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Floresville, TX Post 38 | June Newsletter

Flag Day, Father's Day, Tailgate Meetings and the Battle of Midway.



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.

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Post 38 Honors the Symbol of Our Nation – June 14, 2026

American Legion Post 38 in Floresville, Texas, upholds its long-standing tradition of patriotic service with a meaningful Flag Day observance on **Sunday, June 14, 2026**. In close partnership with Boy Scout Troop 114, the Post will host a dignified flag retirement ceremony starting at 9 a.m. at the American Legion Hall located at 1412 Fourth Street. Local residents and veterans are strongly encouraged to bring any worn, torn, or damaged American and Texas flags so they can receive a final, respectful retirement in full accordance with the U.S. Flag Code.

Flag Day marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. For over a century, The American Legion has been at the forefront of promoting proper flag etiquette, education, and respectful disposal practices. This ensures that our nation's most revered symbol is treated with the dignity it has earned through decades of representing freedom, sacrifice, and unity across battlefields and home fronts alike. Post 38 maintains a convenient year-round red, white, and blue collection box right at the Hall entrance, making it easy for community members to properly retire flags at any time.

This year's ceremony carries added historical weight as it coincides with the **U.S. Army's 250th birthday**. The Army, America's oldest military branch, was officially established on June 14, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the creation of the Continental Army to fight for independence. Post 38 members who proudly served in the Army, along with the broader Legion family and community supporters, will mark this milestone with appropriate recognition, including cake and shared stories of service following the retirement ceremony.



These observances perfectly capture the enduring mission of American Legion Post 38: to honor all who have served, to educate and engage the Floresville and Wilson County community, and to preserve vital patriotic traditions for future generations. The flag retirement itself is a solemn, ceremonial process — often involving a dignified burning or other respectful method of destruction — that pays final tribute to flags that have flown proudly over homes, schools, and public buildings while defending the ideals of liberty.

Through our active sponsorship of scouting programs like Scout Troop 114, Post 38 also ensures that young people learn these important lessons of respect, history, and service firsthand. Whether you are a longtime veteran, a family member of someone who served, or simply a proud American, we invite you to reflect on the deep significance of these symbols and traditions that bind our community together.

For additional details on flag disposal procedures, the Army 250th celebration, or other Post activities, please contact us at (830) 393-7929 or visit our website at txlegion38.org.

Post 38 – Continuing the Legacy of Service and Patriotism in Wilson County.



A Special Father's Day Tribute to Veteran Dads

As we celebrate **Father's Day** on Sunday, June 21, 2026, American Legion Post 38 in Floresville, Texas, extends heartfelt gratitude to all the veteran fathers who have served our nation with courage and now continue to lead their families with strength, wisdom, and love. These dedicated dads embody the values of duty, honor, and sacrifice both in uniform and at home in Wilson County.



Military service often means long separations from family, missed milestones, and the constant demands of duty. Yet our veteran fathers return home ready to pour that same commitment into raising the next generation. Many Post 38 members have balanced deployments, training exercises, and the challenges of military life while nurturing their children and supporting their spouses. Their stories of resilience inspire us all.

Post 38 recognizes that fatherhood in a military family requires unique strength. These dads teach lessons of perseverance, patriotism, and service through

their everyday actions. Whether coaching little league, volunteering with our sponsored scouting programs, or simply being present for family dinners after a long day, they set powerful examples for their sons and daughters.

On this Father's Day, we encourage the entire community to thank a veteran dad — whether it's your own father, a neighbor, a fellow Post member, or a friend. Share a meal, offer a handshake, or simply say "thank you for your service and your fatherhood." Post 38's family-friendly tailgates and youth initiatives provide spaces where these veteran fathers can connect, share experiences, and build lasting bonds with other families who understand the military lifestyle.

The American Legion has always supported military families, understanding that the sacrifices of service extend far beyond the individual. From holiday meal baskets to scholarship programs funded by events like the Legacy Run, we work to ease burdens and celebrate the full contributions of our veteran dads.

To all the veteran fathers in Floresville and Wilson County: thank you for your service to our country and for the love and guidance you provide at home. Your legacy of leadership continues to strengthen our Post, our community, and our nation. Happy Father's Day!

Post 38 – Celebrating the Full Spectrum of Service.



Post 38 Monthly Meetings and Veteran Tailgates— Keep Camaraderie Strong

American Legion Post 38 maintains a vibrant schedule of monthly activities that foster fellowship and address the needs of veterans in Floresville and Wilson County. Our regular meetings on the **second Thursday** of each month (7–9 p.m.) at the American Legion Hall provide an important opportunity for members and guests to share a meal, discuss Post business, plan upcoming events, and tackle veteran-related issues together.

These gatherings are welcoming and open, requiring no prior registration. They serve as the heartbeat of Post operations, allowing us to coordinate everything from community service projects to support for local youth programs. Discussions often cover legislative updates affecting veterans, ideas for new initiatives, and ways to better serve those in need.

Complementing the formal meetings are the popular **Third-Thursday Veteran Tailgates** (6:30–8 p.m.), open to all veterans for casual camaraderie. These relaxed events offer a low-pressure environment where veterans can connect, share stories, enjoy good food, and build the kind of brotherhood that defines the American Legion. No formal agenda — just genuine fellowship among those who have served.

Through these consistent activities, Post 38 strengthens the bonds that sustain our veteran community. Many members have noted how these gatherings provide vital social connection that combats isolation and supports mental well-being. Newer veterans and those returning after years away find a warm welcome and practical assistance.

Our monthly rhythm also enables effective planning for larger events like Flag Day ceremonies, July 4th participation, and holiday support programs. Whether you are a longtime member or considering joining, these meetings and tailgates represent the welcoming spirit of Post 38.

We remain committed to making these gatherings accessible and meaningful for all who have worn the uniform. For schedule confirmations or more information, reach out at (830) 393-7929 or visit txlegion38.org.

Post 38 – Building Connections That Last.



The Battle of Midway: A Defining June Victory That Changed WWII

Remembering Heroism in the Pacific – June 4-7, 1942

As we observe important anniversaries throughout June, American Legion Post 38 in Floresville, Texas, pauses to honor one of the most pivotal moments in U.S. military history: the **Battle of Midway**, fought June 4–7, 1942. This decisive naval engagement in the Pacific Theater marked a turning point in World War II and stands as a powerful testament to American ingenuity, courage, and determination against overwhelming odds.



Just six months after the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor, the Imperial Japanese Navy aimed to capture Midway Atoll and destroy the remaining U.S. Pacific Fleet. Japanese forces held a significant numerical advantage with four aircraft carriers, battleships, cruisers, and supporting vessels. In contrast, the U.S. Navy, under Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, could muster only three carriers and a smaller supporting force.

The battle's outcome hinged on superior American intelligence. Codebreakers at Station HYPO in Hawaii, led by Commander Joseph Rochefort, successfully deciphered Japanese communications, confirming Midway as the target. This critical advantage allowed U.S. forces to position themselves effectively. On June 4, American dive-bombers launched a daring attack that sank or disabled all four Japanese carriers (Akagi, Kaga, Soryu, and Hiryu) in a matter of minutes, despite heavy losses. The Japanese fleet, crippled and unable to recover, was forced to withdraw.

The victory at Midway halted Japanese expansion in the Pacific, shifted the balance of naval power, and paved the way for eventual Allied success. It came at a high cost — the carrier USS Yorktown and many brave aviators and sailors were lost — but the strategic impact was immense. Historians often describe it as a battle where the U.S. forces “had no right to win, yet they did,” showcasing the remarkable blend of skill, intelligence, and valor that defines the American spirit.

Post 38 members who served in the Pacific Theater, along with all veterans of that era, carry forward the legacy of Midway. Their sacrifices remind us of the price of freedom and the importance of remembering history so it continues to inspire new generations.

Through our youth programs, flag ceremonies, and community education efforts, Post 38 works to ensure these stories are never forgotten in Floresville and Wilson County.

On this anniversary, we salute the heroes of Midway and all who have answered the call to defend our nation. Their example continues to guide Post 38 as we support today's veterans, honor the fallen, and invest in the leaders of tomorrow.

Post 38 – Preserving the Memory of Great American Victories.



Norman Kleiss | U.S. Navy Veteran

Norman Kleiss was a dive bomber pilot in the United States Navy during World War II. Kleiss received a Navy Cross for his contributions at Midway. He also received a Distinguished Flying Cross for actions prior to the Battle of Midway. He was one of the few pilots at Midway that hit the Japanese carriers multiple times with bombs.

VA is highlighting 250 Veterans leading up to July 4, 2026, which marks 250 years of independence.

Learn more about the count down to 250 years of the American spirit at america250.org.



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Thursday	June 11, 2026
19:00 - 21:00 ● General Membership Meeting Post 38	
Sunday	June 14, 2026
16:00 - 17:00 ● Scout Meeting	
Thursday	June 18, 2026
18:30 - 20:00 ● Veteran's Tailgate	
Sunday	June 21, 2026
16:00 - 17:00 ● Scout Meeting	
Sunday	June 28, 2026
16:00 - 17:00 ● Scout Meeting	
Sunday	July 5, 2026
16:00 - 17:00 ● Scout Meeting	
Thursday	July 9, 2026
19:00 - 21:00 ● General Membership Meeting Post 38	
Sunday	July 12, 2026
16:00 - 17:00 ● Scout Meeting	
Thursday	July 16, 2026
18:30 - 20:00 ● Veteran's Tailgate	
Sunday	July 19, 2026
16:00 - 17:00 ● Scout Meeting	
Friday	July 24, 2026
all day ● The Center for Women Veterans - Convention	
Saturday	July 25, 2026
all day ● The Center for Women Veterans - Convention	
Sunday	July 26, 2026
16:00 - 17:00 ● Scout Meeting	
Sunday	August 2, 2026
16:00 - 17:00 ● Scout Meeting	