

# THE FRONT LINE

DEDICATED TO KEEPING POST 238 MEMBERS INFORMED



## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

We're moving into the final quarter of the Legion Year, and the last one was busy! We did well with our weekly meals, but as always could use additional volunteers to help in preparation and serving. We signed a contract with Empire Signs to get an electronic sign to replace the old road sign. It should be up and running by June. Mike Watson is getting bids to upgrade the bathrooms in the hall.

The Bull and Oyster Roast was very successful, and we will be doing it again next year! The St. Patrick's Day Dinner also was a big hit. Thank you to everyone for donations, for attending, and I know I've said it before, but thank you to all the volunteers who helped make these events a success. It was an all Hands on Deck effort. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner sold 263 dinners and raised \$26,804. The money will be split between Tunnels to Towers and Operation Second Chance.

As we move into this last quarter, please start thinking if you would like to run for a Post office. If you don't know what's available, feel free to come speak to me about stepping up!

Don Purdy

Post 238 Commander



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# Sons of the American Legion



During the last quarter, the Sons came together with Post 238 to donate to the Calvert High NJROTC Air Rifle Team. Their unit competes in a range of competitions, serves the community with their volunteer work, and attends ceremonies with their color guard. Our donation helped their Air Rifle Team go to Camp Perry Ohio to compete in the All Service Nationals. All Service is a competition between the Junior ROTC branches (Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Army), which qualify the top 7 schools from each branch.

We also donated to the Legion for continuous Legion Improvements, and assisted with the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser.

On April 29th, we will be hosting the First Sportsman's Bash with the SAL Post 227. Tickets are \$50, and only 500 will be available. Food and beverages are included, and we'll have raffles and drawings. Tickets are available at both Posts.

We hope everyone has a great Spring, and we hope to see you at our Friday Night Dinners!

**Jim Bowie**

Squadron Commander Post 238 Sons of the American Legion



## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238



Thank you to all the ALA members who came out to help at all the various efforts we have accomplished during the past 9 months. Things have been a little busy the past 3 months. The ALA continued to serve dinners on the second Friday of each month, and the Firemen's Luncheon on the last Wednesday of every month. We also managed catering jobs as they arose, and helped with the Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. We're looking forward to our Easter Party for the kids on April 2, 2023!

We are looking for any volunteer for our Catering Chairperson, and a Membership Chairperson. Both positions will be open in July 2023.

We will begin accepting nominations for any officer position at our April meeting; nominees will be announced in May and then elections will take place in June. The New Officers begin on July 1st. Don't forget, our meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

We have been doing well with our raffles this year (one of the ways we earn funds to support various Veteran Organizations), and we are continuing with another for 2 Charter fishing trips. Details will be posted in the canteen soon.

We look forward to seeing you in the Canteen, the Kitchen, at any of the dinners/lunches, and hopefully at our meetings. Enjoy the Spring as Summer is just around the corner. As always, we continue to hope to see more volunteers and would really appreciate any help.

**Colleen Lynch**  
President ALA



# Chaplain's Corner



I'm happy to report that there are no deaths or major illnesses amongst our members from the Jan-Mar quarter. I'll leave you with a simple prayer:

God, please guide us to be patient and helpful. May we be attentive to the needs of our loved ones and neighbors. Guide our soldiers safely home to their families and give us joyful eyes to embrace Spring. Amen.

**Stephen Thomas**  
Chaplain

## Membership Renewal Update

Our Post asked our members to renew their membership by March 15, and I wanted to thank everyone who did! Our annual Early Bird Dinner is April 15 starting at 5 pm to celebrate the legionnaires who stepped up and helped us out.

On March 3rd, our renewals were counted at 352 paid, which is 92% of our total membership. The next goal date is April 19th for 95%, which is 9 more members, and the final is June 6th. We need a total of 27 member renewals to meet 100%.

Our Post should be at 95% by the end of this month. I know the final goal is a uphill struggle, but doable. Thank you again for your support.

**Stephen Thomas**  
First Vice Commander

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### APRIL

#### Month of the Military Child

- 4/5** Gold Star Spouses Day
- 4/14** US Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 4/23** US Army Reserve Birthday

### MAY

- 5/1** Silver Star Banner Day
- 5/12** Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 5/13** Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 5/20** Armed Forces Day
- 5/29** Memorial Day

### JUNE

- 6/6** D-Day Anniversary
- 6/14** Flag Day
- 6/23** Coast Guard Birthday
- 6/27** National PTSD Awareness Day