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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

Happy New Year Post 268! Here's wishing that 2020, and the new decade, brings blessings, happiness, and achievement of all your goals, wishes and resolutions for the coming year.

As of the printing of this newsletter we have achieved 80% of our 2020 membership quota. That's slightly less than at this time last year so please get your dues (\$43) into the Post in order to avoid any lapse in membership in the organization that's the biggest advocate for Veteran Rights and Benefits in the US. The dues amount remains unchanged from last year. For those that sent in their dues prior to Dec 31, Post 268 leadership heartily thanks you.

The 3rd annual Army/Navy Game Day Event that the Post hosted on December 14 was once again a big success. The Post Home was packed with members and guests, there was plenty of delicious food to include Pot Luck contributions, and a generous food donation again this year from Mission BBQ. Many thanks to Suzette, Event Coordinator for Mission BBQ for her continuing support to the military community.

The Grand Prize winner of a 50" Insignia Smart TV in the Commander's Raffle this year again went to Hutch, who continued his winning ways by also hitting on a square and a score change in the football pool. I'm not even sure if Hutch has taken the 55" Samsung that he won last year out of the box yet but he sure is a lucky fellow. The 2nd Place winner of a \$100 Costco gift card was Terry Keys and Jeff Colmes collected the 50/50 proceeds (\$200). The Basket of Cheer was won by John Holmes who donated some of it to a special interest group (Unit) at the Post. There were many other winners of the subsequent drawings for various gift certificates generously donated by many of our local merchants, and two unadvertised prizes; one a Washington Nationals World Series Championship Hoodie won by Tommy Mason, and a Rumchata Gift Set being put to good use by Esther Rosenberg. Congrats to them and all the winners.

Thank you to all the local business sponsors who graciously donated prizes, gift cards, etc. A list of contributing sponsors is posted in the Post Home. And thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and came out in support of Post 268. Thank you also to Jessica, as always, for professionally taking care of the 50/50 raffle and for all those that helped with setting up the food table and cleaning up after the event. The list is long and distinguished. And again this year, a big 268 salute is thrown out to Bill Sessums, Lauren Keys, and Bruce Davis for whom none of it would have been possible without their dedication and hours of effort in making this event the success it was. A special note of thanks goes to Glo Sessums who collected many of the prizes from the local Wheaton business community and is a big presence at this event every year.

Additional accolades going out to: Lauren (Bartender), Brenden (Barback), Mo (Raffle tickets), Michelle/Esther/Marcia/Nancy (Kitchen), Jim Cavender (Marketing), Donny (Kitchen clean-up).

Squares for the Super Bowl Pool are going fast. I think 11 available as of this printing. Each square is \$110 and includes entry for 2 persons to the Super Bowl party on January 11 from 4:00 until 7:00 and to the Karaoke Night with Alan Faulk that follows the party at 7:00. See Mo, Mike Smithhisler or Lauren Keys to reserve your square in the pool, or see your friendly neighborhood Legion bartender.

I want to thank each and every one that took part in some function/event or volunteered their time to the Post in 2019. Being a private, non-profit fraternal organization, the American Legion depends greatly on a spirit of volunteerism in order to survive and thrive. By the way, the Christmas decorations hanging in the Post since Thanksgiving in order to provide a festive holiday spirit were again properly installed by the McGovern boys. And they look great. Please thank them when you see them conducting their confidential family business at the bar. Don't forget to circle your calendar for February 25 and plan to attend the Post Everlasting ceremony as we honor and remember our departed comrades who transferred to their final duty station in 2019.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Happy new Decade to all! Here we start a new chapter here at Post 268 and certainly hope you are a part of it!

With a clean slate, any constructive ideas on Post/S.A.L. items are appreciated. As we get into the thick of winter be careful on the roads and grab a bucket of salt if the Post sidewalks look icy. Lots of Caps and Wizard action to enjoy her on the big screen!

December 31st is past and if you have not paid your 2020 \$30 dues you are considered "in the rears". Not a nice thing to be. Dues are now \$30 for 2020. Cards are here and ready. Simply pay the bartender, Sean Mac or myself and ask for a paper receipt if paying cash. Indicate card sent or behind bar. Please include a note with payment if any of your contact info has changed! Thank you, once and done is my policy. As always, should you have any specific membership questions, Post adjutant Sandy Smith is the one to ask. Call Post for her availability, business hours during the week.

Food wise: Commander Sean and his crew have most Saturday's covered with S.A.L. brunches but there are weekends when a pop up team would be helpful. As with anything food oriented see Commander Ed to help or organize a crew to do a Friday dinner. Keep informed of specific dates for all food and event functions via Chris Williard's Sunday evening weekly posts. Simply register your email at: chris1939@verizon.net. Big thanks to the Unit and Chris for recent Monday Pool Team dinners that almost always sell out! Many thanks also go Linda Sarkisian for Keeping the Mike Devlin Hall full on the weekends with public rentals (read income). See Linda for all the many options and rate details. Pool table #3 is in and waiting for a huge influx of teams and players to give them a whirl! Simply put, we need another few teams to play on Wednesday nights to get some traffic (income) on that dead as a door nail night. Get the word out and see Commander ED. Bands and occasional dinners Friday's and Karaoke now starts at 7pm on every other Saturday. See Mike Smithhisler to join the Super Bowl Club fun!

Good of Sons: Many Zoro's, Kudos and pats on the back as we start the year. Thanks to McGovern Brothers, JJ and Jane for holiday decor. Kevin McGovern installed new swivels on the bar stools from parts donated by Russ Wood. Mark Ruhl installed wood rails in stairway so we have a decent orderly place to store the Post memorial wreaths. The SAL generously donated towards a new cooler and myself constructed a platform to raise the height. Thanks to Kevin and Peter Jung for help installing that. Brian Vess donated funds towards three new matching Diamond lights over the pool tables. The S.A.L. made donations towards the VFW for Thanksgiving dinners and recent Christmas Children's party. There are plenty of small things that need done around Post to get clutter out of the way and organize our space. Again if you have wheel chairs and walkers and paperback books please donate to local Rehab/Nursing homes, we just have no room to store those items.

Next meetin' in Wheaton, will be Tuesday, January 7th at 7pm. Please keep our brave service folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are on the line for us every day. We need Vets. See a Vet, HUG that Vet, better yet, sign up that Vet! We love new members! Happy new decade to all from S.A.L. 268!

Jim Cavender
S.A.L. Post 268, Vice Commander
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During the dance on February 14th, the Post Family will celebrate Valentines Day by crowning a Sweetheart King and Queen for the year 2020!! The band, RODEO, will join us in celebrating also. So, please come have dinner and help us celebrate February 14, the day set aside for sweethearts!! GREAT DINNER, GREAT MUSIC, GREAT COMPANY WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY AT POST 268! Please contact me at 301/602-5276 with questions. Thank you!! Linda Sarkisian.

Auxiliary News

My Happy New wish for you, is for your best year yet.
A year of health and happiness, and all your wishes met.

Welcome to 2020. Rounding out 2019.

Chaplain Lynne presented the Unit wreath at the Veterans Day Services in Veterans Park next to our Post. It was a glorious day to be out to remember our Veterans who gave all to keep us safe. Later Betsy and I went to Kensington Senior Living to put on a service for the Veterans there. We told the Poppy story. A woman Veteran read Flanders Field. She said she memorized it when she was in 2nd grade. Beautify done. We pinned Poppies and flags on the Veterans.

During our Friday Night Dinner in November we had "A Salute to the Veterans of Post 268." We enjoyed a good dinner of Pork Loin and all the trimmings. Flags and poppies were given to the Veterans and all who wanted one.

The Unit is taking Certificates of Appreciation to local businesses to thank them for flying the flag of our nation. Elbe's was the first business to receive one.

Our Friday Night Dinner and Bake Sales are still going well. In December we had Chicken Piccata. A good dinner enjoyed by all.

We had our Holiday Dinner at the Baronessa in Rockville. A fun evening of good food and fellowship. Always fun when Unit Members get together. The Baronessa treated us well as usual. 20-unit members and guests. Commanded Ed came as well.

For Christmas Unit 268 donated gift cards to the commissary for Airman in need, responding to a letter from Ft Meade. We collected many toys as well as warm hats and gloves for needy kids. We also took gifts to a nursing home. Throws and warm socks are very popular.

Our Unit hosted the Junior's Christmas party. Our Junior's are the future of our Auxiliary is was nice to see so many. They brought gift of hat, gloves, scarves for needy kids and put them on the Christmas tree. Unit served them lunch.

It is with much sadness that I have to tell of the passing of long time Unit member Pam Aubertin. She died after many health problems. Rest in Peace Pam. A Memorial at our Post will be announced later.

Dues are \$30 please send them to membership chairman Linda Sarkisian 3117 Farnborough Ct. SS, MD 20906.

Chaplain Lynne would like to know of anyone sick or in the hospital, or just needs a cheery note. 301 807 1495.

We are selling raffle tickets to our 'Wagon of Cheer' A full wagon of cheer and many other gifts. \$2 each or 3 for \$5. It is on display, check it out!

Save the Date: Unit 100 Club Feb 29th. As it is leap year the theme will be things that leap, hop, jump. A wonderful dinner is planned.

A chance for you to be a winner. We will also give away our 'Wagon of Cheer' that night. Buy a ticket, support your Unit. Dates to remember:

Jan. 10th Unit dinner [Ham Steak] and bake sale 5:30 pm.

Jan 21st Unit meeting 7:00 pm

Feb. 14th Unit dinner {Stuffed Chicken Breast} and bake sale 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Feb. 18th Unit meeting 7:00 pm.

Feb. 29th Unit 100 Club Dinner [Baked Ham or Chicken, potato bar and more. 4-7 pm.

Christine Williard, President

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Monday Night Dinners time: 4:00 till 8:00, Jan. 20th., Open Face Roast Beef/Pork Loin, (\$7), Jan. 20th., Spaghetti (Sausage or Meatballs) (\$7), Feb 3rd., Meatloaf (\$7), Feb., 17th., Sandwich & Soup (\$6), All Monday dinners include sides. Desert available for \$1. Feb. 25th., all you can eat Pancakes with side of bacon or sausage (\$6). 4:00 till 8:00.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR UNIT !!!!

JANUARY 2020

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR DAY	2	3 NO DINNER SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM	4 No BRUNCH OPEN JUKE BOX
5 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	6 Pool League	7 SAL BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	8 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30	9 Dan & Lynn 7:30	10 UNIT DINNER HAM STEAK 5:30 TILL 8:00 Unit Bake Sale SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR ACME BAND CO, 8:00 PM - 11:00	11 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 Super Bowl Party (4:00-7:00) KARAOKE W/ALAN FAULK 7:00 PM – 11:00
12 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	13 UNIT DINNER 4- 8pm OPEN FACE- ROAST BEEF/PORK \$7 Pool League	14	15 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	16	17 NO DINNER SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00PM - 11:00 PM	18 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 OPEN JUKE BOX
19 EXERCISE WITH RUSS AFC/NFC Championship	20 UNIT DINNER 4- 8pm SPAGHETTI \$7 Pool League	21 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	22 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	23 Dan & Lynn 7:30	24 Dinner (TBD) SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR THE COLLIDERS 8:00 PM TILL 11:00	25 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 KEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 7:00 PM TO 11:00
26 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	27 Pool League	28 NO MEETING	29 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	30	31 DINNER (TBD) SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR CHICK HALL BAND 8:00 PM TILL 11:00	

“LEAP” INTO OUR 2020 ANNUAL 100 CLUB!!

FEBRUARY 29TH. 4:00PM TO 7:00 PM
OPEN BAR INCLUDES: BEER, SODAS, RAIL DRINKS
DINNER: BAKED CHICKEN, HAM, VEGATABLE, BAKED POTATO BAR, SALAD BAR, DESSERT
“ALL YOU CAN EAT”

TICKET INFO: CHRIS WILLIARD--- CHRIS1939@VERIZON.NET

EVENT INFO: LINDA SARKISIAN 301/602-5276



FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NO BRUNCH OPEN JUKEBOX
2 EXERCISE WITH RUSS Super Bowl Sunday	3 UNIT DINNER 4-8 pm Meatloaf \$7 Pool League	4 SAL BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	5 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	6 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	7 DINNER (TBD) SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM - 11:00	8 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 7:00 PM to 11:00
9 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	10 Pool league	11	12 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM	13	14 UNIT DINNER STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST 5:30 -8:00 Unit Bakesale SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR <u>VALENTINES DAY</u> RODEO BAND 8:00 – 11:00 PM	15 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 OPEN JUKEBOX
16 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	17 UNIT DINNER 4-8 PM SANDWICH & SOUP \$6 Pool League	18 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	19 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	20	21 NO DINNER SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR 3 TILL MIDNIGHT 8:00-11:00 PM	22 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 Karaoke KEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 7:00 PM TO 11:00
23 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	24 Pool League	25 18 UNIT PANCAKE DINNER 4-8pm POST BUSINESS MEETING POST EVERLASTING 7:30 PM	26 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	27 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	28 DINNER (TBD) SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR MIKE & SAX 8:00-11:00 PM	29 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 UNIT 100 CLUB 4:00 TILL 7:00 PM

UNIT RAFFLE—WAGON FILLED WITH BEER, LIQUOR, WINE AND MUCH MORE. DRAWN FEB. 29TH. SEE UNIT MEMBER—QUESTIONS, CONTACT: LINDA 301/602-5276



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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. Remember, there are six bulletins per year. For \$20, you will be a booster for two years!!! 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.

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