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Letter From Your Commander

This is the first newsletter from Post 38. We intend to release a monthly newsletter on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Our intention is to keep those of you without social media informed of the upcoming events here at the Post, as well as to disseminate information discussed at our monthly Veteran meetings.

I am the Commander of the Post, Ron Everhart. I spent 20 years in the US Marine Corps. I retired some 25 years ago. I have been a member of AmVets since 2013 and became a life member about four years ago. I have been Commander of Post 38 since July 2020.

This past year has been very trying for all of us. Back in March, due to Coronavirus we closed for two months at the direction of the State Governor. In May we were able to open again at half capacity. Since reopening we have been under strict guidelines. Due to this we haven't been able to offer our usual activities. Once the Governor guidelines are lifted and we can operate at full capacity, we will resume all our usual activities, including but not limited to our beloved Queen of Hearts night.

We strive to have the Post germ free for your protection and enjoyment. We want you to continue visiting our Post and to feel safe while doing so. We have come to a new year and hopefully things will get back to normal real soon. I look forward to seeing all of our members and guests real soon!

Ron Everhart
Commander Post 38

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Announcements

Due to COVID restrictions Queen of Hearts remains cancelled until further notice.

The shuffleboard team has decided to cancel all gatherings through the end of the year.

The Post ATM had been repaired.

NEW PRICING Miller Light Draft in now available for $1.50 all day every day!

Post hours have been extended. Hours of operation are now Sunday through Saturday Noon to 11:00 p.m. The kitchen is open and serving dine-in and carryout Monday through Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Post 38 Veteran Membership Roster

According to the Roster from National Headquarters we currently have 401 Veteran members. Of those members, 138 are Life members, 263 are annual members. We currently have 95 veteran members who have not yet renewed their dues for 2021.

You can renew your membership either online or in person. All of our bartenders are trained to assist you in your renewals.

When renewing your membership, consider a lifetime membership. All it takes to become a lifetime member is a one time payment of $250.00 as opposed to the $30.00 annual renewal fee. After 8 years with us your membership will have paid for itself.

If you have already renewed your annual membership for the 2021 year, but would rather become a lifetime member you don't have to wait until next year. Simply bring your current membership card to one of our bartenders and fill out the lifetime application. You will be credited the $30.00 you already paid and will only be asked for a payment of $220.00.

After three years, members who have not renew their membership will be dropped from the roster.

If you have any further questions regarding Post 38 Veteran membership please reach out to our First Vice Commander Joe Hutton via e-mail at 1stvice@amvetspost38wv.org.

*Due to our recent closure due to COVID, late fees on membership **renewals** are being waived through the end of January 2020!*

We Are Hiring!

Part Time Bartender/Server

This individual will serve as bartender / wait staff and provide some limited kitchen help on an as needed basis. Previous experience in a team environment and various cooking methods preferred.

Full Tome Line Cook/Prep Cook

This individual will prepare meals and follow established recipes. Duties include preparing ingredients, adhering to restaurant menus, following food and health safety procedures., cook, clean, assist other cooks and staff in a fast-paced environment. Work includes operating a grill, oven, and fryer.

Contact Senior Trustee Al Shawver or Facility Manager Tara Shirley at 304.274.1846

Try. Try Again.

Like many businesses, our Post has been heavily impacted by COVID 19. We were temporarily closed back in March through May when the virus first hit Berkley County. Since reopening we have seen a drastic drop in patronage due to social distancing and our upholding the capacity guidelines set by the Health Department. As a result we are actively seeking ways to lower costs and increase profitability in order to remain operational throughout and beyond this trying time.

For example. We discovered that our current supplier offered a different chicken tender brand for half the cost of what we had been buying. Having never purchased that brand before, we opted to try it out. After receiving, serving, and hearing your feedback on the new chicken tenders we admit that this new brand will not suffice and have reverted back to our original order. This was not our first and will not be our last debacle while we are trying new things. We value your input and ask you to bare with us during this time.

Saturday Breakfast Suspension

We understand that many of you are disappointed by the news that we have stopped serving Breakfast on Saturdays. When we began our Saturday breakfast service on 31 October 2020, we did so on a trial basis. We ran breakfast for the six consecutive Saturdays. While our initial turnout was promising, the numbers steadily decreased the following five weeks.

As a result our Executive Officers met and made the difficult decision to temporarily suspend our breakfast service. We fully intend to begin serving Saturday breakfast again starting in May 2021. The service will again be provided on a trial basis and member participation will determine whether or not the service will continue.



Post members volunteering at the First Energy Food Give Away hosted at Post 38 on 14 November 2020

Why a Newsletter?

Over these past few months we have been working to vamp our marketing for the Post and to improve communication with our members. Adjutant Ed Stracka has been working diligently to keep our Post website current and it is filled with wonderful information regarding Post projects and resources. We invite you to visit our website at www.amvetspost38wv.org.

Second Vice Commander Mikiko Hillyer has been managing our Post Facebook page, which is where you will find our daily specials, event schedules, announcements as well as a direct line of communication between the members and the Post Officers through the messaging app.

While we have made great strides in communication, it was brought to our attention at our last Veteran meeting that not everyone is aware we have a post Facebook page and/or people do not have access to Facebook. After receiving that feedback we have decided to attempt publishing an in house newsletter.

Our Veteran meetings are held the second Saturday of every month and we will publish a newsletter on the third Saturday of every month. We hope to use this newsletter as a way to relay information on topics discussed during our Veteran meetings, to announce upcoming events, share resources and opportunities as well as open a new channel of communication between the Officers and members.

If you have any questions regarding subjects mentioned in these articles or you have suggestions for what you would like to see in future newsletters please e-mail our Second Vice Commander Mikiko Hillyer at 2ndvice@amvetspost38wv.org.

Veteran Officers 2021

Post Commander—Ron Everhart

1st Vice Commander—Joe Hutton

2nd Vice Commander—Mikiko 'Miki' Hillyer

3rd Vice Commander—Terry Alger

Adjutant—Ed Stracka

Finance Officer—Donnie Hughes

Judge Advocate—William 'Gunny' Lotman

Senior Trustee—Al Shawver

Trustee—Bob Nicodemus

Trustee—Ken Bercaw

Provost Marshal—Dave Coconis

Important Dates

Officer nominations 10 April 2021.

Vote for Officers 8 May 2021.

Officers Sworn in 12 June 2021

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