

THE FRONT LINE

DEDICATED TO KEEPING POST 238 MEMBERS INFORMED



IN THIS EDITION

MEET THE MD 400



DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

- 1/1 New Years Day
- 1/21 MLK JR Day

FEBRUARY

- 2/2 Superbowl Party
- Groundhog Day
- 2/3 Four Chaplains Day
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/17 Presidents Day
- 2/19 Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

MARCH

- 3/3 Navy Reserve Birthday
- 3/5 Navy Seabees Birthday
- 3/8 Daylight Saving Begins
- 3/13 K9 Veterans Day
- 3/15 American Legion Birthday
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
- 3/29 Vietnam War Veterans Day



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JAN-MAR 2020



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and enjoyable holiday season. The Post continues to be healthy and moving forward. Our First Vice is doing a great job with membership; we have 87% renewal by current members. We only need 53 renewals to reach our goal of 100%. If you have not done so, please get those renewals in and help the Post reach our goal.

We continue to improve the Post through equipment upgrades and maintenance projects. In the kitchen we have completed our annual Vent Hood maintenance and replaced a residential freezer with a larger commercial grade freezer to increase our storage capacity. Our water heater finally failed after 15 years of service and had to be replaced. I want to thank Frank Nelms and Ray Ray for stepping up and volunteering their time and effort to remove the old and install the new water heater. We also replaced the aging and leaking beer coolers in the Canteen with new models. During this quarter the Hall is receiving a new coat of paint and the floors are being stripped and waxed.

Our Scout Troop built a Fire Pit at the Post, this will allow them to respectfully retire flags that are dropped at the Post. Please take the time to observe one of the Flag Retirement Ceremonies the Scouts perform, they do a great job. I would like to welcome two new organizations to the Post. The St. Charles High School Marine Corps JROTC Shooting Team and the Post's new shooting club, The Maryland 400 Youth Shooting Club. The Maryland 400 is currently competing in the American Legion Three Position Air Rifle Postal Competition. I am hopeful with the addition of the youth shooting club and the baseball program we will be able to recruit younger veterans into the Post and the American Legion.

In closing, I would like to wish all of you the best in this new year. I'll see you around the Post.

Rick Nimmerrichter
Commander



P.O.W.★M.I.A. UPDATE



Army Pfc. William J. Winchester, 20, of Mount Hope, Alabama, was a member of Company D, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was captured by enemy forces near Unsan, North Korea in November 1950. He reportedly died while in custody of the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces at Prisoner of War Camp Number Five in February 1951

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. William E. Rambo, 20, of LaPorte, Indiana, was a member of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 8th 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. In November 1943, approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed, and more than 2,000 were wounded during the fighting. Rambo was killed on the first day of the battle, Nov. 20, 1943.



HOW VETERANS CAN ACCESS COMMISSARIES AND MWR FACILITIES:

Starting Jan. 1, 2020, there will be expanded access for Commissaries, Military Service Exchanges, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities for newly eligible veterans. Next month, veterans who received a Purple Heart, were former POWs, or veterans with a service-connected disability rating will be able to physically access on-base facilities that were previously off limits to those veterans. Veterans seeking access to military installations will require identification. Veterans can use their current VA-issued Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC). If a veteran is ineligible for a VHIC, DOD will temporarily accept the VA Health Eligibility Center Form H623A that indicates Priority Group 8E and an acceptable identification credential, like a REAL-ID-compliant driver's license or a U.S. passport.

MARYLAND 400 YOUTH SHOOTING

PRACTICE

RESUMES JANUARY 7, 2020

OUR FIRST TOURNAMENT IS JANUARY 28.

The Maryland 400 was a regiment that, against overwhelming odds, held back the British during the Revolution, allowing George Washington to evacuate to Manhattan. To honor the Old Line, we've named our shooting club after them, with the goal to help you hold your own behind a rifle.

Our certified instructors teach the skills students need to be a safe and accurate marksman. After demonstrating knowledge of safety techniques, students join the centuries of Americans who have mastered marksmanship for survival and sport. As they become better marksmen, they gain responsibility, confidence and self-reliance.

Interested in Joining Our Club?

ADMISSION:

AGES 18 AND UNDER

COST TO JOIN: \$25

**CONTACT: Chief Peterson (USMC) or
Gunny Rogers (USMC) FOR MORE INFO @ 301-753-2090 ext.345 (7:30—3:30)**





As 2019 comes to a close, Boy Scout Troop 908 is finishing strong. The boys have been busy this year. They all earned new merit badges and 85% were promoted at least one rank. In addition to all of the camping and outings, the boys collected a few hundred pounds of food during the annual Scouting for Food drive – directly helping those in need in our local community. The boys also worked with troop adults to construct a fire pit so they can retire flags with the respect due our nation’s flag. The troop earned BSA’s Journey to Excellence (JTE) Gold Award for 2019. This is the BSA’s planning, performance, and recognition program designed to encourage and reward the success of units providing a quality program.

The troop hosted Maryland State Senator Jack Bailey at their December 3rd meeting. Every Scout had prepared questions for the senator and all enjoyed a very focused and meaningful dialogue for about half an hour. The senator was very impressed with the thoughtful, intelligent questions each of the Scouts had prepared for him. Meeting an elected representative is a requirement for the Citizenship in the Community merit badge, an Eagle-required merit badge, which they are all working on.

Looking forward to 2020, the boys are excited for lots of new adventures and travels. As they get older and advance further, more opportunities become available to them and these Scouts are all very eager to meet every challenge. On behalf of the Scouts and Scouters of Boy Scout Troop 908, I’d like to say thank you to the entire Post for your continued support of our program; it means the world to us.



Yours In Scouting,
Mike Huber
Scoutmaster
Troop 908
Hughesville, MD





ST. PATRICK'S DAY MONEY RAFFLE

AMERICAN LEGION POST #238

1ST PRIZE: \$1000

2ND PRIZE: \$500

3RD PRIZE: \$250

DRAWING WILL BE HELD

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

PROCEEDS WILL GO TO

CHARLOTTE HALL VETERANS AND

OPERATION SECOND CHANCE





AMERICAN LEGION POST 238 MONTHLY EVENTS JANUARY 2020

**JAN
3**

SEAFOOD DINNER 5:30 PM—Canteen
Serving soft crabs, oysters, fried fish, hush puppies, french fries, green beans, and dessert
\$7-20 per person, Half-Price for kids, 3 & Under Free

**JAN
10**

ALA ROAST BEEF DINNER 5:30 PM—Canteen
\$12 per person, \$6 for kids, 3 & Under Free

**JAN
17**

STEAK & SHRIMP DINNER 5:30 PM—Canteen
Serving steak, baked potato, dinner rolls, house salad and dessert
\$15 per person, \$6 for kids, 3 & Under Free

**JAN
19**

SUNDAY BREAKFAST AT THE POST 9 AM—Canteen
Serving scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage-gravy with biscuits, home fries, pancakes, juice and coffee
\$8 entry

**JAN
24**

SAL STEAMED/FRIED SHRIMP DINNER 5:30 PM—Canteen
\$12 per person, \$6 for kids, 3 & Under Free

**JAN
31**

VFW CHICKEN CORDON BLEU DINNER 5:30 PM—Canteen
\$12 per person, \$6 for kids, 3 & Under Free

For more info visit us at: www.alpost238.org or call 301-274-3522.



**Best of Luck to
Clifford Goddard
& his family
in their move to Mississippi!
Post 238 Will Miss You!**

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Adjutant:	Paul Paradis
Historian:	Jon Yates
Executive Committee:	Carl Jameson Rick Moore Frank Gouchnour