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DATES TO REMEMBER

April—Month of the Military Child

4/5 Gold Star Spouses Day
4/14 Air Force Reserve Birthday
4/19 Good Friday
4/21 Easter
4/23 Army Reserve Birthday

May—National Military Appreciation Month

5/4 National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day
5/8 V-E Day

5/10 Military Spouse Appreciation Day

5/18 Armed Forces Day

5/27 Memorial Day

June

6/6 D-Day

6/14 Army Birthday/Flag Day

6/16 Fathers Day

6/27 PTSD Awareness Day

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APR-JUN 2019



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

We find ourselves heading into the final quarter of the year, and preparing for Post Officer Elections. As my term as Post Commander ends, I encourage anyone with the desire to see the Post and The American Legion continue to succeed get their name to the Post Officer Nomination Committee so you can get on the ballot. The committee will accept nominations beginning **May 1st and end on May 31st**. Post elections will be held in June.

If you don't want to run for office, I ask you to please, volunteer, volunteer, volunteer! We're a Post of over 400 members and this does not include the SAL or ALA. During my term I saw the same 10-15 people volunteering around the Post. I know everyone is busy, but so are the officers of the Post and our 10-15 constant volunteers. Believe me, the Post always needs help and this ranges from general cleaning of the Post and grounds, catering meals, taking out the trash, planning events to running the Turkey Shoot. If you find yourself wanting to volunteer, please contact the Post Adjutant and provide him with your contact information.

The Post was very busy in the last quarter. We installed a sound and video system in the hall. This will allow the users to show presentations, play music, etc. during their events. We added a meeting room with computer access upstairs for use, built a file storage room, installed a new phone system, and added a much need storage building. We continually try to make improvements to the Post.

We continued to support the community by sponsoring several Saturday night dances, providing donations to Shop with a Cop, SOMD Food Bank, Fischer House and Charlotte Hall Veterans Home to name a few. We sponsored a major Fund Raiser for Skyla Shirriel (young lady hit by a car) meeting our goal.

This year we're entering the American Legion Baseball Program. We are sponsoring two teams, a 19 year old and under team and a 17 year old and under team. You can see the team stats and follow their progress by going to www.mdlegionbaseball.org. Our home field is at North Point High School, located in Waldorf, MD. Please come out and support the team! We'll post their schedule on the website and Facebook when it is finalized.

Finally, I would like to thank all the officers for your support over the past year. We had a few trials and tribulations throughout the year, but we made it! I feel we have moved the Post forward and hopefully will continue to move forward. Thank you to the volunteers, without your help we couldn't do half the things we accomplished.

Gods Speed and Best wishes to the American Legion Family!
Rick Nimmerrichter
Commander



Hello Everyone,
Welcome to another edition of the Chaplain's Corner.

Good news, this time. We did not lose any fellow Legionnaires since my last corner. That is always good to hear. Another plus, my cancer is in remission, thanks to everyone for all the prayers and support. Spring is here, and we welcome longer and warmer days.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

We ask your support in a couple of things. If you are playing the slots and the little tickets don't make it into the hopper, please pick them up, don't leave them on the floor. Also, on food nights, please clean your tables and put the tables and chairs back where you found them. We don't have waitress service.

The hall is really looking great with the new sound system and the new televisions. The post is always being updated when we can do it. Support the post when you can on Friday food nights and breakfasts. You can't beat the food and the price. Volunteers are always needed.

Remember, I am here for you if you need to talk to someone. 'Til the next time we meet, may the Lord bless you and keep you.

Joe Cross
Chaplain, Post 238

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Benefit Results

An enormous **Thank You** and **Congratulations** to all who participated in the benefit at the American Legion Post #238! We had fabulous results with your help and generous donations. Together we raised **\$9,983** for the Yellow Ribbon Fund and **\$9,983** for Charlotte Hall Veterans (\$3,083 more than last year).



**MANY PEOPLE
DONATED GENEROUSLY**

The American Legion Post 238

TURKEY SHOOT

SIGN UP : 10:30AM

Shooting Begins: 1:00 PM

LAST SHOOT APRIL 14

**BIG FOOT TRAP CLUB, Loveville, MD,
Just off Pin Cushion Road in St Mary's County.**



POW*MIA UPDATE

Mr. Edward J. Weissenback, Mr. Roy F. Townley, & Mr. George L. Ritter

Employees of Air America Incorporated, were piloting an Air America C-123K from Udorn Airfield, Kingdom of Thailand, headed for Xienhom District, Xaingnabouli Province, Laos. The aircraft was on a routine resupply mission for the U.S. Agency for International Development and was last heard from when they were northeast of Sayaboury, Laos. Search and rescue efforts were continued through Dec. 31, 1971, but no sign of the aircraft or the four crewmembers were found. Weissenback, Townley & Ritter was subsequently reported missing. Interment services are pending.

Army Cpl. John G. Krebs was a member of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. On July 11, 1950, his unit was engaged in combat operations against the North Korean People's Army south of Chonui, South Korea, when he was declared missing in action. Interment services are pending

Army Master Sgt. Charlie J. Mares was a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division when his unit engaged in combat against the Korean People's Army. Mares was reported missing in action following a battle fought near Kwonbin-ni, South Korea, on July 31, 1950. Interment services are pending.

Navy Reserve Seaman 2nd Class Deward W. Duncan was assigned to Aviation, Construction, Ordnance, Repair, Navy Fourteen, Standard Landing Craft Unit 4, when a Japanese air raid on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands, dropped a bomb near his tent. Duncan was killed Jan. 12, 1944, and was reportedly buried the same day in Cemetery #33. Interment services are pending.

Marine Corps. Cpl. Claire E. Goldtrap was assigned to Company A, 2nd Amphibian Tractor Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, which landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands. Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded. Goldtrap died on the first day of the battle, Nov. 20, 1943, during the first wave of the assault. Interment services are pending.

Navy Reserve Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class John O. Morris was a member of Carrier Aircraft Service Unit (CASU) 17. In November 1943, American units landed against stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in the Tarawa Atoll of the Gilbert Islands, in an attempt to secure the island. On Dec. 16, 1943, Morris was killed during the test-firing of a machine gun. The weapon accidentally discharged, killing Morris. He was buried on the island, in Cemetery #33. Interment services are pending.

Army Sgt. Cread E. Shuey was a member of Battery G, 60th Coast Artillery Regiment, serving in the Philippines, when Japanese forces invaded the Philippine Islands. Shuey was among those reported captured, and one of the thousands who were eventually moved to the Cabanatuan POW camp. More than 2,500 POWs perished in this camp during the remaining years of the war. Interment services are pending.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Angelo M. Gabriele was stationed aboard the USS West Virginia, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The ship sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly sink, but not capsizes. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 106 crewmen, including Gabriele. Interment services are pending.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Ernest R. West, Navy Ensign Charles M. Stern, Jr., Navy Seaman 1st Class Hale McKissack, Navy Fireman 1st Class Billy J. Johnson, Navy Seaman 1st Class Oris V. Brandt, Navy Fire Controlman 3rd Class Victor P. Tumlinson were stationed aboard the USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The battleship sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsizes. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including the Sailors listed above. Interment services are pending.



Desert Shield/Desert Storm Memorial

The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial is a new national monument that has been approved by Congress and President Trump (March 2017) to be built by 2021 on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act - Authorizes the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish a commemorative work on federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate and honor those who, as members of the Armed Forces, served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield.





American Legion Post 238

6265 Brandywine Road, Hughesville, MD 20637

4th Annual Golf Tournament

Tournament Date: Friday June 14, 2019; Rain Day Monday June 17, 2019

Location: Brenton Bay Golf Course, 21935 Society Hill Road,
Leonardtwn 20605, Phone: 301-475-2300

Cost: \$90 Per Person if paid by May 13th and \$100 thereafter

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be awarded

Registration: Starts at 8am, shotgun at 9am

Format: Best Ball – Captain's choice

Contacts: American Legion Post 301-274-3522
Wayne Christensen 301-370-2409
Bill Miller 240-416-3779

Food: Available at the turn

Dinner: At the Post following the Tournament



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Option 1: One Hole Sponsor \$100

Option 2: \$90 one player if paid by May 13th and \$100 thereafter

Option 3: \$360 covers one foursome paid by May 13th \$400 after May 13th

**Option 4: \$440 covers one foursome and one hole sponsor sign paid before May13th
 \$500 after May 13th**

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HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS WANTED

Post 238's Varsity and Jr. Varsity Baseball teams are looking for a couple of players born 2000 - 2004 for the 2019 summer season. Freshman College Players are also eligible if they are born in 2000.

Summer season will begin immediately after the high school season ends.

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