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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Fellow Legion, Unit, and SAL members;

A new slate of Officers took part in a joint installation ceremony on June 28. The roster of new Officers for Post 268 is as follows:

Commander- Ed McCaw

1st Vice Commander- Jim Mattingly

2nd Vice Commander- Russ Wood

3rd Vice Commander- Roy Ignacio

Unit President- Chris Willard

SAL Commander- Harry Wachter

SAL Vice Commander- Jim Cavender

I would be remiss in not mentioning our outgoing Commander Dave "Gunny" Hill and how the Post thrived under his year of leadership. I hope to be able to step into his big boots during the next year and continue his program of progress to grow our Post both with our membership numbers and creating an atmosphere that has more members looking forward to supporting the Post Home. Unfortunately, a medical issue precludes "Gunny" from carrying on as Commander for a further term. I personally want to thank him for guiding the Post during the past year and wish him luck and all the best for a speedy and full recovery.

Another name I wish to bring up is Linda Sarkisian. She and the other members of the Unit do so much for our Post that I can't comprehend how we would function as we do without them. Linda, of course, will still be around to provide assistance as a mainstay of our Post. I look forward to collaborating with her and President Chris for the betterment of the Post.

To the incoming SAL leadership, they are not strangers in the Post and do a lot of things "behind the scenes" that I want them to know are truly appreciated by the membership.

A special thanks goes out to Mark Ruhl, and his list of "volunteers", for all he does to improve conditions around the Post be it "blowing" out the parking lot, hanging the nice flat-screen TV's located in the bar area and recreation room for our viewing pleasure, or just bringing his jovial self into the Post and adding a nice atmosphere. He "Sets the Example" for volunteerism in Post 268.

Of course there are many others who do great work around the Post but their numbers are too numerous to mention at this sitting. You know who you are. I will be sure to recognize each and every one of you as time goes by either personally or here in another edition of the 268er.

Remember, Post 268 is for each and every one of us. We're here to support Veterans and our Legion Family. If you see something (or someone) wrong, make it right. Or let me or someone in Post leadership know about it. We will police ourselves and continue to make Post 268 a place to be proud of and enjoy.

I look forward to serving you as your Commander and representing Post 268 in the upcoming Legion year.

Edward A. McCaw
Commander

~ CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN ~

The following comrades have answered their final roll call, completed their tours of duty and have reported to the Supreme Commander of Post Everlasting: Clifford Dewey, James L. Townsend, Donald R. Adams, Alfred Aspland, Albert Sheranko.

For those departed which we do not know about, may their souls, and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in eternal peace. Amen

Comrades who are in need of our prayers: Pat Barry.

“PURPLE HEART DAY” In Honor of Purple Heart Recipients

**Each Purple Heart shall always be
A part of freedom's history
Hold deep inside a fervent pride
For all who gave, the brave who died.
They showed their best for liberty
They stood for us with certainty.
Their wound of war, their Purple Heart
Each dared to care and do their part
Some bore a wound which took their life
While others lived past war's honed knife
True patriots, they faced their call
To keep our nation strong for all.
Deep scars of war are carried by
Those who return, and those who cry.
Pray for the brave, their loved ones too
Thank God for heroes – all of you.**

IN MEMORIAM

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In Memory of Joe Storer

By The Storer Family (11/17)

In Memory of Lenora Ralph

By Jack Ralph (1/17)

In memory of “Judge” McCaw

*By **The** McCaw Family (1/18)*

In memory of Estelle J. 'EJ' Parsley

By Robert O. Allen (1/21)

In Memory of Lieselotte Allen

By Robert O. Allen (1/21)

In Memory of “Blackie” Sarkisian

The Sarkisian Family (6/16)

In Memory of Edward & Sheila Beall

By Mack E. Beall (12/19)

In Memory of Jack Daley

Margaret Daley & Family (8/16)

From the Adjutant.....

On February 16, 2016, we lost one of our oldest members – Mr. Robert P. Lynch. Bob had 70 years of Continuous Years Membership in the American Legion when he passed away. Not only did Bob participate and contribute in many areas of the Post during his “70 Years”, he also has made a mark on the Post since his death. Bob had made arrangements to have Wheaton Post 268 receive a very generous donation from his estate. I know Bob loved The American Legion and his generosity shows.

It was very hard to show our appreciation to Bob and his Family for his generosity, but, our Finance Officer, Scott Schlesinger came up with what we believe to be “the answer.” Our new WIFI password for guests I now **BobLynch268**. Scott felt someone will ask about this name every time the WIFI is used.

On behalf of Past Commander Hill, Commander McCaw, the Officers and Members of Wheaton Post 268, many thanks to Bob Lynch and his family.

Another item of note – do any of our members recognize the name “Charlie Fream”? No? How about “Charlie the Egg Man?” Well, it is with regret that I report that Charlie passed away on 6/12/16. I was notified that 6/22/16 was the last day that deliveries of the freshest eggs ever was made. We all will miss Charlie.

Thanks for listening.

Sandy Henrikson-Smith Adjutant

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Thanks to all squad members, patrons and friends for the great 100 we had in May. Last minute sell out and all, your S.A.L. made everyone happy and a respectable profit that went right out the door to DAV and Paralyzed Veterans of America, and to 268 stairwell painting and base molding. Thanks to Aqua for the perfect beef and Mark's carving. Many thanks to all who attended and helped, without you, there would be NOTHING to report. Pat, pat...Thanks! After the summer break there will be an early bird on Sunday September 11th, and there is talk that the Post will host a Crab Feast in early October. Stay tuned to Chris Williard's Post news blast for details. The S.A.L. is taking a brunch break sure to start up in September. Your S.A.L. will also recoat and seal the upper kitchen floor when traffic dies down in that area in July. The lower hall is available for rentals and with wall paint touch ups it is looking good. See Linda for rental information please.

2017 cards are now in! Be an early bird and get into the picnic FREE in September. Get your \$20 into us ASAP, please, once and done I say!. We ask that in your travels that you let others know about the Legion and all the great things membership brings. 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.

Food wise: Food will be offered throughout summer on a notice basis. We always have really tasty bar food available and have been told the pork sandwich is to die for! Thanks Linda! Get in on our new "Bucket Brigade" all day special. Bud, Bud Light, Miller and Miller Lite and Coors Light, 4 - 12oz. cans for \$7. Big thanks to Lauren Keys as she has made the Post a destination on the weekends. Lots of fun, specials and fellowship when you are not at the beach!

Good of Sons: Your S.A.L. presented DAV and Paralyzed Veterans of America donation checks and will be getting another donation to Fisher House out soon. Much Kudos go to Bill Sessums for not only his garden creation but donation of a larger screen TV for the lounge area. Really beautiful. Thanks again Bill! Current Toshiba goes to the pool room. Plans include a donated TV by Matt to go above the Post awards cabinet soon as well. Thanks Mark Ruhl for the heavy work to make this happen. Consider donating some time. A little or a lot, it's ALL appreciated.

For current news get on Chris Williards email and visit Post 268 on Facebook. There is talk of a new 268 website coming soon.

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. Please keep our brave service folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are on the line everyday to keep us all safe and great. See a Vet, HUG that Vet. Happy dag gone Summer to you and family. Don't be a stranger, come visit your Post for a cold one and a sandy! God Bless America.

Jim Cavender
S.A.L. 268 Vice Commander
jcavender8@gmail.com

AUXILIARY NEWS

The new officers for the Auxiliary year 2016 – 2017

President	Christine Williard	Vice President	Tommie Haga
Secretary	Helen Storer	Historian	Christine Williard
Treasurer	Linda Sarkisian	Executive	Betsy Davis
Sgt. Of Arms	Patsy Alder		Geneva Foster
Chaplain	Lynne Stephens		Christine Porter

I want to thank the Unit for electing me as the new President. I know we will all work hard together for a successful year to help Veterans and our community.

The Unit catered a three meat dinner for 150 for the Wheaton High Sports Alumni. Quite an undertaking but they were pleased and we made money for our programs.

The Unit prepared and served lunch for about 120 for the open house at our Post after the Memorial Day Service.

As we take the summer off from meetings we will still be collecting clothes, small comfort items (tooth brushes, soap, deodorant, sanitary products, shampoo, etc.) towels, blankets, for Shepard’s Table in Silver Spring and MCVETS in Baltimore. We also are collecting new socks for MCVETS. Items can be put in the box just inside the front door.

We are also collecting used cell phones for domestic abuse victims, there is a box under the table in the front for them.

BOX TOPS for local schools we collect also. These are found on many food items. The schools turn them in for much needed supplies. A box for these is on the white cabinet in the back room. There is a box for your clipped and unclipped coupons, which we send over seas to Commissaries, on cabinet also. Remember, we clip coupons the third Thursday each month. We enjoy a pizza dinner before we begin clipping at 6:00 PM.

Unit also need school supplies like pencils, note books, glue, folders, crayons, etc. These are donated to local schools. Please bring them in by the middle of August and place on white cabinet also.

Dues for the 2016-2017 year are \$30 with check made out to: ALA Wheaton 268 and sent to Linda Sarkisian, 2813 Peregoy Drive, Kensington, Md. 20895.

Chaplain Lynn would like a call at 301/807-1495 if you know of any member who is sick or in the hospital.

We will start our First Friday Bake Sales on Sept. 2nd. Anyone can bring in a bake good to sell and take a new one home to enjoy. For those who can not bake or live out of town, we gladly take contributions for our programs. Send them to me at 10511 Inwood Ave. Silver Spring, Md. 20902. Thanks

Our first meeting of the new year will be Sept. 20th at 7:00 pm. Lets all try to be there. We will have many new projects to work on and nee a team effort to get them done.

Christine Williard, President



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER: AUGUST 5TH. SMALL SALAD BAR, LINDA'S MEATLOAF, POTATOES, VEGETABLE, ROLLS AND BUTTER, DESSERT \$10.00

TIME: 5:30 PM TILL 7:30 PM

JULY 2016

EN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pocket Change 8:00 to 11:00	2 Open Jukebox
3	4 Pool League	5	6 Pool League	7 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 Dan & Lynn 7:00 PM	8 Motor Driven 8:00 to 11:00	9 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
10	11 Pool League	12	13 Pool League	14	15 Patuxent Partners 8:00 to 11:00	16 Open Jukebox
17	18 Pool league	19	20 Pool League	21 Dan & Lynn 7:00 PM Unit coupon clipping 6:00 pm	22 The Colliders 8:00 to 11:00	23 Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
24 31	25 Pool League	26 POST BUS. MEETING 7:30	27 Pool League	28	29 Tom McCabe (New talent)	30 Open Jukebox

EARLY BIRD PICNIC 2016

The Early Bird picnic will be held tentatively in Sept. (Date given Later). As of now, the venue will be the Post Home but plans are still being made that may provide for another site. The final confirmation, to include place and times, will be posted in the next issue of the 268er. Reminder; The Early Bird Picnic is just what it sounds; for members who pay their 2016-2017 dues prior to the picnic. NO EXCEPTIONS! Membership cards are available now. Early Bird members will be free and guest of members will be charged \$5 for entry. Adjutant Sandy Smith will be on site with an up-to-date roster and members may pay their dues at that time in order to participate as an Early Bird. Otherwise, you may pay the going rate for drinks at the bar and for any food consumed. Unit membership cards will be available after Dept. Convention. An Unit member will also be on site to collect dues. See you there.

Ed McCaw, Commander

WHEATON POST 268 NEW WEBSITE: ALPOST268.ORG
CREATED BY SCOTT SCHLESINGER (FINANCE OFFICER)

AUGUST 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 POOL LEAGUE	2	3 POOL LEAGUE	4 Dan & Lynn 7:00 PM	5 DINNER MEATLOAF BY LINDA \$10.00 Pocket Change	6 Open Jukebox
7	8 POOL LEAGUE	9	10 POOL LEAGUE	11 Post Executive Meeting 7:30 PM	12 Motor Driven 8:00 to 11:00	13 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 11:00 PM
14	15 POOL LEAGUE	16	17 POOL LEAGUE	18 Dan & Lynn 7:00 PM Unit coupon clipping 6:00 pm	19 Mike & Sax 8:00 to 11:00	20 Open Jukebox
21	22 POOL LEAGUE	23 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	24 POOL LEAGUE	25	26 Old School 8:00 to 11:00	27 Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
28	29 POOL LEAGUE	30	31 POOL LEAGUE			

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Super Bowl Party 2016/2017: We are now accepting payment. It will be again \$100. If you have any suggestions for next year, please e-mail me at lindasarkisian@yahoo.com. I am open to all suggestions. 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 than one square. I would like all payments to be in by Sept. 1, 2016. We are now into July and still 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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BOOSTERS

Support Post 268 by being a Booster! For \$10, Boosters' names will be published in six bulletins. For \$20, names will be published in twelve bulletins. This opportunity is available to all Legion, Unit and S.A.L. Members and to all guests of the Post. Please renew your listing by the 15th of the month prior to its expiration. To become a Booster or to renew your listing, see our Adjutant. Thank you for your support.

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 2019

Bob & Gail McGuire

Expires March 2017

William & Karma Harmon
Helen Storer

Expires October 2017

Paul C. Helmke
Tony & Lois Marella
John Supinski
Bill & Fay Schilling
Matt Lynott & Darlene

Expires October 2020

Ed DiRaimo

Expires March 2017

Jim & Geneva Foster
Gerald E. Neumann

Expires May 2017

Stephen & Wanda DeMent

Expires January 2021

Bob Allen, PPC

Expires July 2022

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- 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)