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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

A new slate of Officers took part in a joint installation ceremony on June 27. Montgomery County Commander Kevin Mook presided over the installation of Legion and SAL Officers while our own Linda Sarkisian inducted the Unit's Officers. The roster of new Officers for Post 268 is as follows:

Commander- Ed McCaw

1st Vice Commander- Jim Mattingly

2nd Vice Commander- Russ Wood

3rd Vice Commander- Roy Ignacio

ALA President- Chris Williard

SAL Commander- Harry Wachter

SAL Vice-Commander- Jim Cavender

If this looks suspiciously like the “old” slate of Officers from last year, well, it is. Congratulations to all for returning to Post leadership positions and continuing to make Post 268 the best it can be. I look forward to working with all of you again in the upcoming Legion year.

Now I heard there was a rumor that possibly the Russians were involved in rigging the Post elections and the reason the Commander was in Moscow recently was so he could thank his “comrades” for their assistance. Let me dispel that rumor right now and say that it's all “fake news” and no improprieties were uncovered during the election process. (Tongue-in-cheek)

During the installation ceremony, a few groups and individuals were recognized for their contributions to the Post Home and I again want to mention them here. They are, in no particular order, Auxiliary Unit Post 268; SAL Squadron 268; Mark Ruhl; Linda Sarkisian; Norma Patterson; Donny Habas and Jim Chelini. The hall was filled with many others that deserve my thanks for their support during the past year and their efforts are not unappreciated. Please keep up the good work.

The Legion Convention season is upon us. The Ocean City Convention Center will again be the hosting venue for this year's convention beginning with the popular Fish Fry on 10 July, check-in on 11 July, and wrapping up later in the week with Post Everlasting and Closing Ceremonies. In addition to the functions and ceremonies at the Convention Center, those attending can take advantage of various discounted advantages around Ocean City available to Legion members such as bus transportation, eateries, miniature golf parks, and a host of other member privileges. Post 268 will be co-joined with Cissel-Saxon Post 41 at the Sea Bay Hotel next to 61st Street. Post 41 will again operate the hospitality room and all are invited to stop in for food, adult beverages, camaraderie, and gaming pull-tabs. Donations are encouraged to off-set costs involved.

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As of this printing we still do not have a firm date for the annual “Crab Feast on the Fern” but it will be held sometime in October. We are currently gathering intel on what dates that Post 41, VFW Post 2562, and the Moose Lodge will be holding their feasts so as to avoid date conflicts with nearby venues. Information will be available in the next newsletter. Also, and to sound like a broken record, if you still haven’t done so, contact Chris Willard at chris1939@verizon.net to get on the email list and always be in the know. Or go online to www.alpost268.org to get the latest or back issues of the 268’er and updated schedule of events.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again this upcoming Legion year at the Post Home. Please avoid feeding the Commander any Fireball shots as his delicate Irish system (and liver) took a beating during the past year.

Yours in service,

Ed McCaw, Commander

~ 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” ~ Arthur Stevens ~, ~ Kenneth Heltzel ~, ~ George S. Kent ~. Also, ~ Michael J. Shaw ~ (Former Sgt-AT-Arms).

Pray for all Comrades who are on sick call who our 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 J. Shaw ~
By Mack E. Beall (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)*

Oh God our Heavenly Father, we pray that Your will be with us at all times to guide us through out the day. Grant us the wisdom to seek your will in all that we undertake, and the courage to follow in the direction You would have us to go. In seeking to serve our God, and our country, may our efforts be of benefit to our fellow veterans and all the people of our community.

We pray for peace, and we pray for all who serve the public, that they may discharge their duties capably and with honor and dignity. We pray for our comrades and for all our fellow citizens, that we may enjoy an even-handed justice in all our dealings; that we may always know the blessings of Freedom purchased for us at so great a cost; that we may with loyalty serve this land in true spirit of democracy. Bless the United States of America, and grant that this nation may live in peace among the nations of the world.

We pray also, O God, for our comrades in hospitals or in the homes, who are suffering mental and physical illness or disability. Comfort them with sense of Your continuing presence, cheer them with the knowledge of your love, and grant them the blessing of health and happiness. All this we ask in your name.
Amen

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Well, “Here it Is”, Summer time has arrived! Get out and get going. A well deserved “time out” as they say these days for all Post members! The recent Post and Unit officers went very well! Ready to tackle another year. Commander Ed gave out notes of commendation to the “worker bees”, the 10% who genuinely deserve accolades. Many thanks to those who have diligently served the Post and for those in the future who will continue our dedicated mission for the 2018 Post year.

All S.A.L. members note that we are starting up the 2018 membership drive and all dues are now \$25. Cards will be available the second week of July. 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: Quiet as crickets till September unless you want to initiate a “Pop Up” Post food dinner. Please see lovely Mo McCaw should you want to create a food oriented event. We need more helpers and teams for Fall food programs, just to keep that in back of your thoughts for now. Without help nothing gets done.

Good of Sons: A big Zorro this month goes to Kevin Heenan (and wife) for his diligent kitchen and general Post help. Kevin is also our new Chaplain and he exhibited this talent at the recent Chris Martin memorial service. Hats off also to SAL SGT. of arms Terry Keys who borrowed the Post smoker/grill for his grandson’s birthday and returned it like new! Powerwashed in and out. The point is, if you use a Post item, return it in the same condition you found it! Good man Terry. The Post has only so much storage room. Someone recently dropped off a ton of books. Now your Post (SAL) has to sit and find a home for all of this. RE: causing more work!! Stop it! Unless you want to add a Library wing to the Post, donate books to the library or local Assisted Living/Rehab 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! Personal hats off and a heart tug to Mike Shaw’s family. He was a joy to our Post family and taken too soon. Bless you Mike. Your SAL has improved/maintained the exterior again as we painted all the exterior doors, trim, and foundation block with a needed fresh coat of paint.

Next meetin’ in Wheaton, Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm. Hats off to Commander Ed McCaw for being our great Commander again for 2018. We appreciate all you have and will do Sir!! 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. kick your shoes off and relax!

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

New officers 2017-18 year

President	Christine Williard	Sergeant of Arms	Patsy Alder
Vice President	Tommie Haga	Historian	Chris Williard
Sec.	Betsy Davis	Exec. Comm.	Helen Storer
Treasure	Linda Sarkisian		Chris Porter
Chaplain	Lynne Stephens		Geneva Foster

We will work together to have a successful year to help our veterans and our community.

The Unit's Friday night Dinner was fried fish and shrimp. A way we work with the Post to raise funds for the projects. Our bake sale the week before and our Lucky Lady continue to bring in funds.

We now take clothing and personal items to the Interfaith Works in Rockville as well as Shepard's Table and MCVETS. When bring items for donation, please put them in bags no larger than 13 gallon kitchen trash bags.

We had a luncheon 'An Affair to Remember' where we honored all our Veterans. We especially honored our WWII Veterans. There were 7 WWII Vets who shared stories as well as a delicious lunch of turkey salad, potato salad, fresh fruit and ice cream. I collected 4 more photos of Veterans in uniform for my album. If you have a photos of yourself in uniform and have not given one to me please do. This is an ongoing project.

Our honored guests were.

Robert Kessler	Eugene Kuykendall
Dominick Giampietro	Leon Holley
Lillian Kneesce	Robert Lyon

Leon Stevens

On Memorial Day we prepared and served about 100 members and guests lunch after our services in the Veterans Park. We had the Wheaton High School band and the Kennedy Color Guard as part of our program. We gave the men and woman of Wheaton Rescue Squad who stood by for our services a carry out box lunch to say 'thanks'.

We put on a dinner for the Wheaton High school Alumni for about 70 The hall looked so nice decorated in red and gold the school colors.

We had our Presidents dinner at 'That's Amore' 18 members and guests enjoyed the good food and friendship.

Some members went to the Southern Maryland District Reception, where we had a good dinner and said thanks to the leaders of the past year and promised to keep working together to out Veterans.

We had a funeral luncheon for the son of Unit member Margaret Buda, and a Celebration of Life for Chris Martin husband of Unit member Jane Martin.

The Unit and the Post and SAL were installed for the 2017-18 year in a joint ceremony. The Unit was installed by our past president and Department 2nd vice president Linda.

Dues are now being collected for the 2017-18 year. Dues are \$30, make check payable to ALA Wheaton 268 and send them to Linda Sarkisian 2813 Peregoy Dr. Kensington, MD 20895.

Contact Chaplin Lynne 301 807 1495 to let her know of a member who is sick or in the hospital.

We will continue our coupon clipping and pizza on July 13th and August 10th at 6 pm. Coupons are sent to Commissaries to help service personal deployed overseas.

Our next meeting will be Sept. 19th at 7 pm.

Christine Williard, President

JULY 2017

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 OPEN JUKEBOX
2	3 Pool League	4	5 Pool League	6 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	7 POCKET CHANGE 8:00 to 11:00	8 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00
9	10 Pool League	11	12 Pool League	13 UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 6:00	14 DC MOTORS 8:00 TO 11:00	15 OPEN JUKEBOX
16	17 Pool league	18	19 Pool League	20 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	21 THE COLLIDERS 8:00 TO 11:00	22 Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
23	24 Pool League	25 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	26 Pool League	27	28 TOP TONES (BEATLES) 8:00 TO 11:00	29 OPEN JUKEBOX
30	31 Pool League					

This year on Armed Forces Day, the Units Poppy chairman, Terry Waters, planned a special luncheon for Veterans. The luncheon was free to all who were Veterans. She honored the World War II soldiers with special gifts. Everyone was welcome, if you were not a Veteran, we asked for a \$5.00 donation. This was a day to honor all those who served to help keep us free and to say "THANK YOU". Her committee was very excited and felt that we would have at least 100 attendees. The upstairs pool room was closed and set up for those who were in wheelchairs and walkers so they also could have lunch and be honored. She planned no program, she just wanted to have the Veterans speak and tell us about their experiences. It was very disappointing when we had only 18 Veterans. BUT most of all the disappointment was that very few attended to help us celebrate and to say thanks!!!! Several Unit members attended and no SAL members were there. We prepared lunch for a little over 100. Betty Walker decided what we could do with the extra lunches was to pack a to-go box for each so they could enjoy the meal that night. They were all excited about this. I, personally was very upset because Terry and her committee spent many hours planning and preparing this special day. This was one of Terry's last duties as Poppy Chairman, she has now moved to Virginia Beach. I promised her I would continue with this special luncheon. So, please mark your calendar on May 26, 2018 and help us give thanks to our Veterans!! Please contact me with any questions concerning next year's event. Thank You.

Linda Sarkisian, Past Unit President

AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Pool League	3 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	4 POCKET CHANGE 8:00 TO 11:00	5 OPEN JUKEBOX
6	7 Pool League	8	9 Pool League	10 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM UNIT COUPON Clipping 6:00	11 DC MOTORS 8:00 TO 11:00	12 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00
13	14 Pool League	15	16 Pool League	17 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	18 MIKE & SAX 8:00 TO 11:00	19 OPEN JUKEBOX
20	21 Pool League	22 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	23 Pool League	24	25 3 TILL MIDNIGHT (NEW BAND) 8:00 to 11:00	26 Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
27	28 Pool League	29	30 Pool League	31 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM		

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. (Thank you John Burkey for your generous donation.) These donations would be tax-exempt. The Legion is a 501(3)(c) Veterans Organization. Question? Very few games left but here is the schedule. Please contact the Post's Sports Chairman – Jim Mattingly on 201/246-6288.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULE

July 07 – 5:30pm	vs. Sandy Spring Post 68	Blake High School	300 Norwood Rd. S. S.
July 08 – 5:30pm	vs. Laurel Post 60	Blake High School	300 Norwood Rd. S. S.
July 09 – 12:00pm	vs. Sandy Spring Post 68	Damascus Regional Park	
			23723 Kings Valley Rd. Damascus
July 10 – 5:30 pm	vs Cissel Saxon Post 41	Blake High School	300 Norwood Rd. S. S.

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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. 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.

AMERICAN LEGION BOOSTERS

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Paul C. Helmke
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John Supinski
Bill & Fay Schilling
Matt Lynott & Darlene

Expires May 2017

Stephen & Wanda DeMent

Expires August 2017

Bernard P. Howder
John Holmes

Expires October 2017

Michael R. D'Andrea
Alvin R. Abraham

Expires January 2018

Dave Rogerson and Eleanor

Expires March 2018

Jim & Sandy Smith

Expires Jan 2019

William & Karma Harmon
Helen Storer

Expires March 2019

Bob & Gail McGuire

Expires October 2020

Ed DiRaimo

Expires July 2020

Jim & Geneva Foster

Expires January 2021

Bob Allen, PPC
Mack E. Beall

Expires May 2021

Pat & John Krisko, III
Dennis Krisko & Selva Karslo

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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)