

# AMERICAN LEGION



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## Floresville, TX Post 38 | April Newsletter

### AMERICANISM AT IT'S FINEST, JAM WITH US SUNDAYS, RECRUITMENT DRIVE



**CHUCK NORRIS**



Come visit every second Thursday from 7pm to 9pm at the American Legion Hall, and our Tailgates on the third Thursday of every month from 6:30pm to 8pm for fun activities and some good food.

American Legion Hall | 1412 4th Street, Floresville, TX 78114  
(830) 393-7929

Or check out our new website: <https://txlegion38.org/>

# BE THE ONE

# Chuck Norris: An American Legend, Air Force Veteran, and Lifelong Friend to Those Who Served

American Legion Post 38 pauses this April to remember and honor the life of one of America's most iconic veterans — **Chuck Norris**. Born Carlos Ray Norris on March 10, 1940, the martial arts master, actor, and staunch supporter of the military passed away in 2026 at age 86. His story is one of service, strength, and unwavering commitment to the men and women who wear the uniform.

Norris proudly served in the **U.S. Air Force** from 1958 to 1962. Stationed as an Air Policeman at Osan Air Base in South Korea, his time in uniform not only shaped his legendary discipline but also introduced him to martial arts — the foundation of his future career in Tang Soo Do and his creation of Chun Kuk Do. What began as military service became a lifetime of inspiring others through toughness, honor, and quiet patriotism.



Beyond the silver screen and his famous roles in *Walker, Texas Ranger*, Chuck Norris became a true champion for veterans. He traveled with the USO to Kuwait and Iraq in 2006, spending time with troops far from home, shaking hands, sharing stories, and boosting morale in the toughest conditions. He worked alongside the Department of Veterans Affairs and used his public platform to advocate for those who served, always emphasizing the sacrifices made by American service members and their families.

His personal connection to loss ran deep: his younger brother Wieland served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam and is memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Chuck carried that family legacy with dignity, never forgetting the cost of freedom.

At Post 38, we see in Chuck Norris the same values we live every day at our hall on 1412 4th Street in Floresville — service before self, loyalty to comrades, and love of country. Whether through his on-screen heroism or real-world support for troops, he reminded us that true strength comes from standing up for what is right.

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As we gather for our April tailgates, meetings, and guitar jams, let us remember Chuck Norris with gratitude. He was more than a celebrity; he was one of us — a veteran who never stopped serving.

**Rest in peace, Chuck. You will be missed, but your legacy of toughness, patriotism, and veteran advocacy lives on in every Legion hall across Texas and the nation.**



**CHUCK NORRIS**

*American Legion Post 38, Floresville, TX – Honoring All Who Served*

# Music Builds Camaraderie: April Guitar Jam Sessions at American Legion Post 38

April is a month of renewal and fellowship at American Legion Post 38, and our popular Guitar Jam Sessions are the perfect way for veterans and the community to come together through the healing power of music.

Hosted right here at our hall (1412 4th Street, Floresville, TX), the jam sessions continue every Sunday in April from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following dates:

These relaxed, welcoming sessions are open to Guitars for Vets program graduates, current students, Post 38 members, and anyone in Wilson County who loves music. All skill levels are welcome — whether you're a beginner strumming your first chords or an experienced player, there's a place for you. Just bring your own guitar (BYOG), your voice, and a positive attitude.

Veterans participating in Guitars for Vets group jam sessions, building community and healing through music.

The sessions are part of our ongoing partnership with the Guitars for Vets program, which provides free guitars and music instruction to veterans as a form of therapy and camaraderie. Music has proven healing benefits for veterans dealing with the invisible wounds of service, and these Sunday jams turn learning into joyful community connection.

Veterans gathering for music and fellowship at American Legion halls, including scenes similar to our welcoming space at Post 38 in Floresville.


At Post 38, we know that fellowship is at the heart of what we do. Whether you served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, these jam sessions offer a chance to share stories, laugh, and make new friends in a patriotic setting. Families and non-veterans are also encouraged to attend and support our local veterans.

No performance pressure — just good music, great company, and the spirit of American Legion camaraderie.

Mark your calendars and join us this April! Doors open at 11:00 a.m. For more information, call Post 38 at (830) 393-7929 or check our Facebook page at "American Legion, Post 38, Floresville, Texas."

Come strum a few chords, honor your service, and help keep the music — and the mission — alive at Post 38.

American Legion Post 38, Floresville, TX –  
Where Veterans Gather, Serve, and Heal Together



## Guitars for Vets



Post 38 has stepped up to host a local 'Guitars for Vets' program, currently held on Sunday mornings. As a G4V grad, Post 38 member and now a satellite guitar instructor attached to the San Antonio Chapter, Alesa Arnett brings in-person lessons closer to home for Veterans residing in Wilson County.

Available in Floresville:

- 'Unplugged' - The traditional G4V program: For Veterans that do not own a guitar. After completing 10 one-hour weekly lessons, G4V awards the graduate with a guitar and accessories during a graduation ceremony. The waitlist can be up to and exceeding a year.
- 'Strings Now' program - Established for Veterans who already own guitars and just desire lessons, this program's waitlist is much shorter. Veterans also agree to forego the gift of a guitar upon graduation.

If you are a Veteran seeking more information, please visit the G4V Website. If you're a Veteran ready to learn and wish to enroll into the G4V program at our Floresville location, please send emails to both:  
Alesa Arnett @ [alesa.arnett@guitarsforvets.org](mailto:alesa.arnett@guitarsforvets.org)  
Rick Chavez @ [tx.sanantonio@guitarsforvets.org](mailto:tx.sanantonio@guitarsforvets.org)

G4V is made possible through the generosity of donors. Please consider donating to allow us to bring the healing power of music into our Veterans' lives. To help decrease our waitlist for the Traditional program, new or very gently used acoustic Guitars are also in demand. Reach out to Rick Chavez or Alesa Arnett.



# Recruitment Drive: Floresville Home and Garden Show

## Helping Local Veterans Build Community

American Legion Post 38, the US Military Veteran 501(c)(19) non-profit organization based in Floresville, Texas, made a strong showing at the South Texas Home & Garden Show on Saturday, March 21, 2026. The popular event, held at the Lauro G. Deleon Floresville Event Center and presented by the Wilson County News, drew hundreds of local residents for vendor booths, workshops, live demonstrations, and community exhibits.

Our dedicated team of Legion and Auxiliary volunteers staffed the recruitment table all day, sharing information about veteran services, community programs, and the many benefits of membership. The results were outstanding: **two new members joined The American Legion** and **eight new members signed up for the American Legion Auxiliary!**



The American Legion Auxiliary is the vital partner that multiplies everything Post 38 is able to accomplish. Under the motto “Service Not Self,” Auxiliary members support the Legion through hands-on programs including the iconic Poppy Program (which raises funds for disabled and hospitalized veterans), youth patriotism initiatives such as Girls State, volunteer work at VA hospitals, care packages for deployed service members, community service projects, and strong advocacy for veterans’ rights and benefits. Their tireless efforts allow the Legion to focus on our core mission while the Auxiliary handles critical support that directly benefits veterans, their families, and the entire Floresville community.

**Eligibility Requirements For The American Legion:** Membership is open to any man or woman who served at least one day on federal active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marine during WWII) from December 7, 1941, to the present and received an honorable discharge (or is still serving honorably).

**For The American Legion Auxiliary:** Membership includes grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses (including male spouses), and direct or adopted female descendants of current or eligible American Legion members or qualifying veterans. Women who are eligible for The American Legion in their own right may also join the Auxiliary.

If you or someone you know meets the eligibility criteria and would like to join this proud tradition of service, stop by American Legion Post 38 at 1412 4th Street in Floresville or visit our website at <https://txlegion38.org/>. Membership dues help fund local programs, and the friendships you’ll make will last a lifetime.

We extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who visited our table and to the organizers of the South Texas Home & Garden Show for providing such a wonderful community platform. We look forward to seeing our ten new members at upcoming Post 38 events!



# THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Initial Last Date of Birth

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP

Male  Female

Membership ID# former member Post # Phone # Email Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada      | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam              | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Force             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea                | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts      |   |

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check www.legion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at www.legion.org.

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## DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Received From

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

\_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter's Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Recruiter's Phone #



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



### APPLICANT INFORMATION

### ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # and Location (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
/ / \_\_\_\_\_  Birth to 17  18 and over  
Date of Birth (Required)

Have you been a member previously?  Yes  No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ ALA ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance.

Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. Membership pending approval of application.

Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name) \_\_\_\_\_

If Living: American Legion Member ID # (Required) Post # City State

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

#### Veteran Served:

WWII (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada | <input type="checkbox"/> WWII            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panama               | <input type="checkbox"/> Korea           |  |

#### Applicant's Relationship to the Veteran:

- |                                      |  |                                 |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Female Spouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grandmother | <input type="checkbox"/> Sister        | <input type="checkbox"/> Self   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daughter    | <input type="checkbox"/> Granddaughter |                                 |

#### To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>   |  | <a href="#">April 5, 2026</a>  |
| 10:00 - 11:00   | ● Guitars for Vets                     |                                |
| 11:00 - 12:00   | ● Lets Jam                             |                                |
| 16:00 - 17:00   | ● Scout Meeting                        |                                |
| <b>Monday</b>   |  | <a href="#">April 6, 2026</a>  |
| 19:00 - 21:00   | ● Executive Meeting                    |                                |
| <b>Thursday</b> |  | <a href="#">April 9, 2026</a>  |
| 19:00 - 21:00   | ● General Membership Meeting Post 38   |                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>   |  | <a href="#">April 12, 2026</a> |
| 10:00 - 11:00   | ● Guitars for Vets                     |                                |
| 11:00 - 12:00   | ● Lets Jam                             |                                |
| 16:00 - 17:00   | ● Scout Meeting                        |                                |
| <b>Thursday</b> |  | <a href="#">April 16, 2026</a> |
| 18:30 - 20:00   | ● Veteran's Tailgate                   |                                |
| <b>Saturday</b> |  | <a href="#">April 18, 2026</a> |
| 17:00 - 18:00   | ● Wilson County Historical Society Day |                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>   |  | <a href="#">April 19, 2026</a> |
| 10:00 - 11:00   | ● Guitars for Vets                     |                                |
| 11:00 - 12:00   | ● Lets Jam                             |                                |
| 16:00 - 17:00   | ● Scout Meeting                        |                                |
| <b>Saturday</b> |  | <a href="#">April 25, 2026</a> |
| all day         | ● District 14 Conference               |                                |
| 10:00 - 16:00   | ● Veteran Skeet Shoot Therapy          |                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>   |  | <a href="#">April 26, 2026</a> |
| 10:00 - 11:00   | ● Guitars for Vets                     |                                |
| 11:00 - 12:00   | ● Lets Jam                             |                                |
| 16:00 - 17:00   | ● Scout Meeting                        |                                |