



Floresville, TX Post 38 | October Newsletter

Peanut Festival Weekend at the Post, the Navy's 251st Birthday, and Veterans' Ball Tickets.



BE =THE= ONE

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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(830) 393-7929

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

Peanut Festival Weekend:

Post 38 Opens Its Doors, October 8–10

82nd Annual Floresville Peanut Festival — Thursday, October 8 through Saturday, October 10

The 82nd Annual Floresville Peanut Festival comes to the Courthouse Square in historic downtown Floresville Thursday, October 8, through Saturday, October 10, 2026. American Legion Post 38 will be part of the weekend. The Post will open as a cooling center all three days: a place to get out of the sun, sit down, and meet the veterans who call Post 38 home. Festival-goers who need a break from the heat and the crowds downtown are welcome.

The cooling center doubles as a recruiting station. Members will be on hand to talk with veterans about joining the American Legion, and gun raffle tickets will be on sale at the Post throughout the festival. The annual gun and prize raffle is one of the Post's fundraisers, and its drawing is traditionally held in December. Alongside the raffle, the Post's community work includes holiday meal baskets for veterans in need.



Peanuts in the shell. USDA Agricultural Research Service photo by Jack Dykinga (public domain).

Thursday, October 8, is the second Thursday of the month, but the General Membership Meeting scheduled for 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. that night is cancelled because of the Peanut Festival. Members are still welcome at the Post that evening. Stop by, lend a hand with the cooling center, and support the community. Regular business resumes at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 12, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 10, the festival's Grand Parade steps off at 10:00 a.m. downtown, and Post 38 has a parade entry planned. Members who want to take part in the Post's entry should call (830) 393-7929 for the details. Everyone else, line the route downtown and give a wave and a cheer for the veterans in the Post's entry.

The festival's own schedule opens Tuesday, October 6, with Goober Games at the Floresville Event Center for the younger crowd. Queen Tunaep is crowned at Thursday's Coronation. The carnival runs Thursday night through Saturday night. Friday brings the Kiddie Parade and a free street dance, and Saturday is a day-long celebration around the square with vendors, arts and crafts, music, peanut brittle, and roasted peanuts. The festival lists free parking and free admission to the grounds. The festival is always held on the second full weekend in October. Festival questions go to floresvillepeanutfestival.org.

If you know a wartime veteran who has never walked into the Post, festival weekend is the easiest invitation of the year. Bring them in out of the heat and introduce them around. Prospective members should bring proof of honorable discharge from the U.S. military to apply. Post 38 has more than 228 members, and there is always a chair for one more.

American Legion membership is open to veterans who served on federal active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time from December 7, 1941, to the present and were honorably discharged, or who are still serving honorably. That covers World War II through today's force, including the Cold War years. If you are not sure whether your service qualifies, bring your DD-214 to the Post and ask about applying.

Membership is more than a card. Post 38 sponsors Cub Scout Pack 114, Boy Scout Troop 114, and the Oratorical program, and the Post's American Legion Riders chapter organizes events like the South Central Texas Legacy Run, which funds scholarships for local youth and aids ROTC at Floresville and La Vernia High Schools. Veterans who join get a seat at second-Thursday meetings, a spot at third-Thursday Tailgates, and a voice in what the Post does next.

Turning out for Floresville's Peanut Festival is one of Post 38's longstanding traditions, right alongside the Fourth of July. Come downtown, bring the whole family, come by the Post, and turn out as neighbors. Questions: (830) 393-7929 or txlegion38.org.

Post 38 – See You at the Festival. Come In Out of the Heat.



Members, families, and friends of Post 38 at the Hall during the Sept. 12, 2026, Legion Day of Service. Post 38 photo.

Wreaths Across America: Post 38 Will Store the Wreaths

National Wreaths Across America Day — Saturday, December 19, 2026

American Legion Post 38 is supporting Wreaths Across America this year. At the August General Membership Meeting, members learned that the Post will serve as a storage facility for the wreaths once all the veterans buried in the available cemeteries have been identified.

National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 19, 2026. On that day, volunteers at more than 5,500 participating locations in all 50 states, at sea, and abroad gather to place remembrance wreaths on the graves of the nation's veterans. The organization sums up its mission in three words: Remember, Honor, Teach.

It began in 1992, when Morrill Worcester of the Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine, had wreaths left over at the end of the holiday season. Remembering a boyhood trip to Arlington National Cemetery, he donated 5,000 wreaths to be placed there, with help from volunteers and a local trucking company. Every year since 2008, Congress has proclaimed a Saturday in December as National Wreaths Across America Day.

The groundwork is already under way in Wilson County. The September 12 Legion Day of Service sent teams from the Post to clear brush and debris in local cemeteries (see page 5), and the Post's role as a storage site begins once the veterans buried in the available cemeteries have been identified. If you know where a veteran is buried in Wilson County, or want to help, call the Post at (830) 393-7929. Details will be posted at txlegion38.org.

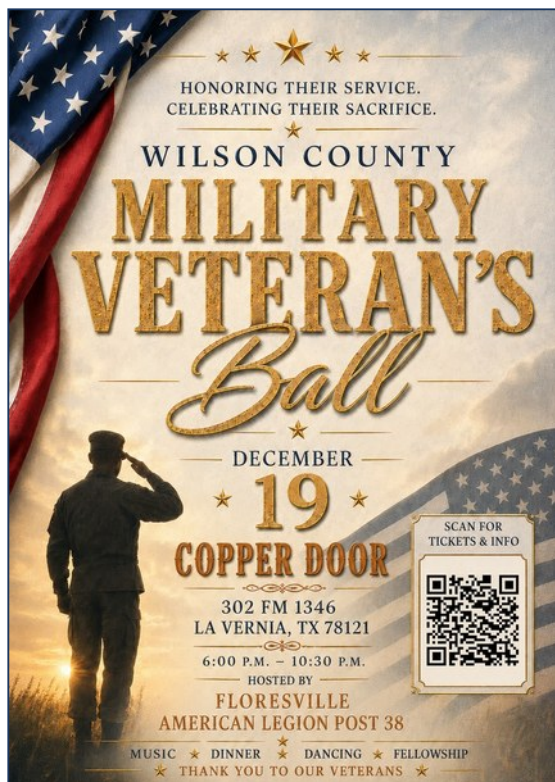
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Wreaths Across America Day at Arlington National Cemetery, Dec. 13, 2025. U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser (public domain).

Military Veterans' Ball: Get Your Tickets Before November 13

Saturday, December 19, 2026 — The Copper Door, La Vernia



Veterans' Ball flyer. Scan the code for tickets.

The Wilson County Military Veteran's Ball, hosted by Floresville American Legion Post 38, is Saturday, December 19, 2026, at The Copper Door, 302 FM 1346, La Vernia. Social hour begins at 5:45 p.m., dinner is served at 7:00 p.m., and the evening runs through 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 and are sold online through Zeffy, or scan the code on the flyer.

Tickets: zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-gala-5336

The ticket deadline is Friday, November 13, so the Post can give The Copper Door a final headcount. Please do not wait until the last week.

Honoring their service. Celebrating their sacrifice. The evening brings music, dinner, dancing, and fellowship with the veterans and families of Wilson County. Bring your spouse, bring a battle buddy, and fill a table. Cannot attend? Share the flyer at church, at work, or in the family group chat. The flyer closes with the whole point of the night in five words: Thank you to our veterans.

The Ball depends on an accurate count. The Copper Door needs a final headcount after November 13, so plan to buy before the deadline. If you plan to go, buy now and tell a friend. Members can also ask about the Ball at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 12, the night before the deadline, or at the Veteran's Tailgate on October 15. Questions: (830) 393-7929 or txlegion38.org.

Post 38 – Reserve Your Seat by November 13.

Happy 251st Birthday, U.S. Navy: Born October 13, 1775

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 — Two Ships, Then a Navy

Tuesday, October 13, 2026, is the 251st birthday of the United States Navy. American Legion Post 38 in Floresville salutes every Sailor, past and present, and the families who waited on the pier.

On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, voted to procure, fit out, man, and dispatch two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America. A second resolution the same day created a Naval Committee to oversee the work. Thus was born the Continental Navy. Over the course of the Revolutionary War it numbered some fifty ships, with about twenty warships active at its greatest strength.

The Continental Navy was created before the Continental Marines, whom Congress authorized on November 10, 1775, as an extension of that naval legislation. After the war both services went into abeyance, and the last Continental ships were sold off. When Barbary pirates threatened American merchant ships, Congress passed the Naval Act of 1794, authorizing six frigates. One of them, USS Constitution, launched in Boston in 1797, earned the name Old Ironsides in the War of 1812. She remains the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat, still crewed by active-duty Sailors. The Department of the Navy followed in 1798.

Beginning in 1922, the Navy League sponsored Navy Day on October 27, the birthday of President Theodore Roosevelt, a champion of the Navy. In 1972, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized recognition of October 13 as the Navy's birthday, to "enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service." Every Chief of Naval Operations since has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration.

Two armed vessels became a fleet of aircraft carriers, submarines, destroyers, amphibious ships, and aircraft that keeps the sea lanes open around the world. Sailors have stood watch in every American war since the Revolution. Behind them serve the Corpsmen who patch up Marines, the Seabees who build under fire, and the aviators, submariners, and surface warriors who carry the Navy's unofficial motto: *Non sibi sed patriae* — not for self, but for country.

Texas has its own place in that story. Chester W. Nimitz, born in Fredericksburg in 1885, commanded the Pacific Fleet through the Second World War and, as Fleet Admiral, signed the Japanese surrender for the United States aboard USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945. His hometown is now home to the National Museum of the Pacific War, a day trip from Floresville for any Sailor who wants to walk that history.

The Navy also gave the rest of us a vocabulary. Scuttlebutt was the cask of drinking water where Sailors traded gossip. Pipe down was the boatswain's call for quiet at the end of the day. Anyone who has ever said "all hands on deck" or "learn the ropes" is borrowing from life at sea.

Across the fleet, the birthday is marked at commands and at Navy Birthday Balls around the world, where by tradition the oldest and the youngest Sailors present cut the cake together: one generation of service handing the sword to the next.

Post 38 marks each service's birthday with cake and fellowship, a tradition the Post kept for the Air Force last month. Navy veterans in Floresville and Wilson County, this one is yours. Come by the Veteran's Tailgate on Thursday, October 15, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., and swap sea stories with your shipmates. Look up an old shipmate this week. And watch the calendar: the Marine Corps turns 251 on November 10, the day before Veterans Day.

Post 38 – Happy Birthday, Shipmates. Fair Winds and Following Seas.



Continental Ship Columbus bringing in the British brig Lord Lifford, 1776. Painting by W. Nowland Van Powell. U.S. Navy Art Collection, Naval History and Heritage Command (public domain).



The aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) underway in the Arabian Sea, Feb. 13, 2012. U.S. Navy photo (public domain).

Legion Day of Service: Post 38 Goes to Work in Local Cemeteries

Saturday, September 12, 2026 — A Look Back

On Saturday, September 12, the day after the twenty-fifth anniversary of September 11, American Legion Post 38 turned out for the Legion Day of Service. The plan called for volunteers to link up at the Post at 8:00 a.m., organize into fire teams, and receive cemetery assignments, with teams stepping off by 9:00 a.m. to work at their designated locations until the mission was complete.

The detail began on the floor of the August General Membership Meeting, where a motion was made and seconded that everyone interested in cleaning cemeteries and soldiers' graves meet at the Hall at 8:00 a.m. on September 12 as the Post's 9/11 observance.

Photos from the day show members, families, and friends, young and old, working among the headstones under the oaks, hauling brush and debris in trash bags, and clearing around the graves of veterans. The group also gathered at the Hall for a photo. Caring for the graves of those who served is one of the oldest duties a veterans' post can take on. Thank you to everyone who gave up a Saturday morning to do it.



Day of Service volunteers at a local cemetery, Sept. 12, 2026. Post 38 photo.

The work carries forward. Clearing brush and locating the graves of veterans this fall is groundwork for Wreaths Across America in December, which Post 38 is supporting as a storage site for the wreaths (see page 3). Every grave cleared now makes that work easier.

Post 38 – We Remember by Showing Up.

September at the Post: Air Force Cake, American Legion Day, and a Buddy Check

The Air Force Turned 79 — The Legion's Charter Turned 107



The Air Force birthday cake at the Sept. 10, 2026, General Membership Meeting. Post 38 photo.

At the September 10 General Membership Meeting, Post 38 marked the 79th birthday of the United States Air Force with a cake reading "Happy 79th Birthday US Air Force" and a "79 Years of Airpower" presentation on the Hall screen. The Air Force became a separate service on September 18, 1947, under the National Security Act of that year, after serving in the Second World War as the Army Air Forces.

Wednesday, September 16, was American Legion Day, the anniversary of the congressional charter granted to The American Legion on September 16, 1919. The Legion was founded in Paris in March 1919 by members of the American Expeditionary Forces. More than a century later it still stands on four pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

The August meeting included a reminder that we all have an obligation to check on the friends we have not seen at the Post.

That is the heart of the Legion's Be the One initiative. If a

veteran you know is in crisis, call 988 and press 1 for the Veterans Crisis Line, text 838255, or chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net. A Buddy Check can be as simple as a phone call, a ride to the November 12 meeting, or a seat saved at the Tailgate.

Be the One is the Legion's national mission to reduce veteran suicide by encouraging everyone, veteran or not, to take action when a veteran may be at risk. You do not have to be a counselor. You only have to notice, ask, and stay with a comrade until help arrives.

Post 38 – Be the One. Make the Call.

POST 38 CALENDAR

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RECURRING AT POST 38

Scout Meeting (Troop 114) • Every Sunday 4:00–5:00 p.m.

General Membership Meeting • Second Thursday 7:00–9:00 p.m. (October 8 meeting CANCELLED — Peanut Festival)

Veteran's Tailgate • Third Thursday 6:30–8:00 p.m. (ALR typically 6:00 p.m. before)

LIST VIEW • October 4 – November 1, 2026

Sunday		October 4, 2026
● 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Scout Meeting — Troop 114	
Thursday		October 8, 2026
● 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	CANCELLED — General Membership Meeting (Peanut Festival). Members are still welcome at the Post that evening.	
Thursday – Saturday		October 8 – 10, 2026
● all three days	82nd Annual Floresville Peanut Festival, downtown (floresvillepeanutfestival.org). Post 38 open as a cooling center — recruiting and gun raffle ticket sales.	
Saturday		October 10, 2026
● 10:00 a.m.	Peanut Festival Grand Parade, downtown Floresville — Post 38 parade entry planned	
Sunday		October 11, 2026
● 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Scout Meeting — Troop 114	
Monday		October 12, 2026
● federal holiday	Columbus Day — federal observance	
Tuesday		October 13, 2026
● all day	U.S. Navy 251st Birthday (established October 13, 1775) — national observance	
Thursday		October 15, 2026
● 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Veteran's Tailgate at the Post — open to all veterans; BYOB authorized (ALR typically 6:00 p.m. before)	
Sunday		October 18, 2026
● 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Scout Meeting — Troop 114	
Saturday		October 24, 2026
● 9:00 a.m. – noon	VSO Breakfast (listed on the txlegion38.org calendar)	
Sunday		October 25, 2026
● 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Scout Meeting — Troop 114	
Sunday		November 1, 2026
● 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Scout Meeting — Troop 114	

COMING UP

Tuesday, November 10 — U.S. Marine Corps 251st Birthday (1775). Wednesday, November 11 — Veterans Day (national holiday).

Thursday, November 12, 7:00–9:00 p.m. — General Membership Meeting at the Post. Thursday, November 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m. — Veteran's Tailgate.

Friday, November 13 — Ticket deadline for the Military Veterans' Ball (final headcount for The Copper Door).

Saturday, December 19 — National Wreaths Across America Day (national; Post 38 is supporting as a wreath storage site). Same day: Wilson County Military Veteran's Ball, The Copper Door, 302 FM 1346, La Vernia. Social hour 5:45 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m., through 10:30 p.m. Tickets \$50: zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/annual-gala-5336.