



# American Legion Post 738

## October, 2024 Newsletter

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<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	<b>Ray Nichols, Jr.</b>

<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Dave Brown, Moses Baker, Rob Blake, Ray Nichols, Jr., Dave Frye</b>
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<b>Executive Board Advisor</b>	<b>Cliff Krasnosky</b>
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<b>Executive Board Alternates</b>	<b>Gary Schuld, Dave Smith, Tim Whalen</b>
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<b>A. L. Riders Director</b>	<b>Dave Brown</b>
<b>Auxiliary President</b>	<b>Cindi Johnson</b>
<b>S. A. L. Commander</b>	<b>Dennis Lowry</b>

## Commander's Corner

It's hard to believe that there are only 2 months left in the year 2024. November 10<sup>th</sup> is the 249th birthday of the Marine Corps and November 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Veterans Day and dinner at the Post. December 7<sup>th</sup> is Pearl Harbor Day and we will honor those veterans at our memorial service. Check the upcoming events calendar for details and other events planned at the Post for the rest of the year. Please support the Post at these events as these fundraisers keep the Post open. Happy Halloween!

**Jim Babitsky - Commander**

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



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| October 26 <sup>th</sup>  | - Annual Halloween Party                        |
| November 11 <sup>th</sup> | - Veteran's Day Dinner                          |
| November 28 <sup>th</sup> | - Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans              |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup>  | - Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration<br>(7:45 A.M.) |
| December 7 <sup>th</sup>  | - Annual Country Christmas Dance<br>(Evening)   |
| December 14 <sup>th</sup> | - Army / Navy Game Watch Party                  |
| December 15 <sup>th</sup> | - Kid's Christmas Party                         |

## Chaplain

I am happy to report that I was able to attend the October Tuesday's regular and Executive Board meetings. It was great to see all the Post family again.

I want to thank Dave Brown who carried out my Chaplin duties in my absence. And, I sincerely thank all of you, who have reached out to me and offered their help. It meant a lot.

Our brother and Post Sergeant at Arms, Ray Nichols, Jr., had surgery on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the VA Hospital. Please keep Ray in your prayers, as well as those in our Post Family who are battling medical issues.

In closing, please keep our military men and women who honorably serve, our Post Family widows and widowers, and those who are in Assisted Living Facilities in your prayers.

**Gary Schuld - Chaplain**



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

Hello Post 738.

As of this writing, we are at approximately 56-60 members renewed for the year. We are grateful for your renewals, as always. We are receiving some transfer members in, as well. Welcome to our new additions. We hope we can become a permanent Legion home for you. I am hoping that this trend continues.

If you know someone who might be interested in any of the Legion Family here at the Post, please let us know. Just call me at 216-785-6713 and I'll take care of the rest.

Please continue to support the Post by attending one of our many events. It helps keep the lights on. Hope to see you up here soon.

Take care, and God bless everyone.

**John Flynn – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice**



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

I can't believe this year is almost over. Hope this finds everyone healthy. It's been a busy year with more to come in November and December.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Veteran's Day Dinner. All Veterans and their spouses are invited to dinner and a short program. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. Veterans are free. Guests are \$10.00. Please call the Post with your reservation.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** - Once again, the Post will again open it's doors to members or those who have no one to share a Thanksgiving dinner with. Doors open at 2:00 P.M. Please call the post if you plan on attending so we know how many birds we need to cook. If you know of someone who needs a place to go, please invite them.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - The annual Pearl Harbor Day remembrance ceremony starts at 7:45 A.M.

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - The annual Country Christmas Dinner Dance. This is an annual event to welcome in the holiday season. There will be dinner and live music. Tickets are \$20.00. Cash bar. Doors open at 5:30 P.M. Call the Post for tickets.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - Army / Navy Game watch party

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** - Kid's Christmas Party

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander (Continued)

Hope to see you at one of our events. Please support your Post. We work hard at keeping our Post doors open. Thanks to our Auxiliary for all the help they provide with these events.

A very special thank you to those who carry on Bob Carson's tradition of posting the colors at Fairview High School's home football games: John Fynn, Ray Nichols, Chris Magee, Dave Brown, and Howard Rickelman. Bob probably started this tradition 60 years ago. I am sure Bob is looking down with a smile.

P.S. We plan on having a lottery tree to raffle off at the Christmas Dance. If you could mail into the post a lottery ticket of any denomination or a cash donation it would be greatly appreciated. With these donations, we will purchase lottery tickets for the lottery tree. Last time I requested donations from our membership I didn't receive \$1.00. Please remember it's the holiday season and it's your Post. We work hard to keep it afloat.

Thanks in advance for your support. Hope to see you in the near future.

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



# Sons of the American Legion

Please plan to attend our next meeting which will be on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

Our meetings continue to have low attendance. I would encourage all members to attend our meetings and to participate in the Legion Family. There are many events coming up this year that I'm sure you would enjoy. We would enjoy seeing you and having you join us.

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

**Dennis Lowry - Commander**





# American Legion Riders

I attended a very nice ceremony to dedicate the **Lone Sailor** monument at Voinovich Park on East 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The statue was brought here through the efforts of the USS Cleveland Legacy Foundation. The USS Cleveland - LCS-31 will be commissioned here in Cleveland in 2025. There was a large turnout for the event, with two marching bands! I got there early enough to have a picture of me and **Lone Sailor**.



Dave Brown - Director





**AMERICAN LEGION POST 738  
ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY  
FUNDRAISER FOR YOUR LOCAL VETERANS**

**Saturday, October 26, 2024**

**Live music by Cleveland's own SWEETARTS**

**Doors Open 5:30 pm – Live Music 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!**

**Come act like a kid for a few hours.**

**Call for reservations early. Only 100 tickets to be sold.**

**This event is always a sellout.**

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**For tickets: Call the Post at 440-356-2110**

**Or let Cliff/Nancy know at 440-234-7819 (leave message)**

**Or call Cindi at 440-221-9935 (until Oct 4) or Ann at 216-702-9251**

**YOUR LOCAL VETERANS ARE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

