

# THE FRONT LINE

DEDICATED TO KEEPING POST 238 MEMBERS INFORMED



## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Legion year. As you might know, I am recovering from a stroke and currently in rehab. I am doing well and will be at the Post as my health permits. Thanks to everyone for their get well wishes.

The Post is proud to announce that we donated over \$44,000 to various charities. The donations represent a great deal of effort on the part of Post membership. I want to thank all the volunteers who keep this great post running, with a special shout out to Joe Goldsmith and Ricky Moore. We always need additional help from our members.

Upcoming special events include the following: BBQ Raffle which will feed 30 people, winning ticket to be drawn on July 4; all you can eat Brisket and Shrimp Feast on August 12, 1-4pm; a golf tournament will take place on September 28 (flyer to follow). We will serve Friday dinners, monthly breakfast, Monday Chicken Wing, and Thursday Pork Sandwiches throughout the summer. Join us for great food.

The hall women's rest room is being completely redone. To improve our advertising efforts a digital sign is now installed near the Post entrance.

I cannot say enough about the importance of volunteers. It takes more than 20 members to do dinners the monthly breakfast and building and grounds maintenance. To volunteer contact me, Mike Watson Joe Goldsmith or Ricky Moore.

To keep informed with Post's follow us on the Bulletin Boards and WEBSITE ([www.alpost238.org](http://www.alpost238.org)) and Facebook.

Your new 2023-2024 officers are as follows as voted on at the June 2023 meeting:

Commander	Don Purdy
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Steve Thomas
Adjutant	Paul Paradis
Finance Officer	Ricky Moore
Chaplin	Steve Thomas
Judge Advocate	Jim Caudill
Sgt-at-Arms	Bob Tankersley

Executive Committee Bill Hamilton, Al Humphreys and Hal Borodin

**"For God and Country"**  
Don Purdy

**JUL-SEPT 2023**

# Sons of the American Legion



June is the last Friday night dinner until September. The SAL will assist Post 238 with the floor remediation in the Canteen and Hall. Our first annual Sportsman's Bash was a success, and we truly appreciate everyone's assistance.

This quarters donations are being made to:

- Patuxent High School Jr. ROTC
- USA Patriots
- Fisher House
- Chief Warrant Officer Association of Baltimore
- ALA Post 238

**Jim Bowie**

Squadron Commander Post 238 Sons of the American Legion



## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238



The ALA held elections during our June 2023 meeting and all existing officer were voted in for another term. I announced that I would NOT be running for another term after June 2024, and the 2nd Vice also announced she would not be running again. If you are interested in the Presidency or 2nd Vice position, please let someone know!

Our Easter Party for the kids was April 2, 2023 and Lori O'Brien did an Outstanding job organizing and pulling off this event. We found our new Catering Chairperson, Judy Welsh, and our new Membership Chairperson, Jessica Wolford. Please provide your support to both in any endeavors we may undertake.

Our first known catering effort will be in October 2023. Membership dues start on July 1. Please pay your dues to Jessica or pay on-line. We voted at the May meeting to not do dinners during July and August. The Legion has decided to pick up those days when we would have fixed dinners. I am sure they would appreciate any help taking and delivering orders. They are great cooks; I doubt they want us in the kitchen.

We had the raffle for two Charter fishing trips on May 29th. We did well, but if a few more Auxiliary members had purchased a few tickets, we would have done great. Joe Goldsmith and Carol Summers were the winners of the trips.

Save the date ~ October 1, 2023 we are Hosting a Quarter Auction, Brenda Goldsmith is chairing this effort. We look forward to seeing you in the Canteen, in the Kitchen, at any of the dinners/lunches, and hopefully at our meetings. Enjoy the Summer, and our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6, 2023. As always, we continue to hope to see more volunteers and would really appreciate any help.

Thank you to all the ALA members who come out to help at all the various efforts. The ALA will continue to serve dinners starting in September, on the second Friday of each month. However, we will continue to serve the Firemen's Luncheon on the last Wednesday of every month throughout the summer.

In closing, I would ask that we keep 2 of our officers all in your prayers as are dealing with a few medical issues.

**Colleen Lynch**  
President ALA



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



**Frank E Gilger Jr., Carl Jameson, Edvins A. Kristapsons, Ray A. Lusk, Charles Marenka Jr., Robert B. McClain, Stewart L. Moreland, Andrew J. Rickert, James R. Ridgeway, Edward Roach, Thomas A. Ryder, Miyako Y. Tanabe, Jeffery E. Tollefsen, Kenneth Vilsack.**

A prayer for the departed legionaries of 2023:

Lord, truly when you walked the earth you were a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. We thank you that you are able to sympathize with our earthly tears, for you wept as well. Deal gently with us, O merciful Savior, for you understand the pain of losing another fellow friend, comrade, and Legionnaire. You learned obedience through suffering - may we do so as well. Comfort us, our Lord, and soothe our sorrow. Help us draw solace from knowing our departed ones are with you. Amen.

Finally, remember to pray for our Post Commander, Don Purdy, who is still recovering from a stroke. He progressing well and is in rehab.

**Stephen Thomas**  
Chaplain

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

## !!!Congratulation Post 238!!!!

According to the Department of Maryland Membership Report on 6/2/2023 our Post 238 is at **102.375% with 388 members**. I'd like to thank the Post membership for renewing their 2023 dues and reaching out to other candidates for new membership into our fine Post. We're successful because of our membership.

Because of your time and money, we're able to make sizable donations to our Committee and Legion projects. Be Proud of your Post! We are number one!

**2024 membership renewals are available now. Let's renew and be first, AGAIN!  
THOSE WHO RENEW EARLY GET AN INVITATION TO THE EARLY BIRD DINNER IN  
JANUARY!!**

**Stephen Thomas**  
First Vice Commander

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