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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

First, Happy New Year to all our Veterans, Members, and all others affiliated with Post 268. Here's wishing that 2018 brings blessings, happiness, and achievement of your goals for the coming year.

Speaking of goals, as of the end of 2017 we have achieved 77% of our 2018 membership quota. While that's not bad it certainly leaves us with a good size gap in order to attain that elusive 100% in the coming months. Please 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. As you can see, the \$43 dues amount for 2018 is slightly higher than the previous few years in order to offset some (but not all) of the increase in the amount that Post 268 now has to send to the Department of Maryland. For those that sent in their dues prior to Dec 31 in order to take advantage of the lesser dues amount, the Post 268 leadership heartily thanks you.

The annual Army/Navy Game Day Event that Post 268 hosted was a huge success by any parameters that were set and the highlight of the month of December. If you missed it then you missed a great day at the Post Home. There were raffles galore, 50/50's, the usual Army/Navy pool (congrats to all the winners), scoring pools, copious amounts of free food, happy hour prices at the bar, and much more. Congratulations to the top prize winners of the Commander's Raffle. Linda and Dave Kimble took home the Grand Prize, a 55" HD Hi-Tech Flat-Screen TV; Gunny/Donna Hill procured the 2nd Place Prize, a hi-end dual use coffee maker. Thank you to our local business sponsors, Costco and BestBuy amongst others, who donated prizes, gift cards, etc., in order to make the day the success that it was. A huge thank you goes out to Bill Seesums, Lauren Keys, and Bruce Davis for organizing the event and putting in the hours and effort to see it all through. We look forward to next year's game.

As we ramp up our 2018 calendar to once again include brunches, dinners and special events, please consider donating your time to assist our usual volunteers who drive the success of our Post Home. If you can get your own team up to take over a dinner or brunch function once a month, then that will keep all our volunteers fresh and motivated to deliver a quality product to all the membership.

Being a non-profit, private organization benefitting all our members and guests we try to police our own. Lately, I've had to give "timeouts" to several members for using foul, abusive, racist, and/or offensive comments directed with malice to others in the Post. This will not be tolerated! That is my way and there's no highway option other than going down the road. If I am present and hear such things it's an instant suspension from the Post for up to 90 days at my discretion. If I am not here, then it is up to whoever is here be it a Member, Unit, SAL, Bartender, or guest, and is uncomfortable or unable to deal with the situation, to please write up an Incident Report with the facts of the circumstance, who is involved, have a witness corroborate and sign your statement, and I will deal with the individual(s) involved as soon as I am apprised. At a minimum they will be charged with "Conduct Unbecoming". Our people come here in order to socialize, relax, watch TV or listen to music, etc. You all have a right to expect the Post to operate in an atmosphere that is free of controversy and intolerance and it's my job to ensure that it is and stays that way. So if you hear/see something that your Mother would disapprove of then let me or a Post Officer know and it will be dealt with.

Sigh spotted in the Legion: "If you can't be nice, be quiet!"

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Back on the positive side, I want to thank each and every one that took part in some function/event or volunteered their time to the Post in 2017. They are the usual suspects along with a few new faces and the Post Home just couldn't operate smoothly without you. You know who you are and just know that I, and the Post leadership, appreciate all that you do and I look forward to your continued contributions in the coming year of that most valuable of assets; your time.

All the best to our Post 268 family in 2018,
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: ~ *BENJAMIN JASON*~, ~*RICHARD ARONSON*~, *ERIC WALTENBAUGH*~, *LAWRENCE STEIN*~, ~*THOMAS COOPER*~ .

Pray for all Comrades who are on sick call who our prayers including PPC Bob Allen, PPC JR Ale and 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.

'There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.' Today we pray for those men and women who have, in their military service, sacrificed their time, strength, ambition, health and even their lives on this earth to benefit 'friends,' known and unknown.

Many of our warriors carry scars in their hearts as well as on their bodies. Dark memories haunt their dreams at night. Fears cloud their waking hours. He came to give us abundant life by providing a way for us to release our pain to you. On the cross you bore our sorrows and brokenness and when we trust you, we can exchange our wounds for your joy in a future unhindered by fate. Bring this gift now to the veterans of our nation who bear tangible and intangible wounds. Heal them.

Bless the families of soldiers who bear these pains vicariously. Give them patience and wisdom and strength to endure, and more than endure to hope in faith for a blessed life. God, not everything that happens in life is good. But you promise to work all things together for good to those who love you and align their lives with your purpose. Create good in the families of veterans who have experienced pain and loss. Do this miracle, we pray.

We honor our veterans in your name. We thank you – as we thank them – for their sacrifice. We ask you to return to them the favor of your blessing, a gift we on our own could never offer. We ask that you would give our veterans a peace beyond the peace they fought to secure, a peace in their own hearts, wrapped in the joy of a life touched by your strong hand.

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)*

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Happy New Year to all, time for fresh starts as we move forward. Hope all had a nice holiday!! First off, the dues for 2018 are \$25. Seems some are living in the past. Get with it and send/deliver \$25 for your 2018 dues. We are all over 50, Mom does not need to remind you. My push this year is the environment. The Post has energy saving lights, and we all enjoy it. BUT, we at 268 can do a better job of recycling and using what we have not for just ONE use. The county requires recycable take out containers that we have, but if you do not need that container, tell us, save the Post money. Other pet peeve I have is table covers. That little item costs the Post money to buy. If you work a dinner or brunch that has 1 crumb on the table cover, DO NOT throw away the whole table cover. THINK. It is senseless to do this. Also, all aluminum cans belong in the MARKED recycle bin not general trash can. That recycled material could be a part of the next bridge you drive over! Without boring all, just get crackin' in 2018 to THINK where your discarded items are going. We only have one earth.

All S.A.L. dues are now Twenty-five dollars (\$25). Do NOT send \$20. After January 1st you are in rears. Yes we do cut 2016 members not paid up. You will start at day 1 if you try to re-join. Why is paying correct dues for services rendered so much a problem? 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, application filled out COMPLETELY and a \$25 check made out to Post 268- SAL., 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. Please call the Post at 301-946-3268 and see if Sandy is available that day. 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: Many thanks to Commander Harry Wachter and Kevin Heenan for dinner and brunch support. Unfortunately Kevin is moving to, yes low tax, no tax Delaware. Oh well. "Good die young!" Thank you Kevin. We need help from YOU. Get off the duff and come help your Post and the S.A.L. mission. See Commander Harry if you want to contribute a bit of YOUR time and make a difference.

Good of Sons: A big Zorro this month goes to Every Member. Thank You. Condolences go to Mark Stilwell family who had a wonderful celebration of life at the VFW. Mark really loved 268 and contributed so much. Also Mr. Tommy Cooper, his smile and free shoelaces made us all smile. Class. Can not say enough of thanks men, for your contributions to Post 268. God Bless you both, we will miss you. As a S.A.L. member, if you see something like ice at entrance/ramp, go get salt from back stairway and spread it. This is YOUR Post, this is not a country club.

Next meetin' in Wheaton, Tuesday, January 2nd at 7pm. Start thinking who would make us great as far a Commander next year, we will need nominations in April. See a Vet, HUG that Vet, better yet, sign up that Vet! We wish you all a Happy New Year folks!! Make it Great in '18.

Jim Cavender

S.A.L. Post 268, Vice Commander

jcavender8@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES (AS OF JANUARY 01/ 2018)

LEGION	\$43.00
SAL	\$25.00
AUXILIARY	\$30.00

**LEGION AND SAL DUES: COME INTO POST OR MAILED TO: A.L, POST 268,
11225 FERN STREET, WHEATON,MD. 20902**

AUXILIARY DUES: MAIL TO: LINDA SARKISIAN, 2813 PEREGOY DR. KENSINGTON, MD. 20895

AUXILIARY NEWS

Another new calendar year. 2017 was a good year for our Unit, lets make 2018 even better. Start by coming to the meetings and help plan our programs for our Veteran's and our community.

The Unit collected and delivered toys, books, hats, gloves, and food for Children of our Veteran's and our community. Some Veterans came to the Post to get our gifts, big smiles all around.

We collected gifts for the Nursing Home and delivered them to the home so Santa could pass them out on Christmas.

We also delivered goodies to our local first responders on Christmas Day. To thank them for working at Christmas to keep us safe.

We bought wreaths to take part on 'Wreaths Across America. Volunteers place wreaths on all the graves of our fallen heroes at Arlington Cemetery. A beautiful thing to see.

We are raffling off 'Baskets of Cheer', tickets \$1 each, help us help others by buying some tickets. Baskets winners will drawn on Super Bowl Sunday.

The week before the Super Bowl the Unit will be catering the Super Bowl party. Still time to get a square. \$100 each. Put check in the front office. Name you want on your square and phone number on check.

Some Unit members went to the Department Christmas Party. There they had an ugly sweater contest. Linda S was one of the winners. See her photo and other Unit members at work and play at the Post Facebook page. ALPost268-Wheaton.

Our Christmas Party was at Bar Louie. About 30 members and guests enjoyed fun, food, and fellowship together. Thanks Betsy for making this happen.

If you have not paid your dues yet please do. Send them to Linda Sarkisian, 2813 Peregoy Dr., Kensington, MD 20895. Help us make 'goal' again this year.

Chaplin Lynne would like to know of members sick or in the hospital. 301 807 1495.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 5th Unit Bake sale 5-8 pm Feb. 2nd Unit Bake Sale 5-8 pm.

Jan. 11th Coupon clipping 6:00 pm Feb. 8th Coupon clipping 6 pm

Jan. 16th Unit Meeting 7:00 pm Feb. 20th Unit Meeting and

Memorial Service 7 pm.

Christine Williard, President 301 649 2709 chris1939@verizon.net

HAWAIIAN BEACH PARTY

The Unit invites you to our "Hawaiian Beach Party. It will be held on Saturday, April 28th. The dinner will be Served 5:00 till 7:30. The menu is not completed but it will include: pulled pork, chicken on the stick or sweet and sour chicken, sausage with peppers/onions. Also, sides of rice and much more. This will not be an all you can eat affair but will be buffet style. There will be a Sundae bar. The cost will be \$10.00. This will include the dance. Dance will begin at 8:00. The cost of dance only will be \$3.00. We will be selling tickets in advance for the dinner. There will be door prizes during the dinner and gift card prizes during the dance. Again, we will have our basket of cheers raffle. Pocket change will be playing. More details later. But please mark your calendar. Please contact Linda Sarkisian with questions. lindasarkisian@yahoo.com or phone number 301/602-5276.

JANUARY 2018

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	3	4 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	5 DINNER HARRY'S HEROES UNITS BAKE SALE POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	6 BRUNCH JEWBUSY OPEN JUKEBOX
7	8 Pool League	9	10	11 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 6:00	12 DINNER S A L MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	13 BRUNCH HARRY'S HEROES Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
14	15 Pool League	16 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	17	18 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	19 NO DINNER POST 41- CRAB LEGS MIKE & SAX 800 PM TO 11:00 PM	20 BRUNCH S A L OPEN JUKEBOX
21	22 Pool league	23 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	24	25	26 DINNER JEWBUSY JACKSON DEAN 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	27 NO BRUNCH SUPERBOWL PARTY LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
28	29 Pool League	30	31			

**SPICED SHRIMP AT BAR EVERY FRIDAY
\$ 6.50 PER HALF POUND ----- \$ 12.00 PER POUND**

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Super Bowl Party 2017/2018: There are a few 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. The party will include open bar. Menu will include all you can eat: hot and cold appetizers, soup and salad bar, make your own sandwiches (cold cuts and cheeses, BBQ and all the trimmings). There will be a dessert table and much more. If you are interested in a square, PLEASE, contact me as soon as possible. The square numbers will be drawn that night.

Please contact me with questions.

Linda Sarkisian,
(301/602-5276)

lindasarkisian@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	2 DINNER HARRY'S HEROES UNITS BAKE SALE POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	3 BRUNCH JEWBUSY OPEN JUKEBOX 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
4	5 Pool League	6 SAL MEETING 7:00 PM	7	8 UNIT COUPON CUTTING 6:00 PM	9 DINNER S A L MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 TO 11:00	10 BRUNCH HARRYS HEROES Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00
11	12 Pool league	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	16 NO DINNER POST 41 CRAB LEGS COLLIDERS 8:00 PM TO 12 MID	17 BRUNCH S A L OPEN JUKEBOX 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
18	19 Pool League	20 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	21	22	23 DINNER JEWBUSY MIKE & SAX 8:00 PM TO 12 MID	24 BRUNCH HARRY'S HEROES LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 OM TO 12 MID
25	26 Pool League	27 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	28			

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS !!!!!!!

Beginning in January, Alan Funk will be entertaining us with karaoke night each 2nd Saturday of each month. We welcome back: Len and Luisa Sleeman, also known as 'BLINKIE'. They will be performing every 4th Saturday. Everyone is welcome to join us for a night of fun, singing and dancing. Please contact Post if you have any questions @ 301/946-3268

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BOOSTERS

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 January 2018

Dave Rogerson and Eleanor

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Tony & Lois Marella
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Ed DiRaimo

Expires July 2020

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Expires January 2021

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Mack E. Beall

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Dennis Krisko & Selva
Karslo

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