

# THE FRONT LINE

DEDICATED TO KEEPING POST 238 MEMBERS INFORMED



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF 2018

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THANK YOU  
PAST COMMANDER DON PURDY  
FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND  
COMMITMENT TO OUR POST!

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Jul. 4th	Independence Day
Jul. 27th	Korean War Armistice Day
Jul. 29th	Army Chaplains Corps Anniversary
Aug. 4th	U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
Aug. 7th	Purple Heart Day
Aug. 8th	VJ Day
Sept. 11th	Patriots Day
Sept. 18th	U.S. Air Force Birthday
Sept. 21st	POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sept. 30th	Gold Star Mother's & Family Day

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# MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

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Comrades,

As the newly elected Commander of the Jameson-Harrison American Legion Post 238, I would like to thank Past Commander Don Purdy and the members of our Post for having confidence in my leadership abilities and allowing me to continue our efforts to better the Post over the next year. I would like to take a little of your time to introduce myself, my vision for the Post, and to ask for your help.

My family is from Southern Maryland. I graduated for Southern High School in Harwood Maryland, and have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. I began my military career in the United States Army in 1980. I started out in the Army as a Nuclear Weapons Maintenance Technician and then changed specialties, finishing up as a Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician. My assignments include Ft. McClellan, AL, Redstone Arsenal, AL, Ft. Bragg, NC, Miesau Germany, Ft Devens, MA, Uigongbu Korea, Ft Lee, VA, FT Gillem, GA, Ft Jackson, SC, Joint Base Andrews, MD and Ft Belvoir, VA. I served in Southwest Asia during Desert Storm where I earned three Campaign Stars. My military awards include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal. I retired from active duty in 2002. I'm married and have three adult children and three grandchildren. I'm currently employed by the U.S. Department of Justice.

As for my vision, I would like to see our Post continue to help the veterans in our community by getting the word out that we are here to assist them if and when they need us. I would like to see us get more involved in Legion programs such as the American Legion Shooting, Child Welfare Foundation and the American Legion Centennial Celebration, etc. I would also like to increase our membership including the membership of the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. Finally, I would like to improve and update our Post Home.

We've already taken a step to support Legion Programs; our Post is the host for the Department of Maryland, Jr. Legion State All-Star Baseball Game on July 25th at Southern Maryland Blue Crabs Stadium in Waldorf, MD. Please show your support to our Legion youth by coming out to the ball game. More information is on our Facebook page and website.

What I outlined above sounds like a pretty tough "To Do" list, but I think it's achievable with your help. I'm not asking you to be at the Post Home every day or give up all your weekends to help, but I am asking that if you find something that interests you, whether it's a program or committee, please sign up or let me know if you can give a couple hours of your time to support us.

Below is a list of committees I am looking for good folks to get involved with:

- **AMERICANISM** - seeks to inspire love of country and good citizenship through patriotic observances, flag etiquette, civic instruction at schools, the Americanization of immigrants, community service, and youth activities such as Boys State, Boy Scouts, Oratorical Contest, school award medals, and American Legion Baseball.
- **CHILDREN & YOUTH** – charged with ensuring that any child of a veteran in need of care and protection shall receive proper and timely service and aid, strengthening the family unit, extending support to sound organizations and facilities that provide services for children and youth, and maintaining a well-rounded program that meets the needs of the young people in the community.
- **VETERANS AFFAIRS and REHABILITATION** – assists veterans in pursuing claims, understanding their rights, and obtaining their benefits. Committee members also visit comrades who are sick or disabled, and provide comfort to member's families in illness and bereavement.
- **NATIONAL SECURITY** – urges post members to assist in community emergency preparedness, and support local and national civilian defense projects.

- **MEMBERSHIP** – responsible for obtaining, retaining and increasing post membership – specifically, women veterans, Active Duty Military, renewals, and enrollment of new members, transfers and reinstatements.
- **MEDIA and COMMUNICATIONS** – elevates the awareness in the veteran’s community and the community at large of the Legion’s advocacy of veteran issues, national security, Americanism, and youth. The American Legion is defined in the public eye by the value for which it stands. The committee accomplishes this in two ways: placing radio and TV advertisements and public service announcements produced by the National Public Relations Division where they can be seen and heard, and developing relationships with editors and journalists in the post’s community so that they cover programs supported by the Legion’s four pillars.
- **LEGISLATIVE** – promotes the legion’s official mandates, disseminates monthly legislative updates, organizes and promotes proactive grassroots lobbying activities, and establishes and maintains liaison with elected officials and their staffs in compliance with Section 2, Article II of the Constitution of The American Legion, which forbids the dissemination of partisan principles and the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office.
- **FINANCE** – supervises the receiving, disbursement and accounting of all post funds, prepares annual budget recommendations, and advises the post on all financial policies.
- **HOUSE** – supervises the operation of the Post’s physical facilities, such as the clubroom, meeting room, etc. Responsibilities include administration, equipment, and the hiring and direction of employees, as authorized by the post executive committee and general rules applicable to the conduct of members while on the Post’s premises

If you want to participate in any of these programs, please contact me. This is our Post, and any new ideas are welcome. By working together we can improve our Post Home and help our veterans. The greater the participation and support from our members, the more we can offer to our veterans and our community! Don’t hesitate to volunteer, even if it is only a couple hours a month.

Financially the Post is doing well, and we look forward to continued success. Please remember, none of this is possible without the great support of our members, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion.

Once again, I want to thank Past Commander Purdy for his efforts over the last year. Under his leadership, we were able to remodel the restrooms in the Canteen, provide the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home a new sound system for their hall, give cash donations totaling \$45,000 to support local and national charities, award \$7,500 scholarships to three very deserving awardees, and sponsor three individuals to the American Legion Boy’s State.

I’m always willing to listen to ideas and concerns, please do not hesitate to seek me out and bend my ear. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you during my tenure as Post Commander. Thank you for letting me serve in this position. It is a privilege and an honor for me.

“For God & Country”

**Rick Nimmerrichter**

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# Membership Meeting Update

The general membership meeting for July has been cancelled. Regular membership meetings will resume on August 1 at 7 PM

## July 1

2:00 PM: Installation of the Legionnaire Officers

## July 5

6:30 PM : Post Commander, ALA President, & SAL Commander Meeting

7:00 PM : Post 237 Officers and Executive Committee Member Meeting

Please check the Bulletin Boards located in the Post, the Website ([www.alpost238.org](http://www.alpost238.org)) and Facebook (American Legion Post 238) for updates and events happening at the Post. We will publish a monthly flyer for events. The flyer is available in the Canteen, on the website and Facebook.



Friday Night Dinners and Sunday Breakfast (Third Sunday of the month) will continue throughout the summer. Beginning in July, our Post will also introduce a Kid Price for the dinners and breakfasts. Kids 12 & under eat for half price! We'll also offer a kids menu for Friday Night Dinners, featuring meals like fish sticks, chicken nuggets, hot dogs, and grilled cheese sandwich, with sides such as veggie of the day, french fries, or apple sauce. When available, we'll open the hall to family dining for those who would prefer their children not eat in the Canteen. So please, bring the family out and support the Post!

## A Note from the American Legion Auxiliary

Summer is almost here! Whereas our ladies will not be serving Friday Night Dinners in July and August, the legion will continue with the dinners. So please continue to come and enjoy.

This year the ALA has chosen to attend the Department Convention in Ocean City Maryland. There will be four delegates attending in hopes to update and bring more to our organization this year.

As your new ALA President, I thank you for the vote of confidence. The ALA will not hold meetings in July and August. One of my goals is hopefully to get current members as well as new members to attend our monthly meeting. So enjoy your summer, and I hope to see everyone at our September meeting which will be held the first Wednesday of the month.

**Debbie Edelen, President American Legion Auxiliary**

## The Chaplain's Corner

Hello Everyone,


Welcome to another edition of the Chaplain's Corner. With this edition, I start my 13th year as your Chaplain. Where has the time gone?

We lost one Legionnaire since the last Corner. Maurice I. Long, Sr., a longtime member and previous Commander and a Navy Veteran passed away on May 2, 2018. Please remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

We said goodbye to Commander Don Purdy after 5 years of service to the Post. All the best Don. We welcomed Rick Nimmerrichter as the new Commander. Please volunteer when you can, we need new helpers all the time for the Friday Food Nights, and breakfast, as well setting up and taking down the tables and chairs in the hall. Summer is here; watch out for motorcycles, especially me.

May the Lord bless you and keep you until the next time we meet.

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



# OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS

JULY 1, 2018 – JUN 30, 2019

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 238

<b>Commander</b>	Rick Nimmerrichter
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Bob Sheetz
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Gary Werth
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Richard Edelen
<b>Adjutant</b>	Paul Paradis
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Frank Nelms
<b>Service Officer</b>	Rick Feist
<b>Chaplain</b>	Joe Cross
<b>Historian</b>	Al Humphreys
<b>Judge Advocate</b>	Vacant
<b>SGT at Arms</b>	Steve Thomas
<b>Executive Committee</b>	Harold Gardiner, Carl Jameson, Al Humphreys

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

<b>Commander</b>	Wayne Christensen
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Bill Miller
<b>Adjutant</b>	Jim Bowie
<b>Sgt-At-Arms</b>	Mike Hancock
<b>Liaison</b>	Rick Nimmerrichter

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

<b>President</b>	Debbie Edelen
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice</b>	Becky Nelms
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice</b>	Irene Goldsmith
<b>Secretary</b>	Tacy Goldsmith
<b>Treasurer</b>	Patti Christensen
<b>Chaplain</b>	Vicki Howard
<b>Sgt-At- Arms</b>	Delores Cullison