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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members

Well, another Legion year has come and gone, and Post 268 is again stuck with the same Commander as the last 3 years. But seriously, I look forward to having another year as your Commander in order to continue driving ahead in making Post 268 a place for Veteran support and camaraderie; a Post that members and guests look forward to coming to and enjoying the activities and people.

With no formal elections held in May due to all positions being unopposed, the following Post Officers were installed at a joint installation ceremony on June 25:

Commander- Ed McCaw

1st Vice Commander- Greg Flaherty

2nd Vice Commander- Russ Wood

3rd Vice Commander- Roy Ignacio

ALA President- Chris Williard

SAL Commander- Sean McGovern

SAL Vice-Commander- Jim Cavender

Department 2nd Vice-Commander Will Trotter installed the Legion and SAL Officers while Department Auxiliary President Linda Sarkisian installed the Auxiliary Unit Officers. Please congratulate them all when you see them around the Post Home. Refreshments were provided after the installation with much of the food and dessert preparation performed by Adjutant Sandy Smith, Sean McGovern, and Linda, while being ably assisted by some of the ladies of the Unit. The Department Vice-Commander gave a short briefing about membership at the State, District, and local levels, and I'm happy to report that Post 268 ended up slightly over 92% of our yearly goal. That's the first time we've been over 90% for quite some time. Thank you to all those who recruited new members into the Post, especially Jim Mattingly as 1st Vice-Commander in charge of membership and Sandy Smith for handling all the administrative aspects for bringing aboard the new members. In May, Post 268 again hosted the Annual Memorial Day ceremony at Wheaton Veterans Park and for the 2nd year in a row the weather cooperated nicely. We had a good crowd in attendance and our guest speaker this year was PO3 Stephanie Horvat of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Many thanks to her and to the cadre of Coast Guard members who came to support her. And many thanks also to the JFK High School NJROTC Color Guard and the Wheaton High School Band for their attendance and support again this year.

Our new pool tables were delivered and set up last month and already proving to be a big hit with the Monday night pool league and our regular pool playing members. If you're a pool player (or not) come check them out the next time you visit the Post and maybe rack a game or two. You'll immediately notice the difference between them and the old ones that we had for decades.

The annual Taste of Wheaton was held on June 2 and unlike last year (a washout) there were perfect weather conditions and it proved to be the impetus for a large turnout on Fern St. Our parking lot was packed with Wheatonites enjoying the day and the Craft Beer and Wine tent that was set up for the various vendors of spirits. We also had some Veterans traipse through our door and checking out the Post Home, hopefully as future members.

I'm sorry to have to notify Post members that we will forego having Friday evening entertainment bands for the summer for the obvious reasons. The past couple years in July and August saw a significant drop-off in attendance on Friday nights, most certainly because of summer plans and travel of our members and guests, and

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

As we all kick back for the summer, save the date for the Hot Steamed S.A.L. Fall Crab Feast on September 28th from 4 to 7pm with Karaoke to follow the feast. Crab Alumni provider, Hansen will be providing us with the snappers and corn on the cob. TICKETS NOW ON SALE. Post Neighbors welcome too! \$40 covers it all, \$18 no crabs, please see your bartender today for tickets. Plenty of Fun and games as well. We hope they measure up to a great feast. Rest is up to Mother Nature although early predictions say it will be a banner catch year! Thanks to Sean and Clint Sanford for spearheading the feast organization and Danny Thompson for his famous crab soup. All S.A.L. members are welcome to lend a hand on that Saturday! Be here by 3pm. Your S.A.L. Officers for the coming Post year: Commander: Sean McGovern, First Vice: Yours Truly, Second Vice: Clint Sandford, Treasurer: Kevin McGovern, Sgt. at Arms: Terry Keys, Chaplain: Harry Wachter, Historian: Open Position, Executive Board: John Payne, Danny Thompson, Andrew McGovern, Ken McCaw and Donnie Habas. We hope to have a productive year with the new team. Thanks for your participation!

Dues Math Class is in Session. The SAL Southern Maryland District just approved a \$5 increase to the amount each member's dues contributes to the District. After a pole of the 268 Officers on weather to increase the yearly 2020 dues to \$27 or \$30, it has been determined that it will now be \$30. A little BACKGROUND. Our SAL brought in 91% of 2019 dues. That would mean there is 9% who chose NOT to pay their SAL 268 dues. Question, do we really feel those are serious about membership or not? Also please remember all of the SAL contributions we made recently. New cooler, new ice machine, partial generous contributions to new flagpole, new exterior sign and new pool tables, let alone countless hours of donated time and energy to keeping this Post viable because we want the Post to continue. So for a few who might say we would lose membership, the answer is simple. Bye. **Dues will now be \$30 for 2020.** New cards are here. Please see bartender for a receipt. Thank you. Jim Cavender, SAL 268 membership. As always, should you have any specific membership questions, Sandy Smith is the one to ask. Call Post for her availability, business hours during the week.

Food wise: Commander Sean and his crew and are on Summer leave for S.A.L.brunches that restart in September. A Summer Friday Shrimp team keeps John and Doug's recipe going till fall return! The Commander has asked if the S.A.L. will do a Friday dinner in the fall. It all comes down to a team committed to that project, see S.A.L. Commander Sean. Keep in mind the Mike Devlin Hall for public rentals. See Linda Sarkisian for all the many options and rate details. Watch for "pop up" (trendy new word) food and event Summer specials. Brand new pool tables installed, come up and play, better yet form a team!! Thanks to the Unit, Will Trotter and Sandy for a great installation of officers recently.

Good of Sons: Major Kudos go out to Doug Dempster who took down our faded building sign and reinstalled. Your S.A.L. made a decent contribution to have the sign re-done with new materials that will retard fading as that side of Post gets tons of sun. Thanks Doug!! Also Andrew McGovern took our gigantic holiday garage flag and re-hemmed it to make it tatter free. Thanks Andrew! Thanks to Sean McGovern and his merry band of helpers for chair and grill duties recently for Memorial Day. Your S.A.L. presented a young active duty and his family a Target gift card of thanks. That's what we are all about. If you are not on Post garden duty, please do not trim or touch the plantings or ornaments! Watch for pop up summer specials on our Facebook page. Thanks to all for making this a great Post year.

Next meetin' in Wheaton, will be Tuesday, September 3rd 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. Summer is officially here! Relax, enjoy and be safe. Reach out, always help your neighbor. Comes right back at you...everytime.

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

Auxiliary News

We come to the end of another Auxiliary year.

We ended up with a nice Presidents Dinner at the Baronessa in Rockville. I want to thank Unit members who attended and for the nice gifts. The plant is on my dining room table. And thank all who came to the meetings, helped with our functions, contributed to our causes, and made it a successful year,

We elected new officers for the 2019-20 year. Your new officers are:

President --	Christine Williard	Treasurer --	Linda Sarkisian
Vice President --	Linda Sarkisian	Sgt. At Arms --	Patsy Alder
Secretary --	Betsy Davis	Historian --	Christine Willard
Chaplain --	Lynne Stephens		
	Executive Committee --	Helen Storer, Geneva Foster, Christine Porter	

Unit 268 was honored to be installed by the Department President Linda Sarkisian. It was fun and rewarding to be part of her year as Department President. Several of us went with her on her travels across the state and to be a part of many functions honoring her good work.

Unit members went to the Wash. VA Medical Community Living Center to assist members in playing bingo and then served them refreshments. The Veterans earned Canteen Books for their bingo wins.

We initiated two new members, Barbara Sanders, and Carol Miller. They will be a good addition to our membership.

Our Chaplain Lynne presented the Unit Wreath at the Memorial Day Service in Veterans Park. It was put on by Wheaton Post 268. We passed out Poppies and flags. Collected donations for the Poppy Fund that goes to disabled Veterans. We later served lunch to about 80. We served the Wheaton High School band who performed and the Guests of Honor.

Membership renewals are due now. Please send your check in the amount of \$30, made out to ALA Unit 268 to Linda Sarkisian, 3117 Farnborough Ct. Silver Spring, Md. 20906. Let's get them now. We will take them to the Convention in July, lets have a good count.

Chaplain Lynne would like to know if a member is sick, in the hospital or just needs a cheery note. Please contact her @ 301/807-1795.

Check the Post Facebook page -- ALPost 268 Wheaton to see photos of your Post, Unit, SAL in action. Also send your e-mail address to: chris1939@verizon.net to get weekly e-mails of Post, Unit, SAL happenings.

Christine Williard, President

Upcoming events of Wheaton, Unit 268:

During the last few months of this year, the Unit will be sponsoring a luncheon for our Veterans. Also, we will be holding a raffle for a large "Red Flyer Wagon" filled with beer, wine and liquor. Also, we will sponsor a flea market at our post. This will be held in the late fall. We will rent tables, have a bake sale and sell soup, sandwiches etc. We will also accept items for the Units tables. No clothes please. More details in the next newsletter.

We will also sponsor a "100 Club" in February.
For information, please contact me.

Linda Sarkisian (301/602-5276) lindasarkisian@yahoo.com
Unit Ways and Means Chairman

JULY 2019

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pool League	2	3 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	4 Happy Independence Day Dan & Lynn 7:30	5 SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR	6 OPEN JUKE BOX
7 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	8 Pool League	9	10 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	11 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30	12 SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR	13 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00-12:00
14 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	15 Convention Week Pool League	16	17 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	18 Dan & Lynn 7:30	19 SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR	20 The Quadropheniacs w/ Clint Sandford (Downstairs Hall) OPEN JUKE BOX
21 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	22 Pool league	23 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	24 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	25	26 SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR	27 LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
28 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	29 Pool League	30	31 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL			

4TH OF JULY !!!

On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on the fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event. Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved." Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five, with New York abstaining. However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies' case for independence. Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts; Roger Sherman of Connecticut; Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania; Robert R. Livingston of New York; and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson. On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened, and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting. Discussions of Jefferson's [Declaration of Independence](#) resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two -- Pennsylvania and South Carolina -- voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock's signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!" Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.

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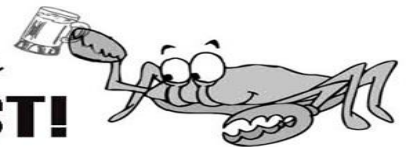
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S.A.L. Post 268

PRESENTS



The Famous **FALL CRAB FEAST!**



Saturday, Sept. 28, 4-7pm

\$40
per
person

- Hot Steamed Crabs • Corn on-the-cob
- Draft Beer and Sodas included • Delicious sides!
- \$1.50 Domestic Cans/Bottles • Cash Bar

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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.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 268 BOOSTERS

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Jim & Sandy Smith

Expires Jan 2021

Helen Storer

Expires March 2021

Bob & Gail McGuire
Gene Fitzgibbons

Expires October 2019

Matt Lynott & Darlene
Tony & Lois Marella
Alvin R. Abraham

Expires January 2020

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Expires October 2023

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Expires January 2021

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Dennis Krisko & Selva
Karslo

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Sherman & Eva Wong
Michael & Jill D'Andrea

Expires March 2025

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Expires March 2028

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