

# American Legion Post 738 March, 2023 Newsletter

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### **Commander's Corner**

Spring is almost here! I hope everyone is ready for the warmer weather.

Our next event will be the Karaoke Night with Cindi on March 18th.

We will also be celebrating Vietnam Veteran's Day on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see everyone there!

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



Karaoke with Cindi -Vietnam Veterans Day - March 18<sup>th</sup> March 29<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Karaoke is back!

Mark your calendars for March 18<sup>th</sup> for Karaoke by Cindi. The fun begins at 7:00 pm and will run until 10 P.M. Homemade chicken and dumplings with peach cobbler is on the menu. Hope to see you then. Even if you don't sing, come down, visit us, and enjoy the evening.

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is Vietnam Veterans Day. The Post would like to invite all Vietnam veterans, members, and non-members to an open house to celebrate that special day. Snacks will be provided by the Post. If you are a Vietnam veteran in or around our community, you {and a guest} are welcome to attend. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. Please call 440-356-2110 to reserve your seat if you are planning on attending. **WELCOME HOME!** 

I am in the process of putting a calendar of events together for this year. As the plans are finalized, I will advise you of our upcoming events. If you have any ideas or suggestions for future events, please feel free to contact me.



# Chaplain

As some of you may or may not know, our brother Ron Hulec came back home from the Welsh Home where he had undergone rehabilitation. Our brother Ray Nichols Jr. was kind enough to pick him up after he was discharged and to take him home to Joanne. Ron is feeling much better and is now once again able to attend our regular Post and Executive-Board meetings. Welcome back Ron!

The Post received a nice thank you note from Engine Company 22 of the Cleveland Fire Department. The Post had sent Engine Company 22 a Sympathy card expressing our prayers and sympathy over the loss of veteran Cleveland Firefighter Johnny Tetrick who was hit and killed while working at a motor vehicle accident scene.

It was great to see that the wives of Commander Babitsky, Cliff Krasnosky, and Dave Brown are doing well and were able to attend the Post Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance. Thank you to Jinnie Babitsky and all the others who helped in setting up the evening event.

The Post wants to thank St. Mark Catholic School in Cleveland's West Park Neighborhood for making the beautiful Thank You cards for veterans during Catholic Schools Week earlier this month. Children from Kindergarten through 5th grade wrote notes, drew, and colored pictures that captured all the branches of service. These cards were also shared and given to the Rocky River DAV Chapter and Cleveland VFW Post.

I wanted to make mention that February 12, 2023 marks the 50th Anniversary of the return of American POWs from the Vietnam War. The 591 POWs were the longest held group of POWs in our nation's history. As Vietnam Veterans Day nears, I wanted to share this web site with everyone:

### http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm

This sobering and amazing web site has everyone whose name is on the Vietnam Wall. It is so detailed that it shows every small city and town to include our city of Fairview Park.

In closing, I ask for prayers for the men and women that are honorably serving our country, and for those veterans who are in crisis. May our Heavenly Father bless us and keep us safe, happy, and healthy.

Please let me know if anyone is in need of a Get Well Card from our Post.



## **Computer Safety Tips**

You're browsing the web when a window pops up: Warning! Your computer may be infected! Or, the phone rings, telling you there's a problem with your computer and you need to take care of it right away. What do you do? NOTHING! Someone is trying to scam you. Don't worry. You don't have to be a computer expert to recognize a tech support scam.

#### How can you tell it's a scam?

- Reputable tech support companies will never make unsolicited phone calls to you or scan your computer without your permission. If you get one of these calls, hang up. Don't let them talk you into anything, especially sharing passwords, financial, or personal information.
- If your antivirus software really has detected a problem, it will never prompt you to call a phone number to get help.
- Your Windows or Office licenses do not expire if they are properly registered and activated with Microsoft.

Popup windows often imitate your computer's operating system and warn of danger if you try to close the window or shut down the computer. This is part of the scam. You can typically remove the popup by shutting down your browser or doing a hard restart of your computer. Whatever you do, don't click on the pop up, any buttons associated with it, or any links it displays. Doing so could download malware or a virus that could compromise your computer or allow remote access to the scammer.

#### By knowing these signs, you can protect yourself from tech support scams:

- Scammers **pretend** to be from a familiar organization. They may email attachments with official-looking logos, seals, signatures, or pictures. If you didn't contact them by using a published number, HANG UP!
- Scammers mention a **problem** or a prize. They are trying to get you to engage with them to get your personal information or credentials.
- Scammers **pressure** you to act immediately. They may threaten you with an imminent PC failure or loss of data.
- Scammers tell you to **pay** using a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire or money transfer, or by mailing cash. They may also tell you to transfer your money to a "safe" account. No reputable company operates in this way. Payment is always made by credit card or invoice.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me directly at dmlowry706@hotmail.com.

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