

September 2026 – Commander’s Newsletter



Hello Fellow Veterans and Friends of Post 38.

The Haddonfield American Legion Post 38 is going through some transformative changes and I’d like you bring everyone up to speed. It’s all good stuff.

The Month of September in Review

September and October are busy and exciting months for the legion. I’d like to share the key activities and hope all of our readers will join in and help us improve our post.

First, our building renovations will be completed by October 1st, 2026. Please feel free to check out our building located at 129 Veterans Lane, Haddonfield. We received a grant from the Haddonfield Foundation led by Charlene Creed for \$8,500. So far we’ve painted the first floor, replaced one bathroom with the second one expected to be replaced by October 1st. We have new carpet, a new television, a new printer and we’re painting some of the exterior. Great appreciation to the Haddonfield Foundation, and all of our legion members and ‘Friends of Post 38’ for their time and effort.

10/23 and 10/30 : We’ve identified 140 veterans living in Haddonfield and Haddon Heights who are not legionnaires. Letters were sent to these individuals inviting them to lunch on Friday October 23rd or October 30th at our post. Stay tuned.

09/25: Our New Jersey Stand Down is set for Friday September 25th at the Cherry Hill Grove Street Armory. Let’s help our veterans. Check out this link: <https://standdownsouthjersey.org>

Our Haddonfield Banner Program will start soon. Please contact Joe McElroy (proprinting@comcast.net) before October 1st if you’ve not done so as yet. The cost to display your banner is \$75.00.

10/3: Our Haddonfield October Fall Festival will be held on Saturday October 3rd starting at 09:00. We need legionnaires to help with coverage. Contact Rodney Thomas at 609-500-4165 or by email (rodthomas678123@gmail.com) if you can help.

10/14: Our annual Last Mans Ham Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday October 14th starting at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$30.00 per person if paid before October 1st, or \$35.00 after. We cannot accommodate more than 40 people. We’ll have ham, vegetables, desserts, appetizers and much more.

10/19: The Haddonfield EMT will teach us some CPR and other useful training on Monday 10/19 @11:00 AM at our post 38 building on Veterans Lane.

Saturday September 19th : Blood Drive at the Grace Episcopal Church. Check out these details: **Drive Details:**

Site: Grace Episcopal Church

Address: 19 Kings Highway E, Haddonfield, NJ, 08033

Room Name: Hall

Date: Sat Sep 19, 2026

Time: 9:00: AM - 2:00: PM

Blood Program Leader Name: Tamarris Jenkins

Blood Program Leader Phone Number:

[Click here to make an appointment](#)

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

In closing, we have many 'Friends of Post 38' to thank for helping us with resources, advertising, printing services, use of their space, funding, web site services and support. Some key friends include David Hunter, Joe Murphy, Philip Zebisch, Dr. Moses Chandran, Al Schmidt, and others.

All the Best,

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