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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Legion, Unit and SAL members,

I've now been on board as your Commander for 2 months. During that time I attended my first Annual Maryland American Legion Convention in Ocean City and I must say it was an eye opener and a great learning experience. From attending Legion College classes, various meetings, installations and functions, and of course an impressive and humbling Post Everlasting ceremony, I met fellow Legionnaires from throughout the State. All were willing to answer my questions and/or offer advice on “best practices” at their respective Posts. I also attended some Open Houses sponsored by different Posts and found all in attendance to be warm and welcoming.

I took stock of the situation in our Post and found that we have some “issues”, the most glaring being maintenance and upkeep. The building is getting on in years so of course some things are to be expected but years of “band-aiding” instead of doing a more permanent fix is taking its toll. So to the extent physically and financially possible we are going to be conducting maintenance with an eye towards long term solutions. One such solution was to replace the old beer lines that ran through the ceiling in the downstairs hall with superior lines that are warranted for 25 years. The condensation from the poorly insulated lines was playing havoc with the ceiling tiles and causing a mold and mildew problem, not to mention the cost of constantly having to replace the tiles.

Another problem that reared its ugly head during the August heat wave was a leak in the duct work in the ceiling of the game room that was also caused by condensation. As of this writing that problem was being addressed and hopefully contained by now. Other maintenance issues will be solved as time goes by and I hope we don't end up playing a bad game of Whack-a-Mole with them.

A new POS (Point-of-Sale) system has been installed behind the bar. This system will help the bartenders tremendously in performing their duties and making their job easier. It's also designed to aid with inventory control and cut down on the time it takes to count and order replacement supplies. Don't be afraid to ooh and aah when you see your bartender being able to ring up your order with just a touch of the screen instead of pounding on the keys of the old cash register. It's cool 21st Century stuff.

It may be my imagination but it seems as if Post attendance has increased during social events even during the typically slow summer months. The Meatloaf dinner night that the Unit put on in August was a big success and the NASCAR races, with the ever-popular Caution Pool, continues to draw a good crowd. After-work Happy Hour has also brought in a few more members be it to escape the heat and rehydrate, unwind from the workday, or just relax and chat with friends while the Nat's or O's are playing. There was also a lot of Olympic Games watching going on. Friday and/or Saturday night entertainments, whether live or karaoke, continue to be well attended.

Don't forget that the Saturday brunches are starting back up. Start your weekend with a good hearty breakfast and let someone else do the breakfast cooking for you. Also, the Ways and Means Committee with Mo, Esther, Lauren and various other helpers and volunteers have an upcoming slate of functions that will be coming our way beginning with an October Crab Feast and continuing with a different event every month. Check your email, the Post 268 website, and future newsletters for specific information.

Thank you to all our members and friends who volunteer to do various things around the Post home from fixing, cooking, selling 50-50's, bringing in a pot luck, restocking pull tabs or gaming machines, etc. and etc. Your sense of volunteerism is very much appreciated.

Ed McCaw

Commander

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS
GOD BLESS OUR COUNTRY

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Well it's "Back to the Beginning Again"! – Brian Auger's Oblivion Express, 1976, great fusion keyboard jazz song. Under the leadership of Commander Ed McCaw, September brings us back to the real world with S.A.L. meetings and an Early Bird picnic at the Post on Saturday, September 10th. Please join others who pay their dues before the event, for a day of Fall food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share if you care And the Fern Street Crab Feast is back again! New crab supplier and an October 15th date almost guarantees big, full crabs, many delicious sides and cold draft beer as the Best of the local Best Crab Feasts go. Get \$40 tickets at bar ASAP! \$20 for non crabbers. Thanks to our Finance Director Scott the Post has a new very handsome web site. Thanks Scott!! We plan to add a current events button soon. Until then, all you Face bookers can type in "268 Wheaton American Legion" for display ads. Do not, under penalty of law, not have your email registered with NEW Unit President Chris Willard for weekly "what's going on" menu and entertainment news. With 268er every 2 months now, this is the only way to communicate:chris1939@verizon.net If a friend wants to join S.A.L., they MUST have their father's DD214, fill out an application with a check or cash for \$20 submitted in an envelope with phone number to the bartender, they will get a receipt. Simple. To get a missing DD214 please go online to the American Legion/S.A.L. Any S.A.L. officer will provide you with an application. Any questions can be directed to myself or New Commander Harry Wachter. Save the Post postage and get this newsletter on-line. Submit your email on paper with your name and put in the Adjutants door. We thank our wonderful Sandy Smith for her Post help over the years. She is usually at the Post Mondays and Tuesdays after 11am should you have any specific membership questions, she is the one to ask on any Legion protocol.

Food wise: Saturday Brunches are back! Could be on a more limited basis unless we get another team or 2 so check Chris' email on exact teams. Get in on our "Bucket Brigade" all day special. Bud, Bud Light, Miller and Miller Lite and Coors Light, 4 - 12oz. cans for \$8. We have new draft beer lines! Yes, they were replaced by all new tubing. Should make pouring better! Also, there is a new cash register computer system. PLEASE be patient to our bar tenders as they learn how to navigate this new technology. It will make inventory better I am told. Big thanks to Lauren Keys, Niko and Mike as they have made the Post a destination on the weekends especially when there is no Saturday entertainment. Lots of fun, specials either NASCAR, Nats Baseball or the next "second coming" of our beloved Redskins! Hail! Bring a guest, just make sure you sign them in, and they must leave with you. You are responsible for being a Post "host".

Good of Sons: Your S.A.L. will be working hard this Fall. The team has cleaned, painted and repaired the grill/smoker. Thanks Terry Keys! Big thanks to Commander Harry for the fantastic upper kitchen floor repaint job. Three coats of polyurethane should make it last. Matt's TV finally found a home atop the awards cabinet. Thanks again Matt and Darlene too! Consider donating some time. A little or a lot, it's ALL appreciated. Thanks to Donny and Lanny for cleaning the bar mats. Looks great. Have a suggestion? Want something done? Ask a Son!!

Next meetin' in Wheaton, Tuesday, September 6th at 7pm to kick off the new season with Commander Harry. For 2016-2017 officers see updated front door S.A.L. Cabinet. Introduce yourself to Commander Ed McCaw, we are so grateful for his new leadership. Please keep our brave service folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are on the line. See a Vet, HUG that Vet. Back to real world, happily again with good health and God Bless America.

Jim Cavender S.A.L. 268 Vice [Commander jcavender8@gmail.com](mailto:jcavender8@gmail.com)

FOOD PROGRAM

Along with our Friday night dinners and Saturday brunches, we offer sandwiches at the bar. Dinners include: salad and dessert. Cost \$10.00. Also, many Saturday and Sundays, the bartenders and food committee make it a special day by offering meal specials. Contact the post to see WHATS GOING ON!! Bring a friend and join us for a cold drink and lively and conversation. Enjoy our slot machines. I hear they are really HOT right now. Lets all work together and become a true: **AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY !!!**

NOTE FROM EDITOR:

If you would prefer to receive future 268'er newsletters via email ONLY and save Post mailing expense of the hard copy, please send your request to Adjutant Sandy Smith at Adjutant@alpost268.org. Besides savings in postage, emailed newsletters have the benefit of getting to you faster than the mailed version. So consider going "Green" and request that the 268'er be sent to you by email only. Thank you.

AUXILIARY NEWS

The new Officers of Unit 268 were Installed on June 28th by District President Brenda Miller. We are all ready for the new Auxiliary year.

The Unit did the refreshment for the meeting. Leftovers were picked up by the Wheaton Rescue Squad. They are always quick to come and grateful for the donation.

The Unit got 5 certificates at the Department Convention in Ocean City.

1st place-Community Service -most outstanding work

1st place National Security- best all around program.

1st place- Cancer control-most outstanding work

3rd place Education- most outstanding work

3rd place Legislative- best all around program

Thanks for all the work we do and Helen's wonderful reports. We will get more on the District level next month

The Unit did a Friday Night Dinner on Aug. 5th for the Post. Served 29 .

We did a funeral dinner for a Unit family member on Aug. 7th.

The Unit will be doing the Friday Night Dinners on the first Friday [exception Sept where it will be the 3rd Friday] We will be having our bake sale the same night. Please bring a bake good to the sale and take another one home to enjoy.

Cash contributions are also welcome.

At the Early Bird picnic we will be raffling off fun baskets. If you care to contribute see Terry Waters. 301 384 2128 . A candy, sports, tea, wine, etc. Or you can make one. Chances will be \$1.00 each.

We will have a brief remembrance to 9-11 on Sept 11th at 1:00 pm. Come in and remember all we lost, and all who helped.

Dues for 2016-17 are \$30. Please send them to Linda Sarkisian 2813 Peregoy Dr. Kensington Md. 20895. Chaplain Lynne would like to know of any Unit member sick or in the hospital. 301 807 1495.

Dates to remember:

Sept. 2nd. Unit Bake Sale. Bring a bake good or a donation.

Sept. 8th Coupon clipping. Come in for clipping and Pizza

Sept. 10th Early Bird Picnic. Noon-3 pm. Free for Early Birds \$3.00 for guests.

Sept 11th 9-11 Remembrance 1 pm. Come in for a brief program.

Sept 16th Unit Friday Night Dinner

Sept. 20th Unit meeting 7:00 pm. Let's have a good turnout.

Oct. 7th Friday Night Dinner and Bake Sale

Oct. 13th Coupon clipping. Clipping and Pizza.

Oct. 18th Unit meeting 7:00 pm

Christine Williard, President

**Saturday
October 15th
4pm to 7pm**

**Only
\$40.⁰⁰**



Wheaton Post 268 Ways and Means Presents...

Get Crabby at the Legion!

Raise your mug & mallet to Fall 2016 and join your friends for a Post tradition. The Fern Street Feast includes traditional favorites: Hot Dogs, BBQ, Corn on-the-cob, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Danny's Famous Crab Soup, Draft Beer and assorted delicious sides. Cash Bar. All Legion and friends are invited! See bartender for tickets. Non Crabs \$20. Kids under 8 FREE with paid adult! Yummy, Don't miss!

SEPTEMBER 2016

EN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dan & Lynne 7:30 pm	2 NO DINNER Unit Bake Sale Pocket Change 8:00 to 11:00	3 Open Jukebox
4	5 Pool League LABOR DAY	6 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	7 Pool League	8 Unit coupon clipping 6:00 pm	9 NO DINNER Motor Driven 8:00 to 11:00	10 EARLYBIRD PICNIC 12:00 TO 4:00 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
11 9/11 REMEMBRANCE 1:00 PM	12 Pool League	13	14 Pool League	15 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM Dan & Lynn 7:30 PM	16 UNIT DINNER PORK LOIN MIKE & SAX 8:00 to 11:00	17 BRUNCH Open Jukebox
18	19 Pool league	20 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	21 Pool League	22	23 LAUREN'S DINNER GREEK DINNER The Colliders 8:00 to 11:00	24 BRUNCH Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
25	26 Pool League	27 POST BUS. MEETING 7:30	28 Pool League	29	30 SAL DINNER HONEY DIP CHICKEN VENTURA HIGHWAY 8:00 TO 11:00	

EARLY BIRD PICNIC 2016



268 Early Bird Picnic!

September 10, Noon to 4pm, Post Home

Here is a great reason to get your 2017 dues into the Post before 9-6-16!
 FREE for all who get it paid up Early, \$6.00 for their guests. Non early bird is \$6.00. Their guests are also \$6! Cash bar. Post to provide usual Picnic fare, Hamburgers, Hot dogs, fresh sides, tables, plates and paper products. Event is here at the Post this year from Noon to 5pm. Games, and lots of family fun. Get your tickets at bar or at the door. All are encouraged to "Bring a Dish" to share with the Legion Family. Parking County Garage. See Commander Ed for further details.

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 BRUNCH Open Jukebox
2	3 POOL LEAGUE	4 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	5 POOL LEAGUE	6 Dan & Lynn 7:30 PM	7 UNIT DINNER DEEP FRIED SHRIMP/FISH Unit Bake Sale Pocket Change 8:00 to 11:00	8 BRUNCH Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 11:00 PM
9	10 POOL LEAGUE	11	12 POOL LEAGUE	13 Unit coupon clipping 6:00 pm POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM	14 Mo's Dinner CHICKEN CACCIATORE Motor Driven 8:00 to 11:00	15 No Brunch CRAB FEAST 4:00 to 7:00 Open Jukebox
16	17 POOL LEAGUE	18 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	19 POOL LEAGUE	20 Dan & Lynn 7:30 PM	21 SAL DINNER HAM DINNER Mike & Sax 8:00 to 11:00	22 BRUNCH Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
23	24 POOL LEAGUE	25 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	26 POOL LEAGUE	27	28 LAUREN'S DINNER MEATLOAF Top Tones 8:00 to 11:00	29 BRUNCH
30	31 POOL LEAGUE					

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Super Bowl Party 2016/2017: The planning of the Super Bowl Party is now underway. The party will be held a WEEK EARLY. The date will be Saturday, January 28th. The time 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm. Menu will be same as last year. It will be again \$100. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please e-mail me at lindasarkisian@yahoo.com. When paying by check, please enter in memo on check the name that should go on Superbowl grid. If paying by cash, please attach a note to cash with participating person name. The pool is open to all including those who are not a member of post. You may have more then one square. We have many squares left. PLEASE contact me as soon as possible if you are interested!!
Linda Sarkisian, Chairperson (301/602-5276)

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Expires October 2016

Paul D. Harding, Jr.
Jim & Sandy Smith
Charlie & Jo Brown

Expires May 2017

Walter & Margaret Ayers
Pat & John Krisko, III
Dennis Krisko & Selva Karslo

Expires January 2018

Dave Rogerson and Eleanor

Expires March 2017

William & Karma Harmon
Helen Storer

Expires October 2017

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Ed DiRaimo

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Expires January 2021

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Check the appropriate boxes below.

Eligibility Dates:

- August 2, 1990 – Present
- December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
- August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
- February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
- June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
- December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946

Branch of Service:

- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marine Corps
- U.S. Coast Guard



I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

 (Signature of Applicant) (Signature of Recruiter)