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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

Things are getting back up to speed in the Post Home. The Friday Night Dinner Program started back up after Labor Day and was kicked off by Mission BBQ. A fantastic meal was donated to us and we ended up serving 45 dinners all told. Many thanks to Suzette of Mission BBQ on making it happen. If you're in the Rockville neighborhood looking for a good eating place then by all means stop in and visit Suzette and thank her personally for thinking of the Veterans in the community.

The Early Bird Picnic was surprisingly well attended despite miserable weather conditions. The rainy conditions precluded us from using the outside grill but our volunteers made good use of the kitchen and the new indoor grill that we recently brought in. Thank you to those that brought in side dishes and the Unit for having a dessert table. Karaoke followed the picnic and it also had a good crowd as many picnickers stayed and others came in as the singing started.

The 2nd Annual Wheaton Arts Parade, in which we again hosted the food court in our parking lot, was also subjected to a rainy day. It never became a downpour but again just enough to hold the crowds down. In the meantime, the Bar had a fairly decent crowd thanks to football games being on TV and one of our members supporting the new ATM machine while setting up all those in attendance with drinks. Rumor has it the guy just got engaged and was feeling euphoric.

Also making a return appearance on Fern St. was the SAL Crab Feast. For all intents and purposes it was a big success. Many thanks to SAL Commander Sean McGovern, Clint Sandford, other SAL members, Jessica Warren (50/50, pull-tabs), the crab runners, and any and all behind the scenes personnel. Clint's band (SR3) filled in nicely and provided the entertainment for the evening that allowed many to dance off that bellyful of crab

Beginning Veterans Day weekend, squares will be selected and monies will start being collected for the 2019 Super Bowl Pool and Dinner. Your Super Bowl Committee is being headed up this year by Mike Smithhisler and Mo McCaw who will do the collecting and coordinating of all things related to the Pool, to include any arbitration that may be needed regarding square selections. Address any and all questions and concerns to the aforementioned responsible individuals. I do know the cost per square will be \$110. For further information, please keep reading or check out future emails and the Face book page.

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 8 @ 3pm and will feature a free halftime lunch that don't cost nothing, Happy Hour drink prices that are less than regular prices, and the ever-popular Commander's Raffle with more prizes than ever. Raffle ticket sales will continue through November and up until kick-off. A pool will also be circulating. For more information see later in this bulletin and our Face book page. Flyers should start appearing soon in the Post Home.

Lastly, please get any and all dues monies in. We are currently at 65% of our FY19 goal which is pretty good and somewhat ahead of last year's pace. But there's still a ways to go to hit the 100% mark that has proved elusive for Post 268 during this decade. Don't forget to support our Friday evening/Saturday Brunch food programs. Our volunteers work hard to provide this service and they really appreciate when there's a receptive crowd to bring it to.

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: ~ Richard C. McConaughy~, ~ Charles N. Peedin~.

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

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of "Judge" McCaw~ By The McCaw Family (3/22)

In Memory of "Blackie" Sarkisian

By The Sarkisian Family (6/22)

In Memory of Vonda Sarkisian
By the Sarkisian Family (08/19)

In Memory of James B. (Bart) Bowles
By the Bowles Family (09/19)

<u>IN MEMORIAM</u>

In Memory of Joe Storer

By the Storer Family (09/22)

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)

PEARL HARBOR

Sunday, December the seventh
In the year of 1941,
While most of Hawaii still slept
Came the planes of the Rising Sun.

Waves of bombers and fighters flew
From the decks of the Japanese ships.
While our planes were still on the ground
'Banzai' was spoken from their lips.

The winds of war had been blowing
Across the oceans of our Earth
Though not till Pearl had been bombed
Did we realize what freedom's worth.

Wars are fought and won on two fronts

At home and on the battle line.

Both are equally important

When war consumes our heart and mind.

The attack brought us World War II
With death, pain and separation.
All who had served were well aware
Of their sacrifice for nation.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Great teamwork exhibited for our recent annual Crab Feast. Hansen crabs really came through with some good weight snappers. Thanks to Commander Sean McGovern and Clint Sanford for spearheading the feast organization kitchen prep, crab running and Danny Thompson for his famous crab soup! Seems we made a little money that goes right back to the Vets! A hearty right hand salute to all who helped make it happen. We could not do it alone!

September was really filled with activities from early bird, to a parade and to a crab feast, now we look forward to the holiday season.

New 2019 S.A.L. Membership Cards are NOW available. Please pay your \$25 and get a receipt from the onduty bartender. Indicate if you want the card behind the 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, THOROUGHLY 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./DD214. Should you have any specific membership questions, Sandy Smith is the one to ask. Call Post for her availability, business hours during the week. The best way to stay informed of Post events and activities 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 Face book page where Lauren Keys posts weekend specials and events too!

Food wise: The monthly Saturday S.A.L. brunch is the Third Saturday of the month. Commander Sean is looking forward to a new crew of helpers. Think about helping him out! Mo McCaw needs more volunteers to do the dinners. Please see her to help. Keep in mind the Mike Devlin Hall for public rentals. See Linda Sarkisian for all the many options and rate details. Commander Ed got a crew to strip and wax the Hall floor. Looks great now and easier to maintain. Most of the very heavy old steel Hall tables have been replaced with sturdy reinforced plastic topped tables. We have had some interesting, talented new Friday night bands stop by. Come up and enjoy and try a cold draft from our wonderful revolving Craft Brew of the Month tap thanks to Lauren and Terry Keys for that fun and wonderful creative effort. If you bring a guest, just make sure they sign in. We count on you for being a Post "hostess with the mostess!".

Good of Sons: Many thanks to yours truly, Donnie Habas and Sandy Smith for spearheading the trophy case renovations. The fixture and switch needed replaced with brandy new LED's. I missed that light, now it is all shiny clean and new! Donate books to the library or local Assisted Living facilities. Bless the Pool Leagues for keeping Monday evenings lively at the Post. All levels are welcome. Want to join? See team captains the day of play. We will holiday decorate the Post Thanksgiving day. With a team we can get it done in no time. Please help if you can. Follow Chris' Monday email blast for holiday event announcements. Share your New Year Eve close to home with us, as we usually have a fun evening watching ye old ball drop December 31st with open juke box and drink specials, Uber and Barwood at the door.

Next meetin' in Wheaton, Tuesday, November 6th 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! On behalf of the 268 S.A.L. we wish you a Happy and Safe Ho, Ho, Ho Holiday season!

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

HAPPY HOLLIDAY'S TO EVERYONE!! FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

OF WHEATON POST 268

UNIT 268

The Holidays are about here, but we are busy as always.

At the Early Bird Picnic our bake sale and raffle went well. Special thanks to Patsy, our # 1 ticket seller.

Linda, Helen and I went to the VA Hospital Community Living Center to assist in Bingo and then served the residents refreshments. Always a rewarding evening.

The Unit did a dinner on a Monday night for the Pool League and anyone who came out. We will do others as time permits. Department President Linda lead our Fall conference. We learned about the programs for the year. Attending with her were Helen, Geneva, and Chris W. Linda's Presidents project is: (Number 1) "MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM AND FUND". Donations to the fund will be disbursed by the Department to participating service animal programs to reimburse the cost associated with training and placing a service dog with a military veteran. (Number 2) "The Carol Jean Cancer Foundation, Inc. - Camp Friendship". It furnishes a special, week-long residential camp for children with cancer – offered free of charge—that is designed especially with their needs in mind. The kids who attend are being treated at area hospitals. If you would like to make a donation to Linda's project, please send check, made out to ALA, Wheaton Unit 268 and mail to Linda at: Linda Sarkisian, 3117 Farnbourgh Court, Silver Spring, Md. 20906. Her goal is \$5,000. She thanks you in advance. There was also a great banquet with entertainment. We ended with a lovely worship Service.

Our Bake Sales will now be on the second Friday's s the Post has a dinner that Friday. This is an important fundraiser. Try to come to dinner and bring a bake good and take another one home to enjoy.

Make a Difference Day had Vicky and Geneva and husbands take goodies to local Fire, Rescue and police stations. Big smiles all around. November brings us to Education Week. We are collecting school supplies to donate to the teachers. Please place supplies in the box at post. Also, we are collecting food items for the needy. There are boxes at the post for your donations. Please check dates on can goods and boxed items.

Betsy will be finding a day and place for our Christmas party, details soon.

We are also working on the Unit's 100 Club which will be held in February. This will be our big fund raiser for the year. It takes lots of people working to get this done. Our big raffle is about ready to start. Lots of good prizes. See them on our 'raffle board' at the Post. Winners drawn at the 100 Club.

Chaplain Lynne would like to know if any6one is sick or in the hospital. 301/807-1495.

Keep up to date on all Post happenings and any6 last minute changes by getting thee Monday morning 'Reminders'. Send your e-mail address to: chris1939@verizon.net. You can also see photos of things on at the Post's Face book page. AL Post 268 Wheaton MD.

Dates to Remember: Coupon Clipping Nov. 5 1 pm Dec. 3 1 pm

Bake Sale Nov. 9 Dec. 14

Nov. Business Meeting Nov. 20 7 pm Christmas Dinner TBA

Christine Williard, Unit President

Army-Navy Game 2018

Mark your calendars for December 8, 2018, at 3 PM, which marks the 119th meeting of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, one of the most traditional and enduring rivalries in college football, the Army-Navy game! Here at Post 268 we are embracing this rivalry, as we have done for the past 3 years. Please join us for this fun event! Happy hour prices are in effect during the game, and the Halftime Lunch, with subs provided by Subway, and delicious dishes donated by select members of our Post family, is free to anyone who attends. No matter which team you are rooting for, there are so many ways to win. \$5/ticket gives you a chance at our "Commander's Raffle," grand prize, a a 55" big screen UHD LED LCD TV, plus a multitude of other prizes, generously donated by our neighborhood community. The prize list changes daily, so check with your bartender for the latest prize updates and to buy your raffle tickets. Our Army-Navy football pool is \$15/square this year, with not only larger, but more payouts per quarter. We will also have our Basket of Cheer Raffle, featuring bottles of your favorite libations, as well as a mix of lottery tickets, scratch off's, and gift cards. Tickets for the Basket of Cheer are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.We will also be holding a 50/50 and a Scoring Pool during the event itself, just to make it that much more interesting. Raffle ticket sales begin early November. Football pool square sales begin Veterans Day weekend. Check the 268 Face book page for up-to-date information.

Questions? Contact a member of your Army-Navy 268 Event team, Lauren Keys, Bill Sessums, Bruce Davis, and Jeff Cowles. We look forward to seeing everyone on December 8th!

		NC	VEMBE	ER 2018		
SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dan & Lynn 7:30	2 NO DINNER POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	3 SAL BRUNCH OPEN JUKE BOX
4 Redskins vs Atlanta 1:00pm	5 Pool League Unit coupon clipping 1:00 pm	6 S. A. L. Business Meeting 7:00	7 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	8	9 NO DINNER MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	10 NO BRUNCH Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 -12:00
11 VETERANS DAY Redskins vs Tampa 1:00pm EXERCISE WITH RUSS	12 Veterans Day Observed by Fed Pool League	13	14 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	Dan & Lynn 7:30 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30	16 NO DINNER MIKE & SAX 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	17 NO BRUNCH OPEN JUKE BOX
18 Redskins vs Houston 1:00pm EXERCISE WITH RUSS	Pool league	UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00	EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	THANKSGIVING DAY POST CLOSED Redskins vs Dallas 4:30pm	23 NO DINNER NO BAND (DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING)	24 BRUNCH LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
25 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	Pool League	POST BUSINES MEETING 7:30	28 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	29	30 JewBusy Dinner JACKSON DEAN 8:00PM TO 11:00	

SUPERBOWL PARTY

The American Legion 268 Super Bowl 53 Party will be held January 19, 2019 from 4:00 PM til 8:00 pm. The upstairs bar and lounge will be closed for maintenance from 4:00 - 8:00. The upstairs bar and lounge will reopen at 8:00 so that all Legion Members can enjoy the band. The party will include open bar and the menu will be all you can eat. If you are interested in a square, PLEASE, contact myself or Mike Smithhisler. The square numbers will be drawn that night.

Mo McCaw momccaw719@gmail.com

Mike Smithhisler msmithhisl@gmail.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	3 Pool League UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 1:00 PM Redskins vs. Philly 8:15pm	4	5 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM	7 NO DINNER POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00PM	1 BRUNCH S.A.L. OPEN JUKEBOX 8:00 PM TO 12 MID OPEN JUKEBOX 8 NO BRUNCH ARMY vs NAVY 3:00pm Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM to 12:00
9 Redskins vs. NYG 1:00pm EXERCISE WITH RUSS	Pool league	11	EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	14 DINNER JewBusy UNIT BAKE SALE MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11 PM	15 BRUNCH S.A.L. OPEN JUKEBOX 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
16 Redskins vs. JAX 1:00pm EXERCISE WITH RUSS	Pool League	18	19 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	20	21 NO DINNER MIKE & SAX 8:00 PM TO 11 PM	22 NO BRUNCH Redskins vs. Tenn 4:30pm LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
30 Redskins vs. Philly 1:00pm	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Early Close 31 NEW YEARS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY POST CLOSED	26 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	27	NO DINNER THE COLLIDERS 8:00 PM TO 11 PM	29

NEW YEAR'S MORNING!!

Only a night from old to new! Only a night, and so much wrought! The Old year's heart all weary grew, But said: "The new Year rest has brought.: The Old Year's hopes its heart laid down ,As in a grave; but trusting, said: "The blossoms of the New Year's crown Bloom from the ashes of the dead." The Old Year's heart was full of greed; With selfishness it longed and ached, And cried; "I have not half I need. My thirst is bitter and unslaked. But to the new year's generous hand All gifts in plenty shall return; True love it shall understand; By all my failures it shall learn. I have been reckless; it shall be

Quiet and calm and pure of life. I was a slave; it shall go free, And find sweet peace where I leave strife." Only a night from old to new!! Never a night such changes brought, The Old Year had its work to do; No New Year miracles are wrought. Always a night from old to new! Night and the healing balm of sleet! Each morn is New Year's morn come true, Morn of a festival to keep. All nights are sacred nights to make Confession and resolve and prayer; All days are sacred days to wake New gladness in the sunny air. Only a night from old to new; Only a sleep from night to morn. The new is but the old come true; Each sunrise sees a new Year born.

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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 May 2021

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