

American Legion Post 38
6685 Southmoor Dr.
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Visit our website at: www.legionpost38.org

2016-2017 Post Officers

Commander-	Mike Hall	Chaplain-	Richard Molina
Sr. Vice Commander-	Jon Polk	Historian-	Jiffy Appleman
Jr. Vice Commander-	Patrick Bedford	Sgt at Arms-	Thomas Zielinski
Adjutant-	Tesha Winters	3-Year Member-	Vacant
Finance Officer-	Carolyn Polk	2-Year Member-	Vacant
Service Officer-	Joy Bedford	1-Year Member-	Vacant
Judge Advocate-	Richard Winters		

2016-2017 Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President-	Sharon Fite
Vice President-	Tracey Zielinski
Secretary-	Sharon Carlos
Treasurer-	Vacant
Chaplain-	Chris Iverson
Historian-	Yo Bloom
Sgt at Arms-	Carmen Sizemore

2016-2017 House Committee Members

President-	Lonnie Sizemore
Secretary-	Joy Bedford
Treasurer-	Sharon Fite
Member-	Carmen Sizemore
Member-	Patrick Bedford

American Legion Post 38 Ballard Banner

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COMMANDERS CORNER

I would like to start off with a BIG THANK YOU to all the Officer's and the membership. We have had a very great 2016 membership year. Things are getting done around the post, helping veterans and being seen out in the community. As we move into 2017 lets all work together to make this another great and successful year. I know as a team we can accomplish this. We are half way through our 2017 membership year and we are looking good the Legion is at 94%, SAL 120% and Ladies Auxiliary 90%. I know if we all work together we can exceed the 100% mark. As we move into spring, we will be replacing the floors in the Post 38. Please come out and bring your friends. Take pride in your post, talk to folks about the American Legion and let's get them involved too. I would like to see our garden area in back planted this spring with fruits and vegetables. The Legion sign-up sheet for election's will go up in March 2017. If you are interested in becoming an officer, sign up and be part of the solution. We have a lot going on the next 4 months so check the calendar and show your support. Remember this is your post and we need your support. The key to our success is your support and your continued membership. **Please do not forget to read your House Rules that are posted in Canteen area.**

Mike Hall

Post Commander



FROM THE POST ADJUTANT

The holidays are over and now it is time to get back to business. As of January, we have 516 legionnaires and we are at 94% overall. Our goal is to hit 100%. I would like to request that each legionnaire reach out to your friends and family and talk to them about joining the American Legion. Share your stories of the accomplishments that you and your post have achieved. Share the history of the American Legion and what we stand for. Together we will educate and recruit new members. Membership is \$45.00. You can renew your membership online or drop by the Post. Remember that the monetary contributions from businesses in our community, and the dedication of our members is what allows us to continue to support or Veterans and their families. Thank you all for the many hours you provide and your continued commitment.

Tesha Winters

Post Adjutant

Join us Today
It will be your best move ever!



FROM THE DESK OF THE S.A.I COMMANDER

Happy New Year everyone hello to 2017!!!!!! I would like to start by saying thank you to our Legion family for your continued support to the SAL. What a year we have had! We had a visit from our National Commander and National Auxiliary President. What an honor for our Post. Our squadron is well over 120% membership for 2017 and we are the 3rd largest squadron in the state. That is an amazing thing. We must remember that we are one big family. A little bit of your time goes a long way, so your help is greatly appreciated by all of us. I look forward to seeing all of you this new year at our Friday steak night. We always have an awesome time. See you there!!

Tommy Patton
Commander



LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy New Year! I hope everyone's holiday was wonderful. In the past 4 months the ladies has been busy with the Children's Halloween party and the Children's Christmas Party. We visited the Union Printers Home to pass out stockings. The Veterans in our local homes are all too often forgotten. It truly warmed my heart to see the smiles on the Veterans faces at the Union Printers Home when we wished them a Merry Christmas and thanked them for their service. We delivered Christmas stockings to the ladies at the Florence Veterans Home. The Auxiliary hosted a ladies day for them. We invited all the ladies to join us at the Gooseberry Patch for lunch on us. There were 7 – 8 ladies that attended along with their chaperones. The Auxiliary collected, cleaned and donated over 100 Children's coats to the First United Methodist Church in Fountain. The church has a Children's Closet which is open every 1st and 3rd Saturday to children in need. Our donation was made just in time! They only had one coat in the closet prior to our donation. We would love to see more Auxiliary members participate. We couldn't do the things listed above without your help and support. Currently we have about 10 members who help and support most of our events. We will be asking for help, support and donations for the upcoming Children's Easter Party, which will be held on April 8th from 11:00am to 1:00pm (setup and clean up not included in this time frame). Auxiliary Elections are also coming up soon. We will post a signup sheet at the Post. Please consider running for an office! Thank you for your continued support of the Auxiliary,

Sharon Fite
President



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

The ALR is proud to announce the 2017 Run For The Wall Lunch stop will be in Fountain, CO at the Fire Department on HWY 85/87 on May 20, 2017. The National American Legion Legacy Ride will be passing through Colorado on its way to Reno, NV where the National Convention will be held in late August. The Legacy ride will be stopping in Pueblo, CO on August 12, 2017 for an overnight stop. They will be collecting donations along the way. Last year the Legacy Scholarship Fund received more than \$1.1 million to help with the education expenses for children of fallen service members and children of Veterans with more than 50% VA rated disabilities. For more information, please visit legion.org. The American Legion Riders will start hosting the 3rd Friday steak dinner for this next quarter. Please come out and support us and get a great steak dinner. Please look at the attached calendar, we have a bunch of events planned. Riding season is right around the corner and we are sure to be out on the road supporting the 4 pillars of The American Legion. If you would like to learn more about any upcoming events or functions, please visit our website at www.alrpost38colorado.org. We hope that you will come and support your Post and the exciting things that are planned this spring and summer!

Desire'e Guerra
ALR Communications Officer / PAO



AMERICAN LEGION POST 38 SERVICE OFFICER

Hello! What a busy quarter we had last year! This year it will be just as busy. We have a committee comprised of four people: Mark Kilstrom, Sharon Carlos, Roger Swann and myself. We are working on a grant to help Veterans in our area. When it is completed we will let everyone know and put it in the next quarterly newsletter. Please come out and join us at YOUR American Legion Post #38! We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00pm and would love for you to come out and see what is going on in your Legion. We have many other meetings that you are also invited to. Just check this newsletter as to dates and times. If you need any help/assistance, please contact one of the ladies at the bar. They have my phone number and I will talk with you to see what we have to offer!!

Joy Bedford

SERVICE OFFICER

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Hello Everyone,

I would like to say Thanks to all the boards and the membership for your support this past year. We have come a long way and a lot of work was accomplished. The front and side entrance door closures have been replaced. We have also been working on replacing numerous lightbulbs to all LED lighting throughout our Post home. We have replaced one roof top heating and A/C unit and repaired the other that was not working properly. We have recently replaced some silverware for the kitchen and bought some other items that was needed for our kitchen. Recently Ms. Linda and Commander Mike purchased 18 bar stools for the back bar as the ones there where getting to be unsafe for our members. We are still working with Home Depot and other contractors on the flooring issue (carpet replacement) We will continue to upgrade our Post as the money becomes available, again thank you to everyone for your support and please continue to do so this coming year.

Lonnie Sizemore

President / BINGO Manager



2017 Run For The Wall Shirts

Please email your size to robsay1@gmail.com

Cost is S-2XL \$25.00, 3XL-6XL \$30.00

ONLY BLACK LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS

American Legion Edward D. Ballard Post 38 Presents
Dean Noechel
for American Legion Department of Colorado
Jr. Vice Commander for 2017-2018

Our Past Post Commander Dean Noechel has announced his candidacy for the Department of Colorado Jr Vice Commander for 2017-2018. We are proud to support him for this position. Dean joined The American Legion Post 38 in March 2004 after he returned from Iraq from OIF I. Dean was an active duty soldier stationed at Ft Carson, CO. and served from 1999-2005 as a 15T Blackhawk Crewmember. In April 2004, he was elected in to the office of Senior Vice Commander for Post 38. He continued and was elected to Post Commander for the 1st time in April 2005 and served until August 2006. Dean moved back to Pennsylvania in August 2006 and continued his help with Veterans when he was elected as VFW Post 4843 Post Commander in Ford City, PA. Upon returning to Colorado in November 2009 Dean continued his service to Veterans at Post 38. Dean was elected as Post Commander again in 2012. In June 2013 Dean was the first American Legion Riders Post 38 President to be elected when the ALR switched to a Post program. Dean continued to offer his assistance to Veterans when he was elected as The American Legion District 7 Senior Vice Commander and served for 2 years. In May, 2015 he was elected as The American Legion District 7 Commander covering 3 counties and 15 Posts. During his year as District 7 Commander, he was awarded the National American Legion Race To The Top District Commander Category II award. This award is only given to one District Commander per category in the American Legion nationally. In June 2015 Dean was appointed as the State Chairman for the Colorado American Legion Riders by the 2015 Department Commander Tom Florez. Dean was selected to attend The National American Legion College (NALC) class of 2016 and graduated in October 2016. He is now a part of a select group of Legionnaires. I would like to ask the Post 38 Membership to support Dean in his future as a Department Jr Vice Commander and I am sure that he will continue to help aid and assist Veterans in the District 7 area and across the state of Colorado.

Mike Hall
Commander
American Legion Post 38



CANTEEN HAPPENINGS



- HAPPY HOUR SPECIALS
- COME CHECK OUT OUR NEW UPDATED PATIO AREA
- COME SEE OLD AND NEW FRIENDS AT THE POST
- NASCAR SPECIALS ON RACE DAY
- ENJOY A COLD BEVERAGE IN THE COVERED SMOKING AREA WITH AIR CONDITIONING, TV AND CABLE.



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DRINK SPECIALS ALL
DAY**

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	3PM – 8PM
WEDNESDAY	1PM – 8PM
THURSDAY	1PM – 8PM
FRIDAY	1PM – 9PM
SATURDAY	10AM – 9PM
SUNDAY	10AM – 8PM

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to everyone that got into the Paul Macholz Memorial football pool this year, we hope that you had a great time and will come and play again next year. The winners this year are 1st Place Lee Sublett, 2nd Place Rod Gray, 3rd Place Terry Bustos and 4th Place was a split between Delbert Silcott, Monte, and Darryl Nack. Congratulations to the winners. We will be having a Super Bowl Party at the Post on February 5, 2017 starting at 3:00pm, please bring a pot luck item to share with everyone. St Patrick's Day is around the corner come and have a green beer with us! Spring is coming soon and we will be ready for NASCAR! Come watch the race with us at the Post, we will have some specials. Linda and Cindy would like to thank you for a great 2016 and hope to see you all at the Post so that we can have a great 2017. If you have any questions about renting the back hall for weddings, graduations, baby showers or any other event please come and talk to me or call the Post at 719-392-9901.

Linda Fletcher

Canteen Manager

MEETING SCHEDULE

- HOUSE COMMITTEE
- LADIES AUXILIARY
- SONS OF THE LEGION
- AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP
- AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Third Thursday of Each Month at 6:00 PM
 Fourth Wednesday of Each Month at 6:00 PM
 Fourth Thursday of Each Month at 6:00 PM
 Fourth Thursday of Each Month at 7:00 PM
 First Sunday of Each Month at 9:00 AM



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2017

- 2/3 FRI SAL STEAK DINNER 5-7PM \$12
- 2/4 SAT DMS OPEN HOUSE 10AM-5PM
- 2/5 SUN ALR BREAKFAST 8AM \$6 / ALR MEETING 9AM
- 2/5 SUN SUPER BOWL POT LUCK PARTY 3PM
- 2/10 FRI LADIES AUX. LASAGNA DINNER \$10
- **2/16 THUR HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM**
- 2/17 FRI ALR STEAK DINNER 5-7PM \$12
- **2/22 WED LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 6:00PM**
- **2/23 THUR SAL MEETING 6PM / LEGION MEETING 7PM**
- 2/24 FRI H.C. OPEN FACE ROAST BEEF DINNER 5-7PM \$10

MARCH 2017

- 3/3 FRI SAL STEAK DINNER 5-7PM \$12
- 3/4 SAT ALR ANNUAL BIKER BALL 6PM POST 209
- 3/10 FRI LADIES AUX. MEAT LOAF DINNER 5-7PM \$10
- 3/12 SUN ALR BREAKFAST 8AM \$6 / ALR MEETING 9AM
- **3/16 THUR HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM**
- 3/17 FRI H.C. CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER \$6
- **3/22 WED LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 6PM**
- **3/23 THUR SAL MEETING 6PM / LEGION MEETING 7PM**
- 3/24 FRI ALR STEAK DINNER 5-7PM \$12
- 3/31 FRI RUN FOR THE WALL CHILI COOK OFF 5-7PM
ALL CHILI/CHILE ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED BY
4:45PM ENTRY FEE IS \$5 PER POT. ALL PROCEEDS
GO TO SUPPORT THE 2017 RFTW. \$5 PER PERSON
TO EAT.

ENTERTAINMENT EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

**THE BACK HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR RENT TO MEMBERS AND
NON- MEMBERS, CALL LINDA WITH QUESTIONS 719-392-9901**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2017

- 4/2 SUN ALR BREAKFAST 8AM \$6 / ALR MEETING 9AM
- 4/7 FRI SAL STEAK DINNER 5-7PM \$12.00
- 4/8 SAT CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY 11AM – 1PM
- 4/14 FRI LADIES AUX. GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNER \$12
- 4/16 SUN HAPPY EASTER POST OPEN 10AM – 3PM
- **4/20 THUR HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM**
- 4/21 FRI ALR STEAK DINNER 5-7PM \$12
- **4/26 WED LADIES AUXILIARY ELECTIONS 6PM**
- **4/27 THUR SAL ELECTIONS 6PM / LEGION ELECTIONS 7PM**
- 4/28 FRI H.C. BAKED CHICKEN DINNER 5-7PM \$9

MAY 2017

- 5/5 FRI SAL STEAK DINNER 5-7PM \$12
- 5/7 SUN ALR BREAKFAST 8AM \$6 / ALR MEETING 9AM
- 5/12 FRI LADIES AUX ENCHILADA DINNER 5-7PM \$9
- 5/14 SUN HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY POST OPEN 10 AM – 3PM
- **5/18 THUR HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM**
- 5/19 FRI ALR STEAK DINNER 5-7PM \$12
- 5/20 SAT 2017 RUN FOR THE WALL LUNCH STOP AT THE FOUNTIAN FIRE DEPARTMENT 1PM
- **5/24 WED LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING 6PM**
- **5/25 THUR SAL MEETING 6PM / LEGION MEETING 7PM**
- 5/26 FRI BAR MENU AVAILABLE ALL DAY
- 5/29 MON MEMORIAL DAY FLAG RASINING 8AM
FREE BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW THE CEREMONY

MENU AND AVAILABILITY SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH OUT NOTICE, PLEASE
CALL THE POST TO VERIFY THE MENU 719-392-9901