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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

As you read this month's newsletter, I trust that the weather has finally turned from winter into some semblance of Spring after all the cold and wind we endured over the past couple months.

When you now enter the Post Home please pay attention to the flag pole. We ordered a new one to replace the one that was severely buffeted by those strong winds in March. The new flag pole, with flags, should be up in plenty of time to be viewed during the Memorial Day service. It will no longer be required that someone climb the roof in order to raise, lower, or drop the flags to half-mast as the flag pole will now have an internal halyard closer to ground level. Many thanks to the S.A.L. Squadron for their contribution of \$1000 for the purchase and installation of the flag pole.

Other work being accomplished around the Post; sewage disposal system pipes in the downstairs hall were replaced. If you saw the state of the old pipes then you would understand. The only word that comes to mind is “disgusting”. They were completely shot.

The AC units on the roof will get two new replacement condensers. This will be somewhat expensive but far cheaper than if we lose a whole unit. We're not taking a chance this summer that we will lose air conditioning during a critical heat wave. If that did occur I don't think the membership will suffer if the Post heated up to 95 degrees as no one would show up no matter how cold the drinks were.

During the last Executive and General Business meetings, a motion was made and voted in favor of adjusting part of the By-Laws regarding Post Elections. Please see the amended language for the change later in this newsletter.

Nominations for Post Officers and Executive Committee positions will end at the next Executive Committee meeting (May 10). There are still slots available namely for Chaplain, Historian, and one Executive Committee position. If, in accordance with the change in the By-Laws regarding Post Elections, all positions are unopposed then the nominations will be ratified at that time and the Post Officers and Executive Committee will be sworn in at the Installation in June. No election will be necessary on May 22. Please view the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting that are always posted the next day after the meeting for information regarding results or if elections will be necessary.

The SAL is having their 100 Club Dinner on May 12. Please see the information about it in the SAL section of this newsletter. Come out and support the SAL and your Post at this always fun event.

Post 268 will again host the Memorial Day Service at Wheaton Veterans Park. The event will be held on Memorial Day, Monday May 28 for those that need a reminder. Please consider attending on this solemn day in honor of those that have given their all for our country. After the event, which includes our guest speaker and the wreath laying ceremony, please join us back at the Post Home for some refreshments and cold libations.

Don't forget the annual Taste of Wheaton occurring on June 3. This is the area's signature event highlighting some of Wheaton's most popular, award-winning restaurants. There will be food offerings, cooking demonstrations, wine tastings, live music, and kids' rides & activities on Fern Street and in the county parking lot across us. Post 268 is offering the use of our parking lot to the coordinators of the event for various vendors. It should be a fun-filled day on The Fern. Reminder: Fern Street as well as our parking lot will be closed to vehicular traffic starting midnight before the event. There will be signs posted on Fern Street in the days leading up to that Sunday.

As stated in the last newsletter, the Department of Maryland Legion Convention will again be in Ocean City. Dates of the convention are the week of July 9-12. Post 268 has reserved 10 rooms at the Sea Bay Motel at 60th St. and Coastal Hwy for our members use. Post 41 is also staying there and will operate the hospitality room. The room rate is a Legion discounted rate of \$135.80 (inc. tax) per night Monday to Friday if booked thru the Legion. This is the same rate as last year. The weekend rate is \$220.95 for those who may want to stay for Friday and Saturday night. Please make your checks payable to American Legion Post 268 in order to reserve your rooms. State on the check memo line “Convention” and the dates you wish to reserve the rooms.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

If you have not already, please get your Saturday May 12th from 4 to 7pm our annual S.A.L. 100 ticket. \$30 admits two, great roast beef dinner, open bar and a chance to win BIG!! Please see your bartender soon for your “lucky” ticket! This is how we raise funds to help Veteran’s and this Post. All proceeds go back to Veterans, and to keep Post 268 running! If you would like to help, please see one of the board members listed on the entry roster. Please note our very important Nominations for 2018-19 Board members business meeting, Tuesday May 1st. Needless to say we did not have a quorum for the April meeting. Sad. Nominations must be taken, voted on at June meeting with installation at end of June. Commandership is wide open. All positions are open and available to those who wish to serve. Please consider offering some of your talents. Without participation we will fold.

As of April we have about 5 members not paid for 2018. Don’t drag us down, keep 268 in good standing and get it paid today. If you choose not to continue your membership we ask that you kindly let us know via a note behind bar or call so your name can be retired. S.A.L. dues are \$25 per year. We did a mailing to those who have not paid and incurred postage fees that could have been used elsewhere! Happy to report we are almost to goal! All bartenders have been alerted to check for 2018 membership cards. 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 Sandy Smith. Call Post for her availability during the week. Should you have any specific membership questions, she is the one to ask. 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.

Food wise: The monthly Saturday S.A.L. brunch is the third Saturday of the month. If you have noticed the food and brunch program has become “sporadic”. As mentioned time and again, without volunteers, nothing happens. Get on the “Chris List” for up to the minute program changes. We hope with the new Post year we will generate more active interest in keeping the kitchen busy. Keep in mind the Mike Devlin Hall for public rentals. See Linda Sarkisian for all the many options and rate details. Some of the newer Friday night bands bring in welcome followers and customers! If you see a guest, just make sure they sign in and reach out with a warm Post 268 greeting. We count on you for being a Post “host”.

Good of Sons: We made a generous donation to Paralyzed Veterans of American last month. The DAV, Disabled American Veterans, are also a great organization to help as most of the funds go directly to the Vets! 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. Also put items in manageable kitchen size plastic bags. 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 evenings lively at the Post. All levels are welcome. Want to join? See team captains the day of play.

Next meetin’ in Wheaton, Tuesday, May 1 at 7pm. BE THERE. Please keep our brave service folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are on the line for us every day. 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 Summer...finally!

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

UNIT 268

In March the Unit catered a St. Pat's Luncheon for a Coast Guard group. Hall all decorated in green and Corned Beef and Cabbage served. Another one of our service to our Community and Veterans.

In April Unit Members Linda, Helen, Geneva, and Chris spent time with our National President while she was in Maryland. We started with a dinner and reception. Next, we went to Ft McHenry where we had a guided tour with the park ranger and our National President had her flag hosted up the pole. We went to Department headquarters in Baltimore where we had lunch. Units had collected PJ's for Casey Cares who gives them to sick kids in hospitals. Next to an Immigration Ceremony, this is such an inspiring time. So many happy faces as they became citizens after their hard work. Dinner at Chick and Ruth's and finished our day at the State House to see our Senators in action. We walked up the hill from the restaurant to the Capitol. A long, fun day, lots of driving well done by Linda.

Linda and Chris went to the Day for God and County at the Youth Camp. We remembered the bravery of the Four Chaplains.

The Unit had a big Breakfast Buffet where we had 37 enjoying all the good food they could eat. Our chief cook Linda fell and could not cook, but thanks to others who stepped up all went well.

Geneva and Chris went to the VA Nursing Home in DC. We helped the residents play Bingo and then served them refreshment. About 20 men and women had a fun evening. Units do this each week for our veterans living there.

At our Meeting we had our Initiation of 5 members. Unit members learned the purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary. Followed by a social hour and then our meeting. We nominated the officers to lead our Unit for the next year. .

Dues for 2018-19 are due. \$30.00. Send them to Linda Sarkisian 2813 Peregoy Dr. Kensington MD. 20895 .

Chaplain Lynne would like to know of anyone sick or in the hospital. 301 807 1495.

Remember to check the Post's Facebook page to see your Unit in action.

Dates to remember.

May. 4th Unit bake sale. 5-8 pm We need bakers and buyers..

May 7th coupon clipping 1 pm.

May 15th Meeting and Elections 7:00 pm.

In June we will have our Presidents dinner. Place and date to come later.

If you have an email address send it to me chris1939@verizon.net.

You will get a Monday morning reminder to keep up with all that is going on at our Legion Post.

Christine Williard, President

A POPPY IS MADE BY VETERANS TO HONOR ALL VETERANS !!

May is the month that we remember all our veterans. We distribute poppies as a reminder of all our dearly departed veterans. During the month of May there will be cans on the bar, please take a poppy and leave a donation, or better yet please sign the Poppy Pledge Sheet that is posted and pledge 10 cents a day or \$3.00 for the month of May.

There will be a luncheon on May 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. to honor all veterans, especially our World War II veterans. It will be an "Affair to Remember" please come join us for lunch. The menu is Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, Fruit, cookies and ice cream. The cost to veterans is free, all others will be a nominal \$6.00. The Unit has a book of veterans in uniform we would like to include all of our veterans, so please bring a picture in uniform and the dates of service. Please contact Chris Willard for reservations @ 301/649-2709. Join us to just say: "THANK YOU" to those who served to keep us "FREE".

MAY 2018

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	2	3 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	4 NO DINNER UNITS BAKE SALE POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	5 BRUNCH (Clint, George, Sean) OPEN JUKEBOX
6	7 Pool League UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 1:00	8	9	10 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	11 NO DINNER (VFW Fish Fry) MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	12 NO BRUNCH SAL 100 Club DINNER Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
13	14 Pool League	15 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	16	17 DAN & LYNN 7:30	18 NO DINNER POST 41- CRAB LEGS MIKE & SAX 800 PM TO 11:00 PM	19 BRUNCH (JewBusy) OPEN JUKEBOX
20	21 Pool league	22 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	23	24	25 NO DINNER SR3 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	26 NO BRUNCH VETERANS LUNCHEON (DOWN STAIRS) LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
27	28 MEMORIAL DAY Pool League	29	30	31 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR EVERY FRIDAY---	NO DINNERS OR BRUNCHES UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY. HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

S.A.L. Squadron 268

100 Club Dinner

Saturday, May 12, 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...

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00	2 OPEN JUKEBOX
3	4 Pool League UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 1:00 PM	5	6	7	8 MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00	9 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM to 12:00
10	11 Pool league	12	13	14 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	15 POST 41 CRAB LEGS MIKE & SAX 8:00 PM TO 11:00	16 OPEN JUKEBOX
17	18 Pool League	19	20	21	22 3 TILL MIDNIGHT BAND 8:00 PM TO 11:00	23 LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
24	25 Pool League	26 JOINT INSTALLATION POST, UNIT, SAL 7:30 PM	27	28	29 THE CHICK HALL BAND 8:00 PM TO 11:00	30 OPEN JUKEBOX

In Flanders Field

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



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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 BOOSTER

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

Expires January 2020
Paul Helmke

Expires October 2020
Ed DiRaimo

Expires July 2020
Jim & Geneva Foster

Expires January 2021
Bob Allen, PPC

Expires May 2021
Pat & John Krisko, III
Dennis Krisko & Selva
Karslo

Expires July 2022
Sherman & Eva Wong
Michael & Jill D’Andrea

Expires March 2025
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Expires March 2028
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Expires May 2020

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