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DEDICATED TO KEEPING POST 238 MEMBERS INFORMED



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Jan 1 New Years Day | Mar 5 Seabee Birthday |
| Jan 21 Martin Luther King Day | Mar 6 Ash Wednesday |
| Feb 3 Four Chaplains Day | Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins |
| Feb 14 Valentines Day | Mar 13 K-9 Veterans Day |
| Feb 19 Coast Guard Reserve Birthday | Mar 17 St Patrick's Day |
| Feb 20 Presidents Day | Mar 29 Vietnam Veterans Day |
| Mar 3 Navy Reserve Birthday | |

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JAN-MAR 2019



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season, enjoying family and friends.

It's hard to believe my term as Commander is half over. Six months sure went by in a hurry, and before I know it, Officer elections will be upon us. As a Post, we are doing well. We've spent lot of the past six months taking care of the necessities and maintaining the Post. We had the kitchen professionally steam cleaned and opened new service contracts for Post maintenance. We made several purchases to upgrade our kitchen and catering equipment.

We also made a few donations to support the community. We donated \$2,500 to Charles County Sheriffs' Office "Shop with a Cop Program", \$1,500 to Gold Star Mothers of Maryland, \$844 to Wreaths Across America and \$1,000 to the Southern Maryland Food Bank. We also donated \$2500 to the Charles County Children's Aid Society. We hosted two great community events, Halloween Trunk or Treat and Breakfast with Santa. Both had fantastic community support and we look forward to doing these again in 2019.

Nothing is a success at the Post without the support and efforts of our members. I would like to take a second and recognize members who continually volunteer their time:

Joe & Charles Goldsmith, Donnie Pritchett, Frank D., John Bean, Charlie Cosmore, Albert Cook, Donnie, Ricky Moore, Debbie Cook, Miss Vicky, Joe & Helen Cross, Jeff Sheriff, Debbie Copp, Irving Chappelier & Family, Roy, Todd Jameson, Frank Nelms and Richard & Debbie Edelen, and Al Humphreys. I'm sure I have missed a few names, but be sure your help is greatly appreciated.

Rick Nimmerrichter



Hello Everyone,

Welcome to another edition of the Chaplain's Corner. 2019 is here, hope you had a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Years.

We lost 2 Legionnaires since my last Corner—John Delbert Wood, Marine Corps, passed away on October 8, 2018. Gary Allan Werth, Army, passed away on December 3, 2018. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

I have been your Chaplain for 13 years. As long as I am your Chaplain I will be available if you are sad or depressed or need someone to talk to. Please contact me through the Post. I am available to talk in confidence when needed. That is one of my responsibilities as your Chaplain. I will be here for you.

Please support the Post on the Friday Night Food Nights. Breakfast is the 3rd Sunday of each month. You can't beat it. For only \$7 you get all-you-can-eat. The breakfast crew is outstanding in the kitchen. You will not leave hungry.

It is snowing as I compile this Corner. Please be careful out there this winter. Don't be in a hurry.

Till the next time we meet, may the Lord bless you and keep you.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**Peace as always,
Joe Cross
Chaplain, Post 238**



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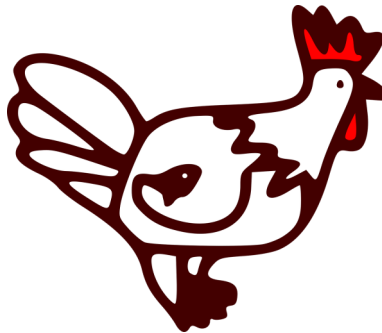
Early Bird Dinner

January 26, 2019

5:30 - 7:30 PM

**Free Steak Dinner for members who renewed their membership
by Nov. 30th 2018.**

Guest welcome for a charge of \$15



**Jameson-Harrison American Legion
Post 238**



All requirements to be completed by
March 31, 2019

**Please visit our Scholarship webpage for more
information and previous Scholarship Winners!**

<http://alpost238.org/index.php?id=8>

Are you or do you know a current 2019 HS Junior
Interested in Leadership, Government, Politics?

Let Post 238 Sponsor Them for

MARYLANDS BOY STATE

The American Legion 2019 MD Boys State Program will be
held at McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland from
June 16-22, 2019.

Application Deadline April 15, 2019

The application process and more information can be found at
www.mdlegion.org/boysstate

Any student that may be interested should fill out Boys State
application completely on-line.



POW*MIA UPDATE

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has announced new identifications, and the burial date and location for one previously identified serviceman. Returning home with full military honors are:

Air Force Col. Richard A. Kibbey, was a member of Detachment 5, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. On Feb. 6, 1967, he, along with three others, were aboard a HH-3E helicopter on a rescue and recovery mission over North Vietnam. After rescuing the pilot of a downed aircraft, Kibbey's helicopter was hit by enemy ground fire resulting in an internal explosion and crash. Kibbey was subsequently reported missing in action.

Army Sgt. 1st Class James L. Boyce was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, engaged in combat operations against the North Korean People's Army south of Chonui, South Korea. Boyce could not be accounted for and was declared missing in action on July 11, 1950

Army Cpl. Frederick E. Coons was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. On July 29, 1950, Coons was declared missing in action in the vicinity of Geochang, South Gyeongsang Province, South Korea, when he couldn't be accounted for after a unit withdrawal action to set up a roadblock against North Korean Forces

Army Pfc. William H. Jones was a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, engaged in attacks against the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces near Pakchon, North Korea. On Nov. 26, 1950, after his unit made a fighting withdrawal, he could not be accounted for and was reported missing in action

Army Pfc. George L. Spangenberg was a member of Company E, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was reported missing in action on Nov. 2, 1950, following a battle in Unsan, North Korea. Spangenberg's name was never included on lists of American soldiers being held as prisoners of war by the Korean People's Army or the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces and no returned American prisoners of war had any information on his status. Based on a lack of information regarding his status, he was declared deceased on Dec. 21, 1953.

Army Pfc. James P. Shaw was a member of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, when enemy forces invaded the regiment's positions and forced them to withdraw in North Korea. During the withdrawal, U.S. forces were under constant heavy enemy pressure and were hampered by icy roads and heavy equipment. Shaw was reported missing following an engagement which lasted through the night on Dec. 3, 1950. On June 23, 1951, he was declared deceased

Army Air Forces Sgt. Vernon L. Hamilton a member of the 642nd Bombardment Squadron, 409th Bombardment Group, 9th Bombardment Division, 9th Air Force. On March 23, 1945, he was aboard an A-26B, when the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and went missing during a combat mission from Couvron, France to Dülmen, Germany.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Lynn W. Hadfield a member of the 642nd Bombardment Squadron, 409th Bombardment Group, 9th Bombardment Division, 9th Air Force. On March 23, 1945, he was aboard an A-26B, when the aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire and went missing during a combat mission from Couvron, France to Dülmen, Germany

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Hulen A. Leinweber was a member of 40th Fighter Squadron, 35th Fighter Group. On June 10, 1945, the P-51 aircraft he was piloting was reportedly struck by anti-aircraft fire, causing the right wing to break off. Leinweber's aircraft crashed just south of Ilap village, in Infugao Province, Republic of the Philippines. The American Graves Registration Service searched the area south of Ilap village, locating wreckage but recovering no remains. In October 1947, Leinweber's remains were declared non-recoverable.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. James R. Lord a member of the 66th Fighter Squadron, 57th Fighter Group, 12th Tactical Air Command, 12th Air Force. On Aug. 10, 1944, the P-47D aircraft he was piloting crashed due to a navigational error a mile off the coast of Anghione, Corsica. No witnesses reported seeing any parachute sightings.

Army Pvt. William A. Boegli was a member of Company L, 332nd Infantry Regiment, 81st Infantry Division, invading Angaur Island in the Palau Island chain. After Boegli's regiment successfully captured Red Beach on the northeastern shore, they pushed westward across the island. On Sept. 30, 1944, Boegli was killed while attempting to lead a group of litter bearers to evacuate wounded servicemen. His remains were not recovered following the war

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Nicholas J. Gojmerac was a member of Company Q, 4th Raider Battalion, 1st Marine Raider Regiment, when his unit assaulted a Japanese stronghold at Bairoko Harbor, New Georgia Island, Solomon Islands. He was reported missing in action on July 20, 1943, after he was last seen crawling through heavy fire to provide medical care to an injured Marine while he was mortally wounded himself.

Navy Reserve Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class William H. Blancheri was a member of Headquarters Company, 2nd 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. Blancheri died on the first day of the battle, Nov. 20, 1943.

Marine Corps Pfc. Michael L. Salerno was a member of Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 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. Salerno died on the first day of the battle, Nov. 20, 1943.

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Fred E. Freet was assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 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. Freet died on the first day of the battle, Nov. 20, 1943

USS Oklahoma: The following personnel 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 capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including:

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| -- Navy Seaman 2nd Class Wilbur C. Barrett. | -- Navy Seaman 1st Class Wesley V. Jordan |
| -- Navy Storekeeper 2nd Class Gerald L. Clayton. | -- Navy Radioman 3rd Class Howard V. Keffer. |
| -- Navy Storekeeper 1st Class John W. Craig. | -- Navy Seaman 2nd Class Joe M. Kelley. |
| -- Navy Fireman 3rd Class Warren H. Crim. | -- Navy Fireman 1st Class Elmer D. Nail. |
| -- Navy Musician 2nd Class Francis E. Dick. | -- Navy Fireman 1st Class Frank E. Nicoles. |
| -- Navy Seaman 2nd Class George T. George. | -- Navy Storekeeper 3rd Class Eli Olsen. |
| -- Navy Seaman 2nd Class Charles C. Gomez. | -- Navy Fireman 1st Class Millard C. Pace |
| -- Navy Fireman 1st Class Claude O. Gowey. | -- Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Merle A. Smith |
| -- Navy Seaman 1st Class Daniel L. Guisinger. | -- Navy Reserve Fireman 1st Class Lewis F. Tindall |
| -- Navy Seaman 1st Class Robert W. Headington. | |
| -- Navy Seaman 2nd Class Challis R. James. | |





OUR ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S
DAY DINNER

SILENT
AUCTION

50/50
RAFFLE

The American Legion

Post #238 (to be held in the hall)

SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

2 PM TIL 6 PM

\$8.00 ALL YOU CAN EAT

HAM, CABBAGE, CORN BEEF, POTATOES,
STRING BEANS, CORNBREAD AND HOME

BAKE
SALE

MADE DESSERTS!

LIVE
AUCTION

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO

**CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS and
YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM**



Valentine's Day Dance

FEATURING:

Country Memories

February 16

7-11 PM

\$40 per couple and \$25 per person

Raffle

Silent Auction



The American Legion Post 238

TURKEY SHOOT

SIGN UP : 10:30AM

Shooting Begins: 1:00 PM

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

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 238 IS PROUD TO SPONSOR



The Benefit for Skyla Shirriel

Winter Carnival!

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019

1 pm - 4 pm

LIVE MUSIC 6-11 PM

Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction,
and Door Prizes!

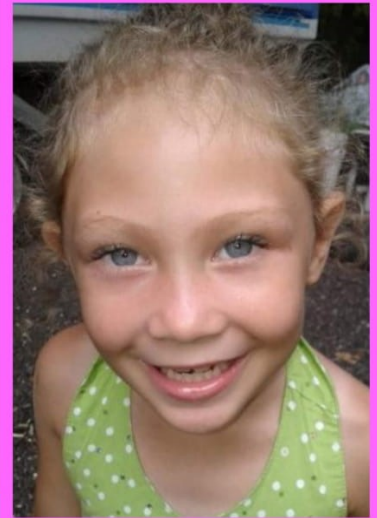
Don't Miss Out On A Special Guest

Princess Unicorn

- By Iris Daughter (display)

3 PM

SINGING, DANCING, and FUN for All Kids!



7 year old Skyla was struck by a vehicle while exiting her school bus on Tuesday, November 27 in Charles County. She is currently hospitalized, recovering from her injuries. Skyla is a student at T. C. Martin Elementary School.

All proceeds will be donated to the family of Skyla Shirriel.
Donations can be made out to the American Legion Post 238.

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