



# American Legion Post 738

## September, 2023 Newsletter

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</b>	<b>John Flynn</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</b>	<b>Cliff Krasnosky</b>
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>Tim Whelan</b>
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<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Gary Schuld</b>
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<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	<b>Ray Nichols, Jr.</b>
<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Ron Hulec – Advisor, Tim Whelan, Cliff Krasnosky, Gary Schuld, Joe Beach, and Dave Frye</b>
<b>Executive Board Alternates</b>	<b>Dave Brown, Ray Nichols, Jr.</b>
<b>A. L. Riders Director</b>	<b>Dave Brown - Acting</b>
<b>Auxiliary President</b>	<b>Cindi Johnson</b>
<b>S. A. L. Commander</b>	<b>Dennis Lowry</b>

## Commander's Corner

Welcome to Fall. The leaves are starting to turn and fall and the days are getting shorter. Thanks to a hard working group of volunteers who spent several hours cleaning and organizing the kitchen, back room, and closet on a Friday in August. Additional shelving was built and it looks good.

Thanks to Dennis and Dolly Hoffman for organizing the POW/MIA ceremony. It's always a moving event to remember those still not home.

There are several events on the calendar: Auxiliary Quarter Auction, Halloween Party, and Veterans Day. See flyers for details. Please support the Post by attending these events.

Enjoy the good weather.

**Jim Babitsky - Commander**

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



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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Auxiliary Quarter Auction  | - October 15 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Karaoke with Cindi         | - October 21 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Post 738 Membership Drive  | - October 22 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Halloween Party            | - October 28 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Veteran's Day              | - November 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Annual Christmas Dance     | - December 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Pearl Harbor Service       | - December 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Army/Navy Game Watch Party | - December 9 <sup>th</sup>  |

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander

Hello, Post Family. We're at about 2/3rd of our membership renewals so far. We still have 15-20 more to go. If your card shows 2024 at the top, you're good to go. If it says 2023, you're due for renewal. You can renew by mail or online. We truly thank everyone that has renewed. Your support goes a long way.

As a reminder, our membership year follows National HQ. It runs from July 1 to June 30 every year. Hopefully, for those who have renewed, you won't get another notice to renew. Please disregard if you have your new 2024 card. It's all done by computer.

Thanks for your renewals. If you know someone who might be a possible member, have them contact me and I'll walk them through the application process.

Take care.

**John Flynn – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice**



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander

On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we honored our Commander, Jim Babitsky, and thanked him for his 20 years as our commander. I was disappointed that only a handful of our members attended this event, especially since we were honoring one of our own. I am thankful that the public continues to support our post. Come on members! It's your post - support it!

Please see the Upcoming Events section on Page 2 for the listing of upcoming events at the Post. I sure hope to see some of you in the near future.

Congratulations to Dennis Hoffman and Dick Kolofer who received their 50-year American Legion Membership certificates.

**Cliff Krasnosky – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice**

## Chaplain

Sadly, we have lost another member of our Post. Korean War Veteran George Havranek passed away in early September. George's surviving daughter said his wish is to be buried at the National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. This is the fourth member we have lost in 2023.

The Post has since received a thank you note from member Peter Turchan's family after his passing last month.

I ask for prayers for all our Legion Family members battling medical issues. I ask that we pray for our military men and women who honorably continue to serve our country and for our Veterans who are in crisis. May our Heavenly Father keep us all safe, happy, and healthy.

**Gary Schuld - Chaplain**



# American Legion Riders

As I write this, Jim Mankowski is preparing for hip replacement surgery. We wish him well as he recovers. As a result, Jim and deb will be stepping back from their leadership roles in the Riders. Dave Brown will be the acting Director in Jim's absence.

Our next planned event will be the Army/Navy Game Watch party on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be partnering with the SAL and Auxiliary on the event. Details will follow.

As the weather begins to change, please be careful out there.

**Dave Brown – Acting Director (Submitted by Lowry)**

## Sons of the American Legion

At our last meeting, Our Commander, Jim Streidl, and adjutant, Mike Towarnicky resigned for personal reasons. We wish them well and thank them for their contributions to the SAL and to Post 738. They will be sorely missed.

Dennis Lowry has assumed the role of SAL Commander. The role of Adjutant will be decided at our next meeting.

As with all of the groups in the Post 738 family, the SAL is looking for new members. All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, are eligible to join the Sons of the American Legion. Please come and see who we are and what we do and consider joining us. Our meeting is the third Wednesday of the month at 7 P.M.

**Dennis Lowry - Commander**



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# Government Shutdown and VA Services

As of now, it is unclear whether a shutdown would occur, but if it does - this is how it would affect VA's customers.



## SERVICES TO VETERANS NOT IMPACTED:

- Veteran **health care is not impacted**. VA Medical Centers, Outpatient Clinics, and Vet Centers will be open.
- VA **benefits will continue** to be processed and delivered, including compensation, pension, education, and housing benefits.
- **Burials will continue** at VA national cemeteries. Applications for headstones, markers, and burial benefits processing will continue.
- The Board of Veterans' Appeals will continue decisions on Veterans' cases.
- VA Contact Centers (1-800-MyVA411) and the Veterans Crisis Line (Dial 988, Press 1) are open 24/7.



## SERVICES TO VETERANS IMPACTED:

- VA will not provide Veteran career counseling or transition assistance program activities.
- The GI Bill Hotline will be closed.
- VA benefits regional offices will be closed.
- VA will cease public affairs and outreach to Veterans.
- VA will not permanently place headstones or maintain the grounds at VA national cemeteries.
- VA will not process applications for pre-need burials.
- VA will not print new presidential memorial certificates.

In the event of a prolonged shutdown, VA will continue to review and update its plan in conjunction with the applicable legal requirements and circumstances. Please visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/> or [www.VA.gov](http://www.VA.gov) for updated information.





***Come help raise money for our Veterans  
and our annual kids Christmas Party at  
our Quarter Auction.***

***Your support is appreciated.***

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER**



***October 15th, 2023, 1:00 p.m.***

***Where: American Legion Post 738***

***19311 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, Ohio***

***Phone: 440-356-2110***

***Tickets: \$5.00***

***Includes lunch (pasta, salad, garlic bread, dessert)***

***Also includes 1 paddle with number***

***Additional paddles \$3.00***

***All in fee \$20.00***

***(Be in every auction with no extra cost)***

***This will sell out fast – call and reserve your paddle.***

***Please call the Legion at 216-356-2110 or Barb at 216-351-6151***

***A “Quarter Auction” is a fast-paced auction where you can bid on over 80 items  
using quarters instead of larger sums of money.***

***All new items. Nothing over 4 quarters.***

***Take a chance to win some great items – nothing over 4 quarters***

***Door Prizes, 50/50 raffle, play Bingo for door prizes***





# AMERICAN LEGION POST 738 ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 28, 2023

Live music by Tim Whalen

Doors Open 5:30 pm – Band 7-10 pm

Tickets \$20.00, Cash Bar

Dinner, Raffles, 50/50, Sideboards

Costumes are optional, but we like it when you dress up.

Time to put another **SCARY** year behind us!

Take the evening and come play with us!

Only 100 tickets to be sold. This event is always a sellout.  
Call the Post early for reservations or let Cliff/Nancy know  
at 440-376-0650 (leave message) or  
Barb 216-351-6151/Cindi 440-221-9935

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