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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

My apologies for the lateness of the newsletter but if the Nationals had won the World Series in DC then it would have been timely done. As it was, the Nats had to return to Houston in order to “Finish the Fight”, and now I can add a congratulatory note from Wheaton Post 268 to the World Series Champion Washington Nationals. Fight Finished! For those who joined me at the Post Home to watch Games 6 & 7, I would say it was well worth staying up to witness something that may never happen again in our lifetime given that this wait took 95 years. (Spring Training Countdown: Pitchers and Catchers report in approximately 95 days on February 12, 2020)

Veterans Day is again on November 11 this year. Happy Veterans Day to all our membership and please join us for the annual Veterans Day ceremony hosted by VFW Post 2562 at Wheaton Veterans Park at 11:00am.

Happy 244th Birthday to all my fellow Marines at the Post! You Devil Dogs know who you are. Semper Fi!

Our annual Army-Navy Football Game event will again be held this year on the same day as the actual game. The date selected is December 14 @ 3pm and will feature a free halftime lunch, Happy Hour drink prices, and the ever-popular Commander's Raffle headed up by the Grand Prize of an HD Smart TV (\$5/ticket). A 50/50 drawing, Basket of Cheer, Cops & Robbers, plus many other prizes will be awarded during the drawings. Army/Navy Football Pool squares (\$20/square) go on sale Veterans Day weekend with more payouts this year. Scores, touches, reverse scores and score changes all offer the possibility of your square hitting. Please check the 268 Facebook page, the weekly email, or future posted flyers for evolving details.

For those of you inquiring, I don't have any information right now regarding the Super Bowl Pool. The Super Bowl Committee might not have realized that football season had actually started since their attention was surely focused on the developments surrounding the Nationals Baseball Team and the road to the World Series. I'll get any and all information out to you by the usual channels as soon as it's made available to me.

Wrap-up: September and October saw the return of many members to the Post Home after what I guess was a summer hiatus. The Friday night entertainment schedule picked back up and attendance increased significantly as we brought in a few new bands to make their debut at the Post. Mission BBQ again donated a dinner to us (thank you, Suzette), the Early Bird Picnic was well attended, and the SAL Crab Feast was a huge success for intents and purposes (thank you, SAL).

The Wheaton Arts Parade was blessed with much better weather this year and it showed on Fern St. as there was a constant stream of Wheatonites all day. Thank you Sean and Kevin for manning the grill this year and providing Americana fare to the walk-up traffic, and to Linda Disharoon for your help with the setting up and taking the orders and payments.

Doug and John have come back fresh and rested and taken back over the Shrimp Dinner preparation on Fridays. Thank you Nancy Gibson, and all those who assisted her, for contributing your valuable time and filling in during the summer. All her shrimp dinners were generally sold out by Friday evening.

If you haven't sent your dues in for the 2020 Legion year, please do so as soon as you are able. We are currently on track at 66% of our projected goal as set by Department but we still have a ways to go in order to hit that elusive 100% mark. So please make a concerted effort to get your dues in and help Post 268 stand out among the other Posts in the Old Line State.

Yours in service,

Ed McCaw, Commander

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

As they say the Holidays are around the corner, well they creep up and before you know it they are here! The Fall brought many events to fruit, with the Crab Feast a 101% total success. We thank all who made it just that way! Very proud of the S.A.L. help and all who attended, not 1 complaint per say, although we will have more corn on the cob next year! The Arts parade and Early Bird picnic were also well attended and sun shine brought us perfect Fall afternoons. Looking now to the hustle and bustle of Thanksgiving and Christmas we set out sights on 2020. Post closed both dates but hope you take advantage of our best VFW friends as they offer doors open and always something great at that time of year. Speaking of witch that is the time for giving. Giving thanks to family and neighbors who are thinking of you too. SAL News NOV-DEC2019

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December 31st makes the time when all Post 268 renewals are due. 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 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 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. Getting another pool table. Please get word out that we will have 3 state of art tables after first of year. Karaoke now will start at 7pm on Saturdays. Always something casual for New Years eve, so check the Chris list and posters for details. Party local!!

Good of Sons: One of our original coolers is on the final blink. Your S.A.L. will help the Post secure a new unit soon. I guess 45 years is all you can ask of most machines. If you'd like to donate to these tax deductible causes that are going to be springing up more and more, please see Commander Ed. As I'm famous for saying, grand kids Johnny and Susie do not need "everything" in the kitty so to say!! Think of your beloved Post as well.

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Next meetin' in Wheaton, will be Tuesday, November 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! Gobble gobble and Merry Christmas and happy new year to all from S.A.L. 268!

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

Unit members Linda, Helen and Geneva went to the Department of Maryland Fall Conference in Ocean City. They went the long way to avoid the construction on the Bay Bridge. Brought back to the rest of the members all they learned.

Our Yard Sale was a success and lots of fun. We made money for our Veterans and our community. Thanks to all who helped with their time, donated to the cause, and came to the yard sale. The last one was 2007.

Unit members Linda and Chris went to the Veterans Community Living Center in DC and assisted the residents in playing Bingo. We served them refreshments afterwards. From their community room there is a beautiful view of our Capital down the street.

Make a Difference Day was in Oct. Unit member Vicky and husband Bill took goodies we all collected to 5 local Fire, Rescue, Police Stations. Big smiles all around. They have been doing this for many years now.

Our Christmas Dinner will be at the Baronessa Restaurant in Rockville again. We all enjoyed the food and service the past two times we were there. Dec. 17th 6 pm. Email Betsy [betsy80@verizon.net] or call me [301 649 2709] to make your reservation.

We would like to have a Holiday party for children this year. But we need kids. If you have them in your family or neighborhood let me know. We have set aside Dec. 28th for this.

Our Friday Night Dinners are going well. Next one Nov 8th will be Pork Loin. Dec. 13 will be Chicken Piccata. We will have a bake sale both evenings. Come out and enjoy a good dinner you do not have to cook and support your Unit.

Dues are due now \$30. Sent to Linda Sarkisian 3117 Farnborough Ct. SS, MD 20906.

Chaplain Lynne would like to know of members sick or just need a cherry note. 301 807 1495. Please keep us informed, we care a lot.

Our next meeting is Nov. 19th at 7:00 pm. We have had a good attendants so far this year. Keep it up.

Christine Williard, President

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Unit Ways and Means

Unit Friday Dinners	November 8 th	Salad Bar, Pork Loin, Sauerkraut, Mash Potatoes, Vegetable, Dessert \$10
	December 13 th	<u>ALL VETERANS DINNER IS \$ 7.00 IN NOVEMBER!!</u>
	January 10 th	Salad Bar, Piccata Chicken, Rice, Vegetable, Dessert \$10
		Salad Bar, Ham Steak, Mac and Cheese, Vegetable, Dessert \$10

Home Made Soup will be offered along with the Salad Bar. November will be Chicken Noodle.

The Unit will begin selling changes on their "Radio Flyer" wagon which was donated by Sue Duffy. Wagon will be filled with: beer, liquor, wine, sodas and much more. Tickets: 1 for \$2.00, 3 for \$5.00. Drawing at Units 100 Club February 29th.

Information on dinners or drawing contact: Linda Sarkisian – 301/602-5276 or lindasarkisian@yahoo.com.
Units own e-mail alaunit268@yahoo.com . THANK YOU for your support!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY!!
NOVEMBER 10, 2019

NOVEMBER 2019

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NO DINNER SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR TRADEMARK BAND 8:00 - 11:00PM	2 No BRUNCH Unit Flea Market OPEN JUKE BOX
3 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	4 Pool League	5 SAL BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	6 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	7 Dan & Lynn 7:30	8 UNIT DINNER PORK LOIN 5:30 TILL 8:00 SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR REILLY GOULAIT BAND 8:00 PM - 11:00	9 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 KARAOKE W/ALAN FAULK 7:00 PM – 11:00
10 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	11 Pool League	12	13 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	14 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30	15 Dinner (TBD) 5:30-7:30PM SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR TOP TONES (Beatles Band) 8:00PM - 11:00 PM	16 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 OPEN JUKE BOX
17 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	18 Pool League	19 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	20 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	21 Dan & Lynn 7:30	22 Dinner (TBD) SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR AIRPORT 77 8:00 PM TILL 11:00	23 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 KEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 7:00 PM TO 11:00
24 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	25 Pool League	26 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	27 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29 NO DINNER NO BAND	30 NO BRUNCH OPEN JUKE BOX

VETERANS DAY --- A lot of people think it's "Veteran's Day" or "Veterans' Day," but they're wrong. The holiday is not a day that "belongs" to one veteran or multiple veterans, which is what an apostrophe implies. It's a day for honoring all veterans — so no apostrophe needed. Veterans Day is NOT the same as Memorial Day. A lot of Americans get this confused, and that's a little annoying to all living veterans. Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace -- dead or alive -- although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices. It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War 1. Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of "the war to end all wars" and dubbed Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, It became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War 1. But then World War II and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word "armistice" to "veterans" so the day would honor American veterans of all wars. Please try to attend the Veterans Day program at Veterans Park on November 11th at 11:00 am.

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Pool League	3 SAL BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	4 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	5 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	6 DINNER (TBD) SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR 3-TIL MIDNIGHT Band 8:00 - 11:00 PM	7 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 OPEN JUKEBOX
8 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	9 Pool League	10	11 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	12 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30	13 UNIT DINNER PICCATA CHICKEN 5:30 - 8:00PM SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR VALENTINE SLIM BAND 8:00 PM - 11:00	14 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 ARMY-NAVY GAME 3:00PM Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 7:00 PM to 11:00
15 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	16 Pool league	17	18 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	19 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	20 DINNER (TBD) SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR MIKE AND SAX 8:00 – 11:00 PM	21 BRUNCH 10:00 AM TILL 12:00 OPEN JUKEBOX
22 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	23 FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH	24 CHRISTMAS EVE NO POST BUSINESS MEETING	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 NO DINNER NO BAND	28 NO BRUNCH Karaoke KEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 7:00 PM TO 11:00
29 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	30 Pool League	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				

AULD LANG SYNE

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my jo, for auld lang syne,

we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp! and surely I'll be mine!

And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

We twa have run about the braes, and pu'd the gowans fine;

But we've wander'd mony a weary foot, sin auld lang syne.

We twa have paid'd i' the burn, frae morning sun till dine;

But seas between us braid have roar'd sin auld lang syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere! and gie's a hand o' thine!

And we'll take a right gude-willy waught, for auld lang syne.

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we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp! and surely I'll be mine!

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