



AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER - June, July, August, 2017
Commander's Message to Our Legion Family

Greetings Legion Family,

I'll start off by stating, "What a great two years it has been for me as your Commander." I want to thank you all for supporting me throughout this great journey these past two years. I'm very proud of you and Post 200. A big thank you to all my officers for an outstanding job, you have gone above and beyond for Post 200. I especially thank my wife Teresa for her continued support. That is exactly what it takes to make Post 200 successful. A special welcome and thanks to all who have become a member of Post 200 and/or who have transferred in from another post. Also, thank you to all members who have renewed their membership. I'm thrilled that Post 200 has gotten 100% membership for two years in a row!

I will be passing the gavel to the incoming Commander, Bill Nash. A warm welcome to him and his officers. Support him and his officers throughout his Commandership.

By the time you get this letter, my final project will be complete. So, come on out and enjoy the beautiful new patio out back of the lounge. There will be great times had by all sitting outdoors on the new patio!

Great job Legion Riders on the Perry Point VA Hospital Event! Saturday, May 6th there were 25 of our Legion Riders who hauled 80 refurbished bicycles and fishing gear up to Perry Point VA Hospital to hand out to the veterans. Not only did they give out the bikes and fishing gear plus 45 Walmart Gift Cards, they had a cookout for them grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. What a great thing to do! You guys and gals are awesome!

Let's not forget the Auxiliary with a huge success with the Good Friday Bake Sale and Easter Egg Hunt. You did a great job making all the kids happy and keeping all the adults fed.

Another great job by the SAL!! They raised \$3,800.00 for Heroes Haven to give to our country's injured heroes. Well done SAL for always stepping up to the challenge! Thank you for all you do.

The St. Patty's Day Event was one of the best ever! I want to thank all who volunteered to make it the best. It ran so smoothly with everyone's help.

In closing, these are some of the things that make Post 200 a special place to be a part of. The comradeship, fellowship and the participation makes our Hampstead Post 200 American Legion the best!!

For God and Country,
Commander Cid Reyes

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**Important Notice and a Chance to Help our Fellow Veterans:** Carroll County has purchased the Army Reserve Center on Malcolm Dr. in Westminster to become a Veterans Service Center. The center will be for Veterans only and will provide housing for homeless Vets and their families as well as a training center for Vets.

Our 2018 membership renewals begin on July 1, 2017. When renewing your membership, if each member could donate something extra (\$5, \$10 or more) toward the support of this local project, it would be great. We have a chance to help our fellow veterans on the local level where we can actually see our money at work. As your Membership Chairman, my goal is to be able to donate \$5,000. Just add your donation to your dues and I will put it toward our goal. Thank you for your generosity.

Membership Chairman, Bill Nash 410-833-1600.



## **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NEWSLETTER June, July, August, 2017**

Hello and Farewell,

I hope I have served you well as Commander for the past three years. Everything that we have accomplished would not have been possible without the support my officers and all of you. Over the years I have truly enjoyed working with and serving our veterans, community and our Legion family.

Please help me welcome the incoming officers and let's support them the same as you have done for me.

For God and Country,

Roger Mazzone



## **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS, June, July, August, 2017**

The Post 200 Riders have been very busy since January planning an event that was held at Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville, MD on Saturday, May 6th. The *Spring Fling* was an old fashioned cookout with all the fixings and a raffle for every veteran that participated to choose between a refurbished bicycle, a fishing rod/reel setup or a Walmart gift card.

The *Spring Fling* committee members involved with the planning of the cookout for 100-200 people were Maryann Schestag, Teresa Ayres, Karen Parks and Terrie Ottomano. Bob Schestag assisted by getting donations of rolls from H & S Bakery in Baltimore and condiment packs and utensil packs from McDonald's in Hampstead.

On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, nineteen folks from the Riders showed up to help clean and load bikes at the barn where Barney Cable & Marcus store the refurbished bikes. Part of the 19 cleanup crew were 2 high school students-Dylan and Devin Jones and 2 middle school students, Charlotte Schurman and Christopher Cull who were there to earn Community Service Hours towards high school graduation requirements. The group washed, dried and wiped down the bikes and then they were checked for air in the tires and then loaded into the 2 trailers. We loaded 75-80 bikes. After that I went through the fishing gear donations we received and was able to put together 25 rods, reels and little bags of accessories needed to fish. Michele Burton took care of purchasing Walmart gift cards so that way every veteran that attended the picnic would "win" something that they could use or enjoy.

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>- we had 24 Post 200 AL Riders head to Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perryville, MD. There were 2 trailers with the bikes. John "Porkchop" Ayres and Joe Parks used their trucks to pull the trailers. Eight other vehicles loaded with the fishing gear and food for the cookout followed behind. Stu McHenry was the one Rider who braved the inclement weather and rode his motorcycle. Once at the medical center we headed to the gymnasium and unloaded everything and set up the bikes, fishing gear and also had misc. items collected for the veterans to choose from. We had 2 large grills outside to cook the burgers and hotdogs and we set up 2 food lines to serve the food. We had all the fixings for an old fashioned cookout. Baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, chips, and brownies and cookies. Sodas and water to drink. We also had "Rockin' Roy" and Diane Harris DeeJays-who volunteered their time and service to play music and make

announcements during the cookout. We had approx. 120 veterans attend the cookout. Some were residents and some were staff. A good portion of the staff had been patients prior to their employment at the medical center. Everyone that attended received a raffle number when they arrived. I gave a welcome address, everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and then Bob Schestag offered a prayer. Once things got started "Rockin' Roy" started pulling the raffle numbers and the winners could then choose a "prize". All of the fishing gear was chosen (Perry Point is on the Susquehanna River) and there were approx. 15 bikes left which were then donated to the Recreation Therapy and Physical Therapy departments. It was awesome to see the smiles on the men and women who either chose a bike for themselves or to give to a grandchild or a child family member. The folks that chose the bikes for themselves took them outside and started riding. A good portion of them will use the bike to ride to and from their jobs.

The Riders of Post 200 are honored to have had the opportunity to plan and implement this event that reflected the support of our veterans and those still in military service. The cook out participants were very thankful for the food, the opportunity to choose a prize and for the fellowship shared with the Riders. Thank you to every Rider that participated in the bike clean up and the cook out event, and to everyone who donated fishing equipment. It was an awesome team effort!

The Riders will be giving a hand with the 9000 Flags event May 26-May 29th at Gerstell Academy to pay homage to the Marylander's who have given their lives for our freedom. The Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony is May 27th at 2:00 pm.

Coming up on June 18th is the Chicken Feed at Camp West-Mar. The Riders will be meeting at the Post at a time TBD at our next meeting on June 14th, and will head towards Camp West-Mar for a day of riding and good food. Also at our next meeting we will hold the elections for our officers for 2017-2018. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm in the back room.

Once the weather breaks we will hopefully get more riding in. You can post and check for ride opportunities with our Yahoo group account.

Ride safe,

Tony Ottomano - Riders Director

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Flag Display at Gerstell Academy

Post and Unit 200 are joining with many other groups and clubs in Carroll County to place nearly 9,000 flags on the lawn of the Gerstell Academy in Finksburg along Rt. 140 for Memorial Day, 2017.

The flags will be put up on Friday, May 26th and taken down on Tuesday, May 29th. Each flag represents a Marylander who lost their life or has been declared as missing in action since WW I.

On Saturday, May 27th at 2 pm there will be a program open to the public in front of the Academy.

Former Governor Robert Erhlich will be the main speaker.

Please try to join us for this very meaningful ceremony. All are welcome.

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**Greater Love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

*John 15:13*

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Crab Feed Tickets go on sale following the June 5th meetings of the SAL and the American Legion. Be sure to get yours!

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**Note: Although we try to make sure everything is correct, there might be changes to the dates, times and information that appear in the newsletter after its printing.**



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER June, July, August, 2017

**Membership:** We have 463 members paid and once again if you have paid your dues and you get a notice from Department, please disregard. Dues for 2018 can be paid starting in July to be on the Early Bird. All dues need to be paid **NO LATER THAN** December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 for the year 2018.

**Essay Time:** The subject this year was: "How Does Learning about Government and our America Help You Become a Future Guardian of the Liberties of our Country?" We only had one school participate this year; Ebb Valley Elementary School.

Congratulations to our winners:

Group 1 – Grades 3 & 4 (150- 250 words)

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$50.00 Luke Uhler

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$25.00 Sophia Reick

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$15.00 Cassidy Schmitt

Group 2 – Grades 5 & 6 (250 – 300 words)

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$50.00 Sophia Hyre

2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$25.00 Elyse Friedman

3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$15.00 Reese Krisslein

**Kathleen Twigg Scholarships:** Applications have been submitted to the judges and two students will be selected for \$500.00 each. The winners will be announced at the School Awards Ceremony at Manchester Valley High School on June 8, 2017.

**Good Friday:** The day was a big hit; the children as well as the adults enjoyed the magician and the egg hunt, the bake table, subs, sandwiches, soup and lots more. Thank you to all who helped and came out to support this yearly event.

### **Events:**

#### **May:**

20 – ALA 7<sup>th</sup> annual Car Show to be held at Post 200 (postponed from May 13<sup>th</sup> due to rain)

21 – ALA Western Maryland District Meeting at Woodsboro Post #282

27 – Hampstead Day at Arcadia Fireman's Grounds 8 – 4 pm

27 – Memorial Day Remembrance at Gerstell Academy along Rt. 140 where 9, 000 flags will be displayed from Friday through Monday honoring those who lost their lives in all wars since WWI. There will be a ceremony honoring them at 2 pm on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Former Governor Robert Ehrlich will be the main speaker. All are welcome to attend this meaningful ceremony.

29 – Memorial Day Service at the Hampstead War Memorial at 9 am. Picnic at the Post 1 – 4.

#### **June:**

6 – Regular Meetings

11 – Day For God and Country at Camp WestMar in the mountains of Thurmont.

14 – Flag Day

15 - Joint Installation of Officers for all groups.

18 – Chicken Feed at Camp WestMar in the mountains of Thurmont.

#### **July:**

11-14 – Annual American Legion and Auxiliary Departments of Maryland Convention in Ocean City, Maryland

29 – Christmas in July. Reserve your space today. Stacey: [staceynash1@gmail.com](mailto:staceynash1@gmail.com)

**Go For It! No one deserves it more than you do!**

**FOR GOD & COUNTRY**

**President,**

**Mary Jane Wickline**



*Hampstead American Legion Post 200  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
Friday, July 28, 2017  
Oakmont Green Golf Course  
Rain or Shine*

***\*\*\*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC\*\*\****

***\*\*Seniors 62 and over Tee from Senior Tees\*\****

*(Format: Captain's Choice—Best Ball)*

*Entry fee \$85 per golfer*

*Includes Greens Fees, Cart, Dinner, Drinks on Course  
and range balls*

*Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Fruit Salad, rolls, chips, pretzels, soda,  
bottled water and beer*

*Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin Prizes*

*Putting Contest and \*\*Hole in One Contests\*\**

*Registration is at 11:30 a.m. and Tee Off at 1:00 p.m.*

*Registration forms behind the bar at the Legion and/or*

*For information on signing up call Jerry Reese at*

*410-239-4946 or Dave 443-375-8417*

***\*\*Make checks payable to American Legion Post #200\*\****

*Detach and mail to American Legion Post #200*

*4600 Legion Lane, Hampstead, Md. 21074*

*Attention: Jerry Reese*

*\*All entries must be received by July 21, 2017*

***\*\*Walk-ins also accepted but will be paired with others\*\****

*Name*

*Address*

*Phone*

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_



*Hampstead American Legion Post 200  
4600 Legion Lane  
Hampstead, Maryland 21074  
410-239-8082*

**\*\*\*DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS\*\*\***

*American Legion Post #200 is seeking door prize donations for  
our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
Friday, July 28, 2017  
At Oakmont Green Golf Course, Hampstead, Md.*

*Any donation is accepted and will be used the day of the  
tournament which yourself/your company will be recognized  
in our tournament flyer*

*Please return this form to:  
American Legion Post #200  
4600 Legion Lane  
Hampstead, Md. 21074  
(ATT: Jerry Reese)*

*SPONSOR/DONATION*\_\_\_\_\_

*ADDRESS*\_\_\_\_\_

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*PHONE#*\_\_\_\_\_

Hampstead American Legion Auxiliary's

# Christmas in Bazaar



**Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>**



8 am - 2 pm

Set Up starting at 7 am

4600 Legion Lane, Hampstead

First Paid Spots will be in Inside - All Others will be Outside

## **! Vendors wanted !**

Please cut here and return bottom portion with table fee.

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|-------------------|--|----------------|--|
| Name:             |  | Phone Number:  |  |
| Address:          |  | Email Address: |  |
| City, State, Zip: |  |                |  |

Makes Checks Payable to: **H.A.L.A Unit 200**

Send to: 4600 Legion Lane, Hampstead, MD 21074 Attn: Bazaar

For More Information Contact Stacey - [staceynash1@gmail.com](mailto:staceynash1@gmail.com) or 443-744-1184



The Auxiliary sends packages to those in the military. If you have a loved one serving, please let us know the name and address. We also give a blue star banner to the family to display in their window for all to see and know that they have a loved one serving.

Contact Mary Jane at 410-374-9014 or Patty Sater 410-239-3737



### **Hall and Pavilion Rentals**

The hall rents to no more than 100 people for \$350 (you get \$50 back if you clean it up as you found it). The large pavilion rents for \$275 of which you get \$75 back if you clean it up as found. The small pavilion rents to members for \$50. All of these costs are without alcohol. If alcohol is desired, the legion must provide a bartender for a cost of an additional \$75, plus the cost of the alcohol. If

interested in contracting any of these, please contact Marvin or Elinore at 410-374-4466 or email at [efrush@live.com](mailto:efrush@live.com)

# June 2017

| Sun                                                | Mon                                                               | Tue                                       | Wed                                                                          | Thu                                  | Fri                                                                      | Sat                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                    |                                                                   |                                           |                                                                              | 1                                    | 2<br>Baked Fish                                                          | 3<br>Karaoke in the lounge          |
| 4                                                  | 5<br>7 pm Regular Meetings<br>Legion, Aux, SAL                    | 6<br>D-Day Allied Invasion of Europe 1944 | 7<br>Plum Crazy 7:30                                                         | 8                                    | 9<br>Lasagna/Salad                                                       | 10<br>Flag Disposal Ceremony 3 pm   |
| 11<br>Day For God and Country at Camp Westmar      | 12                                                                | 13                                        | 14<br>US Army founded 1775<br>Flag Day<br>Riders Mtg 7 pm<br>Plum Crazy 7:30 | 15<br>Joint Installation of Officers | 16<br>Crab Cake                                                          | 17<br>Karaoke in the lounge         |
| 18<br>Father's Day<br>Chicken Feed at Camp Westmar | 19<br>Girls State<br>Carroll Co.<br>Caucus at Post 31 Westminster | 20<br>Girls State                         | 21<br>First Day of Summer<br>Girls State<br>Plum Crazy 7:30                  | 22<br>Girls State                    | 23<br>Meat Loaf<br>Girls State<br>SAL 44 <sup>th</sup> Annual Convention | 24<br>Girls State<br>SAL Convention |
| 25<br>Korean War began 1950<br>SAL Convention      | 26                                                                | 27                                        | 28<br>Plum Crazy 7:30<br>AL WMD Caucus at Brunswick                          | 29                                   | 30<br>Pork Chop                                                          |                                     |

# July 2017

| Sun                                            | Mon                                   | Tue                                           | Wed                                           | Thu                                     | Fri                                                                             | Sat                                        |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| No Meetings in July for Legion, Auxiliary, SAL |                                       | Membership Dues can be paid now - or          | anytime from now through December             | for the year 2018.<br>Be an Early Bird. |                                                                                 | 1<br>Karaoke in the lounge                 |
| 2<br>US Army Air Corps<br>Established 1926     | 3<br>No Meetings for Legion, Aux. SAL | 4<br>Independence Day                         | 5<br>Plum Crazy 7:30                          | 6                                       | 7<br>Steamed Shrimp                                                             | 8                                          |
| 9                                              | 10                                    | 11<br>AL/ALA<br>Convention in Ocean City, Md. | 12<br>AL/ALA<br>Convention<br>Plum Crazy 7:30 | 13<br>AL/ALA<br>Convention              | 14<br>Turkey Dinner<br>AL/ALA<br>Convention                                     | 15                                         |
| 16                                             | 17                                    | 18                                            | 19<br>Plum Crazy 7:30                         | 20                                      | 21<br>Baked Fish                                                                | 22                                         |
| 23                                             | 24                                    | 25                                            | 26<br>Plum Crazy 7:30                         | 27<br>Korean War Ended 1953             | 28<br>Lasagna/Salad<br>14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Oakmont Green | 29<br>Christmas in July Bazaar at Post 200 |
| 30                                             | 31                                    |                                               |                                               |                                         |                                                                                 |                                            |



# August 2017

| Sun                            | Mon                                                  | Tue                             | Wed                                                  | Thu | Fri                                                  | Sat                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                |                                                      | 1                               | 2<br>House/Executive Meeting 7 pm<br>Plum Crazy 7:30 | 3   | 4<br>Crab Cake<br>US Coast Guard<br>Established 1790 | 5<br>Karaoke in the lounge |
| 6                              | 7<br>Regular Meetings 7 pm<br>Vietnam War Began 1964 | 8<br>Newsletter Information Due | 9<br>Riders Mtg. 7 pm<br>Plum Crazy 7:30             | 10  | 11<br>Meat Loaf                                      | 12                         |
| 13                             | 14<br>Japanese surrendered ending WWII 1945          | 15                              | 16<br>Plum Crazy 7:30                                | 17  | 18<br>Pork Chop                                      | 19<br>SAL Crab Feed 1 - 5  |
| 20<br>Post 200 Crab Feed 1 - 5 | 21                                                   | 22                              | 23<br>Plum Crazy 7:30                                | 24  | 25<br>Steamed Shrimp                                 | 26                         |
| 27                             | 28                                                   | 29                              | 30<br>Plum Crazy 7:30                                | 31  |                                                      |                            |

## Post Everlasting

*May they know everlasting peace.*

Walter M. Rhoten  
Samuel R. Bellusci  
Joseph Logsdon, Jr.  
Robert D. Kirkland  
Theodore O. Robinson, Jr.  
Philip Cogle  
Francis Coppersmith

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

Bobby Martin
Diane Harroll
Caroline Marschall
Stephanie Wardenfelt
Joan & Phil Wilson
Faye Dell
Deb Mintzel

Elyse Wekesser
Richard Hess
Brenda Rohrbaugh
Carolyn Evans
Darlene Long
Grace Dutterer

Strengthen them in their struggles and bring them deep and lasting peace and make them well again.

Dates to Remember

September 14, 2017, Practice for POW/MIA Candlelight Vigil
September 15, 2017, POW/MIA Candlelight Vigil 7 pm in the large pavilion.
October 7 & 8, 2017, Ocean City, Md. Bus Trip
October 7, 2017, Hampstead Fall Fest
October 28, 2017, Halloween Dance/Party in the lounge
November 12, 2017, Free Veterans Dinner in the Hall (2 seatings)
November 18, 2017, Commander's Feed
December 3, 2017, Auxiliary Senior's and Children's Christmas Parties in the hall
December 16, 2017, Post 200 Christmas Party in the lounge

Attention: Commanders, President and Director:

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Please have your new list of officers and your message to our members to me before August 8<sup>th</sup>, the newsletter deadline. Include also dates of your District meetings, etc. for the yearly calendar. I will try to have the yearly calendar ready for September meetings.

[efrush@live.com](mailto:efrush@live.com) Thank you.