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Mothers Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, and the future Military Leadership - Floresville JROTC Cadets.



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 Outstanding JROTC Cadets at Floresville High School

Commander Jared Shaw Presents Awards at TX-20012 Annual Ceremony

American Legion Post 38, a 501(c)(19) nonprofit organization dedicated to U.S. military veterans in Floresville, Texas, continues its proud tradition of supporting the Floresville High School Air Force JROTC program. We have a long-standing history of backing local high school JROTC endeavors and remain committed to developing the next generation of leaders and patriots.



Cadet Ashlynn Winn receives the American Legion Scholastic Award from Post 38 Commander Jared Shaw at the TX-20012 JROTC awards ceremony on April 29, 2026. This prestigious award recognizes cadets who rank in the top 25% of their class, demonstrate strong leadership, and actively participate in school activities. It includes a bronze medal with a ribbon featuring a distinctive scholastic scroll miniature.

On Wednesday, April 29, 2026, Post 38 was invited to the TX-20012 annual awards ceremony. Commander Jared Shaw represented the Post and proudly presented two awards to outstanding cadets.

Cadet **Ashlynn Winn** earned the **American Legion Scholastic Award** for her exceptional academic achievements.

Cadet **Hunter Burgess** received the **American Legion General Military Excellence Award**, honoring his superior military performance, leadership, and dedication to the JROTC program. Both cadets were presented with signed certificates on behalf of American Legion Post 38.

Illustration of the American Legion General Military Excellence Award presentation, recognizing Cadet Hunter Burgess's outstanding military aptitude and leadership at the Floresville High School ceremony.

The JROTC instructors, **Major Araujo** and **SMSGT Gamboa**, were also honored for their tireless efforts in preserving the rich heritage and traditions of JROTC at Floresville High School. They received newly minted American Legion Post 38 challenge coins as a token of our deep appreciation.

Figure 3: The custom American Legion Post 38 – Floresville, TX challenge coin presented to the JROTC instructors in recognition of their exemplary service and commitment to our youth.

The proud cadets and supporters of the Floresville High School Air Force Junior ROTC program. Post 38 is honored to stand behind these young men and women as they develop the values of service, leadership, and patriotism.

Post 38 extends its heartfelt thanks to the **Floresville Independent School District (FISD)** for the invitation and continued partnership. We are grateful to be a proud supporter of this outstanding program.

For more information about American Legion Post 38, upcoming events, membership, or ways to support our veterans and community programs, please visit <https://txlegion38.org/>.

Together, we honor those who have served — and invest in those who will serve tomorrow.

— American Legion Post 38, Floresville, Texas — *For God and Country*



25 May 2026—Memorial Day

The trumpet sound and echo
loud,
Remember me as I sleep,
Say a prayer for me for I cannot,
I gave my last breathe for thee,
*For soon, soon to faithful warri-
ors comes their rest.



All gave some; but some gave all. Today we remember those that gave all. Remember these brave warriors of America had dreams and aspirations. When the dark cloud form in the distance, they heard the call to arms. They felt trepidation yet without hesitation they ran to the sounds of the guns. They set aside their dreams and aspirations. To defended our country, our people, our custom and our traditions. To defended our future. They sacrifice all to hold the line.

Their families and friends mourn the loss and carrying their memories for all their lives. To many of us, their names are forever unknown. These brave warriors of America gave their last full measure during peace and war for an ideal greater than themselves. They gave their lives for America. A nation with a covenant with the Almighty. What is our gratitude for this so great a sacrifice? How do we honor them? Lt. Gen. Chesty Puller said, "Valour is not found in the heart or hand of a man, but in the eyes of his comrades well served." Many of America's warrior had continued to serve long after leaving military service. Now sleep eternally. These American warriors served us well.

Our national gratitude is to honor them by remembering them. On Memorial Day let us pray in thanksgiving to their courage, fidelity and valour. Today, briefly, we share in the loss with their families and friends. General George Patton said it best, "We should thank God such men lived".



(*For All the Saints who from their labors Rest. By William Walsham How, Bishop of Wakefield)

Jose Garcia, American Legion Post 38, Historian, Floresville TX

Armed Forces Day 2026:

The Rich History Behind May 16

Every year on the third Saturday of May, Americans pause to honor the men and women who serve in every branch of the United States Armed Forces. **Armed Forces Day on May 16, 2026**, is more than a date on the calendar — it is a powerful symbol of unity, sacrifice, and national pride that traces its roots back more than 75 years.

Before 1949, the United States did not have a single day dedicated to all service members. Instead, each branch celebrated its own special day. The Army observed Army Day on April 6, the Navy held Navy Day on October 27, the Air Force (then part of the Army) had its own observances, and the Marine Corps and Coast Guard marked their founding anniversaries with separate ceremonies. These individual celebrations were meaningful, but in the years following World War II, military leaders and government officials recognized that a divided approach no longer reflected the modern, integrated fighting force that had defeated the Axis powers.

In 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson took decisive action. With the full support of President Harry S. Truman, he announced the creation of **Armed Forces Day** — a single, unified holiday designed to honor every branch of the military under one banner. The first official Armed Forces Day was observed on May 20, 1950. President Truman issued a proclamation declaring that the day would “increase public understanding of the Armed Forces” and strengthen the bond between the military and the American people.

The timing was deliberate. By placing Armed Forces Day in mid-May — just one week before Memorial Day — the nation created a meaningful sequence of remembrance: first honoring those currently serving, then remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This thoughtful placement has endured for more than seven decades.

Over the years, Armed Forces Day has evolved while staying true to its original purpose. During the Korean War and Vietnam era, it became a time for communities across America to show support for troops serving far from home. In the 1980s and 1990s, as the all-volunteer force matured, the day highlighted the professionalism and dedication of career service members. Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, Armed Forces Day took on renewed significance as millions of Americans expressed gratitude to the men and women fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today, Armed Forces Day continues to shine a light on the six branches that protect our nation: the **Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Space Force**. Each branch brings unique capabilities — from ground combat and naval power projection to air superiority, expeditionary warfare, maritime safety, and space operations — yet all operate as one team under the Department of Defense.

Here at **American Legion Post 38** in Floresville, Texas, we have always understood the importance of this unity. Our members have served in every branch and every conflict since World War I. For years, the Post has marked individual branch birthdays with cake, stories, and fellowship, celebrating the distinctive heritage of each service while recognizing that together they form an unbreakable shield for our freedoms. Armed Forces Day gives us the perfect opportunity to reflect on that collective strength.

The history of Armed Forces Day also reminds us that military service is a family affair. Behind every service member stands a network of loved ones who share the burdens and the pride. The day honors not only those in uniform but the entire military community that sustains them.

As we approach **May 16, 2026**, let us take time to learn more about the remarkable journey that led to this national observance. Read the stories of veterans from every branch. Talk with the young service members who continue the tradition today. Teach the next generation why a single day of recognition for all six branches matters so deeply.

Armed Forces Day stands as a testament to the vision of President Truman and Secretary Johnson — a vision of unity that has strengthened our military and our nation for more than seven decades. On this day, we remember that whether on land, at sea, in the air, or in the vastness of space, America’s defenders stand together.

Post 38 proudly honors the history and the heroes of Armed Forces Day.

God bless our Armed Forces — past, present, and future.



Happy Mother's Day to Our Military Moms & Spouses

A Special Tribute from American Legion Post 38 – May 10, 2026

Today, May 10, 2026, we at **American Legion Post 38** in Floresville, Texas, celebrate **Mother's Day** with extra gratitude and deep respect for the remarkable women who serve as military mothers and spouses in our community and across the nation.

Military life places extraordinary demands on families, and no one feels those demands more deeply than the moms and spouses who hold everything together on the home front. Deployments that last months or even years, sudden moves across the country or around the world, missed birthdays, school events, and holidays — these women navigate it all while maintaining strength, stability, and love for their children and their service member. They face the emotional weight of uncertainty, the stress of single-parenting during absences, and the quiet courage it takes to send a loved one off to serve while keeping a smile for the kids.

Here in Wilson County, many of our Post 38 families have lived this reality. Whether it was a husband or wife deployed to Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, or serving in peacetime operations, these military moms have been the backbone of their households. They have raised children who grew up to be service members themselves, creating multi-generational legacies of duty and honor. They have volunteered in schools, churches, the Auxiliary, and youth programs while managing the unique challenges that come with military life — all while supporting the mission of those who wear the uniform.

Post 38 is proud to stand with these families. Our monthly Third-Thursday Veteran Tailgates are intentionally family-friendly, offering a relaxed place where military moms, spouses, and their children can connect with others who truly understand the journey. Through scholarships and ROTC support at local high schools, we invest directly in the next generation — the very children these military moms have raised with such dedication.

The American Legion has recognized the vital role of military families since our founding in 1919. Our Auxiliary has long provided support networks, scholarships, and community programs specifically for the spouses and children of veterans. At Post 38, we carry that tradition forward every day through direct assistance, holiday meal baskets for families in need, and simply by being a welcoming place where military moms know they are seen, valued, and never alone.

On this Mother's Day, we want every military mom and spouse in Floresville and Wilson County to feel the full weight of our appreciation. Your service may not come with medals or parades, but it is every bit as essential to our nation's strength. You are the quiet heroes who keep the home fires burning, who teach your children the values of duty, honor, and country, and who stand ready to welcome your service member home — no matter how long they've been away.

We invite you to share your stories with us. Whether it's a memory from a deployment, a funny story about raising "military brats," or simply a message of what Mother's Day means to you, we would be honored to hear it. Send us an email with your story and photos, stop by the Post Hall at 1414 4th Street, or join us at an upcoming event. Your voices inspire our entire community and remind us why we work so hard to support veteran families.

To every military mother and spouse reading this today: **Happy Mother's Day.** You are loved. You are respected. You are the heart of our military family. Thank you for every sacrifice, every late-night worry, every brave smile, and every act of love that makes our service members stronger and our nation greater.

From all of us at **American Legion Post 38** — thank you for standing beside (and often leading) those who serve.

May your day be filled with joy, rest, and the deep appreciation you so richly deserve.

God bless our military families, and God bless America.



<u>Wednesday</u>		<u>May 13, 2026</u>
17:30 - 19:30	● US Lawshield seminar "The Castle Doctrine"	
<u>Thursday</u>		<u>May 14, 2026</u>
19:00 - 21:00	● General Membership Meeting Post 38	
<u>Sunday</u>		<u>May 17, 2026</u>
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<u>Thursday</u>		<u>May 21, 2026</u>
18:30 - 20:00	● Veteran's Tailgate	
<u>Sunday</u>		<u>May 24, 2026</u>
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<u>Monday</u>		<u>May 25, 2026</u>
10:00 - 14:00	● 2026 Memorial Day Ceremony	
<u>Saturday</u>		<u>May 30, 2026</u>
all day	● 3rd Division Conference	
<u>Sunday</u>		<u>May 31, 2026</u>
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<u>Sunday</u>		<u>June 7, 2026</u>
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<u>Thursday</u>		<u>June 11, 2026</u>
19:00 - 21:00	● General Membership Meeting Post 38	
<u>Sunday</u>		<u>June 14, 2026</u>
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<u>Thursday</u>		<u>June 18, 2026</u>
18:30 - 20:00	● Veteran's Tailgate	
<u>Sunday</u>		<u>June 21, 2026</u>
16:00 - 17:00	● Scout Meeting	
<u>Sunday</u>		<u>June 28, 2026</u>