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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

Welcome back from the summer months. We're ready to roll into Fall with the Friday night bands starting back up, along with Friday evening dinners (hopefully most Fridays), Saturday brunches, Early Bird Picnic, SAL Crab Feast, and, optimistically, a few more events to carry into the latter part of the year. Check out the events calendar in this newsletter and stay up on current Post Home events via email and our Facebook website.

In case you haven't heard, we recently lost PPC David (Gunny) Hill after a long illness. He was an outstanding member and Commander to the Post and will be sorely missed. His funeral service, and final resting place, was held at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery on August 30. We are hoping to hold our own Memorial Service for "Gunny" in the near future and will post the information in the bar area, send out to the email list, and on the Facebook site. Please make plans to attend if at all possible.

After writing that last paragraph, it's hard to get back into an upbeat mood so I won't even try. What I'll do is pass along information that is relevant to all current and potential Legionnaires, as well as SAL and Auxiliary Units throughout the country.

Recently, Congress and the President agreed to expand the definition of war eras to include all who served honorably in the US Armed Forces since December 7, 1941. More than 1,600 members of the Armed Forces were killed or wounded in periods of time not designated as war eras since the end of World War II. The newly signed "Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service Act of 2019" – The LEGION Act – honors those veterans, their spouses and descendants, by extending membership eligibility in The American Legion Family to hundreds of thousands who had previously been excluded.

The LEGION Act offers American Legion eligibility to any U.S. military veteran who served at least one day of active military duty since Dec. 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or is serving at the present time. The act also affects membership in the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion, expanding eligibility for those group, as well.

Post 268 has already welcomed one new member who became eligible due to The Legion Act and we hope to increase our membership rolls significantly with the passage of this action. So please pass on this information to any Veteran that you may come into contact. We hope with this issue of the 268'er that the membership application usually located on the back page can be updated to reflect the new eligibility criteria. If not, we should be getting new applications from Department soon so that we can get them to the newly eligible Veterans.

Don't forget the Wheaton Arts Parade on September 22 this year. If the weather cooperates like it did for the Taste of Wheaton, then Fern St. should be packed with Wheatonites. The parking lot will be closed as we're again donating its use for various vendors in keeping with our standing as a good community neighbor. The SAL will be operating the outside cooker for an Americana fare of burgers and dogs, and our doors will be open to any "guests" who wish to stop by. So come out and enjoy the day's festivities. See you at the Post Home.

Yours in service,

Commander Ed McCaw

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

“Short and Sweet” best describe Summer months but do not fear September can be the best as Indian Summer continues through this busy Post month. Foremost is the Hot Steamed S.A.L. Fall Crab Feast on September 28th from 4 to 7pm with Karaoke to follow at 7pm. Hansen will be providing us with the snappers (reports so far have been very favorable for the 2019 crab haul). They will also provide steamed corn on the cob. TICKETS NOW ON SALE. Post Neighbors welcome too! Only \$40 covers it all, \$18 no crabs, please see your bartender today for tickets. Plenty of Fun and games as well. Thanks to Sean and Clint Sanford for spearheading the feast organization and Danny Thompson for his famous crab soup. Other September events include an Early Bird picnic at the Post complimentary for all who have paid 2020 dues by second week of September. And don't forget the always fun Annual Wheaton Arts Parade as long as Mother Nature cooperates! The monthly S.A.L. bushiness meetings resume first Tuesday of each month, September 3rd.

Dues are now \$30 for 2020. Cards are here and ready. Simply pay the bartender, Sean Mac or myself and ask for a receipt. Thank you, once and done is my policy. As always, should you have any specific membership questions, Post adjutant Sandy Smith is the one to ask. Call Post for her availability, business hours during the week.

Food wise: Commander Sean and his crew fire up the Saturday S.A.L. brunches this month. As with anything food oriented see Sean 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. Thanks to Nancy and the Summer Shrimp crew for providing us with famous 268 delectables and look forward to John and Doug's return for Friday's treat! Big thanks to the Unit and Chris for recent Monday Pool Team dinners that almost always sell out! Many thanks also go Linda Sarkisian for Keeping the Mike Devlin Hall full on the weekends with public rentals (read income). See Linda for all the many options and rate details. Old ones gone, brand new pool tables installed, come up and play, better yet form a NEW team!! Your S.A.L. will help the Early Bird and Wheaton Arts parade with grill duty.

Good of Sons: At times You'll see a S.A.L. member helping with ice or cooler stocking to help the bartenders. We do it all for the Post. 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! Looking forward to making donations to the DAV, a great Veteran cause, this Fall.

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! Summer is winding down in anticipation for a colorful, crisp Fall. Reach out, always help your neighbor. Comes right back at you...everytime. See you on the 28th!

S.A.L. Members Rick Chapolski and Frank Edwards have passed. Our sincere condolences to their families. Bless and Thank you for being part of our organization. Also we see that Legion National has relaxed their membership qualifications and now include all Veterans from 1941 to today. Great news for all. Sign up a new member today! Also note, after many years of diligent service, Mark Ruhl has retired from S.A.L. Advisor and we thank him for his guidance. At the September meeting we welcome Mr. Russ Wood as our new S.A.L. Advisor.

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

The new Officers were Installed. The Delegates attended the Convention. Unit 268 did well. Certificates of Merit at the 2019 Convention.

1st Place Community Services

2nd Place Past Presidents Parley

2nd Place Best All-Around Field Services Program

3rd Place Services to Veterans Home Services Award

3rd Place Cancer Control

3rd Place Poppy

3rd Place Public Relations Most complete report

3rd Place Public relations Best all-around work.

Delegates were- Helen Storer, Geneva Foster, Christine Williard, Cathy Williams, and Terry Waters.

Linda was a Delegate-at-Large.

We learned a lot, we had fun. We attended the Opening Ceremony and the Memorial Service. Had an all you can eat dinner at the Bon Fire, visited with others at the Hospitality Room hosted my Post 41.

This was Linda's Convention to run and she did a great job as we all knew she would do.

Unit 268 put on a few Monday Night Dinners. Good attendance as people were glad to have a dinner at the Post. We started a 'Bouquet of Scratch-offs' A chance to win the whole bouquet. Our first winner was Harold Sides, he won \$63 from his bouquet. Congratulations

Dues are now due. They are \$30. Please send them to Membership Chairman Linda Sarkisian 3117 Farnborough Ct. SS, MD 20906. Checks made out to: ALA Unit 268.

Chaplain Lynne would like to know of any member sick or in the hospital. Call her 301 807 1495. Or email me chris1939@verizon.net.

Our first meeting of the 2019-20 year is Sept. 17th at 7:00 pm. Please attend the meetings, be part of another Unit 268 year. We have much to do, plans to make, Veterans to serve.

Mark your calendar.

Sept 13th Unit dinner- Soup and Salad bar. 5:30-7:30 pm \$7.

Unit Bake Sale 5-8 pm. 'Bouquet of Scratch-off' for raffle.

Sept 14th Early Bird Picnic 4-7 pm. Unit Bake Sale. Karaoke 7-11 pm.

Oct 11th Unit Dinner- Greek dinner 5:30-7:30 pm \$10. Unit Bake Sale.

Nov. 2nd Unit Yard Sale. We will start collecting your stuff for the yard sale on Oct. 19th. Or rent a table and sell you stuff. Food will be available for sale. Indoors or outdoors weather permitting.

Nov. 8th Unit Dinner – Pork loin with sauerkraut, mash potatoes, salad and dessert. \$ 10.00 Also Unit bake Sale.

Our Dinners and Bake Sales add to our treasury to give to our many causes. Please bake and come out to support your Unit.

Coming soon- Redskin Raffle. Ex-large Jacket, scarf, gloves, belt buckle. Tickets 3 for \$5.

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:

On November 2nd, the Unit will sponsor an indoor/outdoor yard sale. Table rentals are \$15. Contact Geneva Foster @ 301/335-6784 to reserve table. There will be a bake sale and a luncheon menu. Doors will open at 8:30 AM. You may set up at 7:30 AM. We will also accept items for the Units tables. No clothes please. You may sell clothes at your own tables. Everything not sold on Unit tables will be donated to local charities.

For information, please contact me.

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

SEPTEMBER 2019

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 NO DINNER SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR POCKET CHANGE 8:00 - 11:00PM	7 BRUNCH 10:00AM - 12:00 OPEN JUKE BOX
8 EXERCISE WITH	9 Pool League	10	11 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	12 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30	13 UNIT SOUP AND SALAD BAR \$7.00 5:30 TILL 8:00 SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM	14 NO BRUNCH EARLY BIRD PICNIC 1:00 PM TILL 4:00 PM No Karaoke (Open Juke Box)
15 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	1 Pool League	17 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	18 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	19 Dan & Lynn 7:30	20 Dinner by MISSION BBQ 5:30-7:30PM SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR AIRPORT 77 8:00PM - 11:00 PM	21 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 OPEN JUKE BOX
22 Wheaton Arts Parade EXERCISE WITH RUSS	23 Pool League	24 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	25 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	26	27 Dinner (TBD) SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR SR3 8:00 PM TILL 11:00	28 NO BRUNCH SAL CRAB FEAST 4-7:00PM KEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 7:00 PM TO 11:00
29 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	30 Pool League					

EARLY BIRD PICNIC 2019

The Early Bird Picnic will be hosted at the Post Home on Saturday, September 14. The time-line will be 1:00 TILL 4:00pm. There will be no charge for early birds, guests charge will be \$6 for food, draft domestic beers, and fountain sodas. Bring your favorite side-dish to share. No desserts are necessary. The Unit will be sponsoring a Bake sale. So get your 2020 dues paid up and come out to join the Early Bird Flock that day for food, beverages, football/baseball watching, and camaraderie.

OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SAL BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	2	3 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	4 Dinner (TBD) SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR LOW KEY Band 8:00 - 11:00 PM	5 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 OPEN JUKEBOX
6 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	7	8	9 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	10 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM	11 UNIT GREEK DINNER \$10.00 5:30 - 8:00PM SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR DC ENVOYS 8:00 PM TILL 11:00 PM	12 BRUNCH (TBD) Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM to 12:00
	14 Pool league	15 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	16 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	17 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	18 NO DINNER SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR LATE AS USUAL Band 8:00 - 11:00 PM	19 BRUNCH (TBD) OPEN JUKEBOX
20 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	21 Pool League	22 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	23 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	24	25 Dinner (TBD) SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR THE COLLIDERS 8:00 - 11:00PM	26 BRUNCH (TBD) KEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
27 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	28 Pool League	29	30 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	31 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM		

S.A.L. Post 268

PRESENTS



The Famous

FALL CRAB FEAST!



Saturday, Sept. 28, 4-7pm

- 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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Lower Level Devlin Hall • Under 12 FREE**

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per
person**
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no crabs**

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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 2021

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Expires March 2025

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