



Floresville, TX Post 38 | September Newsletter

The 9/11 Twenty-Fifth, POW/MIA Recognition Day, Gold Star Families, and the Peanut Festival.



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

Never Forget:

Twenty-Five Years After September 11, 2001

This Month — Remembrance, and a Day of Service

This September, American Legion Post 38 in Floresville, Texas, marks twenty-five years since the morning of September 11, 2001. Nearly 3,000 people were killed in New York, at the Pentagon, and in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The twenty-fifth anniversary is not a closed chapter. It is a living obligation: to honor the dead, to stand with those who served in the wars that followed, and to look after one another in the years still unfolding.

On that Tuesday, nineteen terrorists hijacked four airliners. Two struck the World Trade Center. One struck the Pentagon. Passengers and crew on United Flight 93 fought back; their aircraft crashed in Pennsylvania, short of its intended target. First responders ran toward the fires. In the days that followed, Americans enlisted, donated, and gathered under flags hung from porches and overpasses. A generation of service members — many of them now Legionnaires — deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, and other theaters in the long conflict that began that morning.



The Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001. U.S. Marine Corps photo (public domain).

Post 38 will not invent a local 9/11 ceremony for this page. What the Post has set is work the community can see. On Saturday, September 12, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, members will turn out for a Day of Service. Members will select neglected cemeteries in Wilson County and perform brush clearing, mowing, and other maintenance as a service back to the community. Remembrance that morning is a rake, a mower, and a few hours among the stones. Meet at the Hall for assignments and tools, then go out to the cemeteries. Members are asked to turn out.

Friday, September 11, is Patriot Day and the National Day of Service and Remembrance. Raise a flag properly. Pause at noon if you can. Look in on a veteran who served after 2001. Then come Saturday morning ready to work. Honor does not require a podium. It requires that we show up.

Children and grandchildren did not live through 2001; they inherit it. Teaching them why we stand for the colors, why we retire worn flags at the collection box at Post 38, and why veterans still carry that day is part of our charge in Floresville and Wilson County. Twenty-five years is long enough for a child to grow up. It is not long enough to forget.

Looking out for one another belongs to that charge as well. The American Legion's Be the One initiative asks every member to notice when a veteran is struggling and to act. A Buddy Check is not a speech. It is a phone call, a chair saved at the Tailgate on the third Thursday, a ride to the second-Thursday meeting.

Twenty-five years on, the wars that followed 9/11 have sent a generation home to Wilson County. Some sit in our Hall. Some do not. Remembrance without care is incomplete. When the cemetery work is done, second-Thursday meetings and third-Thursday Tailgates remain the place a post-2001 veteran can find a chair and a hearing. Bring someone who has not been in. Show up the way this country showed up that week — not with a speech, with a presence.

Wilson County sent people to the wars that followed that morning. Some came home to Post 38. Some have not walked through the door in a long time. A Buddy Check on the week of the eleventh is not extra credit. It is the charge. Raise the colors. Pause at noon. Then pick up a tool on Saturday — and pick up the phone.

Post 38 – We Remember, and We Take Care of One Another.



Damage at the Pentagon after the attack — full scene. U.S. government photo (public domain).

National POW/MIA Recognition Day: You Are Not Forgotten

Friday, September 18, 2026 — the Third Friday of September

Friday, September 18, 2026, is National POW/MIA Recognition Day — always the third Friday of September. American Legion Post 38 in Floresville, Texas, joins the Legion Family nationwide in a national observance. This page does not invent a Post ceremony. It names the day, the flag, and the duty: those who were captured, those still missing, and the families who wait are not forgotten.

The first National POW/MIA Recognition Day was observed in 1979 after a proclamation by President Jimmy Carter. The date later settled on the third Friday of September, where it has remained. Each year the President issues a proclamation. Americans are asked to pause, to fly the POW/MIA flag, and to remember that accounting for the missing is unfinished work.

The black-and-white flag that marks the day is the emblem of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. It was designed in 1971 by Newt Heisley, a World War II veteran and commercial artist, after the League sought a symbol that families could rally around. The League's board approved the design in January 1972. No copyright or trademark was sought, so the flag could travel as far as the cause required. A silhouette bows before a guard tower and a strand of barbed wire. Above: POW □ MIA. Below: YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

In 1989 the flag was installed in the United States Capitol Rotunda — the only flag other than the Stars and Stripes ever displayed there in that way. Public Law 101-355, enacted in 1990, recognized it as a symbol of the Nation's concern and commitment to the fullest possible accounting. The National POW/MIA Flag Act of 2019 requires that it fly at specified federal properties on every day the United States flag is displayed.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency continues that accounting from every American war. The numbers change as remains are identified and as families receive answers. The duty does not change. Post 38 will not invent local names of the missing for this column. We will say what is true in Floresville: Post 38 flies the POW/MIA flag with the colors. Pause there. Fly the flag at home on the eighteenth. Make a Buddy Check to a veteran or family member you know. Show them you care.

Friday, September 18, is also the birthday of the United States Air Force, established as a separate service on September 18, 1947. We will have cake at the Post to celebrate those veterans from the U.S. Air Force. Two observances can share a date without competing. One asks us to remember those who did not come home. The other marks a service that has flown, fought, and lost people of its own.

If the day sits heavy, stay with a comrade. The rest of the work is quieter: a flag flown correctly, a name remembered, a chair saved at the second-Thursdays meeting or the third-Thursdays Tailgate. You are not forgotten is a promise. Post 38 intends to keep it.



The National League of Families POW/MIA flag at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Sept. 15, 2023. U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ariel Owings (public domain / DVIDS).



National League of Families POW/MIA flag. Wikimedia / U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry (public domain).

Post 38 – You Are Not Forgotten.

Peanut Festival:

Floresville's 82nd Annual Hometown Weekend

Thursday, October 8 through Saturday, October 10, 2026

American Legion Post 38 in Floresville, Texas, marks the 82nd Annual Floresville Peanut Festival as a hometown tradition. The festival runs Thursday, October 8, through Saturday, October 10, 2026, on the Courthouse Square in historic downtown Floresville. Official details live at floresvillepeanutfestival.org. The Hall will be set up as a cooling center during the festival. We will use it to recruit veterans and to sell gun raffle tickets.

The official festival calendar also lists Tuesday, October 6. Goober Games kick off the week that Tuesday afternoon at the Floresville Event Center, with games and activities for the younger crowd. The weekend itself is Thursday through Saturday. The festival's own site lists free grounds admission and free street parking. Saturday, October 10, is the Grand Parade at 10:00 a.m. downtown. Festival questions belong to the festival.

Thursday, October 8, is also the second Thursday of the month. The General Membership Meeting that night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. is cancelled. We still want members to come visit Post 38 and support the community during the festival.

Post 38's own site already names annual participation in Floresville's Peanut Festival among the traditions of turning out for local festivities. That is the claim this page will make, and no more. The Post marks the weekend as a hometown tradition. Be downtown as neighbors. After the parade, the Hall is still the Hall. Second-Thursday meetings and third-Thursday Tailgates do not move because the square is busy. Questions for the Post: (830) 393-7929 or txlegion38.org. Festival details: floresvillepeanutfestival.org.

Post 38 – A Hometown Tradition. Turn Out as Neighbors.

How to Join Post 38: There Is a Chair at Post 38

Wartime veterans with honorable discharge — bring proof to apply



American Legion Hall, 1412 4th Street, Floresville.

American Legion Post 38 in Floresville, Texas, has about 228 members. Call (830) 393-7929. The website is <https://txlegion38.org/>.

Prospective members are wartime veterans with an honorable discharge. Bring proof of honorable discharge from the U.S. military to apply. National eligibility, in general terms, is U.S. Armed Forces service during the Legion's eligibility periods, currently federal active duty from December 7, 1941, to the present, with honorable discharge or honorable service still under way. Post 38 does not invent a local waiver. Walk in with your discharge paperwork, or call the Hall.

General Membership Meetings are the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Hall. Veteran's Tailgates are the third Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The homepage says tailgates are open to all veterans for casual gatherings, and that no prior

registration is typically required for tailgates or open events. Come eat. Come listen. Come see whether this is your post.

Membership is how a wartime veteran takes a chair among neighbors who already did. The Hall is used for Scout Sundays, second-Thursday business, and third-Thursday tailgates. If you have not been in, this is the month to walk through the door. If you know a veteran who has not joined, bring them.

If a family member wants to know about the American Legion Auxiliary, ask at the Hall. That membership is separate from the Legion. To join Post 38, bring proof of honorable discharge to a General Membership Meeting or a Veteran's Tailgate. There is a chair at Post 38. Call (830) 393-7929 or visit txlegion38.org.

Post 38 – There Is a Chair at Post 38.



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

Gold Star Families:

Honoring the Families Who Carry the Cost

Sunday, September 27, 2026 — Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

Sunday, September 27, 2026, is Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day — always the last Sunday of September. American Legion Post 38 in Floresville, Texas, marks the day with the Nation: a Sunday set aside for the families who lost a son, a daughter, a spouse, a parent, or a sibling in the service of the United States.

The gold star began as a practice of the First World War. Families hung a service banner in the window: a white field with a red border, and a blue star for each member in uniform. When a service member died, the blue star was covered or replaced by a gold one. The banner was not decoration. It was a public accounting of a private loss, readable from the street.

On June 23, 1936, a joint resolution of Congress designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day. The observance now honors Gold Star mothers and Gold Star families — mothers, fathers, spouses, children, siblings, and others who live with that gold star. American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., grew from that same generation. Fathers belong to the day as surely as mothers do. The last Sunday of September is theirs.

Among our neighbors in Floresville and Wilson County are households that have set a gold star in the window, or that still set a place at the table. Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day belongs to them. Taking care of those families is how a Post says it locally — a visit, a meal, a ride, a chair at Post 38. A Buddy Check is ordinary looking-after: a phone call, a saved seat at the second-Thursday meeting or the third-Thursday Tailgate, a check on a family that has carried more than most.

Sunday, September 27, is also a Scout Sunday at the Hall, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Gold Star observance is national; the Scout meeting is already on the calendar. Fly the flag. Look in on a family. Keep the Hall a place where service, and the cost of service, are both named.

Post 38 – We Honor the Families Who Gave More Than We Can Repay.

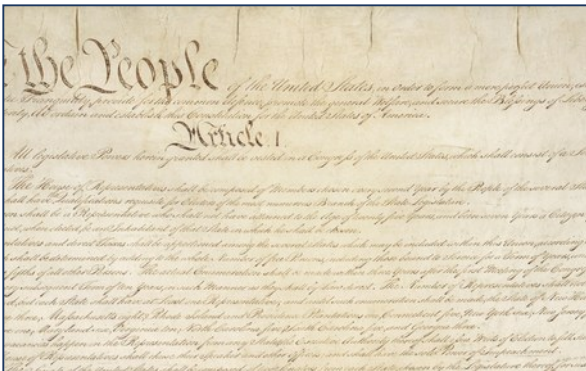


Gold Star and American War Mothers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Mother's Day. Harris & Ewing / Library of Congress (public domain).

Constitution Day:

Signed September 17, 1787 — Still Our Charge

Thursday, September 17, 2026 | Constitution Week September 17–23



Preamble and Article I of the U.S. Constitution, signed September 17, 1787. National Archives (public domain).

Thursday, September 17, 2026, is Constitution Day — the anniversary of the signing in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787. Delegates to the Constitutional Convention finished a summer of argument and compromise and put their names to a four-page charter that still governs the United States. Constitution Week runs September 17 through 23, the week Congress asked the Nation to set aside for that document.

Thirty-nine delegates signed. The Preamble names the purpose in a single sentence: to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty. Article I vests legislative power in Congress. Article II, the executive. Article III, the judiciary.

The American Legion's Americanism program has treated the Constitution as a living charge, not a museum piece. Nationally that work

includes civics education and a High School Oratorical Contest. Post 38 marks the week as a hometown post marks it: by naming the day, flying the flag, and keeping the Hall a place where the document is more than a display. Read the Preamble. Teach a young person why it matters.

The same Thursday is the Veteran's Tailgate at the Hall, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Constitution Day does not cancel the Tailgate. Come eat. Bring a young person if you can. Second-Thursday meetings and third-Thursday Tailgates are where Post 38 practices the quieter part of Americanism — showing up, taking a chair, and looking after the people who served under that document. Questions: (830) 393-7929 or txlegion38.org.

Post 38 – The Constitution Is Our Charge.

POST 38 CALENDAR

September 2026 | Floresville, Texas

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.

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

LIST VIEW • September 6 – 27, 2026

Sunday		September 6, 2026
● 16:00 – 17:00	Scout Meeting — Troop 114	
Monday		September 7, 2026
● federal holiday	Labor Day — federal observance; no Post event listed	
Thursday		September 10, 2026
● 19:00 – 21:00	General Membership Meeting Post 38	
Friday		September 11, 2026
● all day	Patriot Day / 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001 (national observance; no local ceremony time announced)	
Saturday		September 12, 2026
● 08:00 – 12:00	Day of Service — neglected cemeteries in Wilson County; meet at the Hall for assignments and tools	
Sunday		September 13, 2026
● 16:00 – 17:00	Scout Meeting — Troop 114	
Thursday		September 17, 2026
● 18:30 – 20:00	Veteran's Tailgate (ALR typically 18:00 before). Also Constitution Day — national civic observance	
Friday		September 18, 2026
● all day	National POW/MIA Recognition Day (third Friday); U.S. Air Force birthday, 1947 — cake at the Post to honor Air Force veterans	
Sunday		September 20, 2026
● 16:00 – 17:00	Scout Meeting — Troop 114	
Saturday		September 26, 2026
● 14:00 (doors 13:30)	LEGO Bingo at the Hall — \$50 includes 15 games + dauber; Breakthrough T1D; 830-391-9086; not a Post fundraiser	
Sunday		September 27, 2026
● 16:00 – 17:00	Scout Meeting — Troop 114. Also Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day (last Sunday of September; national observance)	

COMING UP

Thursday, October 8, 2026, 7:00–9:00 p.m. — General Membership Meeting cancelled. Come visit Post 38 and support the community during the Peanut Festival.

October 8–10, 2026 — 82nd Annual Floresville Peanut Festival. Grand Parade Saturday, October 10, 10:00 a.m. downtown (floresvillepeanutfestival.org). No Post parade or table is confirmed for this issue.

Thursday, October 15, 2026, 6:30–8:00 p.m. — Veteran's Tailgate at the Hall.

Saturday, October 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m.–noon — VSO Breakfast (as listed on txlegion38.org; location/host not published here).

Saturday, December 19, 2026, 6:00–10:30 p.m. — Wilson County Military Veteran's Ball, The Copper Door, 302 FM 1346, La Vernia. Tickets \$50 via Zeffy. (830) 393-7929 or txlegion38.org.