

# THE FRONT LINE

DEDICATED TO KEEPING POST 238 MEMBERS INFORMED



## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDER

Another exciting year is underway! We kicked it off with a successful crab feast, and we have more fundraisers on the horizon—keep an eye on Facebook, our signage, and our website for updates. Around the post, we've been hard at work: the canteen and hall floors have received a fresh waxing, our new sign is proudly displayed along Brandywine Rd, and our dedicated team is keeping the post grounds well-maintained by regularly cutting the grass.

It's been four months since my stroke, and I'm pleased to report that my recovery is progressing smoothly. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has kept me in their thoughts and prayers during this journey. I also want to extend my thanks to the dedicated men and women who have tirelessly maintained the post's operations while I've been on the mend.

**Don Purdy**  
Commander

**OCT-DEC 2023**



## Sons of the American Legion

First and foremost, we'd like to express our deep appreciation to the American Legion Auxiliary for their unwavering support of the SONS. A generous donation was contributed towards replacing our AL Post 238 sign, giving our post a fresh new look.

As Halloween approaches, we're gearing up for an exciting raffle featuring a Leaf Blower as the grand prize, so stay tuned for details. After a hiatus, we're thrilled to announce the return of our Friday night dinners. Keep an eye out for potential menu changes that will add a fresh twist to our dining experience.

Due to popular demand, our Christmas tree 'scratch off' raffle is set to make a triumphant comeback, bringing holiday cheer to our members and we're also proud to reaffirm our commitment to supporting the upcoming Trunk or Treat event.

Lastly, a reminder to all our members: please take a moment to check the status of your membership dues to ensure they are current. Your continued involvement and support are what keep our American Legion Post thriving. Thank you!

**Jim Bowie**  
SAL Commander



# American Legion Auxiliary Unit 238



Hopefully everyone had a wonderful summer. Since the ALA basically took off for the summer, relative to preparing dinners, it is now time to get back to helping to preparing and serving so we can have enough funds to support our veterans.

Please come out to support the ALA on **October 1<sup>st</sup>**. We are hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Auction. Not sure how to play? No problem ~ Join us and we will show you how, and you will have more than 75 chances to win! Donations of baskets or gift cards are needed.

Our Children's Christmas Party has been scheduled for **December 17<sup>th</sup>** ~ and again we will ask that reservations be made, so we can have a gift from Santa available (limited number of children under 12 years of age).

We will also be holding various raffles throughout the year, so watch your minutes for those announcements and stop by the canteen to buy a few once they are available.

Below is an events calendar for those events known at the time of this writing. Please note that the Friday night Dinners prepared by the Legion and SAL have not been included in this listing but will certainly occur. If you could possibly help at any of them, please show up, and we are sure someone will give you a task.

As always, I know I am sounding like a broken record, but we really do need volunteers to help at all our functions, so please take a few hours and help-out.

**Colleen Lynch**  
President ALA

Date	Event	Date	Event
10/1	ALA Quarter Auction		
10/4	Member's Meeting	11/16	Legion Breakfast
10/13	ALA Dinner	11/22	Firefighter's Luncheon
10/14	ALA Catering	11/23	Thanksgiving Dinner
10/15	Legion Breakfast	12/6	Member's Meeting
10/25	Firefighter's Luncheon	12/8	ALA Dinner
10/28	Legion Cash Bash	12/17	Legion Breakfast
10/29	Legion Trunk or Treat	12/17	ALA Kids' Christmas Party
11/1	Member's Meeting	12/23	Legion Adult Christmas Party
11/10	ALA Dinner	12/25	Christmas Dinner
11/11	Veteran's Day	12/27	Firefighter's Luncheon

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



As another flu season descends upon us, I urge you to prioritize your health and the well-being of those around you by receiving your flu shot. Taking this simple step can go a long way in safeguarding your health and that of our community.

I kindly request that you keep the following individuals in your thoughts and prayers for a swift and complete recovery: Commander Don Purdy and Post Adjutant Paul Paradis. Both Commander Purdy and Post Adjutant Paradis are showing steady signs of improvement every day, and your support through prayer is truly appreciated.

Additionally, let us extend our thoughts and prayers to Roy Hannah, who is facing breathing difficulties leading to fluid buildup, which in turn has affected his heart. While he remains stable, his recovery is gradual.

In times like these, our support and solidarity as a community are invaluable.

Your Chaplain  
Stephen Thomas

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We would like to remind you that membership **renewals for the year 2024 are now open**. Your **current** membership card is set to expire on December 31, 2023. The annual dues amount to \$35. You have several convenient options for renewing your membership:

1. **Mail-In:** You can send your dues by mail to the Post 238 address.
2. **In-Person:** Feel free to drop off your dues payment at Post 238.
3. **Online:** If you have access to a computer, you can pay your dues online using your credit card.

As of September 15, 2023, our renewal status stands at 224 paid memberships, and our goal is to reach 392 paid members. Currently, we are at 57.143% of our target. We are making good progress, and it's clear that we are halfway to our goal. We encourage you to renew your membership early, as this will help us achieve the distinction of being the first in District 6 to reach 100% renewal.

Your support is vital in maintaining the strength of our community, and we look forward to your continued membership.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Thomas  
1st Vice Commander



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