

Legion Officers**Commander**

Laurel Young
1st Vice Cmdr

2nd Vice Cmdr

Dan Martin

Adjutant

Teresa Ayres

Judge Advocate

William McHenry

Finance Officer

Marvin Frush

Sgt. at Arms

Steve Swam

Chaplain

Cid Reyes

Historian

Lori

Schelisinger

Service Officer

Gene Taylor

Exec. Committee

Robert Schestag

Harry Griffith

Jack Bowersox

Rick Rote

Chazz Hammel

Membership

Bill Nash

House Committee**Auxiliary Officers****President**

Michele Wickline

1st Vice Pres

Tracey Beck

2nd Vice Pres

N/A

Secretary

Kim Gibbs

Treasurer

Debbie

DeVincentz

Chaplain

Mary Maness

Historian**Sgt. at Arms**

Amanda Starace

Membership

Tracey Beck

Exec. Committee

Cathy Martin

Jeannie Wickline

Lynn Utz

Patty Sater

Elinore Frush

Sharon Prajzner

Mary Coleman

Bev Martin

Janet Griffith

SAL Officers**Commander**

John Armacost

1st Vice Cmdr

Scott McBrien

2nd Vice Cmdr

Steve Unkart

Adjutant

Greg Nott

Finance Officer

Eric Cellitto

Historian

Wayne Karcher

Chaplain

Charles Bevard

Sgt. at Arms

John Ayres Sr

Membership

Patrick Fitzgerald

Dept Exec Cmte

Tom Clavell

Exec Committee

Steve Unkart

Charles Bevard

Darwin Sater

Wayne Karcher

Scott McBrien

John Ayres Sr.

Patrick Fitzgerald

Riders Officers**Director**

James Maddrey

Asst Director

Karen Gal

Recording Sec:

Kathy Barbagallo

Treasurer/Mbrsh

Michele Burton

Sgt. at Arms

Glen Fowble

Historian

Steve Harpin

Chaplain

Laurel Young

Public Info Officer

Karen Gal

Ride Coordinator

Curt Cullison

MEETINGS:**Legion, Auxiliary:**

1st Monday 7 pm

SAL:

2nd Monday 7 pm

Riders:

2nd Wed. 7 pm



Hampstead American Legion Post 200

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Dear Post 200 Family,

As we gather to celebrate this festive season, I want to take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments this past year and extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Your dedication and commitment have made a significant impact on our community and those we serve. We can look back and see our accomplishments as well as our misses and opportunities. While failure is always a possibility in our ventures, I don't see any as our doors are still open and we continue to serve the communities we wake up in every day. And from our misses we gain metrics and information on how to pivot and proceed, why fly blind when we have the information.

I look forward to our continued efforts in the new year as well as my newly focused vision on what I would like to see get accomplished in the next 6 months and how. While I had what I thought to be a modest yet impactful list of goals for the entire year, small time politics and high school level rumor mills have prevented me from seeing to those goals. I take ownership of allowing that to happen but have decided that starting with the new year we need to make sure we ensure our time and efforts are properly being utilized on the more important matters of the American Legion. Finding ways to execute the MISSION of the American Legion and to ensure our members are properly taken care of and supported, Giving back to the VETERANS in our Community and to TRAIN next year's incoming officers are just a few of the things I can think of that I will be focusing our time and attention on and I hope you agree to come along with us for the next 6 months to see what good could come from it.

For further details, we invite you to attend our town hall style meeting on Jan 22nd at 6:00. John Armacost(SAL) Michelle Wickline(AUX) Jimmy Maddrey(Riders) and I will all be talking about the new year and our goals (not decisions) while taking as many questions as we can if time permits.

Thanks again to everyone for all your efforts and let's continue to grow this coming year closer as a group into a family!

Here to Serve,
Matthew Haggerty

Greetings all,

Winter is a few days away although the temperatures have felt like winter for much of December. Our Legion faces several challenges. I hope that the new year will bring fresh perspective and a friendly environment for all. I am super proud of my S.A.L. guys. We work as a team and resolve our issues and concerns quickly. Our meetings are fun to attend, and we get a lot done.

When the weather breaks, we have some repairs and maintenance items to attend to in the pavilion. The bathrooms need a coat of paint, including the door frames. We would like to install new light fixtures in the main pavilion. The old ones are rusting and are not power efficient by today's standards. The serving window area needs a better-looking bar/serving surface for drinks and snacks. We are interested in converting the old cook shed into additional storage. This would include metal sides and a garage door. We all need the space and wedding ceremonies would have something nicer to look at. Yet another possible project may be a new roof on the smaller pavilion. We shall see.

The Oyster feed is coming back in April and will kick off the spring pavilion calendar. Many dates have been spoken for already. If you have an event in mind, don't hesitate to reach out to Tracy Bowman. Many dates are scheduled a year in advance.

I would like to give a special shout out to John and Teresa Ayres for setting up the tractor and trailer load of goods that was delivered to Ashville North Carolina. It was well received, and we have new Legion friends 500 miles away. I ask that you keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. Many are living in tents, RVs, churches, and anywhere they can find shelter and warmth. True devastation that will not be overcome in weeks or months. I would also like to thank everyone that donated and helped pull that mission together.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Thank you,
John Armacost, SAL Commander

Dear Members and Friends,

As we welcome 2025, we look back with gratitude on the remarkable efforts and accomplishments of our Auxiliary and Post 200 family. Together, we've continued to honor and serve our veterans, military families, and community with unwavering dedication.

2024 Highlights

This past year, we:

- **Supported Veterans:** Organized events for local veterans to show our gratitude for their service.
- **Community Engagement:** Hosted successful fundraisers and partnered with community organizations for charitable initiatives.
- **Youth Programs:** Sponsored students in programs like Girls State, building future leaders and fostering civic engagement.

Looking Forward to 2025

This year, we aim to:

- Expand outreach programs to serve even more veterans and their families.
- Increase our community presence including a new fundraiser later in the year.
- Welcome new members who are passionate about our mission.

We invite all members and supporters to join us for our upcoming monthly meetings and various events to help make 2025 another successful year. Let's start the year strong and continue to serve with pride and purpose!

- Regular Auxiliary Meetings: Held the first Monday of every month, with the exception of January and July, in the upstairs hall at Post 200. Meetings begin at 7pm.
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Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our mission. Together, we are making a difference!

Wishing you and your families a joyful, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Michele Wickline, President
ALA Post 200 Hampstead

Hello,

As our active riding season has come to an end, we use this time to bring up new ideas and possible events that we can promote and enjoy as the ARL and our post. This past year has been a great success not only financially but in gaining members as well. This year we will be sponsoring a family of 6 for the Christmas season. This family was brought to us through CCVIP. (ccvip.vet). This is a local veteran's organization with a primary goal to reach out and support veterans and their families. It is with such pleasure that we are able to do this for a veteran family in need. We have been sponsoring Line dancing in the upstairs hall for 6 weeks or so. This is something new that we are looking at doing, I won't tell you it is a big money maker, however it has become a great way to reach out to our community, thus bringing in new people that have an interest in our legion. We have gained new Legion members and have had transfers as well. we usually have 30-35 people attending this event. So, on that aspect I will tell you it is successful. We will be hosting the annual John Sharp Chili Cook Off again this year. The date is February 16th. More info to follow. Dates have not been set yet for our plaque dedication for the new children's playground and the spring blessing of the bikes. this will be announced when we have a firm date. I do want to thank all our post members for their support and efforts they contribute to our post.

Sincerely,
Jim Maddrey, Director

HAMPSTEAD POST 200 TOWN HALL

JANUARY 22, 2025
6 PM – 8PM

OPEN TO ALL POST 200 MEMBERS

*The post department leaders will be speaking about goals for the new year
and will be taking questions.*

A Huge Thank You!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those special helpers who worked so hard to provide a delicious dinner on Sunday, November 10th this year for our veterans. Some prepared their special dishes, some baked their best desserts and some came to help. The compliments are still coming in and I want everyone to know that your hard work did not go unnoticed. The veterans couldn't say thank you enough for the delicious dinner as well as the coin that each received as a small token of appreciation for their sacrifice for our freedoms. It is always an honor and a privilege to serve our veterans on their special day. Yes, it was a long day with 2 seatings to prepare for, but it was all worth it to see their smiles. God Bless You One and All!

Elinore Frush, Past Auxiliary Unit 200 President

LOUNGE ENTERTAINMENT

January 19: Mark Miller 7-11pm

January 31: Rachel Gilley 7-11pm

February 7: DJ Magic Mike 7-11pm

February 15: Trilogy 7-11pm

February 21: Mark Jacobs 7-11pm

March 22: DJ Magic Mike 7-11pm

March 28: Mark Jacobs 7-11pm

March 29: Rachel Gilley 7-11pm



Mark Your Calendars

January 1: New Year's Day

January 22: Post 200 Town Hall Meeting

February 9: Superbowl Sunday

February 16: Annual John Sharp Riders Chili Cook-Off

April 13: Palm Sunday

April 18: ALA Good Friday Bake Sale, Lunch and Egg Hunt

April 20: Easter

April 26: SAL Oyster Feed

May 3: Poppy Day in Hampstead

May 10: ALA and AL Car Show at Post 200

May 17: Hampstead Day

May 23: National Poppy Day

May 26: Memorial Service at War Memorial Hampstead 9am-Picnic at Post 200 1-3pm

June 21: Luau Event for first day of summer, summer solstice. Hosted by Auxiliary and SAL

Be sure to check post200events page on Facebook and our legion website for details regarding events happening at our legion!!!

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

Gary Kemp
Joe Prajzner
Phil Wilson
Dan Malone
Masyn Fuhrman
Sharon Wright

Joan Reese
Sue Smith
Angela Cassetta
Liz Watson
Diane Grote

All Deployed Military
All Hurricane Helene Victims in North Carolina and Florida



POST EVERLASTING

Joseph P. Taymans, Legion
Robert W. (Bud) Tracey, Legion
Carl H. Welsh Sr., Legion
Joseph S. Hunter Sr., Legion
Raymond E. Newton, Legion
Russell R. Ruby, Legion

George R. Bellgrau Jr., Legion
Phillip J. Wilson, Legion
Leroy E. Barrick, SAL
Marian Isner, Auxiliary
Virginia Harrell, Auxiliary

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



**WANT TO BE A PART OF THE
MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM??**

The banners hang along Main Street in
Hampstead from Memorial Day to 9/11.

Are you interested for the next year? Contact
Elinore Frush at efrush23@gmail.com

Application forms are also available on the Post
200 website.
www.alpost200.org

QUOTE OF THE QUARTER

**“LEADERSHIP IS A POTENT COMBINATION OF STRATEGY AND
CHARACTER. BUT IF YOU MUST BE WITHOUT ONE, BE WITHOUT
STRATEGY.”**

General Norman Schwarzkopf, U.S. Army

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Check the website and Legion FB page for entertainment
5	6 Legion & Auxiliary Mtgs. 7pm	7	8 Riders Meeting 7pm	9	10	11 Check the website and Legion FB page for entertainment
12	13 SAL Meeting 7pm	14	15	16	17	18 Mark Miller 7-11pm
19	20 MLK Jr Day	21	22 Post 200 Town Hall Meeting 6pm	23	24	25 AL District 8 Meeting Post 31
26 AL District 7 Meeting Post 42 ALA WMD Meeting Post 11	27	28	29	30	31 Rachel Gilley 7-11pm	

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 AL WMR Meeting Post 171 Ground Hog Day	3 Legion & Auxiliary Mtgs. 7pm	4	5	6	7 DJ Magic Mike 7-11pm	8 Check the website and Legion FB page for entertainment
9 Super Bowl Sunday	10 SAL Meeting 7pm	11	12 Riders Meeting 7pm Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Trilogy 7-11pm
16 AL DEC Meeting Annual John Sharp Riders Chili Cook-off	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21 Mark Jacobs 7-11pm	22 George Washington's Birthday
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Legion & Auxiliary Mtgs. 7pm	4	5 Ash Wednesday	6	7	8 Check the website and Legion FB page for entertainment
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10 SAL Meeting 7pm	11	12	13	14	15 Check the website and Legion FB page for entertainment
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22 DJ Magic Mike 7-11pm
23 ALA WMD Meeting Post 200	24	25	26	27	28 Mark Jacobs 7-11pm	29 Rachel Gilley 7-11pm
30	31					