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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

First, a look back to some previous events. The Wheaton Arts Parade was held on September 24 and for all intents and purposes was a great success. The parade traversed Georgia Avenue, (other than accidents, when was the last time anyone saw Georgia closed to traffic?) turned down Price Avenue, and passed right in front of the Post Home where the reviewing stand was set up offering a great view for the members that took advantage of it. The parade ended at Veterans Park and the area around the Post was filled with Wheatonites the whole day. Post 268 offered up our parking lot for a food vendor court to let people know that we are a strong part of the community and there was a variety of vendors that took advantage of it. The parade coordinators were highly appreciative of our offer and efforts and said they are looking forward to continuing our relationship with the parade next year. A special thanks to the SAL members who manned the cooker and tent during a really hot day in order to serve American fare to the public that attended the Legion food table. Harry Wachter did an exceptionally good job as the CBFIC (Chief Burger Flipper in Charge) and a special note of thanks to him. Please make plans to support this fun event next year.

We held our annual Early Bird Picnic the following Saturday and almost 100 members and guests showed up to partake in the food and beverages that were provided. Thank you to those members that paid their dues early in order to become Early Birds.

Note: Membership dues will be increasing to \$43 come January 1, 2018. This has been necessitated by a dues increase from Department. If you haven't already done so, please get your 2018 dues (\$40) sent in prior to December 31 and take advantage of the lower dues amount.

One thing I forgot to mention in the last 268'er; the Department of Maryland awarded Post 268 the 2017 Reverend Valentine Weissert Memorial Trophy for our sponsorship of the Governor of Maryland Boys State, Young S. KIM, this past summer. Congratulations to this young man for his hard work and the responsibilities he took on at Boys State Camp.

Are you ready for some football?! No, I'm NOT talking about the NFL variety. I'm talking about the true, unadulterated and pure version. ARMY vs. NAVY! That's right, Post 268 is going to have an event during the Army-Navy Football Game on Saturday, December 9 at 3:00. There will be a game pool circulating soon (\$10 a square), raffles (top prize a 55" TV), "friendly" Army-Navy rivalry and bantering, and FREE food that doesn't cost you anything. Please see the flyers that will be posted around the Post or stay tuned for forthcoming emails and/or info on our Facebook site.

As mentioned in the previous 268'er, we are still determined to have a Legion Crawl soon. A tentative date of November 18 has been set but we are still working out the logistics for the event. December 2 is a possible alternate date but we hope to have the planning complete very soon and will post the info. Dates, costs, and itinerary will be put out on a flyer at the Post or sent out via email or Facebook. The number of sign-ups will determine how many we can accommodate as we arrange for transportation.

The Post is still in need of volunteers to work at least one Brunch or Dinner a month. Consider being a volunteer to help in the smooth running of your Post Home. Ad-hoc Chaplain Bruce Davis will bestow a personal blessing upon all new volunteers in order that they may have an extra "feel good" feeling about giving up a small amount of personal time for the benefit of the Post Home. Please see Mo McCaw-Smithhisler if you are able to donate some of your time to one of these functions.

Yours in service,

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: ~RONALD E. GILES ~, ~DENNIS L. KRISKO ~.

Pray for all Comrades who are on sick call who our prayers including PPC Bob Allen, PPC JR Ale, Don Porter, Tom Cooper.

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.

“Eternal, ever-present God, we pause in your presence to thank you for being within and around us throughout life. When we are weak, you are to us like a rock. When we are buffeted or endangered by life's events, you are our fortress. For hearing us, for delivering and waving us, we are forever grateful and therefore have come to praise and honor you. Amen “

With hearts humble with the sense of our responsibility yet proud of the confidence placed in us by our comrades, with hearts grateful for the rich heritage bequeathed to us by our fathers, yet determined in be ever vigilant to preserve it, we ask thy blessing, in this Country that we may be fruitful in its accomplishments and permanent in the good it effects. Be with us, in our deliberations. Inspire us with Thy wisdom, direct us in our thinking, and guide us as we work for thee, our country, and comrades. Amen

IN MEMORIAM

*In Memory of “Judge” McCaw~
By The McCaw Family (1/18)*

*In Memory of “Blackie” Sarkisian
By The Sarkisian Family (6/18)*

*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 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)*



VETERANS DAY

Let's honor our military,
The men and women who serve,
Whose dedication to our country
Does not Falter, halt or swerve.
Let's respect them for their courage;
They're ready to do what's right
To keep America Safe,
So we can sleep better at night.
Let's support and defend our soldiers,
Whose hardships are brutal and cruel,
Whose discipline we can't imagine,
Who follow each order and rule.
Here's to those who choose to be warriors
And their helpers, good and true;
They're fighting for American Value;
They're fighting for me and you.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Let's start at the beginning. I joined SAL 268 in May of 2003. I was little Jimmy Cavender in the corner having my beer and going to meetings. Then I became Commander after our good friend Bill Hall left the area. Fine. I have been SAL COMMANDER 7 OUT OF 14 YEARS. Reminder: we are not a one horse/ one trick pony show town/organization. I'm tired and want others in SAL to step up to Commandership. I have had a richly rewarding experience leading and providing for our Veterans and Community, here to help, but frankly I'm really not interested in Commandership any more. I can not do not / want this job any more. Look around you. There ARE others who can lead. And you have to admit 14 years is one heck of a contribution to our Post 268. With that said, start thinking. I will be more than happy to send and coach new officers for any and all files, experience and past documents to make the transition easier. I'm here to help but in a reduced capacity. I wish to return to little Jimmy at the bar. But I want 268 to be great. Again, start thinking! I'm sure you understand, and thank you.

All S.A.L. dues are now \$25. Cards are now available. Get you dues in now. Your S.A.L can always use new members of any age! Our Adjutant has requested that any new application be filled out to the 9's and it must be legibly! They need to fill out ALL on the application stub. Yes phone, email, etc. Sloppy applications end up in the trash. If a friend wants to join S.A.L., they MUST have a copy of their father's DD214, 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 Post Adjutant Sandy Smith. Should you have any specific membership questions, she is the one to ask. She is usually at the Post Mondays and Tuesdays after 11am. With 268er every 2 months now, and the dinner program schedule in flux, 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 automatically. 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 or postponements.

Food wise: The S.A.L. will continue the third Saturday of the month brunch from 10 to Noon. Egg cookers are needed. That is an art. So unless we go to food tray scrambled eggs, think about helping. Major thanks to all S.A.L. who manned the Art Parade food booth. Both fun and Commander signed up some new members!

Good of Sons: A big Zorro this month goes to Silver Spring Post 41 Commander Dan Bullis. If you see the coasters we now have, it exclaims that Veterans organizations such as ours have shared in over \$10,000,000 of profits to all who play/Posts. Dan was instrumental in appealing the State of MD that Posts get the game machines. Thanks Dan and thanks so much for helping Past Commandeer Bob get oriented to retired life! Thank you also to dear Ms. Betty Walker. S.A.L. is asked to help decorate Post in mid December. Git that done!

Next meetin' in Wheaton, Tuesday, November 7th at 7pm. We did NOT have a quorum for the October meeting. Always keep our brave service folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are on the line for us all and will get even more support from our elected officials to keep America great. See a Vet, HUG that Vet, better yet, sign up that Vet! We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a great Christmas.

Jim Cavender
S.A.L. Post 268, Vice Commander
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To be a volunteer, it takes...

Generosity, a willingness to give your time to others

Understanding, because their lives might be very different from your own

Empathy, an ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes and feel what they must feel

Compassion, to truly care about making someone else's life better

Patience, because the process doesn't always go as smoothly as it might

Dedication, to stick with the project and see it through.

You've shown these qualities and so much more, so:

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT "ALL" OF YOU DO!!

AUXILIARY NEWS

A busy fall so far. We went to Charlotte Hall for the carnival. The theme was Circus and we were the 'concision stand'. Over 100 veterans and some with family passed by our table, played our game and got a prize.

We went to the VA Nursing Home in DC. About 15 Veterans played Bingo, won canteen coupons and we served them refreshments. The view from the Bingo room of the U.S. Capital is beautiful.

Fall Conference is done also, we have lots to do for a successful year and many programs to work on.

Membership is key, Southern Maryland is striving to be # 1 this year. Americanism and our Essay Contest will be started soon. Students will write essays on Patriotism.

The Early Bird Picnic had about 70 or so. Good food by the SAL on the grill. Our Chinese action and bake sale were a hit and made money for our many projects.

And "Make a Difference Day" was as usual well received. We took goodies to 6 local Police, Fire and Rescue Stations. Big smiles from all.

MCVETS is in need of large and ex-large clothing. Clothing for MCVETS and Shepard's Table and the Inter Faith Chapel should be in plastic kitchen size trash bags in box at front door. We are also collecting personal size toiletries for pocketbooks for the female Vets at MCVETS.

The Unit will be preparing baskets for those in need again this year. This is for Thanksgiving and Christmas. All can goods and other food items will be donated to the Montgomery food bank. All cash donations will be used to purchase items for the baskets. Please contact Linda Sarkisian or me with questions. We will also be collecting new toys and clothing (hats, gloves, scarves, socks, etc.) They will also be given out as Christmas presents. Please do not wrap these gifts. The school matches the gifts with the children's gift list, then wraps them. Place all in the back room at post. Also, along with our giving at Christmas time, we will be collecting gifts for our nursing home. Please wrap and mark the gift with a name tag, Lady or Man and size of item (if needed). In advance, I would like to thank all of you for helping us make the Holidays a little happier for those who have very little.

Our Christmas party will be Dec. 19th at 6 pm. Cristina Ristreante. The address is: 2666 University Blvd, Wheaton. Call or email Betsy to reserve your place. 240/ 876- 3420. betsy80@verizon.net. You may bring guests.

To see photos of your Unit at work see the Post's Face book page. ALPost 268 Wheaton.

Dues for 2017-18 are \$30.00 and sent to Linda Sarkisian 2813 Peregoy Dr., Kensington, MD 20895.

Chaplain Lynne would like to know of any member who is sick, in the hospital, or just needs a cheery note. Call her at 301-807-1495.

Dates to remember

Nov. 3 Bake Sale 5-8 pm

Dec. 1 Bake Sale 5-8 pm

Nov. 9 Coupon Clipping 6 pm.

Dec. 14 Coupon clipping 6 pm.

Nov. 21 Meeting 7 pm

Dec. 19 Christmas party 6 pm.

Christine Williard, President

chris1939@verizon.net 301 649 2709.

***FLY YOUR AMERICAN FLAG WITH PRIDE
IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS
THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE PAST,
THOSE WHO ARE SERVING IN THE PRESENT,
AND THOSE WHO WILL BE SERVING IN THE FUTURE!!!!***

NOVEMBER 2017

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 DAN & LYNN 7:30	3 DINNER HARRY'S HEROES UNITS BAKE SALE POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	4 BRUNCH JEWBUSY OPEN JUKEBOX OPEN JUKEBOX
5 REDSKINS VS SEAHAWKS 4:00 PM	6 Pool League	7 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	8	9 UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 6:00	10 NO DINNER Marine Corps Bday VETERANS DAY OBSERVED MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	11 NO BRUNCH VETERANS DAY Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM TO 12:00 MID
12 VIKINGS VS REDSKINS 1:00 PM	13 Pool League	14	15	16 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	17 NO DINNER POST 41- CRABLEGS MIKE & SAX 800 PM TO 11:00 PM	18 BRUNCH SAL LEGION CRAWL (TBD) OPEN JUKEBOX
19 REDSKINS VS SAINTS	20 Pool league	21 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	22	23 <u>THANKSGIVING</u> <u>DAY</u> REDSKINS VS GIANTS 8:30 PM	24 NO DINNER THANKSGIVING WEEKEND NO BAND	25 NO BRUNCH THANKSGIVING WEEKEND Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
26	27 Pool League	28 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	29	30 REDSKINS VS COWBOYS 8:25 PM		

**SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR EVERY FRIDAY
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SUPERBOWL PARTY

Super Bowl Party 2017/2018: There are still Super Bowl squares left. The Super Bowl is February 4, 2018. The party will be held a WEEK EARLY. The date will be Saturday, January 27th. The time 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm. Menu will be same as last year. It will be again \$100. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please e-mail me at lindasarkisian@yahoo.com. When paying by check, please enter in memo on check the name that should go on Super Bowl grid. If paying by cash, please attach a note to cash with participating person name. The pool is open to all including those who are not a member of post. You may have more than one square. PLEASE contact me as soon as possible if you are interested!! You can have the same square as last year if you let me know by December 1, 2017. After that the squares will be assigned by a lottery.

Linda Sarkisian, Chairperson (301/602-5276)

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 DINNER HARRY'S HEROES UNITS BAKE SALE POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	2 BRUNCH SAL OPEN JUKEBOX
3	4 Pool League	5 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	6	7 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM PEARL HARBOR DAY	8 DINNER JEWBUSY DINNER MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 TO 11:00	9 NO BRUNCH ARMY – NAVY GAME Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00
10 REDSKINS VS CHARGER S 4:05 PM	11 Pool League	12		14 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM UNIT COUPON CUTTING 6:00 PM	15 NO DINNER POST 41 CRAB LEGS MIKE & SAX 8:00 TO 11:00	16 BRUNCH JEWBUSY OPEN JUKEBOX
17 REDSKINS VS CARDINALS 1:00 PM	18 Pool League	19	20	21 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	22 NO DINNER CHRISTMAS WEEKEND NO MUSIC	23 NO BRUNCH CHRISTMAS WEEKEND
24 REDSKINS VS BRONCOS 1:00 PM <hr/> 31 REDSKINS VS GIANTS 1:00 PM	25 Pool League	26	27	28	29 NO DINNER NEW YEARS WEEKEND JACKSON DEAN 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	30 NO BRUNCH- NEW YEARS WEEKEND Open Jukebox

PEARL HARBOR -- LEST WE FORGET!!!!

The **attack on Pearl Harbor** was a surprise military strike by the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service against the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Territory, on the morning of December 7, 1941. The attack, also known as the **Battle of Pearl Harbor**, led to the United States' entry into World War II. The Japanese military leadership referred to the attack as the **Hawaii Operation** and **Operation AI**, and as **Operation Z** during its planning.

Japan intended the attack as a preventive action to keep the U.S. Pacific Fleet from interfering with military actions they planned in Southeast Asia against overseas territories of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and the United States. Over the next seven hours there were coordinated Japanese attacks on the U.S.-held Philippines, Guam and Wake Island and on the British Empire in Malaya, Singapore, and Hong Kong. ced at 7:48 a.m. Hawaiian Time (18:18 UTC). The base was attacked by 353 Imperial Japanese aircraft (including fighters, level and dive bombers, and torpedo bombers) in two waves, launched from six aircraft carriers. All eight U.S. Navy battleships were damaged, with four sunk. All but the US Arizona were later raised, and six were returned to service and went on to fight in the war. The Japanese also sank or damaged three cruisers, three destroyers, an anti-aircraft training ship, and one minelayer. One hundred eighty-eight U.S. aircraft were destroyed; 2,403 Americans were killed and 1,178 others were wounded. Important base installations such as the power station, dry dock, shipyard, maintenance, and fuel and torpedo storage facilities, as well as the submarine piers and headquarters building (also home of the intelligence section), were not attacked. Japanese losses were light: 29 aircraft and five midget submarines lost, and 64 servicemen killed. One Japanese sailor, Kazuo Sakamaki, was captured.

The surprise attack came as a profound shock to the American people and led directly to the American entry into World War II in both the Pacific and European theaters. The following day, December 8, the United States declared war on Japan, and several days later, on December 11, Germany and Italy declared war on the U.S. The U.S. responded with a declaration of war against Germany and Italy. Domestic support for non-interventionism, which had been fading since the Fall of France in 1940, disappeared. There were numerous historical precedents for unannounced military action by Japan, but the lack of any formal warning, particularly while negotiations were still apparently ongoing, led President Franklin D. Roosevelt to proclaim December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy". Because the attack happened without a declaration of war and without explicit warning, the attack on Pearl Harbor was later judged in the Tokyo Trials to be a war crime.

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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 2018

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Expires March 2019

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THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 (City) (State) (Zip Code) (E-mail – Optional) **Post # 268 \$** (Dues)

Check the appropriate boxes below.

Eligibility Dates:

- August 2, 1990 – Present
- December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
- August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
- February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
- June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
- December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946

Branch of Service:

- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marine Corps
- U.S. Coast Guard



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.

 (Signature of Applicant)

 (Signature of Recruiter)