

# THE FRONT LINE

DEDICATED TO KEEPING POST 238 MEMBERS INFORMED



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF 2019

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### July

- 7/4 Independence Day
- 7/27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (1953)
- 7/29 Anniversary of the Army Chaplain Corps

### August

- 8/4 Coast Guard Birthday
- 8/7 Purple Heart Day
- 8/8 VJ (Victory over Japan) Day (1945)
- 8/29 Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

### September

- 9/11 Patriot Day
- 9/18 Air Force Birthday
- 9/21 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 9/29 Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

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JUL-SEPT 2019



# MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Another Legion year has closed and now we begin Legion year 2020. Our Legion Family (Legion, SAL, ALA) achieved 100% membership renewal for Fiscal Year 2019. This is a great accomplishment, and my hope is to keep membership in the forefront for the coming year. I plan on continuing down the path we started last year, performing much needed maintenance on the Post Home and continue incremental improvements to the Post infrastructure. The Post is always in need of volunteers to keep our projects going or to start new ones. This year we are pushing for committees to perform many of our programs such as POW/MIA Day, Veterans Day, the Christmas Party, New Years Party, Super Bowl Party, St Patrick's Day Party, etc. If you are interested in putting together a committee for any of these events, please let the Second Vice know ASAP.

I would like to welcome the new officer class to the Post! Together we will move the Post forward. Finally, I felt I needed to put this out front; I will not run for another term as Post Commander. Last year was a very busy for me and I'm sure this year will be the same. I hope everyone has a great summer! I hope to see you around the Post.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Rick Nimmerrichter**  
Commander

## MEET THE POST OFFICER CLASS FY 2020

<b>Commander:</b>	Rick Nimmerrichter
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander:</b>	Bob Sheetz
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander:</b>	Richard Edelen
<b>Judge Advocate:</b>	Emile Peterson
<b>Finance Officer:</b>	Frank Nelms
<b>Chaplain:</b>	Steve Thomas
<b>Adjutant:</b>	Paul Paradis
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**We have officer vacancies for Historian and Sgt at Arms. If you are interested in becoming an officer in the Post and would like to fill one of the vacant positions please contact the Post Adjutant.**

# LEGION BASEBALL UPDATE



As you read this, the 2019 Legion baseball season is in full swing with over 800 games played in 7 weeks. Please make some time to take in a ball game and show these boys and their parents just how much you support them! American Legion Posts spend around \$160,000 total to put the program on throughout the state to support over 800 baseball players during the season. Hopefully some will go to college with a baseball scholarship.

Our post has 2 teams we support; a Senior Legion team and a Junior Legion team. Our teams use Thomas Stone High School as our home field. The team schedule is posted in the Canteen. Follow the teams on our new web site designed by Mel Edwards from Annapolis Post 7 at [www.mdlegionbaseball.org](http://www.mdlegionbaseball.org).

The Department Baseball Commissioner has asked our Post to manage the Jr Legion/Sandlot All-Star Program for a second year. This year's All-Star Games is going to be played at the Bowie Baysox Stadium on July 29, 2019. If you would like to support this program with a donation, please send the check to American Legion Post 238, ATTN: Jr Legion All-Star Program, 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville, MD 20637.

**Jul 19 – 21**

**Jr Legion State Tournament Mt Airy Post 191**

**Jul 29**

**Jr Legion/Sandlot All-Star Games Bowie Baysox Stadium**

**Jul 29 – Aug. 2**

**Sr Legion State Tournament Cumberland Fairgrounds**

## **Junior Legion & Sandlot Baseball All-Star Game**

JOIN US AT THE BAYSOX STADIUM @ 11AM

**\$5 ADMISSION**

**JULY 28**

Proceeds go to the Junior Legion All Star Program!

**COME SUPPORT OUR TEAMS  
& THEIR FAMILIES!**



**SCOUTS**  
**BSA**

**Did you know the Post sponsors  
TWO scouting units?  
WE DO!**

**Meet Boy Scout Troop 908 headed by Scoutmaster Mike Huber and Cub Scout Pack 900 headed by Pack Leader John Schloten!**

**If anyone has kids interested in scouting please contact one of these two leaders. The Post scouting COR is SAL member Dennis Heflin. Dennis has the responsibility to ensuring the Post interests are fulfilled by the scouts and to be the coordinator between the Post and the scouts.**

## CUB SCOUT PACK 900



The end of the Cub Scouting year has come. The Pack's final meeting was on June 10<sup>th</sup> and was the close of the year until August. All 19 Boys achieved their rank.

We had a very successful year thanks to our adult volunteers and the hard work of the Scouts. A big thanks goes out to American Legion Post 238 for letting us use the posts facilities. We hope that our relationship will continue to grow with the Legion. If there are any questions about our program or if someone would like to join Scouting, please feel free to contact me.

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## BOY SCOUT TROOP 908

Troop 908 was busy this last quarter. Our troop joined dozens of others at the Western Shores District Spring Camporee in April. Nearly 300 Scouts from across Southern Maryland came together to have some fun and to work on service projects at King's Landing Park in Huntingtown.

In May, the Troop camped during the Memorial Day weekend at the Jameson farm in Waldorf. Scouts worked on orienteering and compass skills despite the overnight thunderstorms. In June, the Saturday after school ended, the Troop kicked off their summer at Gilbert Run Park in Charlotte Hall. The boys learned about GPS and geocaching. Some of the boys worked on a few of their prerequisites for summer camp.

At our most recent Court of Honor on June 25<sup>th</sup>, four boys were promoted; one to Scout, two to Tenderfoot, and one to First Class. Looking forward, the Troop will be going to summer camp at Pipsico Scout Reservation in Spring Grove, VA July 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone interested in learning more about Boy Scout Troop 908 can contact Scoutmaster Mike by phone at (301) 752-9344 or by email at [michael.huber1@verizon.net](mailto:michael.huber1@verizon.net).



# P.O.W.★M.I.A. UPDATE

**Army Pvt. Edward M. Morrison:** He was a member of 1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. His unit was holding a defensive position north of P'yongt'aek, South Korea, when he was killed by small arms fire on July 6, 1950. Morrison was the first casualty of his company during its second engagement in the war. Interment services are pending.

**Army Cpl. William S. Smith:** He was a member of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, when he was reported missing in action after an enemy assault on his unit's position along the Naktong River, near Yongsan, South Korea. Interment services are pending.

**Army Master Sgt. James G. Cates:** He was a member of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 3, 1950, following combat actions against enemy forces in the vicinity of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Interment services are pending.

**Army Pfc. Hulett A. Thompson:** He was a member of the 2nd Battalion, 5307th Combat Unit (Provisional), also referred to as Task Force Galahad, or Merrill's Marauders, in the China-Burma-India region. On June 30, 1944, Thompson's unit fought in the siege of Myitkyina, Burma. He was reportedly killed in action and his remains could not be recovered. Interment services are pending.

**Navy Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Harold L. Dick:** He was stationed aboard the USS Colorado, which was moored approximately 3,200 yards from the shore of Tinian Island. Early in the morning, the USS Colorado came under attack by a concealed Japanese shore battery. From the attack, four crewmen were declared missing in action, and 39 personnel were killed, including Dick. Interment services are pending.

**Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. Charles G. Ruble:** He was a member of the 99th Troup Carrier Squadron, 441st Troup Carrier Group, serving as an aerial engineer aboard a C-47A aircraft. On Sept. 17, 1944, his aircraft was carrying a crew of five and transporting 10 paratroopers, approaching a drop-zone near Groesbeek, Netherlands. The plane was seen taking direct anti-aircraft fire to the wing. The paratroopers successfully exited the plane; however, only three crewmembers survived. The remaining two, including Ruble, could not be accounted for. Interment services are pending.

**Navy Signalman 3rd Class William J. Shanahan & Navy Seaman 1st Class Ralph H. Keil:** They were assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmembers, including Shanahan and Keil. Interment services are pending.





**VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED**

**EVERY FRIDAY @ 3:30 PM**  
**HELP POST 238 SERVE DINNER TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**WE NEED COMMITTEES TO ORGANIZE EVENTS!  
WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, SOME OF OUR EVENTS WILL BE CANCELLED.**

**OUR NEXT EVENT THAT NEEDS A COMMITTEE IS:  
POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY ON SEPT 21.**



**If you're interested in helping, please contact our  
Adjutant, Paul Paradis.**

**301-274-3522**





# NATIONAL DESERT STORM WAR MEMORIAL

The National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial is a new national monument that has been approved by Congress and President Trump (March 2017) to be built by 2021 on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act - Authorizes the National Desert Storm Memorial Association to establish a commemorative work on federal land in the District of Columbia to commemorate and honor those who, as members of the Armed Forces, served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield.

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