

# THE FRONT LINE

DEDICATED TO KEEPING POST 238 MEMBERS INFORMED



## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Well, three months have gone by. Currently, we plan to replace the ceiling tiles in the kitchen and canteen. Also, with help from the members, we are going to begin cleaning out the sheds to get rid of mowers and other items that we no longer need.

We have about 30 members who help keep this Post up and running, but we need younger members to step up to learn the positions of the Post to keep it viable for the future. The Post has over 400 members and could use your help. Volunteers are needed for the Friday night dinners, the third Sunday breakfast, and other work around the Post. If you can help, it would remove the load of the few members who have been doing everything.

I am working with various contractors to maintain the Post, such as cleaning the AC Ducts. The outside of the Post needs pressure washing again, and if you think you can help, it would be appreciated. I can get the man lift for no charge. If you can volunteer to support upkeep of the Post in anyway, contact me or Mike Watson and we'll add you to the volunteer roster.

**There will be a MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL EARLY BIRD DINNER, details to follow.**

You can always track the latest events at the Post on our Facebook page and website. Thank you for attending Post events and meetings. The Post is stronger with you support.

**Don Purdy**  
Post 238 Commander

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### OCTOBER

10/5 Membership Meeting  
10/13 Navy Birthday  
10/19 Exec. Committee Meeting  
10/22 DJ Night from 6-10P  
10/29 Costume Dance  
10/30 Trunk or Treat

### NOVEMBER

11/2 Membership Meeting  
11/6 Daylight Saving Time Ends  
11/8 Election Day  
11/11 Veterans Day  
11/12 DJ Night from 6-10P  
11/16 Exec. Committee Meeting

### DECEMBER

12/7 Membership Meeting  
12/17 DJ Night from 6-10P  
12/21 Exec. Committee Meeting

**OCT-DEC 2022**

# Chaplain's Corner



"Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. - George Washington

Sick call - Paul Paradis, Bob Tankersley. Update both are now doing well.

Decease - Thomas Ryder Legion member for 44 years, reside in New York. Vietnam, USAF

Post 238 Chaplain  
**Stephen Thomas**

## Membership Renewal Update

At the end of our 2022 Calendar, our Legion Member Total is 426 members. We are now collecting dues for Legion Year 2023. Our Post is doing well in renewals for this Legion year. From the above total, with an additional 6 new members, 233members are paid for 2023. We have 193 outstanding. You can renew your membership online, mail, or drop it off at the Post. If neither of these work, call me at 301 758-2954 and I will assist you.

First Vice Commander  
**Stephen Thomas**



### SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Once again the Sons of the American Legion will be supporting the Halloween Trunk or Treat and the Christmas lottery tree will be returning by popular demand! We're considering adding BBQ to the menu for our Friday night dinner, and want to know if there is an interest for it. To all of our members please try to get your membership paid if possible by the end of the year.

**Jim Bowie**  
Squadron Commander



## American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238

Well ladies, we've finished the first quarter of our new year and already have 25% of our members that have paid their dues. If you haven't paid yours, please do that as soon as you can. We would like to have all dues paid by the end of the 2022, and get into the State of MD Auxiliary awards drawing for the 100% award!

During this next quarter, we have several things happening. In October ~ a Catering task (1<sup>st</sup>), our Dinner (BBQ Ribs) always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, Firefighters Luncheon (last Wednesday of each month), plus support the Legion for the Halloween Party in the canteen on the 29<sup>th</sup> and Trunk or Treat on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Then on the 31<sup>st</sup> at 6PM we will be doing the drawing for the winner of our raffle "Raking in the Cash".

In November we will be supporting the Legion with the Veteran's Day Celebration, which is the same day as our Dinner (Baked Ziti) and we will be supporting National ALA with their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Baby Shower for Active Military (E-6 and below) on the 12<sup>th</sup>. On the 20<sup>th</sup> we are hosting the ALA District 6 meeting and then the Firefighters Luncheon on the 24<sup>th</sup>. We will also be putting up the Legion's Christmas Trees, and creating our own TREE OF CHEER for another raffle ~ so bring in your bottles of booze.

Now to end the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of our new year for December we have another Catering Task on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Dinner on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully we get a volunteer to Chair a Children's Christmas Party on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We can always use volunteers at any of the efforts we are doing, so please step up and help.

Colleen Lynch  
ALA President

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### **JUST A REMINDER...We're Always Looking for Volunteers**

**Legion Year 2023 is from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. You must renew your membership by the end of December to be a member in good standing. If not renewed, you will not be eligible for reduced hall rental and other benefits of the Post.**

If you're new to the Post please remember we are always looking for volunteers! A limited number of our Veterans and members are taking on this burden totally. We need young volunteers to start helping so that they can take over from the existing older volunteers. We know you're out there because over 400 of you renew your membership every year, whether you are Legionnaire, Auxiliary or Sons. Some of your time each month will provide relief for our overworked staff and work wonders to keep the Post operating.

Thank You!