



American Legion Post 738

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Commander's Corner

Thanks to the many members and volunteers who made the Memorial Day events a success including the Poppy Drive, parade, and cemetery services. The hard work is much appreciated. The weather was also cooperative. It was sunny and in the 70s.

The weekend started out with the final journey for Larry Lins led by the Riders to Holy Cross cemetery. The Marine Corps Detachment 650 served as the color guard along with the Post as honor guard and two representatives from the Army. Penny, Erin, and Jim were thankful for the support from everyone who attended.

Congrats to Katie Babitsky who was the recipient of the college scholarship. She will further her education at Miami University (Ohio) majoring in education. We wish her good luck and much success.

Officers will remain in place for the upcoming year following nominations and elections.

Several events will be coming up. Check the following articles for details.

Jim Babitsky - Commander

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>>>>> Upcoming Events <<<<<



Post 738 Legion Family Picnic - July 15th
Car Show - July 16th
Outside Dinner Dance / Concert - August 12th
Rain Date - August 19th

2nd Vice Commander

Hope this newsletter finds all our members in good health. Missed seeing you in the month of May with all the activities going on. Thanks to the handful of members who cleaned up the post inside and out for our Memorial Day Open House, sold poppies, decorated the cemetery, and participated in our Memorial Day program including the open house at the post following the parade. Without this handful of helpful members, we wouldn't have a post. Your help was greatly appreciated.

The Commander asked me to plan a post picnic for members of the post including the Sons, the Auxiliary, and the American Legion Riders. The date for this event will be Saturday, July 15th. See the flyer on the last page for more information. Please come and spend a few hours with your Legion Family.

The next planned event is the Outside Dinner Dance / Concert scheduled for Saturday, August 12th. The rain date for this event is the following Saturday, August 19th. Tables will be set out on the grass with the band on the parking lot. Burgers, dogs and fixins will be prepared and served out back. The band is Tim Whalen and Sundown but it is also an open mike night. If you sing or play an instrument, you're welcome to join in. Sideboards, 50-50, and baskets will be available. Please keep in mind this is a fundraiser. Due to years of Covid, our finances are low and we greatly appreciate your support. Invite your friends and reserve a table for eight. Come join the fun for a night under the stars. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets are \$15.00. Any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact me at the post at 440-356-2110.

Thank you. Hope to see you soon.

Cliff Krasnosky – 2nd Vice



Chaplain

Memorial Day 2023 was a humbling day for me as I was honored and privileged to give the Memorial Day speeches at both the Fairview Park City Hall Rotunda and the historical Fairview Park Cemetery. During the City Hall observance, Mayor Patrick J. Cooney escorted Gold Star Mother Mrs. Loretta Seidl to place a wreath in honor of her son and all from Fairview Park who gave their lives. After all those years, the grief of losing her son is still palpable. The entire day's observance, and all those who participated and came, is a true testament to what this day represents. I have since e-mailed Mayor Cooney and his administrator Kathleen Fayen to convey our sincere thanks for their efforts for the "WE DO CARE" Memorial Day program.

I have since completed sending out Thank You cards to all those who made donations to Post 738 in the memory of Larry Lins.

On another note, our Legion brother Ron Hulec had taken a fall and injured his eye and wrist. I called and spoke to Ron who stated his is on the road to recovery, as he is feeling much better and thankful he didn't injure himself more. Please keep Ron in your prayer.

At last Tuesday's regular meeting, the daughter of Post member and Korean War veteran George Harvanek, who has been absent for quite a long time, paid us a visit. She stated he is physically doing well and that she is now his full time caretaker.

Finally, I ask that we pray for our military men and women who continually and honorably serve. Also, please pray for our veterans who are in crisis.

Gary Schuld - Chaplain



Auxiliary

Hello everybody, summer is almost here and hopefully with warmer weather. Our Auxiliary rummage sale in May was a big success. I want to thank everyone who donated items to our sale. A great big Thank You to W. 150th St. McDonald's, Little Caesar's at W.138th and Lorain, and Becker's Donuts at 220th and Lorain for their donations. As always, I want to thank all our team members who helped with set-up, sales, and tear down. Without you, we could not have pulled this off.

Our next event is a car show. On Sunday July 16th, in conjunction with the Sons, we are presenting a classic car show at Post 421 (West 220th and Brookpark) from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. THANK YOU to Post 421 for the use of their facility. Any questions about the car show please contact Anna 216-482-4381 or Lynn 216-456-4636.

Have a safe summer.

Lynn Streidl - President

American Legion Riders

Hello, Everybody. Summer is finally here and riding season is in full swing. The past couple of weeks have been busy. Poker Runs at Posts 610 and 91 both had a great turnout. Dave Brown has been busy with his breakfast rides as well. We have also been attending the rolling bike nights on Wednesdays at other ALR posts.

Anyone is welcome to attend our Riders meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 P.M. to see what we are planning next.

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Jim Mankowski - Director



Sons of the American Legion

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Jim Streidl - Commander



** OUTSIDE EVENT **

FIRST ANNUAL POST 738 FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC



July 15th from 3:00 P.M. until ?

Adults only - Cash Bar

Bring your spouse!

Please bring an appetizer or side dish. The Post will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, and baked beans.

Let us know if you can attend and what you plan to bring (so we don't have lots of duplicates.) Each group has a sign up sheet so contact your Team Leader.

Maybe we can do a few songs around the campfire.

