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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

Happy New Year Post 268! Here's wishing that 2019 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 a bit more than 80% of our 2019 membership quota. That's better than at this time last year and gives hope that the elusive 100% goal can be achieved this Legion year. 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 2nd annual Army/Navy Game Day Event that the Post hosted on December 8 was bigger and better than last year and again the highlight of the month. The Grand Prize for the Commander's Raffle, a 55" Samsung TV, was won by Hutch. The name drawn for the Basket of Cheer was Gail McGuire who graciously donated a large portion of the basket to the Auxiliary Unit for inclusion to their basket of cheer set to be awarded at the Unit 100 Club Event on February 23. The portion not donated I'm sure was put to good use. Thanks, Gail. The 50/50 drawing was won by Ann Gordon and the football pool score winners were Mad Dog, Chris Sch., Robbie, and John Holmes. There was also many winners for various other raffle drawings, pool touches, and reverse scores. Congratulations to all of them. 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 for 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. The biggest thanks are reserved for 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 Gloria Sessums (Bill's sister) who collected many of the prizes from the local Wheaton business community.

Squares for the Super Bowl Pool are going fast. Each square is \$110 and includes entry for 2 persons to the Super Bowl party on January 12 at 4:00 and to the entertainment/dance that immediately follows the party. The band will be Airport 77 who has been brought back by popular demand just for this event. See Mo, Mike Smithhisler or Lauren Keys to reserve your square in the pool, or see your friendly neighborhood Legion bartender.

Our hall rental business has picked up significantly lately. Please remember to refer Post 268 to anyone you come upon who needs a hall to hold a family event, wedding reception, large birthday party, etc. Hall rentals go a long way in supporting the business of the Post. See or

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Wow what a Fall and great Holiday season at the Post! So many members contributing their time, effort and participation and from members & Post friends alike! Right hand salute to Lauren Keys for her leadership organizing the Army Navy game event. Wonderful local sponsors made for a fun day of fellowship and prizes and funds raised for Post projects. Lauren and hubby Terry also have made the Post a bit more "hip" with the revolving craft beer selection on tap. Thanks to all. The S.A.L. is thinking of doing a Friday Chili & Salad dinner as we enter the cold months. More on that forthcoming.

New 2019 S.A.L. Membership Cards are NOW available. After December 31st 2018 you are considered in the rears! Please pay your \$25 and get a receipt from the on duty bartender. Indicate if you want card behind bar for pick up or mailed to your listed address. If you change address/email or phone we ask that you write new info on slip of paper and put that paper in the mail slot of Adjutant Sandy Smith's office. Once and done I say and we don't have to chase after you later in the year! If a friend wants to join S.A.L., they MUST have their father's DD214, THOROUGHLY 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./DD214. Should you have any specific membership questions, Sandy Smith is the one to ask. Call Post for her availability, business hours during the week. The best way to stay informed of Post events and activities is to get on the "Chris List". Email her at: chris1939@verizon.net and get weekly event and food notices sent to your email. Check the Post 268 Facebook page where Lauren Keys posts weekend specials and events too!

Food wise: Commander Sean and his crew have been doing an outstanding job on S.A.L.brunches. They are now doing them a couple times a month. Follow Chris emails as to when they are scheduled. Think about helping him out! Keep in mind the Mike Devlin Hall for public rentals. See Linda Sarkisian for all the many options and rate details. If you bring a guest, just make sure they sign in. We count on you for being a Post "hostess with the mostess!"

Good of Sons: Your S.A.L. donated to the Fern Street Thanksgiving Dinner and very successful Children's holiday season. Thanks also go to Linda for keeping the Hall filled that brings in needed Post income! We are lucky to have such wonderful folks who are at the "helm" so to say. Donate books to the library or local Assisted Living facilities. Hats off to the McGovern men for excellent, festive Post holiday decoration! Congrats to Commander Ed and Veronica on their recent engagement! We ask that Post patrons wash their hands to avoid spreading flu germs this season.

*Note because of New Years Day, Next meetin' in Wheaton, will be Tuesday, January 8th 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!** **On behalf of the 268 S.A.L. we wish you a Happy New Year!***

Jim Cavender S.A.L. Post 268, Vice Commander

268 Craft Draft celebrates 2 years

Inspired by the explosion in Maryland craft breweries, January marks the 2 year anniversary of the addition of our craft beer tap to Post 268. Beginning with the Seven Locks Sligo Creek Lager, back in December 2016, we've offered our members an enticing choice of Maryland craft breweries and beer styles. In case you've missed them over the last two years, we've featured **Jailbreak** (Laurel) Infinite Amber, **Calvert Brewing** (Upper Marlboro) Wye Rye, **Seven Locks** (Rockville) Sligo Creek Lager, Surrender Dorothy IPA and Redland Ale, **Reckless Ale Works** (Columbia) Aspiring Redneck Lager, **Brawling Bear Brewery** (Gaithersburg) Low Blow Blond Ale, **Antietam Brewery** (Hagerstown) General's Golden Ale and 405 Irish Red, and **Waredaca Farm Brewery** (Laytonsville) Camptoberfest, just to name a few!

If you haven't experienced our craft beer, come in and ask for a sample! And if you have a favorite craft you'd like to see featured at 268, please contact Lauren or Terry Keys. We are always looking for new ideas.

UNIT 268

Another New Year. I hope all Unit members are ready to work to support our Veterans and our community.

We presented our wreath at the Veteran’s Day service at Veteran’s Park. Heard an inspiring guest speaker.

Unit members also went to Kensington Park Assistant Living and passed out flags and poppies to the residents and to Arcola Rehab Center to pass out Poppies. Big smiles all around.

The Unit purchased 10 wreaths for ‘Wreaths Across America’, to be placed on the graves of our fallen troops. It is a beautiful site to see rows and rows of green wreaths with red bows on the white tombs. Our wreaths were placed on graves at Cheltenham National Cemetery.

The Unit had its Holiday party at the Baronessa Restaurant. 14 members and guests enjoyed a great meal and a fun evening. We brought our toys for needy children in our community and nursing home gifts to be passed out.

We ended the year by taking goodies to our local 1st responders to thank them for all they do for us.

Dues are \$30. Please send them to: Linda Sarkisian, 3117 Farnborough Ct., Silver Spring, Md. 20906. Make checks payable to ALA Unit 268. Linda has had problems with her mail, if you sent her your dues and have not received your card, please contact her @ 301/602-5276.

Chaplain Lynne would like to know of anyone who is sick or in the hospital or would just like a cherry note. Her number 301/807-1495.

Our raffle board is up and has 17 gifts, and more to come. They will be raffled off at our 100 Club Dinner on February 23rd. Please support your Unit by buying tickets. The 100 club tickets are available now. \$30 admits two which includes dinner, open bar (beer, sodas, rail drinks). There will be lots of raffle prizes, liquor raffles, 50/50, lucky lady drawings and lots of fun!!!! Contact me (Chris) for tickets. Contact Linda for information. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Our Friday night bake sales continue to bring in money for our programs. The Friday night will depend on the Post having a dinner so will vary from month to month. Keep informed of events by sending your email address to chris1939@verizon.net for Monday morning reminders.

Dates to Remember:

Coupon Clipping Jan. 7 & Feb. 4---1:00 PM

Business Meeting Jan. 15 & Feb. 19---7:00 PM (Social Hour following meeting)

100 Club Fun raiser!!!! (Includes dinner for two!! Open Bar) 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Christine Williard, Unit President

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SEE A “VET” -- HUG A “VET” -- THANK A “VET”

JANUARY 2019

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	3 Dan & Lynn 7:30	4 POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00	5 NFL Playoffs OPEN JUKE BOX
6 NFL Playoffs EXERCISE WITH RUSS	7 Pool League Unit coupon clipping 1:00 pm	8 S. A. L. Business Meeting 7:00	9 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	10 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30	11 MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00	12 SUPERBOWL PARTY (PRIVATE) BAR CLOSED – 4PM TO 7PM (NFL Playoffs) BAND AIRPORT 77 7:00pm (MCC Meeting) 8am
13 NFL Playoffs EXERCISE WITH RUSS	14 Pool League	15 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00	16 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	17 Dan & Lynn 7:30	18 MIKE & SAX 8:00 PM TO 11:00	19 SAL Brunch OPEN JUKE BOX
20 NFL Playoffs EXERCISE WITH RUSS	21 Pool league	22 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	23 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	24	25 BACK IN TIME BAND 8:00 PM TO 11:00	26 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00-12:00
27 NFL Pro Bowl EXERCISE WITH RUSS	28 Pool League	29	30 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	31		

SUPERBOWL PARTY

The American Legion 268 Super Bowl 53 Party will be held January 12, 2019 from 4:00 PM til 7:00 pm. The upstairs bar and lounge will be closed for maintenance from 4:00 - 7:00. The upstairs bar and lounge will reopen at 7:00 so that all Legion Members can enjoy the band. The party will include open bar and the menu will be all you can eat. If you are interested in a square, PLEASE, contact myself (Mo), Mike Smithhisler or Lauren Keys. Squares are going fast now that the playoffs are starting.

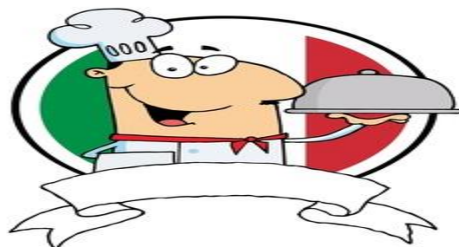
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FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00PM	2 OPEN JUKEBOX
3 SUPER-BOWL!! 6:30pm EXERCISE WITH RUSS	4 Pool League UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 1:00 PM	5 S. A. L. Business Meeting 7:00	6 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	7 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	8 MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11 PM	9 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM to 12:00
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24 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	25 Pool League	26 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 POST EVERLASTING	27 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	28		

WELCOME TO UNIT 268 "100" CLUB
 FEBRUARY 23RD. 4:00PM TO 7:00 PM
 OPEN BAR INCLUDES: BEER, SODAS, RAIL DRINKS
 DINNER: ITALIAN NIGHT
 SPAGHETTI WITH SAUSAGE/MEATBALLS, CHICKEN ALFREDO, AND MORE, SALAD BAR,
 DESSERT
 "ALL YOU CAN EAT"



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 EVENT INFO: LINDA SARKISIAN 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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Expires March 2020

Jim & Sandy Smith

Expires Jan 2019

William & Karma Harmon
Helen Storer

Expires March 2019

Bob & Gail McGuire
Gene Fitzgibbons

Expires October 2019

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Expires October 2023

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Expires May 2021

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Expires March 2025

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Expires May 2020

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