

# **American Legion Post 738 January, 2023 Newsletter**

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#### Commander's Corner

Happy New Year to all!. I hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays.

Our next event will be the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on February 11th. Hope to see everyone there!

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Valentine's Day Dance -

February 11<sup>th</sup>

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

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone has had a great holiday season. The Post Family has been busy since October with many different functions and fundraisers to help take care of our primary mission, that of, taking care of our fellow veterans. That's what we're all about. One of our primary missions at the Post is to visit local nursing homes with veterans as patients. You would be amazed how many veterans in these homes have no family or the family never visits. Sometimes we are the only ones who come to visit. We try to provide "Goody Bags" for them and service hats. I know one fellow won't be seen outside his room unless he has his Navy hat on. We're not the only ones that are proud of our service. Little things we do mean so much to them.

If you are getting the newsletter, keep an eye on our events and dinner dances. These things are how we can continue to make a difference in someone's life. We do the best we can within our budget. Covid has really hurt the bottom line so anything you can do to help is always appreciated.

Please come to an event, have a little fun, and help the cause. If you can't make it, please consider a donation to the Post. Big or small, it all helps.

Take care everyone and God Bless us all during the coming year!

P.S. Postage is going up again and apparently will at least twice a year hereafter according to the Postal Service. If you have an email or know someone who could get your newsletter to you via his or her email please inform the newsletter editor via email at **dmlowry706@hotmail.com**. Your email is strictly for internal use and is not given to anyone outside of the Post. We are currently mailing 40-50 newsletters to members. The postage costs really add up. You can also find important information on our web site: **americanlegionpost738.org**.

Thank You.



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

Our next event will be the Annual Valentine's Day Dance that will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and include dinner and live entertainment for the evening. Cash Bar. There will be contests, raffles, 50-50, and sideboards. Doors open at 5:30. Dinner at 6:30. Band starts at 7:00. Our brother *Tim Whalen and Friends* will once again be providing the music for this event. Call 440-356-2110 for reservations and tickets.

We really appreciate everyone's support in attending these events. They are an important fund raising event that helps keep our Post afloat.

We thank you in advance for your help.

## Chaplain

I would like to thank our Commander for hosting another wonderful Post Christmas Party on December 20, 2022. On that same note, I would like to thank the entire **Babitsky family**, including **Jinnie**, **Jenna**, and **Matt 2023. Lowry** for serving everyone that evening. The Babitsky family kindly gave the Ladies Auxiliary the night off, so they could enjoy the food, drink, and entertainment that evening.

With that said, I would also like to thank **Tim Whalen and his group Sundown** for the musical entertainment that night. The entire evening was thoroughly enjoyed by the Post 738 Family who attended.

We were also honored to have an active duty U.S. Marine, **Matt Lowry**, **Jr.**, who was home on leave from Okinawa. He is the son of **Matt Lowry** and the grandson of **Dennis Lowry** and **Commander Babitsky**.

It was great to see **Jinnie Babitsky**, **Nancy Krasnosky**, and **Susan Brown** who have all been dealing with medical issues.

Last Tuesday January 3, 2023, I talked to our brother **Ron Hulec** who remains in rehab at the Welsh Home in Rocky River. Ron was in good spirits and stated he has lost 20 plus pounds since being hospitalized. Ron sends his very best to all in the Post and that he misses everyone and looks forward to the day that he can return and join us all again.

I ask for prayers for **Ron Hulec's wife Joanne** and our brother **Jack Costello** who have both taken ill. Continued prayers for Ron Hulec in his rehab recovery.

I wish the entire Post 738 Family a safe, happy, and healthy 2023. Please keep our Veterans who are in crisis, in your prayers.

Heavenly Father please bless our military men and women who honorably continue to serve our country.



## **American Legion Riders**

Happy Holidays & Season Greetings from the American Legion Riders Post 738.

We are currently planning our schedule for this year. Please keep an eye on this space and the web site for scheduling information. More to come!

Keep your knees in the breeze!

## **Legion Auxiliary**

Hi Everyone! Hope you're staying nice and warm during these cold temperatures. Just remember spring and summer is just around the corner. We will be having a meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> to start planning events for the year. Once any events are decided upon, they will be posted on the Legion website. Auxiliary membership is always open. Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm at the Post. Thanks for your continued support. Auxiliary President Lynn Streidl.

## Sons of the American Legion

Hello 2023. Just a quick review of 2022. We have made some great strides in making the SAL a little more stable. We have had regular monthly meetings, increased our membership, elected officers, and had a few events to get ourselves a little more known in the community. We are not finished but we have made a good start. I want to encourage anyone reading this to think about joining one of our Legion Family branches. We welcome veterans or relatives of veterans. Thanks for your interest. Commander Jim Streidl.

