

THE FRONT LINE

DEDICATED TO KEEPING POST 238 MEMBERS INFORMED



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

The first half of Post's 238 Legion Year is over, and the holidays are behind us. Thank you to everyone who came forward, volunteered, and made each event worthwhile including Trunk or Treat, the Kids Christmas party, Veterans Day, and the many meals we served the community! We've made a lot of repairs and updates around the building, and were able to support charities around our area.

For the next quarter of the Legion year, we have two major events taking place. First, a Bull and Oyster Dinner on February 11th followed by the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Raffle on March 18th. If you'd like to help with either event, contact the Post for more information. We have an immediate opening for Finance Officer, Assistant Gambling Manager, and Assistant Adjutant. Please let me know if you will help out with these officer positions.

Post 238 is what you make it. The success of our last two quarters wouldn't have happened without your support, and we still need it! Our accomplishments were because of a small group of very hard-working volunteers. As our group ages though, we need some younger volunteers too. Your help and attendance are appreciated.

Renew your membership. Vote in our June Elections, and join a committee!
Here's to looking forward to the second half of our Legion Year.

Don Purdy
Post 238 Commander



JAN-MAR 2023

Sons of the American Legion



The Sons had a great first half of this Legion Year. We held our annual golf tournament at the white plains golf course. We added pulled pork BBQ to our monthly dinner which seems to be a big hit! Twice this year, the Sons thoroughly power washed and steam cleaned the back porch barbecue cookers. We also assisted with washing the grid, replacing the tiles in the kitchen, running electricity to the sheds, and fixing the water vent line in the kitchen.

We also were involved in a lot of the annual events around the Post. The Sons assisted with the Annual Trunk or Treat, and encouraged the Jeep Club to join, inviting more people in from the community, and providing more activities for the kids! We assisted with the Veterans Day Ceremony, and the Annual Children's Christmas Party. We donated and helped with the Flagpole Improvement Project, the Landscaping Improvements, the Special Olympics, and the St. Mary's Bryantown School.

We look forward to helping the Post and our community throughout this next quarter of the Legion Year. Thank you to everyone who helped!

Jim Bowie

Squadron Commander Post 238 Sons of the American Legion



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238



Here we are at the end of our 2nd quarter of the 2022-23 year. We would like to have all dues paid by the end of 2022 and get into the State of MD Auxiliary awards drawing for the 100% award (up to a \$100.00 donation).

During this quarter we were involved with several events. Besides our monthly dinners and firemen's luncheons, we supported the Legion with their Adult Halloween Party, the Children's Trunk or Treat, the Veteran's Day Ceremony, and Thanksgiving dinner for Vets. We supported the National ALA for the Active-Duty Baby Shower and we hosted the ALA District 6 meeting. The winner of our raffle "Racking in the Cash" was Mary Kolpack and our Christmas Tree of Cheer winner was Eric Cavanaugh. It is with great sadness that I also have to inform you all that we have lost 2 of our members this quarter, Joyce Jones and Clara Gardiner.

Now to start 3rd quarter! As a reminder, our monthly meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Please try to come and offer your opinions and votes. Dinners are the 2nd Friday of each month and Firefighters Luncheons are the last Wednesday of each month. To start 2023, we are hoping to have another Scratch-off Raffle themed towards Valentine's Day, and we are going to support the Annual St Patrick's Day events. Hopefully we get a few new volunteers to help at any of our efforts. Do not hesitate to let someone know when you are willing to help. Additionally, we occasionally get requests to cater an event, and we could use a lot more help. Leave your name and number with one of the bartenders or email us at alaux238@gmail.com and we will keep you informed of when our next event is happening.

Colleen Lynch
President ALA



Chaplain's Corner



I am happy to report at the closing of this year, 2022 that I have only one member to report on. Our Post AUX President, Colleen Lynch is recovering from surgery. Keep her in your prayers and remember to give thanks to God for watching over our country and our Post members.

Stephen Thomas
Chaplain

Membership Renewal Update

As of 12/16/2022, our Post membership renewal is on track with 76% paid, a total of 289 Legionnaires. Our final goal is 399 members by June 30, 2023.

REMEMBER: Your current 2022 card expires on 31 December 2022. Our early bird membership dinner is based on that date. Your dues of \$35 can be renewed by mail or online at **mylegion.org**. Let's get our Post to 100% before June! We've done it in the past, so let's do it again!

Finally, we are always looking for new members, so ask your neighbors, friends, and colleagues to join.

Stephen Thomas
First Vice Commander

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

1/1 New Years Day
1/16 MLK Jr. Day

FEBRUARY

2/3 Four Chaplains Day
2/11 Bull & Oyster Dinner
2/14 Valentines Day
2/19 Coast Guard Reserve
Birthday
2/20 Presidents Day

MARCH

3/3 Navy Reserve Birthday
3/5 Seabee Birthday
3/12 Daylight Saving Begins
3/13 K-9 Veterans Day
3/17 St. Patrick's Day
3/18 St. Patty's Dinner
3/29 Vietnam Veterans Day