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American Legion Post #200 Newsletter

From The Commander

The holidays have passed and we had great parties here at the Post. As we enter 2024 I hope to see more of your faces around the bar. 2024 dues are past due, please get your payments in asap. Your Officers are working hard to put into place new policies, pricing and events to make 2024 a more successful year for Post #200. We want to continue the wonderful traditions that our members are accustomed to enjoying. I encourage everyone to volunteer, we have many jobs and hats to wear and all help is very much appreciated. Wilbert Rhoten has retired as our Bar Manager, his back issues just won't allow him to do this job any longer. Wilber is an institution here and I am sure I will discover things he did that I have no idea how to do, when to do or what to do, but he has agreed to assist me discover all this job responsibilities. I have hired Zachary Carberry, a member and a young man with lots of restaurant and bar management experience. Be sure to stop in to say "Hello" and introduce yourself as well as your drink of choice. I am building a long list of responsibilities for Zach, be patient, he and I will get this all wrapped up in the months to come. Mary has hired Jade in the kitchen, she's great. She will be covering for Mary while she takes a little vacation in March. Mary with the help of Scott McBrien has developed some wonderful Friday night specials. I hope some of you came out in December with the discount coupons. The January menu is included in this Newsletter, come out, eat, drink and be merry! Our Calendars are out for sale in 2024 at the bar at a cost of \$30.00. If every member bought 1 calendar it would help us tremendously and you have a chance 300 days of the year to win cash, can't beat that fundraiser. The Legion is next up for a raffle to run in the bar, value of \$375.00 for just a \$5.00 ticket. Only 200 tickets will be sold.

Please remember I am working hard behind the scenes here too. If you don't see me sitting at the bar or in the office, I may have left before you caught me, but you can email me anytime: commanderpost200@gmail.com.

A local Eagle Scout, Evan French will be doing a Eagle Scout Project with our Post, further updates expected in coming months.

The Hampstead American Legion is an important part of the Hampstead Community, important part of my family history and is an integral place for all Veterans and their families to visit. I hope you all can appreciate the efforts myself and other members are putting into our legion to support the growth and camaraderie for our veterans, communities, and families. Raise your hand, it won't hurt, I'll find a job that fits without making it a career, promise.



From The SAL—Commander, Steve Unkart

2024 is upon us and many members still have outstanding dues, please get them paid asap. If you are interested in renting our pavilion, call Tracy Bowman, 410-812-3139. The 2024 calendar is filling up fast. Our regular Wednesday night Queen of Hearts fundraiser is running. Come out and visit, drawing is at 7:30 PM. The SAL is sponsoring the Oyster Feed April 27th from 1p-4p, this event will sell out. Tickets can be purchased for \$60.00 at the bar, Hampstead Liquors or County Line. An array of oysters options, pit beef, hot dogs, and draft beer will be offered.

From The Auxiliary—President, Mary Coleman

Wishing all Auxiliary members a Happy New Year, hope your Holiday Season was wonderful. Lets make 2024 one of the BEST! Our next meeting is February 5th at 7p, please come with fundraising ideas as the Auxiliary is next up. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

From The Riders—Director, Jimmy Maddrey

With the winter setting in for the season, it is time for the riders to bounce around many ideas and suggestions for the spring as we look forward to another riding season to get underway. I want to thank all of our members at post 200 for their participation with the ALR fundraiser. The support you have given us has made it successful. We are looking into sponsoring a comedy night. More to come in the spring newsletter.

American Legion Friday Night Dinners

January 2024

19th: Baked Ham
Green Beans
Pineapple Casserole
Roll & Butter

26th: Meatloaf w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes

Broccoli Roll & Butter

February 2024

2nd: Chicken Alfredo Garden Salad Italian Bread & Butter

9th: Beef Stew Corn Bread Salad

16th: Crab Cakes

Macaroni & Cheese

Asparagus 23rd: BBQ Pork Coleslaw

