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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

Greetings. To start on an admin note, the Post as of this writing sits at 90% of our FY17 membership goal. Not bad but we'd like to do better. So if you have not paid your dues up-to-date please send in your checks to the Post and we will rush your new membership card out to you.

Congratulations to Erin Siskos for being the winner of the iPad raffle that was drawn on Presidents' Day. She is one happy winner and should enjoy years of use from this top-of-the line product if she can keep Niko's hands off it.

Also, congratulations to all the Super Bowl Pool winners. The game was one of the most exciting in history with plenty of score changes that had the holders of particular numbers constantly wringing their hands, or clasping them together in prayer as they called on a higher power to intervene in their behalf.

As we enter March it will soon be time for the "wearin' of the green". March 17 will feature a Friday night dinner of corned beef and cabbage cooked to perfection by our own Linda Sarkisian. For all our Catholics (myself included) who have begun to remind me that St. Patrick's Day is smack dab in the middle of Lent, our Acting Chaplain Bruce Davis is working on getting a Special Dispensation from Catholic authorities for that one "meatless" Friday so that all may participate in the meal without any Catholic guilt feelings.

Post 268 nominated Mark Ruhl on its Legionnaire of the Year submittal to the County. Unfortunately Mark was not ultimately selected for County honors but that doesn't lessen the fact of the valuable role that he plays in the functioning of our Post. From building maintenance to plumbing and electrical repairs, snow removal (not this year), pull-tab machine maintenance, SAL Liaison, Executive Committee member, etc., I could go on ad infinitum regarding Mark's contributions to the Post Home. Congratulations Mark on being Post 268's nominee for County Legionnaire of the Year.

NASCAR season has restarted and we had a pretty fair crowd to watch the running of the Daytona 500. There were plenty of caution flags waved during the race and the action in the Caution Pool was fast and furious. Congratulations to all the winners who participated in the pool. Non-winners will get future chances as the NASCAR season continues for the next 36 weeks. (Thank you Matt for informing me of the length of the season)

The Boys of Summer have reported to spring training and baseball season is a mere month away. Come out to the Post with its numerous TV's and watch your favorite local team, Nats and/or O's, when the season starts and root for an ultimate Beltway World Series this year.

And speaking of baseball, please see below in this newsletter the call for financial assistance for our own Post 268 baseball team. We have an enthusiastic bunch of young players that are rarin' to go this season and we wish to provide them with any and all support that we can muster.

SR3 returns for its bi-annual appearance on March 24 in the upstairs lounge. Come on out and listen to our own Clint Sandford (SAL) and company as they entertain us with their brand of classic rock music. Also, stay informed on the schedule of all our Friday night groups (Pocket Change, Mike & Sax, Motor Driven, The Colliders, etc.) and an occasional guest band as brought in by our Entertainment Chairman, Jim Mattingly. Review the schedule in the newsletter or simply be kept in the know by Chris Willard and her weekly email and Facebook updates on the AL Post 268 site.

I'll conclude by saying it would be great to get more participation at the monthly General Business Meetings. We try to keep the membership informed as to Post goings on but only so much information can be passed in the newsletter every 2 months. If you're not a regular attendee to the meetings then I invite any and all to at least attend once a quarter to hear about Post business and maybe provide your own valuable insights and/or suggestions. You do not need to call in advance or make a reservation. We will have a seat readily available for you.

Ed McCaw, Commander

Irish Humor: The Doctor gave old man Shamus 6 months to live. Shamus, being on a lowly fixed income, couldn't pay the bill so the Doctor gave him another 6 months. - Unknown author

~ 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” ~ Carl A. Andersen, Jr. ~ ~ James “Bart” Bowles ~
~ Merrith Nolden ~ ~ John Stratton ~.

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.

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Joe Storer
By The Storer Family (11/17)

In memory of “Judge” McCaw
*By **The** McCaw Family (1/18)*

In Memory of “Blackie” Sarkisian
The Sarkisian Family (6/18)

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Edward & Sheila Beall
By Mack E. Beall (12/19)

In Memory of Lieselotte Allen
By Robert O. Allen (1/21)

In memory of Estelle J. 'EJ' Parsley
By Robert O. Allen (1/21)



HAPPY 98TH BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION (1919-2017)
MARCH 15TH

WHEATON POST 268 ORATORICAL CONTEST



Commander Ed McCaw, Anna McGuire, David Edimo, 2nd Vice Russ Wood

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

May the March winds blow as long as it does not snow! So far we have dodged the white flake bullet so to say. That's unusual but fine by me. We will probably pay for this next year! In mean time March madness and NASCAR ramp up to move us into Spring. Lots of specials and 268 fun coming your way. "Opps we did it again". Your 268 Squadron made a generous donation towards the new upper level ice machine replacement. Yes old "Nellie Bell" was 40 years old and gave up the ghost. Your hometown S.A.L. squad rolled up the sleeves and contributed.

District wise, the Annual SMD Shrimp Feast (bull included) will be Saturday March 18th at Cheverly Post #108. Always a fun afternoon for \$30 with proceeds going to the District Commander's projects. Contact one of our SMD SAL Officers or DEC for tickets. Come out and have a great time and help support the programs of The American Legion Family. Also the SMD SAL convention this year will be held June 23, 24 and 25, 2017 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 15101 Schweitzer Lane Laurel, MD, 301-776-5300. We will be getting an info pack on details soon. If you'd like to attend see Commander Harry. With that said, ear mark Saturday May 13th from 4 to 7pm our annual S.A.L.

100. \$30 admits two, great roast beef dinner, open bar and a chance to win BIG!! Please see your bartender today for your "lucky" ticket! Do not miss this "famous" event!

All S.A.L. members must note that as of January 1st the S.A.L. dues are now \$25 per year. As mentioned, national has increased each Squads member contribution so we must pass that along to our members. We did a mailing last month to those who have not paid asking them to get them in before the increase. Happy to report we are almost to goal! All bartenders have been alerted to check for 2017 membership cards. If you are in the rears, let's get that paid up! 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 \$25 submitted in an envelope with phone number to the bartender, they will get a receipt. To get a missing DD214 please go online to the American Legion/S.A.L. Any questions can be directed to myself or Commander Harry Wachter or any questions to Sandy Smith. Should you have any specific membership questions, she is the one to ask. She is usually at the Post Mondays and Tuesdays after 11am. With 268er every 2 months now, the only immediate way to communicate is to get on the "Chris List". Email her at: chris1939@verizon.net and get weekly event and food notices. Check the Post 268 Facebook page where Lauren Keys posts weekend specials and events too! Be on her list to keep informed about any Post function postponements due to weather.

Food wise: The monthly Saturday S.A.L. brunch is the second Saturday of the month. Big thanks to Harry's expert egg cooking skills, Sean McGovern's pancake wizardry and Donny Haba's help and of course Sheri Nagel's financial skills. Our seasoned team makes a great \$6 "268 Blue Plate Special". Your S.A.L. hosts a Friday night dinner once a month and hats off again to Harry and Kevin for pitching in. Keep in mind the Mike Devlin Hall for public rentals. See Linda Sarkisian for all the many options and rate details. When you 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: A big Zorro this month to Donnie Haba. He is the main man keeping our Post upstairs and down clean and stocked. He also graciously helps with many Saturday brunches. When you see him, tip your hat in thanks! When bringing items to donate to local causes, please see a Unit member if you have any questions as to what can and should be donated. The Post has only so much storage room. Even though wheel chairs are a needed item, think about donating those items to the many local senior centers that can use them. Donate books to the library or local Assisted Living facilities. Bless the Pool Leagues for keeping Monday and Wednesday evenings lively at the Post. All levels are welcome. Want to join? See team captains the day of play.

Next meetin' in Wheaton, Tuesday, March 7th at 7pm. Hats off to Commander Ed McCaw and Mo McCaw and her team for organizing the food programs. Please keep our brave service folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are on the line for us all. See a Vet, HUG that Vet, better yet, sign up that Vet! On behalf of the 268 S.A.L. we wish you a Happy Spring and St Pat's Day!

Jim Cavender

S.A.L. Post 268, Vice Commander

jcavender8@gmail.com

AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

The Unit did a Spaghetti dinner for the Friday Night Dinner. Also our monthly bake sale. Some who can't bake give a donation. Always welcome. You can send a donation made payable to Unit 268 to me at 10511 Inwood Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20902.

We took 14 bags of clothing to the Interfaith Chapel. We also take clothing to Shepard's table and MCVETS in Baltimore. We have been filling handbags with personal items for the women at MCVETS.

The Post has an Oratorical Contest each year. Unit members helped with refreshments and acted as timers and judges. Good to see the youth of today at their finest.

We did a Memorial Services for a SAL member. Memorial Services is a very important part of our organization.

At our monthly meeting we did the Memorial Service for 4 Unit members who had answered the call of the Supreme Commander during the past year. We also remembered the heroism of the 4 Chaplains.

Unit members volunteer time packing meals and delivering them to Meals on Wheels clients. We also provide treats on holidays. This February we packed Valentine candy in the lunch bags of the 70 clients.

Chaplain Lynne wants to know when a member is sick, please call her at 301 805 1495. Please let her know if you hear of a death of a member.

Dates to remember:

March 3rd. Unit bake sale

March 9th Coupon clipping (Coupons go to commissaries overseas)

March 17th Unit dinner will be for St. Patrick's Day

March 21st Unit Meeting (7:00 PM)

April 7th Unit dinner and bake sale

April 13th Coupon Clipping

April 18th Unit meeting and Initiation of new members.

April 22nd Unit Sock Hop

COME OUT TO THE MEETING, BE PART OF OUR YEAR. WE NEED NEW VOICES AND WORKERS.

Christine Williard President

50'S ROCKIN SOCK HOP

Menu:

Sloppy Joes

Mac and Cheese

Cole Slaw

Baked Potato Bar

Ice Cream Sundae Bar



Saturday, April 22 2017

Dinner 5:00 pm till 7:30 pm

Dance 8:00 PM till 10:30 PM

Admission: Dinner/Dance \$8.00

Dance only \$3.00

Sponsored by Unit 268 Tickets are on sale NOW!

Door Prizes at Dinner and Dance

Raffles – Cash Bar

CONTACT GENEVA FOSTER FOR TICKETS (301/438-2210)

CONTACT CHRIS WILLIARD FOR RESERVATIONS (301/649-2709)

CONTACT BETTY WALKER FOR BASKET OF CHEER (301/460-1523)

CONTACT LINDA SARKISIAN FOR OTHER INFO (301/602-5276)

“POCKET CHANGE” (8:00 PM TILL 10:30 PM)

Basket of cheer raffle will be drawn that night. There will be two winners. Tickets are \$1.00 each. See a Unit member for tickets. Door Prizes will be given away during dinner and Gift cards during the dance.

MARK YOUR CALANDAR: MAY 20TH “SALAUTE TO VETERANS” LUNCHEON. Poppy Chairman, Terry Waters, is planning an luncheon for all Veterans. There will be no cost to the Veteran. All others, the cost will be \$5.00. There will be a short program honoring all World War 11 Veterans. Everyone is invited. Contact Terry Waters for information @ 301/646-1488. For those who can't do the stairs, we will serve you up stairs. More details in next newsletter.

MARCH 2017

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Pool League	2 Dan & Lynn 7:30 pm	3 LAUREN'S MEATLOAF/FISH Unit Bake Sale POCKET CHANGE 8:00 to 11:00	4 BRUNCH Open Jukebox
5	6 Pool League	7 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	8 Pool League	9 Unit coupon clipping 6:00 pm	10 NO DINNER Motor Driven 8:00 to 11:00	11 BRUNCH Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00
12	13 Pool League	14	15 Pool League AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY	16 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM Dan & Lynn 7:30 PM	17 CORNED BEEF DINNER OR FISH (LINDA-UNIT) THE ECLECTIKS IRISH BAND 8:00 to 11:00	18 BRUNCH Open Jukebox
19	20 Pool league	21 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	22 Pool League	23	24 MO'S DINNER Chicken Cordon Bleu OR FISH SR3 CLINT SANFORD	25 BRUNCH Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
26	27 Pool League	28 POST BUS. MEETING 7:30	29 Pool League	30	31 DINNER TUNA CASSEROLE CHICK HALL 8:00 TO 11:00	"SPICED" SHRIMP EVERY FRIDAY

S.A.L. Squadron 268

100 Club Dinner

Saturday, May 13, 4-7 pm



Roast Beef Dinner &
all the trimmings!
Open Soda, Rail
Wine, Rail Drinks
and Draft Beer



Fun and BIG Prizes
Post Friends and
Neighbors Welcome!
Support your S.A.L.
Tickets at bar...

APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 BRUNCH Open Jukebox
2	3 POOL LEAGUE	4 S.A.I. MEETING 7:00 PM	5 POOL LEAGUE	6 Dan & Lynn 7:30 PM	7 UNIT DINNER SEAFOOD PLATTER (LINDA-UNIT) UNIT BAKE SALE POCKET CHANGE 8:00 TO 11:00	8 BRUNCH Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00
9	10 POOL LEAGUE	11	12 POOL LEAGUE	13 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 6:00 PM	14 GOOD FRIDAY NO DINNER OR ENTERTAINMENT	15 BRUNCH Open Jukebox
16	17 POOL LEAGUE	18 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	19 POOL LEAGUE	20 Dan & Lynn 7:30 PM	21 HARRY'S DINNER HAM STEAK MIKE & SAX 8:00 to 11:00	22 BRUNCH Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
23 <hr/> 30	24 POOL LEAGUE	25 POST BUS. MEETING 7:30	26 POOL LEAGUE	27	28 MO'S DINNER TBD THE COLLIDERS 8:00 to 11:00	29 BRUNCH Open Jukebox
		SPICED	SHRIMP	EVERY	FRIDAY	



WHEATON AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Post 268's Baseball team is in need of financial assistance. Our beloved Coach Dorsett passed away 2/14/13. Since then we've been limping along with temporary Coaches; who raised most of the funds needed to participate in the Legions "Oldest Program" - Baseball. This year is no exception. Rather than run a raffle (as we'd done years ago), we thought we'd try to solicit donations (in any amount) to support the Post Baseball team expenses. The total expenses are around \$3,000.00. Anything that you could send in would be greatly appreciated. These donations would be tax-exempt. The Legion is a 501(3)(c) Veterans Organization. Question? Please contact the Post's Sports Chairman – Jim Mattingly on 201/246-6288.



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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.

AMERICAN LEGION BOOSTERS

Expires March 2017

William & Karma Harmon
Helen Storer

Expires March 2017

Jim & Geneva Foster
Gerald E. Neumann

Expires May 2017

Walter & Margaret Ayers

Expires October 2017

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

Expires May 2017

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Expires January 2018

Dave Rogerson and Eleanor

Expires March 2018

Jim & Sandy Smith

Expires March 2019

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Expires October 2020

Ed DiRaimo

Expires January 2021

Bob Allen, PPC
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Expires May 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)