

American Legion Post 738 January, 2024 Newsletter

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Commander's Corner

Welcome to Cleveland weather. We knew it would eventually snow but not this much at one time. By next week, it will be in the 40's and raining.

Not much happening in January - a break from all the activities the last 3 months. Check the Upcoming events for fundraisers planned at the Post.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Needy Family fund. It was very much appreciated by the recipients. Thanks to the Color Guard for posting colors at the new Mayor of Fairview Park installation.

Stay safe and warm.

Jim Babitsky - Commander

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>>>> Upcoming Events <<<<



Valentine's Day Dinner Dance - February 10th
Karaoke with Cindi - February 17th
St. Patrick's Day Bash - March 16th
Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - March 23rd

2nd Vice Commander

Welcome to another New Year at Post 738. In case you didn't know, we are alive and well. I sure hope to see some new faces at the post this year. We work hard at putting these events together and we would greatly appreciate your support by attending one of our events.

On February 10th, we will be hosting our annual Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. Tickets are \$20.00. Cash bar. Music by Tim Whalen & Sundown. Reservations are a MUST. Only 120 tickets to be sold. Call the Post to reserve your tickets now. Doors open at 5:30.

March 16th will be the St. Patrick's Day Bash. Come celebrate the day with us. There will be Dinner, Dancing, Side Boards, and Basket Raffles. A full night of fun for a \$20.00 ticket. Cash bar. Reservations are a MUST. Doors open 5:30 pm.

To reserve your ticket for either of these events, please call the Post.

Just a side note, we continue to visit veterans in nursing homes. You are welcome to come along with us. It means so much to these guys. We are also visiting schools. Come to a meeting and see what your post is all about.

Cliff Krasnosky – 2nd Vice



Chaplain

Our brother Christopher McGee sadly lost his sister, who was in Hospice. Our prayers and sympathy to Chris over his loss.

Our member and brother Ernie Laird has suffered numerous medical setbacks going back and forth from the Renaissance Rehab Center to St. John West Shore Hospital. My sincere thanks to Ernie's brother-in-law for providing me with updates on Ernie. Ernie's brother-in-law has asked that before anyone goes to visit Ernie, to first check with him to see where he may be.

A sympathy card from our Post was sent to the Cleveland Police 5th District for veteran Police Officer Victor Claudio who died suddenly as the result of an on-duty medical emergency.

In closing, I again ask for prayers for our Post family members and their loved ones who are battling medical issues. Let's all remember those we have lost in 2023.

May God continue to bless our military members who honorably serve our country. Pray for peace as tensions continue to escalate and put our troops in harm's way.

Gary Schuld - Chaplain



Auxiliary

Our Ladies did a great job with the Children's Christmas party and kudos to Matt and Janet Lowry for posing as the Clauses for the event. As always, I'm so very proud of those of you who pitch in and help with all of the functions of our American Legion Post. Our new members and volunteers have stepped right up into The Sisterhood and are raring to go. We welcome them with open arms.

We are looking forward to the flag presentation at West Park Community School. Kudos to Mrs. Linns and the Veterans of American Legion Post 738 for your participation in the presentation.

Looking forward to all we will accomplish in 2024. Next up is breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Peace, love, health, and happiness be with you all always.

Cindi Johnson - President

Sons of the American Legion

The Army/Navy Game Watch Party was a success. A huge thank you to the Auxiliary for their tremendous help with the meal preparation and their support for this annual event. I think everyone had a great time even though the game was somewhat disappointing.

Our January 17th meeting failed to draw a quorum. As a result, we were unable to transact any business. It is critical that we meet to guide the Unit and to plan any events for the coming year. Our support of the American Legion and our Post is necessary for the health of the overall Legion Family. I am very much interested in your input as to how we can effectively manage the SAL. Would a different meeting day or time be helpful? Thoughts?

I would like to welcome our newest member: Alvin Starcher.

If you know anyone who is a male descendant of a Veteran, please consider asking them to join us. All are welcome.

Dennis Lowry - Commander





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VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE

Saturday – February 10, 2024 Tickets - \$20.00, Cash bar Doors open @ 5:30 pm Dinner @ 6:30 pm – Dance to follow dinner

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

Reservations <u>must</u> be made and paid for in advance by February 2, 2024.

Call the post at 440-356-2110, or Call Barb Whalen 216-351-6151

Listen to or dance to live music by Tim Whalen and Sundown

Side Boards, 50-50, Basket Raffle

Open to the public, all are welcome – singles and couples. Come and enjoy an evening of fine food, good music and the company of your friends and family of Post 738. Reservations or questions call 440-356-2110

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