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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

Welcome to Spring after that harsh winter we just endured... *“Wait a minute, Commander. Are you smoking something not quite legal? What winter? I never even took my boots out of the closet”!*... Yes folks, I would say we got off pretty easy this past winter. The parking lot barely got a one-time dusting which was quickly cleared off. Now it's smooth sailing into the warmer months and summertime.

On April 4, 2nd Vice Russ Wood and I were honored to participate in the Change of Command/Annual Awards Ceremony for the Navy JROTC at John F. Kennedy HS. I was actually quite surprised to see how many Cadets are involved in the JROTC program and how enthusiastic they appeared to be. Russ and I represented Post 268 in the awarding of the American Legion Academic and Military Excellence Awards to two Cadets who were highly recommended by the Command Staff.

The Post Home was closed on April 16 for Easter but a goodly number of members ventured down the street to VFW Post 2562 to partake in their annual Easter Dinner. Kim McDonald has been doing the preparation and cooking of the dinner for many years and all the Veterans and their families who showed up were very appreciative of Kim and her helpers' efforts.

The Unit hosted a Sock-Hop on April 22 that was well-received and well-attended. Plenty of food, door prizes, raffles, and good company. I saw a few poodle skirts and poodle jackets that didn't look that old in dog years, and even spotted some bobby socks. Pocket Change provided the music from a by-gone era and the dance floor got a pretty good workout from the attendees.

One of the orders of business this month is the election of Officers on 5/23. Voting will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the downstairs hall. In order to streamline the affair please have your membership card readily available. The traditional Election Day Spaghetti Dinner will again make an appearance beginning at 5:30 until 7:30. So come vote and then fill your belly with a nice spaghetti dinner while wearing your whitest shirt or blouse.

Installation of Officers occurs on 6/27. MoCo Commander Kevin Mook will be the Installation Officer.

Post 268 will take the lead in hosting the Memorial Day Service in Veterans Park on 5/29 at 11:00. 2nd Vice-Commander Russ Wood is again coordinating the event this year, with support from VFW Post 2562, making sure that all the moving, and not so moving, parts are working together.

May will also bring the 100 Club back to the Post. Please see Jim Cavender's message later in this newsletter for all the details.

For those planning to attend the Legion Convention, the dates are July 10-14 at the Ocean City Convention Center. Hotel information is located on the entrance table at the Post next to the Member sign-in book. Thanks to PPC Bob Allen for again arranging the venue for our members. Silver Spring Post 41 is also staying on the premises.

As of this writing, the Caps were still in the Stanley Cup hunt, the Wizards have yet to be eliminated from the playoffs, and the Nats and O's are off to terrific starts early in the baseball season. So it's a target-rich environment at the Post Home for any type of sports watching enthusiast, not to mention NASCAR Sundays.

Reminder: As usual, Friday night dinners will be suspended for the summer months after the Memorial Day weekend.

There's a possibility of some "ad hoc" specialty dinners at some point but that's contingent on a volunteer dinner crew (Jew Busy?) coming forward and stating their intentions to do so. We will make any announcement concerning said dinners via the Legion weekly email updates and the Facebook site. If you haven't already done so, contact Chris Willard at chris1939@verizon.net to get on her burgeoning email list.

Ed McCaw, Commander

Department Convention will be held in Ocean City on Monday July 10th thru Friday July 14th. We will again be staying at the **Sea Bay Hotel, 6007 Coastal Highway**. The total rate per room per night will be \$135.00. Bob Allen will make all the reservations for our Post with the hotel so please make your checks payable to American Legion Post 268 and forward them to the Post to Bob Allen's attention by July 1, 2017.

~ CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN ~

The following comrades have answered their final roll call, completed their tours of duty and have reported to the Supreme Commander of Post Everlasting” ~ Vincent Cicala~, ~ James Gourley, Jr.~, ~Lawrence Grove ~, ~ Sergio Olavarria ~, ~Howard Price ~, ~Thomas Rogers ~, ~ Jack Ralph~.

Comrade Arthur Stevens is on sick call and needs your prayers.

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 Joe Storer
By The Storer Family (11/17)

In memory of “Judge” McCaw~
By The McCaw Family (1/18)

In Memory of “Blackie” Sarkisian
The Sarkisian Family (6/18)

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Edward & Sheila Beall
By Mack E. Beall (12/19)

In Memory of Lieselotte Allen
By Robert O. Allen (1/21)
Sergio Olavarria ~, ~Howard Price ~, ~Tom Rogers~
In memory of Estelle J. 'EJ' Parsley
By Robert O. Allen (1/21)



WHEATON AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Post 268's Baseball team is in need of financial assistance. Our beloved Coach Dorsett passed away 2/14/13. Since then we've been limping along with temporary Coaches; who raised most of the funds needed to participate in the Legions “Oldest Program” - Baseball. This year is no exception. Rather than run a raffle (as we'd done years ago), we thought we'd try to solicit donations (in any amount) to support the Post Baseball team expenses. The total expenses are around \$3,000.00. Anything that you could send in would be greatly appreciated. These donations would be tax-exempt. The Legion is a 501(3)(c) Veterans Organization. Question? Please contact the Post's Sports Chairman – Jim Mattingly on 202/246-6288.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULE

May 27: @ Mt. Airy (Doubleheader)
May 30: vs. Damascus, 5:30 pm
June 1: @ Cissel Saxon, 5 pm
June 2: vs. Laurel, 5:30 pm
June 4: @ Sandy Spring, 12 pm
June 5: vs. Damascus, 5:30 pm
June 6: vs. Damascus, 5:30 pm
June 11: vs. Laurel, 12 pm
June 12: vs. Damascus, 5:30 pm
June 13: vs. Sandy Spring, 5:30 pm
June 16: @ Cissel Saxon, 5 pm
June 18: @ Cissel Saxon, 12 pm

June 18: @ Cissel Saxon, 12 pm
June 21: vs. Damascus, 5:30 pm
June 22: @ Sandy Spring, 5:30 pm
June 24: @ Laurel, 12 pm
June 27: @ Cissel Saxon, 5:30 pm
June 28: vs. Laurel, 5:30 pm
July 2: vs. Damascus, 12 pm
July 7: vs. Sandy Spring, 5:30 pm
July 7: vs. Sandy Spring, 5:30 pm
July 8: vs. Laurel, 5:30 pm
July 9: @ Sandy Spring, 12 pm
July 10: @ Cissel Saxon, 5:30 pm

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

April torrential showers bring a 268 100 Saturday May 13th! \$30 for two, Roast Beef and trimmings, open bar and chance to win AND support your Post, what is not to like?? Please see your bartender today for your “lucky” ticket! Do not miss this “famous” S.A.L. event! Allen’s Kareoke to follow at 7pm! Big thanks to Terry Keys brother Chris and crew for replacing the rotted garden timber wall. Here again, “Want something done? Ask a Son!” Nominations for S.A.L. 2018 officers are now open, come to the meeting and throw your hat in the ring!.

All S.A.L. members must note that we are coming down to the edge for all dues paid for the S.A.L. year. I have sent notices out now it is your turn to come thru and pay up if you have not done so, please, we want a 4 star National rating. All bartenders have been alerted to check for 2017 membership cards. If you are in the rears, let’s get that paid up! New members are welcome to apply. 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 myself or Commander Harry Wachter or any questions to Sandy Smith. Should you have any specific membership questions, she is the one to ask. She is usually at the Post Mondays and Tuesdays after 11am. 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. 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 postponements due to weather.

Food wise: The monthly Saturday S.A.L. brunch is the second Saturday of the month. Big thanks to Harry’s expert egg cooking skills, Sean McGovern’s pancake wizardry and Donny Haba’s help and of course Sheri Nagel’s financial skills. Our seasoned team makes a great \$6 “268 Blue Plate Special”. After May we all take a break till September so please support the post food program. Keep in mind the Mike Devlin Hall for public rentals. See Linda Sarkisian for all the many options and rate details. When you bring a guest, just make sure you sign them in, and they must leave with you. You are responsible for being a Post “host”.

Good of Sons: A big Zorro this month goes to Harry Wachter and his kitchen skills. He is the main man keeping our Saturday brunches and occasional Friday dinners moving out. When you see him, tip your hat in thanks! When bringing items to donate to local causes, please see a Unit member if you have any questions as to what can and should be donated. The Post has only so much storage room. Even though wheel chairs are a needed item, think about donating those items to the many local senior centers that can use them. Donate books to the library or local Assisted Living facilities. Speaking of donations, CLEAN, working toasters, can openers and vacuum cleaners are always welcome for the Post use. Think of 268 before chucking useable items such as that! Less we have to buy! Hats off to talented Mr. Jack Ralph who passed recently. He and his wife Lenora were Post pillars and interesting and wonderful people every Friday night for dinner and dance. God bless you both.

Next meetin’ in Wheaton, Tuesday, May 2nd at 7pm. Hats off to Commander Ed McCaw and Mo McCaw and her team for organizing the special food programs. Please keep our brave service folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are on the line for us all and will get even more support from our elected officials to keep America great. 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 Summer!

Jim Cavender

S.A.L. Post 268, Vice Commander

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AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

Our Friday Night Dinner was a Seafood platter. We also had our bake sale. Lots of chocolate goodies, always popular. Last bake sale, until September, will be held on May 5th. The Unit will be preparing the dinner on May 12th. Please try to attend both.

We had our Initiation of new Members, one member present, Iryna Lujan. A very nice Ceremony reminding us of the principles we hold dear. Followed by a Social Hour and our meeting. We made final plans for our Sock Hop.

Unit members do a lot of volunteer work. One goes to Kensington Assisted Living Home where she teaches a photocopy class, visits with the residents, and brings joy to them.

Three went to the VA Nursing Home in DC where we assisted the residents in playing bingo and then provided them with refreshments.

Our 50's Rockin' Sock Hop was a big success. About 100 people eating good food, and the listening and dancing to Pocket Change. We had two baskets of cheer to raffle off and our Lucky Lady. We made money to help our Veterans and our Community.

The Unit will honor our President with a dinner on Tuesday June 20th. Time 6:00. The place, "That's Amore" restaurant. The address is: 15201 Shady Grove Rd. Rockville. Please contact Linda Sarkisian @ 301/602-5276 for information and reservations.

We are now asking for membership renewals for the year 2018. The cost is \$30, checks should be made out to: ALA Wheaton Unit 268 and mailed to: Linda Sarkisian, 2813 Peregoy Drive, Kensington, Md. 20895.

Please let Chaplain Lynne know of any member sick or who just need a cherry note. 301 805 1495.

Dates to remember

May 5th Unit Bake Sale 5-8 pm

May 20th An Affair to Remember. 2 pm.

May 11th Coupon Clipping and Pizza 6 pm

June 20th Presidents Dinner "That's Amore" 6:00 PM

May 12th Unit Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm

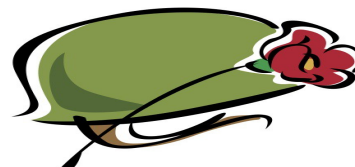
June 27th Installation of Officers. Joint with the Post and SAL 7:30 pm

Christine Williard President

A POPPY IS MADE BY VETERANS TO HONOR ALL VETERANS !!

May is the month that we remember all our veterans. We distribute poppies as a reminder of all our dearly departed veterans. During the month of May there will be cans on the bar, please take a poppy and leave a donation, or better yet please sign the Poppy Pledge Sheet that is posted and pledge 10 cents a day or \$3.00 for the month of May.

There will be a luncheon on May 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. to honor all veterans, especially our World War II veterans. It will be an "Affair to Remember" please come join us for lunch. The menu is Turkey Salad, Potato Salad, Fruit, cookies and ice cream or sherbet. The cost to veterans is free, all others will be a nominal \$5.00. The unit has a book of veterans in uniform we would like to include all of our veterans, so please bring a picture in uniform and the dates of service. We are raffling off a beautiful Poppy quilt. Tickets are 3 for \$5. Respectfully submitted by:



Terry Waters
Poppy Chair

MAY 2017

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pool League	2 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	3 Pool League	4 Dan & Lynn 7:30 pm	5 HARRY'S Deep Fried Chicken Unit Bake Sale POCKET CHANGE 8:00 to 11:00	6 BRUNCH Open Jukebox
7	8 Pool League	9	10 Pool League	11 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM Unit coupon clipping 6:00 pm	12 Unit Dinner Deep Fried Fish/shrimp MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 to 11:00	13 BRUNCH SAL 100 CLUB 4:00-7:00 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00
14 MOTHERS DAY	15 Pool League	16 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	17 Pool League	18 Dan & Lynn 7:30 PM	19 PIZZA & SALAD \$6 MIKE & SAX 8:00 to 11:00	20 BRUNCH "AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER" 2:00 Open Jukebox
21	22 Pool league	23 POST BUS. MEETING 7:30 ELECTIONS SPAGHETTI DINNER	24 Pool League	25	26 BURGERS/HOT DOGS-FRIES-BEAN \$6/\$7 SR3 CLINT SANFORD 8:00 TO 11:00	27 NO BRUNCH Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY Pool League	30	31 Pool League			

SPAGHETTI DINNER MAY 23, 2017

5:30 till 7:30

S.A.L. Squadron 268

100 Club Dinner

Saturday, May 13, 4-7 pm



Roast Beef Dinner &
all the trimmings!
Open Soda, Rail
Wine, Rail Drinks
and Draft Beer



Fun and BIG Prizes
Post Friends and
Neighbors Welcome!
Support your S.A.L.
Tickets at bar...

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 POCKET CHANGE 8:00 TO 11:00	3 Open Jukebox
4	5 POOL LEAGUE	6 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	7 POOL LEAGUE	8 Dan & Lynn 7:30 UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 6:00 PM	9 MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 TO 11:00	10 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00
11	12 POOL LEAGUE	13	14 POOL LEAGUE "Flag Day" "Fly Your Flag"	15 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM	16 MIKE & SAX 8:00 TO 11:00	17 Open Jukebox
18 FATHERS DAY	19 POOL LEAGUE	20	21 POOL LEAGUE	22 Dan & Lynn 7:30 PM	23 OLD SCHOOL (BLUE GRASS) 8:00 to 11:00	24 Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
25	26 POOL LEAGUE	27 POST/UNIT/SAL JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 7:30	28 POOL LEAGUE	29	30 BACK IN TIME 8:00 to 11:00	

We Shall Keep the Faith

By Moina Michael, November 1918

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet – to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With all who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a luster to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
in Flanders Fields.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.

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Jim & Geneva Foster
Gerald E. Neumann

Expires October 2017

Michael R. D'Andrea
Alvin R. Abraham

Expires January 2021

Bob Allen, PPC
Mack E. Beall

Expires May 2017

Walter & Margaret Ayers

Expires January 2018

Dave Rogerson and Eleanor

Expires May 2021

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Expires October 2017

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Ed DiRaimo

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