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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members

Spring has sprung! At this reading, you should all be basking in sunshine, spring-like temperatures, and gentle southerly breezes as predicted by Punxsutawney Phil and a host of other prognosticating groundhogs on February 2nd. But wait! Could it be that Phil once again, as has been rumored in the past, deliberately skewed his prediction after receiving a hefty payout so that the over-under bettors for a late spring could benefit from this misinformation? As of the printing of this newsletter the investigation continues and possible indictments could be forthcoming for Phil and some phony cronies such as Jimmy the Groundhog, Buckeye Chuck, and Potomac Phil of local infamy. Stay tuned.

Post Everlasting was held on February 26 to honor and remember our departed members from 2018. There was a total of 15 of our comrades who reported to their final duty station and each and every name was read off to those in attendance. Thanks once again to Chris, Linda, Patsy, Betty and other Unit members for preparing and serving the food after the ceremony, Norma for volunteering her time for bar duties, and Sandy for baking the calorie-ridden desserts.

We currently stand at 90% of our membership goal for the 2018-19 Legion year. Again, better than at this time the past two years but it sure would be nice to hit 100% on this the 100th Anniversary Year of the founding of the American Legion. Please don't wait any longer. 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 for the last two years. For those that have already paid up, Post 268 leadership heartily thanks you.

The Super Bowl Pool Party was held January 12th and only the threat of inclement weather held attendance down a bit. Otherwise there was a good crowd, lots of food and fun, and we were able to hold it upstairs so that the playoffs could be seen. Entertainment afterwards was provided by The Airport 77's who generated excellent reviews but again, due to the fact that it had begun snowing, we had to shut down a little early that evening. The Airport 77's did a return engagement on February 22 and this time to a packed house. They even played an extra set that night due to popular demand. 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 this year, and Scott Schlesinger for keeping the funds straight.

The Unit had their 100 Club event on February 23rd and it was another function that was well attended. Congratulations to Jim Foster for being the last person standing and ultimate winner. See the Auxiliary column for further reviews of the evening.

Coming up this Spring: Stay tuned to Facebook posts and the weekly email. We're attempting to come up with something in March for the American Legion 100th Anniversary. NASCAR continues to be watched every Sunday, March Madness is approaching, the Caps finally ascended back into 1st Place, and spring training has begun. Come out to Post 268 most evenings and weekends for various sports viewing and support your Post Home.

Reminder Note: Nominations for the 2020 Legion Year for Officers and Executive members begin on 3/14/19 and continue until the May meeting on 5/16/2019.

All the best,

Ed McCaw, Commander

~ CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN ~

The following comrades have answered their final roll call, completed their tours of duty and has reported to the Supreme Commander of Post Everlasting: ~ William J. "Bill" Harmon ~, ~Raymond "Red" Smith ~, ~Joseph Zuraski ~, ~ Gordon Williard (PPC) ~, ~Robert O. Allen (PPC) ~.

Joseph Zuraski was " 100 " years old. Bill Harmon had been a member of the American Legion for 55 years.,

Pray for all Comrades who are on sick call who our prayers including Don Porter.

For those departed which we do not know about, may their souls, and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Judge" McCaw~

By The McCaw Family (3/22)

In Memory of "Blackie" Sarkisian

By the Sarkisian Family (6/22)

In Memory of Vonda Sarkisian

By the Sarkisian Family (08/19)

In Memory of James B. (Bart) Bowles

By the Bowles Family (09/19)

In Memory of Joe Storer

By the Storer Family (09/22)

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Edward & Sheila Beall J. Shaw

By Mack E. Beall (12/19)

In Memory of Dennis Lee Krisko

By The Krisko Family (12/19)

In Memory of Lieselotte Allen

By Robert O. Allen (1/21)

In Memory of Estelle J. 'EJ' Parsley

By Robert O. Allen (1/21)

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Prayer for America

Heavenly Father, we come to you now

In the

Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We pray that you keep

America under Your wings and help her to continue to abide

Under the shadow of the Almighty God.

We pray for the President, the Executive Branch,

Commissions and governments of this nation.

We ask you to Lead and Guide them in every way!

Lord, thank you for Your protective hand

That Shields our nation.

Help everyone in authority to continue to be alert to signs of wrong doing.

Enable the military forces of this nation to continue to be swift, powerful and accurate in  
any action of intelligence gathering and security.

Lord, please continue to bless their families and remind them that they are loved and we  
Appreciate their abundant sacrifices for us.

Please meet every need they have in a favorable manner.

Heavenly Father, we ask You to lose Your mighty warring and  
guardian angels to expose and destroy any potential dangers being  
Planned against America.

We ask You Lord, to continue to bless and  
Strengthen this nation. You are our Refuge and  
Stronghold in times of trouble.

Lord, we pray, that You keep your hand on America and that Your people will dwell  
Safely in this land and prosper abundantly according to Your will.

We give You the Praise and the Glory ~ and we ask these things  
In the Sweet Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Don't miss the S.A.L. Chili Dinner on Friday, March 29. Your SAL chefs will prepare a mild version, but we ask others to Bring a Chili to contribute if you like to share. Big salad bar and corn bread, the band Low Keys playing in lounge at 8pm. All this for \$7. The Unit will feature a Bake Sale for dessert goodies. Come support your Post! Our own Second Vice, Clint Sanford, and his band will play Friday March 23 in the lounge! Come up and have a dance as we now have new lighting on the rotating mirror ball!

We are on track with most members for annual dues renewals, but still need some to check if you have paid up 2019 to date. National just sent out reminder cards, please don't make us have to do the same investing time and money that can o elsewhere. 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. If a friend wants to join S.A.L., they MUST have their father's DD214, THOROUGHLY as in each line, 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](mailto: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: Commander Sean and I attended a Southern MD SAL district meeting at Post 41. Great to see others from local Posts and gather news and up dates on Squadron events. Thanks also go to Linda for keeping the Hall filled that brings in needed Post income! At our last meeting Commander Ed briefed us on the Post's plans to replace both pool tables. The old ones will be sold. And the S.A.L. will make a contribution to this noble project. Having current tables is good for Post income and gets members and teams in to play! March Madness and NASCAR Sundays start back up and what better way to see the Big competition than right here front and center at 268. We ask that Post patrons wash their hands to avoid spreading flu germs this season.

Next meetin' in Wheaton, will be Tuesday, March 5th 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 St. Patty's Day, Spring has to be around the corner!

Jim Cavender  
S.A.L. Post 268, Vice Commander  
[jcavender8@gmail.com](mailto:jcavender8@gmail.com)



## UNIT 268

Our fund raiser, The 100 Club Dinner was a big success. A 100 Club as only the Unit can put on. We raised money to support our Veterans. An Italian all you can eat dinner. And lots of prizes were won. Many Unit members worked many hours for this event, thank you all. And to all who bought tickets to the event, raffle tickets. Our Lucky Lady, and 50-50.

See the Post's Facebook page for photos of the evening.

We used the leftover pasta for a dinner Monday evening.

February meeting we honored The Four Chaplains. We were fortunate that we had no Unit member deaths this Auxiliary calendar year.

We are having a Bake Sale when the Post has a dinner. We will have one on March 29<sup>th</sup> when the SAL will have a Chili dinner.

Please bring a dessert to share and take another one home to enjoy.

Dues are now past due. Please renew. Send dues of \$30 to Linda Sarkisian, 3117 Farnborough Ct. Silver Spring, Md. 20906. Help our Unit make goal. Chaplain Lynne would like to hear of any member sick or in the hospital, 301/807-1495.

Dates to Remember:

March 4<sup>th</sup> Coupon Clipping 1:30 pm

March 19<sup>th</sup> Unit Meeting 7:00 pm

March 29<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale

April 1<sup>st</sup> Coupon Clipping 1:30 pm

April 16<sup>th</sup> Unit Meeting 7:00 pm

Christine Williard, Unit President

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### **HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION !!**

### **March 15, 1919 – March 2019 !!**

A century ago, The American Legion was founded by veterans who had a post-war mission. Their mission, one that continues today, was to care for veterans, provide patriotic programs for our nation's youth, advocate for a strong national defense and instill a societal pride in what it means to be American.

It is our posts, however, that people see every day. Whether your post is 100 years or 100 days old, this birthday – our 100th – is about you. The fact is that no program, no fundraising initiative and no legislative achievement of The American Legion could ever succeed without the hardworking men and women who comprise our American Legion Family.

From the drafting of the original GI Bill to the creation of the VA, The American Legion has had an unparalleled record of success.

We know that we can count on all of you to continue your dedicated service to our country and our American Legion. And if, like me, you believe the Legion will continue to accomplish great things in its second century, let's all commit to recruiting and especially renewing past members so we can continue to be a strong American Legion for a strong America.

For now, happy birthday, Legionnaires! (Words from our National Commander—Brett Reistadd)

# MARCH 2019

| SUN                                                                | Monday                                                           | Tuesday                                          | Wednesday                                                     | Thursday                                    | Friday                                                         | Saturday                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                    |                                                                  |                                                  |                                                               |                                             | 1<br>POCKET CHANGE<br>8:00 PM TO 11:00                         | 2<br><br>OPEN JUKE BOX                                                          |
| 3<br><br>EXERCISE WITH<br>RUSS                                     | 4<br>Pool<br>League<br><br>Unit<br>coupon<br>clipping<br>1:00 pm | 5<br>S. A. L.<br><br>Business<br>Meeting<br>7:00 | 6<br><br>EXERCISE WITH<br>RUSS<br>7:30<br>DOWNSTAIRS<br>HALL  | 7<br><br>Dan & Lynn<br>7:30                 | 8<br><br>MOTOR DRIVEN<br>8:00 PM TO 11:00                      | 9<br><br>SAL BRUNCH<br><br>Karaoke w/Alan<br>Faulk<br><br>8:00-12:00            |
| 10<br><br>EXERCISE WITH<br>RUSS                                    | 11<br><br>Pool<br>League                                         | 12                                               | 13<br><br>EXERCISE WITH<br>RUSS<br>7:30<br>DOWNSTAIRS<br>HALL | 14<br><br>POST EXECUTIVE<br>MEETING<br>7:30 | 15<br><br>PETE STOVER'S<br>IRISH BAND<br>8:00 PM TO 11:00      | 16<br><br>SAL Brunch<br><br>OPEN JUKE BOX                                       |
| 17<br><br>SAINT<br>PATRICKS<br>DAY !!<br><br>EXERCISE WITH<br>RUSS | 18<br><br>Pool<br>league                                         | 19<br><br>UNIT<br>BUSINESS<br>MEETING<br>7:00    | 20                                                            | 21<br><br>Dan & Lynn<br>7:30                | 22<br><br>SR3<br>8:00 PM TO 11:00                              | 23<br><br>SAL BRUNCH<br><br>LEN/LUISA<br>SLEEMAN (BLINKIE)<br>8:00 PM TO 12 MID |
| 24<br>EXERCISE WITH<br>RUSS<br><br>31<br>EXERCISE WITH<br>RUSS     | 25<br><br>Pool<br>League                                         | 26<br><br>POST<br>BUSINESS<br>MEETING<br>7:30    | 27<br>EXERCISE WITH<br>RUSS<br>7:30<br>DOWNSTAIRS<br>HALL     | 28                                          | 29 SAL Chili<br>Night !!!!!<br><br>LOW KEY<br>8:00 PM TO 11:00 | 30                                                                              |



## Lyrics



Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling  
From glen to glen, and down the mountain side  
The summer's gone, and all the flowers are dying  
'Tis you, 'tis you must go and I must bide.

But come ye back when summer's in the meadow  
Or when the valley's hushed and white with snow  
'Tis I'll be here in sunshine or in shadow  
Oh Danny boy, oh Danny boy, I love you so.

And if you come, when all the flowers are dying  
And I am dead, as dead I well may be  
You'll come and find the place where I am lying  
And kneel and say an "Ave" there for me.

And I shall hear, tho' soft you tread above me  
And all my dreams will warm and sweeter be  
If you'll not fail to tell me that you love me  
I'll simply sleep in peace until you come to me.

# APRIL 2019

| Sunday                          | Monday                                                  | Tuesday                                    | Wednesday                                            | Thursday                                    | Friday                                                      | Saturday                                                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 | <b>1</b><br>APRIL Fool's Day                            | <b>2</b><br>S. A. L. Business Meeting 7:00 | <b>3</b><br>EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL  | <b>4</b><br>DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM              | <b>5</b><br>POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00PM                | <b>6</b><br>OPEN JUKEBOX                                                 |
| <b>7</b><br>EXERCISE WITH RUSS  | <b>8</b><br>Pool League<br>UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 1:00 PM | <b>9</b>                                   | <b>10</b><br>EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL | <b>11</b><br>POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM | <b>12</b><br>MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11 PM                  | <b>13</b><br>SAL BRUNCH<br>Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM to 12:00         |
| <b>14</b><br>EXERCISE WITH RUSS | <b>15</b><br>Pool league                                | <b>16</b><br>UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00    | <b>17</b>                                            | <b>18</b><br>DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM             | <b>19</b><br>MIKE & SAX 8:00 PM TO 11 PM                    | <b>20</b><br>SAL BRUNCH<br>OPEN JUKEBOX                                  |
| <b>21</b><br>EXERCISE WITH RUSS | <b>22</b><br>Pool League                                | <b>30</b><br>POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30    | <b>24</b><br>EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL | <b>25</b>                                   | <b>26</b><br>TOP TONES (THE BEATLE BAND) 8:00PM TO 11:00 PM | <b>27</b><br>SAL BRUNCH<br>LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID |
| <b>28</b><br>EXERCISE WITH RUSS | <b>29</b><br>Pool League                                | <b>30</b>                                  |                                                      |                                             |                                                             |                                                                          |

## HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

A group of 20 officers who served in the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) in France during World War I is credited with founding the Legion. AEF Headquarters asked the officers to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr., proposed an organization of veterans. In February 1919, the group formed a temporary committee and selected several hundred officers who had the confidence and respect of the whole army. About 1,000 officers and enlisted men attended the Paris Caucus in March 1919. They adopted a temporary Constitution and the name The American Legion. The group also elected an executive committee to complete the organization's work. It considered each soldier of the AEF a member of the Legion. The executive committee named a subcommittee to organize veterans at home in the United States.

In May 1919, the Legion held a second organizing caucus in St. Louis. It completed the constitution and made plans for a permanent organization, setting up a temporary headquarters in New York City and beginning its relief, employment and Americanism programs.

Congress granted the Legion a national charter in September 1919. The first national convention convened in Minneapolis on November 10-12, 1919, adopting a permanent constitution and electing officers to head the organization. Delegates also voted to locate the Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Legion continues to support the four pillars of service and advocacy upon which it was founded: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth.

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Paul Helmke

### **Expires October 2023**

Ed DiRaimo

### **Expires July 2020**

Jim & Geneva Foster

### **Expires January 2021**

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### **Expires May 2021**

Pat & John Krisko, III  
Dennis Krisko & Selva  
Karslo

### **Expires July 2022**

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**Check the appropriate boxes below.**

**Eligibility Dates:**

- August 2, 1990 – Present
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I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

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 (Signature of Applicant)

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