL Mtgs. 7 pm Burger Night	9 Taco Tuesday	10 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm Shrimp Night	11 Wing Night and Ladies Night BYGO	12 Check the website for specials	13 Check the website for entertainment
14	15 Martin Luther King Day Burger Night	16 Taco Tuesday	17 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm Shrimp Night	18 Wing Night and Ladies Night BYGO	19 Check the website for specials	20 Check the website for entertainment
21	22 Burger Night	23 Taco Tuesday	24 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm Shrimp Night	25 Wing Night and Ladies Night BYGO	26 Check the website for specials	27 Check the website for entertainment
28 Aux. WM Region 8 Mtg. Thurmont	29 Burger Night	30 Taco Tuesday	31 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30 pm Shrimp Night			