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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

Spring has sprung! As of this writing, it appears that Punxsutawney Phil hit it out of the park again this year unlike the local rodent, Potomac Phil, who definitely whiffed with his prediction of six more weeks of winter. The Post heating bill has definitely benefited from the effects of local “climate change”, or as it once was referred to, “global warming”.

Post Everlasting was held on February 25 to honor and remember our departed members from 2019. There was a total of 20 of our comrades who reported to their final duty station and their names were read off to those in attendance to include some very influential and well-respected members from over the years. Thank you to Chris, Geneva, Linda and other Unit members for preparing and serving the food, and Sandy for again providing desserts after the ceremony.

We currently stand at 90% of our membership goal for the 2019-20 Legion year, the same as this time last year. If you haven't sent in your dues (\$43) yet, get it 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. Dues for next year will be going up to \$45 (that's 2 whole dollars) in order for us to pay Department for the increase that was instituted several years ago and that Post 268 has held off on passing to our members.

The Super Bowl Pool Party was held January 11th and was a resounding success. We had a packed house upstairs to enjoy the playoff games. Food was provided by Mission BBQ again this year and was indeed plentiful. Entertainment afterwards was provided by Alan Faulk (SAL) and his magical karaoke machine. Congratulations to the various winners of the Super Bowl Pool (Scores, touches, and reverse scores). Hope to see you all next year. Many thanks to Mo McCaw, Mike Smithhisler, and Lauren Keys for putting it all together once again this year and Jessica Warren for her acumen in selling 50/50 tickets. I believe she set an unofficial record this year for the highest 50/50 total ever. Well, at least in my memory which possibly could be a little faulty. No side comments about memory lapses are being sought or invited. Management will not open or review them.

The Unit had their 100 Club function on February 29th that was sold out early and as of this writing had not happened yet. Congratulations to Jim Foster in advance for being the last person standing and ultimate winner. I actually don't know who will win as I'm typing this, but Jim has a track record around here and I'm hedging my prediction.

Coming up this Spring: Nominations for Post Officer and Executive Committee positions will start in March. If you want to throw your hat into the ring and take a leadership position in the Post, then please (I said please) attend the Executive Committee meetings the second Wednesdays in March, April, or May and express your interest, or come to me personally and let me know if you have any intentions in assisting in the running of Post 268. New members are HIGHLY encouraged to take up the mantle of leading our Post into the 2020's.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

A no snow winter as we enter early Spring! Fine by me, as its one less expense for my HOA! Use those funds in a more constructive way! Exciting March madness gets underway as well as NASCAR every Sunday. Stop up and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Many thanks to the Unit for preparing lunch for a recent Sunday Southern MD District S.A.L. meeting. Very much appreciated! Good seeing folks from other Posts and our long time friend Buddy Mastin. The S.A.L. purchased 3 tickets to the Unit 100 and offered them to contributing S.A.L. members as a thanks for their help and participation!

After a friendly mailed reminder, most S.A.L. have paid dues for 2020 Still time to forward your \$30 dues if you have not done so. Dues are now \$30 for 2020. Simply pay the bartender, Sean Mac or myself and ask for a paper receipt if paying cash. Indicate card sent or behind bar. We now want to focus on recruitment of NEW prospective S.A.L. members. Every year we loose a few and those numbers need replenished. If you have friends or family and their fathers or grandfathers served in the armed forces and have a clean copy of their DD214 document wed like you to consider membership. As a bonus, your membership is good at any American Legion from Coast to Coast! As always, should you have any specific membership questions, wonderful Post adjutant Sandy Smith. 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 for the well attended Valentines Day Dinner. Also many thanks also go Linda Sarkisian for keeping the Mike Devlin Hall full on the weekends with public rentals (read income) and Jane Martin for bartending duties. See Linda for all the many options and rate details. Lots of action Monday nights on Pool table #3. 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 at 8pm and occasional dinners on Fridays. Karaoke now starts at 7pm on every other Saturday.

Good of Sons: Good deeds large and small continue, some sight unseen! There are plenty of small things that need done around Post to get clutter out of the way and organize our space. See Jim or Sean if you'd like to help with needed small Post projects. The S.A.L. has ordered a heavy-duty 10x10 tent to cover the outdoor cooking area and other Post events. Again if you have wheel chairs and walkers and paperback books please donate to local Rehab/Nursing homes, although a nice gesture, we have NO ROOM to store those items. Please see second vice Commander Russ Wood for exact days should you like to participate in no-impact exercise during the week. His program focuses on balance and tone. His classes are at 7.30pm.

Next meetin' in Wheaton, will be March 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! March forward 268, then Happy Easter to all in April!

Jim Cavender
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GOD BLESS OUR LEGION FAMILY !!

Auxiliary News

The first two months for 2020 have been as busy as usual. Our dinners on Monday and Fridays are bringing in more diners. Our bakes sales continue to do well. People know when Chief Linda is doing a dinner it will be a good one.

Our dinner in February was on Valentine's Day. We served 50 chicken dinners. Working with The Rodeo band we crowned a Queen and King of Valentines. All couples got a rose or a box of candy. Bob and Joan Williams were honored. They came to most of our Sweetheart Dances we had in the past and to many of our Friday Night Dinners. We hope to continue this in future years.

We did Celebrations of Life events for Unit member Pam Aubertin and member Jeannie Cleveland's dad. It is with sadness I have to tell of the loss of long-time member Betty Patschak who was living with family in Florida.

We had our Memorial Service in Feb. where we remembered all the Unit members who had answered the call of our Supreme Commander.

The SAL had their District meeting at Post 268 and we did the lunch for them. Sloppy Joes and Mac and Cheese a favorite.

Nominations are open for officers of Unit 268 for the 2020-2021 year. We do self-nominations so if you want to be part of this Unit's officers let Helen Storer know 301 460 3864. Elections will be in May.

Our big fund raiser the 100 Club Dinner was a big success. Thanks to all who bought tickets, came to the dinner, donated prizes and gift cards, and worked so hard for days to put this on. As it was on Leap Year Day, we all 'leaped for fun' and 'leaped for cash'. The Wagon of Cheer also added much to our treasury. All proceeds go to support our Veterans and our community.

A few of the places our proceeds go to support.

Our Veterans

Perry Point	Charlotte Hall	Four Chaplains Chapel
Fisher House	MCVETS Homeless shelter	Our Community
Meals on Wheels	Shepherds Table	Interfaith Center

Chaplain Lynne would like to know of anyone who is sick or just needs a cherry note. 301 807 1495, mlynnestephens48@gmail.com.

Unit 268 will be helping with the Department's Creative Arts Festival. A place for our disable Veterans to showcase their talent. There will be art work in many forms and a talent show which is held in Bowie at the arts center, A fun afternoon for all. Please contact me if you would like a ticket (\$10.00). Contact me also for details. Southern Maryland Districts 'Day for God and Country' will be held at the Southern Maryland Youth Camp. The service honors our veterans of our past, our present and those of our future. We will also be honoring The Four Chaplains.

Dates to remember:

Coupon clipping 6 pm.	March 12 th	April 9 th 6 pm.
Unit Dinner	March 13 th	April 3 rd or 17 th
Meeting 7 pm.	March 17 th	April 21 st Initiation

Check the Post's Facebook page AL Post 268-Wheaton for photos of us all in action.

Monday Night Dinners time: 4:00 till 8:00, Mar. 2nd, Open Face Roast Beef (\$7), Mar. 16th, Corned Beef Dinner (all the trimmings) (\$9). Apr. 6st, Ziti with meat sauce and salad, (\$7), April 20th, Open Face Turkey, (\$7). Desert available (\$1).

Friday Night Dinner-March 13th, Time 5:30 till 8:00. Choice of Deep Fried Shrimp or Chicken, Bake Potato, Soup and Salad Bar, Dessert, (\$10). **April 17th** Pork Loin, Sauerkraut, Soup and Salad Bar, Dessert, (\$10). Please contact Linda Sarkisian with all questions concerning all dinners @ 301/602-5276.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR UNIT WHO SUPPORTS ALL VETERANS !!!!

MARCH 2020

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	2 Pool League	3 SAL BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	4 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	5 Dan & Lynn 7:30	6 SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR LOW KEY 8:00 PM – 11:00	7 No BRUNCH OPEN JUKE BOX
8 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	9 Pool League	10	11 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30	12 Unit Coupon Clipping 6:00 PM EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	13 UNIT DINNER DEEP FRIED SHRIMP/ CHICKEN 5:30 TILL 8:00 Unit Bake Sale SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR PETE STOVER GROUP 8:00 PM - 11:00	14 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 KARAOKE W/ALAN FAULK 7:00 PM – 11:00
15 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	16 UNIT DINNER 4-8pm CORNER BEEF/ CABBAGE (\$9) Pool League	17 St. Patrick's Day UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	18 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	19 Dan & Lynn 7:30	20 SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR AIRPORT 77 & THE LOOSE ENDS 8:00PM - 11:00 PM	21 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 OPEN JUKE BOX
22 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	23 Pool League	24 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	25 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	26	27 SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR LATE AS UUAL BAND 8:00 PM TILL 11:00	28 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 KEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 7:00 PM TO 11:00
29 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	30 Pool League	31				

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

Early on the morning of Feb. 3, 1943, the U.S. troop transport "Dorchester" was wallowing through icy seas off Greenland. Most of the 900 troops on board were asleep in their bunks. Suddenly a torpedo smashed into the Dorchester's flank. The troops milled in confusion on the decks. In those dark moments of panic, the coolest men aboard were four U.S. Army Chaplains: First LTs. Clark V. Poling, Alexander D. Goode, John P. Washington, George L. Fox. The four Chaplains led the men into boxes of life jackets, passed them out to the soldiers with boat-frill precision. When the boxes were empty, the four chaplains quietly slipped off their own precious life preservers, put them on four young GIs and told them to jump. The Dorchester went down 25 minutes later in a rumble of steam. Some 600 men were lost, but the heroic chaplains had helped save over 200. The last anyone saw of them, they were standing on the slanting deck their arms linked in prayer to the one God they all served. And so, these four men – Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, from four different towns; the country boy from Vermont; the city boy from Washington, the slum kid from Newark; and the parson's son from New York City – met on the slanting deck of the Dorchester. It was a rendezvous with God, too, and their voices rose above the cold, black churning water: "Our Father...which art in Heaven...hallowed be Thy name..." "Schma Yisroel Adonay Eoohenu Adonay Echod,"...Thy Kingdom come...Thy will be done..." The hand of God plucked these four men from their parishes and set them together in that icy February fog...and all at once the fog melted away and all about them there was light. (Source: The Chaplain's Prayer Manual of The American Legion.)

APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	2 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	3 SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR CHICK HALL BAND 8:00 PM - 11:00	4 NO BRUNCH OPEN JUKEBOX
5 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	6 UNIT DINNER 4-8 pm ZITI WITH MEATSAUCE (\$7) Pool League	7 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 SAL BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	8 PASSOVER	9 Unit Coupon Clipping 6:00 PM EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	10 GOOD FRIDAY SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR REILLY GOULAIT BAND 8:00 PM - 11:00	11 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 7:00 PM to 11:00
12 EASTER *POST CLOSED*	13 Pool league	14	15 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	16 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	17 UNIT DINNER PORK LOIN (\$10) UNIT BAKE SALE SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR <u>TRADEMARK BAND</u> 8:00 – 11:00 PM	18 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 OPEN JUKEBOX
19 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	20 UNIT DINNER 4-8 PM OPEN FACE TURKEY (\$7) Pool League	21 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	22 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	23	24 NO DINNER SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR POCKET CHANGE 8:00-11:00 PM	25 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 Karaoke KEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 7:00 PM TO 11:00
26 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	27 Pool League	28	29 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	30 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM		

AN INVITATION TO ALL VETERANS

The Unit would like to invite all veterans to a luncheon in their honor. The luncheon will be held on Saturday May 16. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. There will be no program, we just want to honor all those who served and helped keep our country free. All may attend. If you are not a veteran, lunch will be \$5.00. More details next newsletter.

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