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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

“The Dog Days of Summer.” It almost sounds like slow motion which it somewhat seems to be around the old Post Home at this time of year. After the Department Convention we tend to go on cruise control for the rest of the summer until after Labor Day and the kitchen starts ramping up again for Friday night dinners and Saturday brunches, more people are back in the area from ocean, mountain, or out of country trips, and the Early Bird Picnic kicks off the coming Legion year for Post activities.

We had the Installation of Officers on June 26 and for all intents and purposes was a success. It was well attended this year with Linda Sarkisian installing the Auxiliary Unit Officers and Department 3rd Vice Commander Will Trotter installing the Legion and SAL Officers. The Unit also provided food and desserts for those in attendance, and I thank them heartily. If you weren't there you don't know what you missed. It was all delicious especially that orange fluff stuff that was on the serving table and was pretty much devoured.

One thing we did different this year besides foregoing a lot of the formalities of a meeting in order to keep it personal and lighthearted was invite a guest speaker. This year my invitation to speak was graciously accepted by Post 41 Commander, Dan Bullis. He incorporated in his speech a lot of the things he spoke about at his own installation the previous Saturday. Along with a strong 268 contingent, I attended the Post 41 installation and heard Dan speak. I immediately knew that I wanted him to speak at our Post as a lot of the things he mentioned are relevant to his Post and Post 268, and every other Legion Post. He touched not only on what it means to be a Legionnaire, but what it means to be part of the Legion family and treating everyone as such, the importance of volunteerism in support of the Post and its Veterans, and remembrance of those Veterans who came before us and made us into the fraternal organization that we are today. I wish everyone could have heard him as I received very positive feedback from those who approached me afterwards and said how moved they were by Dan's words. Thank you again, Commander Dan.

And many thanks and congratulations to all those that received Post 268 Certificates of Appreciation. The certificates were awarded to those volunteers and workers who consistently go that extra mile in making the Post run that much smoother and efficiently. I'm sure that I may have missed a few of you and I'm sorry for that. I tried to remember everyone who gets involved. The Post appreciates the extra hard work that some people do and I hope that I have the opportunity to recognize every one of you next year.

In May we had our Memorial Day ceremony at Wheaton Veterans Park. The weather was perfect, the attendance was excellent, and many thanks to our guest speaker, Commander Lawrence Bateman. Commander Bateman leads the NJROTC at Kennedy High School and as such, not only spoke to those in attendance with a Memorial Day themed speech but also provided the Color Guard for the ceremony. My thanks and respect to the cadets who took their time to volunteer for Color Guard duty and add more solemnity to the proceedings. I likewise want to thank the Wheaton High School Band for providing the patriotic music for the ceremony as those young men and women also volunteered their time to be with us that special day.

As you may have heard, the annual Taste of Wheaton on June 3 was a virtual washout. In contrast to Memorial Day the weather was very cool, windy, rainy, and the anticipated crowds never materialized. Nevertheless, Post 268 will continue its support of this event as part of the Wheaton community along with the Wheaton Arts Parade coming September 23. Flyers will be posted in the Post as the date draws nearer.

The cleaning/maintenance position that was advertised in the last 268er has been filled. Please say hi to Debbie Hooker when you see her. (Yes, that's her real name; no need to come up with a nickname for her.) Maybe challenge her to a game of pool. She's doing a real good job and is very personable.

Convention week is coming! For those of you who are going I will see you either at the OC Convention Center, the Sea Bay Hotel, or when I post at AL Post 166.

I wish everyone a pleasant summer. The AC is fixed (fingers crossed) and working very well so drop in to the Post to cool off on those hazy, hot, and humid days that the DC area is famous for and enjoy a cold libation of your choice. Feel free to request a special designer drink that is available from time to time. The Friday night bands and Karaoke will continue throughout the summer. (Check the calendar in this newsletter for specific groups that are playing) Come join your Legion family and hang out with some of the friendliest and nicest bartenders on Fern Street. ☺

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: SAL Member, Christophe Ricciadella..

Pray for all Comrades who are on sick call who our prayers including PPC Bob Allen, PPC Gunny Hill and Buzz Feinsilber.

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 (6/18)*
*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 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)*

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Happy Summer 2018 to all. We all deserve a time to relax and enjoy the sun if it ever stops raining!! Mountains or the Beach now is the time to get away and enjoy. Unfortunately we had to cancel the S.A.L.100 comes down to simply not enough tickets sold. We'll try again next year. On a happy note, we have some new faces for S.A.L. Officers for the coming Post year. Commander: Sean McGovern, First Vice: Yours Truly, Second Vice: Clint Sandford, Treasurer: Kevin McGovern, Sgt. Of Arms: Terry Keys, Chaplain: Harry Wachter, Historian: Bernie Higgins, Executive Board: John Payne, Danny Thompson, Andrew McGovern, Ken McCaw and Ernie Yourman. We hope to have a productive year with the new team. Thanks for your participation!

New 2019 S.A.L. Membership Cards will be available in Mid July. Please 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. Once and done I say and we don't have to chase after you later in the year! If a friend wants to join S.A.L., they MUST have their father's DD214, 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. Any questions can be directed to Sandy Smith. Should you have any specific membership questions, she is the one to ask. Call Post for her availability business hours during the week. With 268er every 2 months now, 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 sent to your email. 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 changes or postponements.

Food wise: The monthly Saturday S.A.L. brunch is off till September. Incoming Commander McGovern wants to get us new brunch team shirts and is looking forward to good participation in that area. The S.A.L. may put on a casual grill fest dinner on a Friday this Summer. Hamburgers, Dogs, Brots and Chicken. Watch Bulletin Boards for signs. Get on the "Chris List" for up to the minute program changes. We hope with the new Post year we will generate more active interest in keeping the kitchen busy. Keep in mind the Mike Devlin Hall for public rentals. See Linda Sarkisian for all the many options and rate details. Some of the newer Friday night bands bring in welcome followers and customers! If you see a guest, just make sure they sign in and reach out with a warm Post 268 greeting. We count on you for being a Post "host".

Good of Sons: We made a generous donation to Post 268 towards the wonderful new flag pole. Bigger, better looking and has internal rope controls so no more roof climbs! Your S.A.L. also refurbished both gardens on either side of main entry door. They look Joe Pro! Don't miss the Wheaton Arts Festival on Fern Street in September, always a fun Fall event. Many, many thanks to all who give of themselves and their talents to keeping 268 running like a top. You are appreciated.

Next meetin' in Wheaton, Tuesday, September 4th at 7pm. BE THERE and provide a welcome support for Commander Sean. We look forward to helping the Post and Commander Ed in the new year. 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! On behalf of the 268 S.A.L. we wish you a Happy and Safe Summer.

Jim Cavender

S.A.L. Post 268, Vice Commander

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WHEATON UNIT 268

Finishing up the Auxiliary year 2017-18 and looking forward to the next one. We elected our new officers for the year.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2018 – 2019

PRESIDENT -- CHRISTINE WILLIARD VICE PRESIDENT -- TOMMIE HAGA
SECRETARY -- BETSY DAVIS TREASURER -- LINDA SARKISIAN
SGT. AT ARMS -- PATSY ALDER HISTORIAN -- CHRISTINE WOLLIARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- GENEVA FOSTER, CHRISTINE PORTER, HELEN STORER
UNIT CHAPLAIN -- LYNN STEPHENS

Our big fundraiser our Hawaiian Beach party was a success. We had beach, Hawaiian food, so much all around the hall. Lots of door prizes won. Our basket of cheer was won. Afterwards we all listened and danced to the music of Pocket Change.

We held our second annual Poppy Luncheon. We honored all our veterans with a lunch of chicken and potato salad, fresh fruit, ice cream and cookies. We enjoyed hearing the fun stories from all of them about their years serving our country. I got a couple of new photos for my 'those who served' book.

Unit Chaplain, Lynn Stephens presented our wreath at the Memorial Service. Member Cheri Nagel sang the National Anthem. After the Service Unit members served lunch to about 100 people. The burgers and dogs were cooked on grill by the SAL.

The Unit catered a dinner for the Wheaton High School Hall of Fame. We served dinner to about 80. The hall was decorated in Gold and Red, the schools colors.

Our Presidents Dinner was at Christina's. The food was very good. We enjoyed Italian food and reminisced about our Unit year and plans for the summer.

There was a joint Installation of the new officers of the Post, Unit and Sal. The Unit was installed by Linda Sarkisian our soon to be new Department President. Unit 268 is very honored to have the Department President from our Unit. Several of us will be at the Convention in Ocean City to see he elected and installed.

Our Bake sales will resume in September. But our coupon clipping will continue on the first Monday in July and August. At 1 pm.

Dues are now due, \$30 for the year 2018-2019. Send them to Membership Chairman, Linda Sarkisian at new address: 3117 Farnborough Court, 258B, Silver Spring, Md. 20906.

Chaplain Lynn would like to hear about any new member who is sick or in the hospital. 301/807-1495.

Check out the Post's Facebook page, AL Post 268-Wheaton to see your Post, Unit, SAL in action and to be kept updated on what is going on weekly.

Our next meeting will be September 18, 7:00 pm.

Christine Williard, President

I would like to thank everyone for all their support throughout the years as I moved through the ALA chairs. Now I begin the exciting experience as Department President. I would like to invite all to "The American Legion Department Reception". It will be held on July 15th at Glen Bernie Post 40. Everyone is invited!! Contact me for information (301/602-5276).

*Linda Sarkisian
American Legion Auxiliary Department President*

JULY 2018

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	6 POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	7 OPEN JUKEBOX
8	9 Pool League UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 1:00	10	11	12	13 MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	14 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
15	16 Pool League	17	18	19 DAN & LYNN 7:30	20 MIKE & SAX 800 PM TO 11:00 PM	21 OPEN JUKEBOX
22	23 Pool league	24 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	25	26	27 COLLIDERS 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	28 LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
29	30 Pool League	31				NO DINNERS OR BRUNCHES UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY. HAVE A NICE SUMMER!

RESPECT THE FLAG

(Copied from the Flag Etiquette Pamphlet)

“To Foster and Perpetuate a One Hundred Percent Americanism”

When you see the Stars and Stripes displayed, son ,stand up and take off your hat. Somebody may titter. It is in the blood of some to deride all expression of noble sentiment. You may blaspheme in the street and stagger drunkenly in public places, and the bystanders will not pay much attention to you; but if you should get down on your knees and pray, or if you should stand bareheaded while a company of old soldiers marches by with flags in the breeze, some people will think you are showing off. But don't you mind!! When Old Glory comes along, salute and let them think what they please! When you hear the band play “The Star-Spangled Banner” while you eat in a restaurant or hotel dining room, get up even if you rise alone; stand there and don't be ashamed of it either! For of all the signs and symbols since the world began there is none other so full of meaning as the Flag of this country. That piece of red, white, and blue bunting means five thousand years of struggle upward. It is the full-

grown flower of ages of fighting for liberty. It is the century plant of human hope in bloom. Your Flag stands for humanity, for an equal opportunity to all the son of men. Of course we haven't arrived yet at that goal; there are many injustices yet among us, many senseless and cruel customs of the righting the wrongs of men lies in the feeling produced in our bosoms by the sight of that flag. Other flags mean a glorious past, this Flag a glorious future. It is not so much the Flag of our fathers as it is the Flag of our children, and of all children's children yet unborn. It is the Flag of tomorrow. It is the signal of the "Good Times Coming." It is not the Flag of your king -- it is the Flag of yourself and of all your neighbors. Don't be ashamed when your throat chokes and the tears come, as you see it flying from the masts of our ships on all the seas or floating from every flagstaff of the Republic. You will never have a worthier emotion. Reverence it as you reverence the signature of the Deity. Listen, son, "The Star-Spangled Banner!" They have let loose Old Glory yonder. Stand up -- and others stand with you. The tribute to the Flag is offered to the country in appeal to all men and women of all races, colors and tongues, that they may come to understand that our Flag is the symbol of liberty and learn to love it.

AUGUST 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	3 POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00	4 OPEN JUKEBOX
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19	20 Pool League	21	22	23	24 INTONE NATION 8:00 PM TO 11:00	25 LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
26	27 Pool League	28 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	29	30 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	31 BACK IN TIME BAND 8:00 PM TO 11:00	OPEN JUKEBOX

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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.

AMERICAN LEGION BOOSTER

Expires March 2020
Jim & Sandy Smith

Expires January 2020
Paul Helmke

Expires July 2022
Sherman & Eva Wong
Michael & Jill D'Andrea

Expires Jan 2019
William & Karma Harmon
Helen Storer

Expires October 2021
Ed DiRaimo

Expires March 2025
Mack E. Beal

Expires March 2019
Bob & Gail McGuire
Gene Fitzgibbons

Expires July 2020
Jim & Geneva Foster

Expires March 2028
Stephen & Wanda
DeMint

Expires October 2019
Matt Lynott & Darlene
Tony & Lois Marella
Alvin R. Abraham

Expires May 2021
Pat & John Krisko, III
Dennis Krisko & Selva
Karslo

Expires May 2020
Ron & Roy Warren
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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)