

# AMERICAN LEGION



February 2026/ Volume 1, Issue 2

## Floresville, TX Post 38 | February Newsletter



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/>

# Honoring Our Unsung Heroes: Veteran Spouses

As February unfolds with its promise of love and affection, Valentine's Day serves as a perfect reminder to celebrate not just romantic partners, but the steadfast companions who stand by our veterans through thick and thin. At The American Legion Post 38 we dedicate this month's newsletter to recognizing the incredible sacrifices and resilience of veteran spouses. These remarkable individuals embody the spirit of unwavering support, often navigating the unique challenges of military life with grace and strength.

Military spouses are the backbone of our service members' lives, enduring a journey that demands extraordinary adaptability and fortitude. Imagine the emotional toll of frequent deployments, where loved ones are separated for months or even years, leaving spouses to manage households, raise children, and maintain stability single-handedly. Relocations every few years disrupt careers, social networks, and children's education, forcing spouses to rebuild their lives time and again in unfamiliar places. The constant uncertainty—worrying about safety during missions, coping with the aftermath of injuries or PTSD, and adjusting to post-service transitions—tests their resolve in ways civilians can scarcely comprehend. Yet, through it all, veteran spouses provide emotional anchors, offering love, encouragement, and a sense of normalcy amid the chaos. Their role is pivotal in military spousal support systems, where they often become advocates, caregivers, and pillars for entire families.



This Valentine's Day, let's channel the holiday's theme of love into meaningful expressions of gratitude for these heroes behind the heroes. Appreciation doesn't have to be grand; it's the heartfelt gestures that resonate most. Start with a simple, sincere note or card detailing specific ways their support has made a difference—perhaps acknowledging how they held the fort during a deployment or helped navigate VA benefits. Plan a quiet evening at home with their favorite meal, free from distractions, to reconnect and share stories. For those who enjoy experiences, consider a couples' retreat or workshop focused on military family wellness, many of which are offered through organizations like ours at The American Legion.

Practical acts of service can speak volumes too. Take over household chores for a day to give them a well-deserved break, or surprise them with a spa voucher or hobby-related gift that encourages self-care—something military spouses often put on the back burner. If your spouse has put their career on hold due to military moves, support their professional growth by helping with resume updates or networking opportunities. And don't forget community involvement: Join local veteran support groups or events hosted by The American Legion Post 38, where spouses can connect with others who understand their experiences. These networks foster a sense of belonging and provide resources like counseling, financial aid, and social activities tailored to military families.

In the words of many veterans we've served, "My spouse's love got me through the toughest times." This February, let's make sure they feel that love returned tenfold. Whether through words, actions, or shared moments, expressing appreciation strengthens the bonds that have weathered military life's storms. At The American Legion Post 38 in Floresville, TX, we're committed to supporting veterans and their spouses every step of the way. For more ways to get involved or access resources, head to <https://txlegion38.org/>. Happy Valentine's Day—may it be filled with love, gratitude, and renewed appreciation for those who serve alongside our heroes.

# Celebrating 85 Years of Unwavering Support: The History of the USO on Its Birthday



As we enter February, the American Legion Post 38, takes a moment to honor the United Service Organizations (USO) on its 85th birthday. Founded on February 4th in 1941, the USO has been a beacon of morale and comfort for U.S. military personnel and their loved ones through wars, peacetime, and everything in between. We at The American Legion recognize the USO's vital role in supporting our veterans, much like our own programs that foster community and assistance.

The story of the USO begins in the shadow of World War II. In 1940, with America mobilizing its forces and the world on the brink of global conflict, President Franklin D. Roosevelt sought a way to boost the spirits of servicemen and women. He called upon six established civilian organizations—the Salvation Army, YMCA, YWCA, National Catholic Community Service, National Travelers Aid Association, and National Jewish Welfare Board—to unite under one banner. On February 4, 1941, the USO was officially incorporated in New York as a private, nonprofit entity, not a government agency, relying on donations and volunteers to fulfill its mission of providing recreation, entertainment, and a "home away from home" for troops.



As the U.S. entered World War II later that year, the USO expanded rapidly. By 1944, it operated over 3,000 recreational clubs worldwide, from converted barns and churches to storefronts and railroad cars. These centers offered everything from dances and movies to quiet spaces for writing letters or seeking counsel. More than 1 million civilian volunteers stepped up, handling millions of service requests, including traveler's aid and family support. Iconic USO Camp Shows brought celebrities like Bob Hope and Marlene Dietrich to entertain troops in remote locations, lifting spirits amid the hardships of war.



With the end of WWII in 1945, the USO's role seemed complete, and it disbanded in 1947. However, the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950 prompted its revival, and it has remained active ever since. During the Vietnam War, the USO grew even larger, adapting to new challenges by providing services in conflict zones and at home. Today, it continues to support active-duty members, veterans, and families through programs like mobile canteens, care packages, and transition assistance, operating in over 200 locations worldwide.

The USO's enduring impact resonates deeply with organizations like The American Legion, where we share a commitment to honoring those who serve. From its humble beginnings to its modern-day initiatives, the USO has touched countless lives, reminding us that support for our military extends beyond the battlefield. On this 85th anniversary, let's reflect on its history and renew our gratitude for the volunteers and donors who make it possible.

At The American Legion Post 38 in Floresville, TX, we're inspired by the USO's model as we provide our own veteran support services. Join us in celebrating this milestone—visit <https://txlegion38.org/> to learn more about our events, resources, and ways to get involved in supporting our heroes. Happy Birthday, USO—here's to many more years of service!



<b>Sunday</b>		<b><a href="#">February 8, 2026</a></b>
10:00 - 11:00	● Guitars for Vets	
11:00 - 12:00	● Lets Jam	
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b><a href="#">February 12, 2026</a></b>
19:00 - 21:00	● General Membership Meeting Post 38	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b><a href="#">February 15, 2026</a></b>
10:00 - 11:00	● Guitars for Vets	
11:00 - 12:00	● Lets Jam	
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b><a href="#">February 19, 2026</a></b>
18:30 - 20:00	● Veteran's Tailgate	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b><a href="#">February 22, 2026</a></b>
10:00 - 11:00	● Guitars for Vets	
11:00 - 12:00	● Lets Jam	
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b><a href="#">March 1, 2026</a></b>
10:00 - 11:00	● Guitars for Vets	
11:00 - 12:00	● Lets Jam	
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<b>Friday</b>		<b><a href="#">March 6, 2026</a></b>
18:00 - 19:00	● American Legion Riders SCTX Legacy Run 2026 - Early Check In	
<b>Saturday</b>		<b><a href="#">March 7, 2026</a></b>
08:00 - 09:00	● American Legion Riders SCTX Legacy Run 2026 - Check In	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b><a href="#">March 8, 2026</a></b>
10:00 - 11:00	● Guitars for Vets	
11:00 - 12:00	● Lets Jam	
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b><a href="#">March 12, 2026</a></b>
19:00 - 21:00	● General Membership Meeting Post 38	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b><a href="#">March 15, 2026</a></b>
10:00 - 11:00	● Guitars for Vets	
11:00 - 12:00	● Lets Jam	
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b><a href="#">March 19, 2026</a></b>
18:30 - 20:00	● Veteran's Tailgate	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b><a href="#">March 22, 2026</a></b>
10:00 - 11:00	● Guitars for Vets	
11:00 - 12:00	● Lets Jam	
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b><a href="#">March 29, 2026</a></b>
10:00 - 11:00	● Guitars for Vets	
11:00 - 12:00	● Lets Jam	
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	