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AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER June, July, August, 2016
Commander's Message to Our Legion Family:

Hello my Fellow Legionnaires,

I want to thank all who have paid their dues. I am very proud that Post 200 made 100% membership! Thank you especially Bill Nash, our Membership Officer, for all your hard work in making this happen. I have pushed for this since first becoming Commander and you have pushed harder. Great Job! All officers for 2016-2017 are in place. Thank you all for stepping up and making it happen. I am looking forward to another great year as your Commander.

To all members, we have motion to change the bylaws of Post 200 to allow us to print and distribute the Executive Committee minutes at the membership meeting, instead of reading them out loud. We currently print and distribute the membership meeting minutes and that will not change. The vote on this motion will take place during the August 1st meeting. There will be no meeting in July.

For God and Country,
Commander, Cid Reyes



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER, June, July, August, 2016

Election of officers for 2016-2017 is over and all have remained in their current office. On behalf of the officers and myself, thank you for entrusting us to guide our Squadron through this next year.

On May 11, 2016 the Plum was found. Michele Burton chose #7 where the plum was hidden. There were 28 other winners that night. We will be starting our next Plum Crazy game on Wednesday, July 6, 2016. Drawing is @ 7:30, so get there early and join in the comradery. It's like a mini weekend in the middle of the week. Thank you everyone that supported our last game.

Tickets for the SAL crab feast go on sale June 6th after our regular meeting. They sell out fast so don't procrastinate. They will be long gone before the actual date of the crab feast on August 20th. Tickets are \$45.00 and will be available in the lounge.

NOTICE: To All Members in Good Standing, The Sons of the American Legion Squadron #200

The American Legion National Convention, held in Baltimore, passed a resolution to increase dues. This increase is effective for the 2017 membership year. Due to the National increase, we must increase Squadron #200 dues to \$25.00 effective with your 2017 dues. It has been decided not to increase dues of \$7.00 for members under the age 18 or those in dual membership status.

S.A.L. Squadron #200 meets on the first Monday of each month, except July and August, at 7:00 P.M. to discuss normal business.

We hope to see you soon.

Respectively,
Roger F. Mazzone
S.A.L. Commander



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, June, July, August, 2016

Check out their Facebook Page at: American Legion Riders Post 200 for current and future events.



Membership is 428 to date. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please send them in. If you have received a notice from Department, please disregard it. We are 3rd in the District and our District is 2nd in the Department. **National dues have gone up and that trickles down the line so we are raising our dues for 2016-2017 to \$25.00.**

As usual, we have had another busy 3 months and more coming up so a big THANK YOU to all.

Annual Essay Contest:

Class 3: 7th grade 1st place winner, is Skylar Davis, from North Carroll High. She then advanced to the District level and placed 1st, and then she advanced to Department and placed 2nd State-Wide.

WAY TO GO Skylar.

Class 3: 7th grade 2nd place winner is Brynn Knight, from North Carroll High. **Congratulations Brynn.**

Girls State – we sponsor 2 girls and this year we have, Laura Aileen Brandenburg from North Carroll High and Anna Lynn Geist from Manchester Valley High.

Annual Kathleen Twigg Scholarship – applications have been picked up at the schools and judged; however we can't reveal the winners until the Awards Ceremony in June.

Gold Star Mothers/Members were honored on May 7th. We are still looking for more Gold Star Mothers/Members and if you are one or know someone who is, please call Elinore Frush 410.374.4466 or Mary Jane Wickline 410.374.9014.

Annual Car Show – May 14 Arcadia Activities Grounds – Thank you to all who came out to support this fundraiser. With the forecast for more rain a possibility, we were blessed with the bright sun for most of the day and all who attended enjoyed the day.

Upcoming events:

May 28_- Hampstead Day – Due to Hampstead's Renovation Project, Hampstead Day will be relocated at Arcadia's Activities Grounds. As always, we will be there giving out poppies for donations and helping in the kitchen.

May 29 -_Memorial Day Program - 9:00 at the War Memorial in Hampstead
.. Picnic at the Post – 1:00 please bring a dish to share.

May 31 - Memorial Day Service for the residents at Brightwood

June 12 – Day For God and Country 2:00 at Camp WestMar

June 14 – Brightwood – we are doing a demonstration of folding the flag

June 16 - Joint Installation of new officers and dinner

June 19 – Chicken Feed at Camp WestMar

July 30 – Christmas in July: Tables of good things inside and outside and lots of good food.
Tables are still available – call Stacey Nash 443.744.1184

Next meeting is June 6th hope to see you then.

Right now, somewhere near or far, a miracle is unfolding.

FOR GOD & COUNTRY

Mary Jane Wickline, President

Vendors Needed

The Auxiliary is seeking vendors to fill spaces at their annual Christmas in July Bazaar on July 30th in the upstairs hall and outside. Crafters, artists and various vendors have already signed up, but there is room for more. Let's make this a great event in the middle of the summer and get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

Pray for Our Sick

Remember to pray for our sick members:

Ginny Harrell

Joan Wilson

that they may be healed.

Post Everlasting

Remember our friends and members who have gone on to Post Everlasting since our last newsletter.

Thomas P. Wickline, Sr.

Arthur L. Ruby

Doris Lyba

William C. Belt

Jack Maynard Shepherd

We were blessed by their presence and will miss them. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

Thank You to Sue Miller

Thank you, Sue for printing the tickets for our Oyster Feed on March 26th. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Another Big Thank You

Have you driven by the Hampstead War Memorial lately? It is bright and beautiful! Thanks to Bill Nash who contacted Brian Troxell, operations manager of the **Concrete Protection and Restoration Co., Inc.** who sent two employees, Dustin Mingee and John Sminkey to restore the concrete cap on the War Memorial to its original luster. Thank you also to David Caple for transporting the necessary materials to the site.

Thank you also to Matthew's Tire for donating the use of their water for the power washing of the War Memorial concrete cap. Let us support these businesses as they have supported us.

The generosity of our friends in the community continues to overwhelm us. God Bless you.

Flag Disposal

Worn and torn flags can be placed in the repurposed mailbox just inside the lower level doors at the post.

Dedication of the Gold Star Mothers/Members Plaque Saturday, May 7, 2016

It was the vision of the Auxiliary that a plaque to honor Gold Star Mothers and Members would be designed and placed alongside those memorials from previous wars and conflicts at the Hampstead War Memorial. The plaque was dedicated on Saturday, May 7th at 11 am with Maryland State Senator, Justin D. Ready as guest speaker. Unfortunately it had rained for many days prior and with rain still in the forecast the decision to move the ceremony indoors to the back room at the American Legion was made. Staples was able to reproduce the plaque on poster board so we could unveil it inside. Several of the mothers and members in attendance spoke of their loved ones.

We recognize each of the family members of those who were lost while in service to our country:

Staff Sgt. Radio Operator Gunner Horace Kenneth Greenwood, died in February, 1944 over Germany during WW II. **(Darlene Long, daughter spoke of her father)** He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps. Horace was 22 years old when he died and was a B-17 crew member when he was lost over Germany in February, 1944. On February 25, 1944, the crew of which he was a part, left Lucera, Italy to bomb facilities at Regensberg, Germany. About 30 minutes out from the target, the aircraft was attacked by German fighters. His body was retrieved after the war and on January 18, 1953 was reburied in a common grave with two fellow crew members in the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky. There is also a memory stone in Westminster for him. He left behind his wife, Bertha (Myers) and a 4 month old daughter, Lanetta Darlene who he had never seen. He was a farmer with his father before he enlisted in the Army Medical Detachment. Darlene told of a surprise call in 2013 from a gentleman from Landshut, Germany who was researching the crashes that went down in that area on February 25, 1944. He shared a lot of information with her regarding where her dad's death took place. On her dad's B-17 there were 10 crew members, 6 were killed and 4 were taken as prisoners. On that same day six B-17 planes and two German planes in that same area were shot down. 58 United States crew members were killed or taken prisoner. A book will be published by him to share the information he has researched and any home and family ties he can find out about the various service members.

PFC Russell Zepp died on September 14, 1944. **Beulah O. Zepp, mother (deceased)** Russell enlisted on January 5, 1943. He was killed in action in France during WW II and was awarded the Purple Heart. He is buried in Lazarus Union Cemetery in Lineboro, Md.

Sgt. Clarence Rohrbaugh died on November 24, 1944. **Gertrude (Gertie) Rohrbaugh, mother (deceased)** Clarence was killed in action during WW II and was awarded the Purple Heart. He is buried in Epinal American Cemetery and Memorial in Lorraine, France.

PFC Carroll Redding died on February 18, 1945. **Eva Redding Gebhardt, sister, spoke of her brother.** Eva told that Carroll went in to rescue a fellow soldier and was shot by a sniper near James Ravine in Corregidor, Philippines in WW II.

Corporal Arthur Macon Jones died at the age of 19 years on October 31, 1950 as a POW in the Korean War. **Evelyn Shilling, sister, spoke of her brother:** Arthur went in to the Army when he was 16 years old. While he was gone, a baby brother, Johnny was born and Arthur said he couldn't wait to meet him. He also said he'd hoped that Evelyn didn't forget him. He never got to meet Johnny, but Evelyn has not forgotten him. On a march, called "The Tiger Death March", he fell sick and couldn't keep up so he fell by the side along with several others. His fellow soldier and friend, Jaime O. Domenech was also on the march and Arthur insisted that he go on without him. Arthur asked Jaime to let his parents know what happened if he survived. Jaime states in the book "Trapped in Hell"; written by him in 1987 about their experiences as POW's; that as they marched ahead about 300 ft. he heard gunshots. Arthur's last words haunted Jaime for nearly 30 years before he made up his mind to gather his thoughts of that awful time and write his book. Those POW's are all listed as "Tiger Survivors" and even though Arthur didn't survive, he is among those listed. "Tiger Survivors" was so named for the North Korean major, known to the prisoners as "The Tiger" who was brutal and enjoyed killing. Evelyn, at the age of 5 yrs. remembers hearing the knock on the door and seeing the soldiers and then hearing the screams of her mother when the family received the news of Arthur's death. She has no memory of what happened after that; perhaps this tragedy could not have been absorbed into a 5 year old mind.

Arthur's name is inscribed on a tablet at the Honolulu Memorial located within the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in an extinct volcano known as the Punchbowl near the center of Honolulu. Those memorialized there are the Missing in Action, lost, or buried at sea in the Pacific during WW II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Evelyn gave her DNA about 6 years ago, but hasn't heard anything since. Since his death occurred in North Korea, more than likely these answers will not be known. Letters written home have been saved and cherished by family members.

Sgt. 1st Class James Zumbrun died on January 10, 1970 in Laos, Vietnam. **Mary Zumbrun, mother (deceased) His brother, Ronnie Zumbrun spoke of his brother.** James was a member of the Elite Green Beret and was on his third tour of duty in Vietnam. He died while moving through a dense jungle; his patrol came in contact with an enemy platoon. He braved fire while protecting recovery helicopters, dropped 30 ft. to the ground enabling other aircraft to withdraw undamaged. He was successfully extracted, but died of his injuries. His name is inscribed on a granite stone at the flag pole in front of the now North Carroll Middle School. He had attended the school when it was known as the North Carroll High School. He is buried in the United Church of Christ Cemetery in Manchester, Md.

Specialist Charles L. Bowman, Jr., died on April 2, 1991 **Laura McAlexander, sister** Charles was born on Memorial Day in 1970 , grew up in Manchester and died at the age of 20 when a bomblet exploded in his hand. A bomblet is a baseball size explosive dispensed by larger cluster bombs dropped from the air. Charles graduated from North Carroll High School in 1988 and was on the track and wrestling teams. He studied auto mechanics at the Vo Tech School in Westminster. He is buried at Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery in Baltimore County. He was the son of a Marine Vietnam Veteran and the grandson of a WW II hero who both earned Purple Hearts. Charles received his Purple Heart 11 years to the day after his death. A scholarship fund supported by nine fund sponsors has been set up in his name and is awarded each year. He was the 6th Maryland soldier to die in the Persian Gulf and the 1st from Carroll County.

Marine Lance Corporal Norman W. Anderson III died on October 19, 2005 in Karabilah, Iraq. **Robyn Anderson his mother spoke of her son.** Norman was 21 years old when he was killed by a suicide car bomber in Iraq. Months before in August he had married his high school sweetheart, Tori. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his parents, Robyn and Norman II and sister, Brooke. In every case, the loved ones said that by talking about their lost loved one, it helps them to keep their memory alive.

Cpl. Joshua D. Snyder, United States Marine Corps died on November 20, 2005 in Fallujah, Iraq. **Doris Snyder, mother spoke of her son.** Joshua died of wounds sustained from small arms fire while fighting enemy forces in Fallujah, Iraq. He was 20 years old from Hampstead. He was a 2002 graduate of Hereford High School and the second alumnus to die in Iraq in five weeks. He played football with and was a roommate at boot camp with Marine Lance Corporal Norman Anderson who died October 19 in Iraq. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. A pavilion at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on Church Road in Hampstead is dedicated to his memory and a flag is placed there each year on Memorial Day.

Staff Sgt. James Malachowski died on March 20, 2011 in Helmand province, Afghanistan. **Alison Malachowski, mother of** James was from Hampstead and was 25 years old when he was killed by an Improvised Exploding Device (IED) while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was the son of James and Alison Malachowski and a brother to Brandy Malachowski. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. The bridge over Liberty Reservoir on Md Rt 140 was recently dedicated to his memory.

Note: Stop by the Hampstead War Memorial and view the new plaque honoring those who gave so much. If you know of any other Gold Star Mothers or Members in our area, please let us know so we can include them in any future activities.

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