

“FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER”

The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

The 268er is a little late this month as (1.) February is a short month (no excuse) and (2.) I wanted to be able to report on the Post Everlasting ceremony. I apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Post Everlasting was held on February 27 to honor and remember our departed members from 2017.

Attendance was a little sparse but all in all it was a nice ceremony. There was a total of 29 of our comrades who reported to their final duty station last year and each and every name was read off to those in attendance. Many thanks to Chris, Linda and the other Unit members for putting out a great buffet line after the conclusion of the ceremony, and to our Adjutant, Sandy, for overloading a table full of cakes, pies, and desserts to satisfy any sugar deficiencies in the hall. Thanks also to the Post Color Guard (Dave, Clyde, and Pete) for posting up for this solemn occasion.

New member, Jon Macias, and his friend David (future SAL) made a successful kitchen debut during brunch on March 3. Team Jewbusy did the initial training with them and they'll be ready to fly solo next time. And as soon as they confirm their schedules they will also be handling Friday night dinner once a month. Their kitchen team name is appropriately enough, Team America. Thanks Jon and David for stepping up and volunteering.

Another person who stepped up recently is Anita Gilberti, ably assisted by Debbie Cramer. They made their dinner debut on March 2 and everyone who partook said the meal was excellent. They have selected “Anita’s Angels” as their team name.

We still need more teams to step up and volunteer for either 1 dinner and/or 1 brunch per month. Please see the Ways and Means Committee Chairperson if you wish to assist with the Food Program.

The Department of Maryland Legion Convention will again be in Ocean City this year. Dates of the convention are the week of July 9-12. Post 268 has reserved 10 rooms at the Sea Bay Motel at 60th St. and Coastal Hwy for our members use. Post 41 is also staying there and will operate the hospitality room. The room rate is a Legion discounted rate of \$135.80 (inc. tax) per night Monday to Friday if booked thru the Legion. This is the same rate as last year. The weekend rate is \$220.95 for those who may want to stay for Friday and Saturday night.

Payment information will be out in the next 268'er.

We recently had a bad windstorm over the first weekend in March. This wind-driven event knocked out a lot of power around the Wheaton area to include much of Fern Street. I hope all our members stayed safe and sound during the storm. The Post Home was reasonably unscathed as we never lost power but the cable TV took a hit for a while due to the rooftop dish being knocked around up there. It was repaired fairly quickly on Saturday afternoon. One casualty was our flag pole. Its anchor was ripped from its mooring on the building and the lanyard holding the flags was snapped when Mark Ruhl and I went up on the roof in gale force winds in order to lower the flags and relieve stress from the pole. Now Mark is a big guy but I saw those winds buffeting him like a rag doll and trying to blow him off the roof. Mark is now assessing the situation and will come up with a solution to restore the flagpole so it can once again fly the US, Maryland, and POW/MIA flags.

Nominations for Post Officer positions and Executive Committee will begin soon, culminating with elections at the end of May. Please consider adding your name to the list for some of these important Post positions, or nominating a worthy candidate at the next few business meetings.

If you haven't paid your 2018 membership dues yet the time is growing short. Yearly dues are now \$43 so get it in so there is no lapse in your membership and the benefits that come with being a member of the American Legion; the number one advocate for Veterans Rights and Benefits. Also, make your voice heard by attending the monthly Post Business meetings and find out what's going on at your Post Home. The meetings are held the

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

March Madness and NASCAR ramps up on Sundays at the Post. Lots of specials and 268 fun coming your way. Your hometown S.A.L. squad rolled up their sleeves and contributed for a much needed fresh paint job for the men's room. The Post paid for half. S.A.L. also installed a new bulletin Board. Fresh and clean!

With that said, ear mark Saturday May 12th from 4 to 7pm our annual S.A.L. 100. \$30 admits two, great roast beef dinner, open bar and a chance to win BIG!! Please see your bartender soon for your "lucky" ticket! This is how we raise funds to help Veteran's and this Post. Do not miss this "famous" event! If you would like to help, please see one of the board members listed on the entry roster. Nominations for 2018-19 Board members starts at the April business meeting. All positions are open and available to those who wish to serve. Please consider offering some of your talents so we continue to March to greatness!

As of February we have about 19 members not paid for 2018. Don't drag us down, keep 268 in good standing and get it paid today. If you choose not to continue your membership we ask that you kindly let us know via a note behind bar or call so your name can be retired. S.A.L. dues are \$25 per year. We will do a mailing next month to those who have not paid that will incur postage fees that could be used elsewhere! Happy to report we are almost to goal! All bartenders have been alerted to check for 2018 membership cards. 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 third Saturday of the month. Big thanks to Harry's expert egg cooking skills, Sean McGovern's pancake wizardry and Donny Haba's and Clint Sanford's help and of course Sheri Nagel's financial skills. Our seasoned team makes a great \$6 "268 Blue Plate Special". Your S.A.L. hosts a Friday night dinner once a month and hats off again to Harry and Kevin for pitching in. We do need food volunteers. Without a fresh team the Post food program will suffer. See Harry to help please. 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 to the McGovern Brothers. Sean and Kevin with their food help, and of course Andrew with second vice duties and wonderful DJ talents besides regularly attending the monthly meetings. Their father was a Post Pillar and they continue that legacy today. Thanks men! 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. Also put items in manageable kitchen size plastic bags. 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. 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.

Next meetin' in Wheaton, Tuesday, March 6th at 7pm. Hats off to Commander Ed McCaw and Mo McCaw and her team for organizing the food programs. Please keep our brave service folks in your thoughts and prayers as they are on the line for us every day. 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 Spring and St Pat's Day!

Jim Cavender
S.A.L. Post 268, Vice Commander
jcavender8@gmail.com

AUXILIARY NEWS

The Unit is ever busy. We catered the Super Bowl party. The hall was decorated with the team colors. Lots of food and fun, thanks team Sarkisian and other Unit members. Our basket of cheer was won by Lisa Cornwell, a friend of Patsy's. Leftover food was donated to the Wheaton Rescue Squad.

At our February meeting we had our Memorial Service. We honored and remembered Phyllis Neidenbach, Betty Verduci, and Margaret Daley. Their names are added to our 'Book of Memory'. We also remembered the Four Chaplains. A nice social hour and then our meeting.

We attended Memorial Services by the family of Margaret Daley and Kaye Haga, the daughter of Tommie. A nice sendoff by family and friends.

Friday Night Dinners need more people to come out to eat. Unit members Chris and Tommie do the salad bar, and now Sue and Hannah are taking the orders and serving your meal. Come check them out.

We are collecting your volunteer hours. Hours you spend helping a neighbor, at hospitals and nursing homes, serving Veterans and the homeless, needy kids. It all adds up and the Unit gets certificates at the Convention for work done. Please send the hours of work to Betsy at Betsy80@verizon.net

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. Need 11 renewals to make our goal.

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

Our big fund raiser is going to be a Hawaiian Beach party. We need Unit, Post and SAL members to support this function. We need members to help out with the party. So save the date.

Saturday April 28th 5-11:00 pm. \$10.00 for the dinner (5 pm to 7:30) and dance (8 pm till 11pm). Hawaiian and beach food, many great door prizes, bottle raffle, 50-50, fun and fellowship. Music by Pocket Change. Tickets on sale soon. Don't miss out. Call Linda 301 602 5276 for questions call or email me for reservations. We will have over 100 in attendance, be there.

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

“”EVERYONE WELCOME””



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 will include: pulled pork, chicken on the stick or sweet and sour chicken, sausage with peppers/onions. Also, sides of rice and much more. There will also be a potato bar! Dessert will be a Sundae bar. The cost is \$10.00. This will include the dance. Dance will begin at 8:00. 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. Contact Chris Williard for table reservations @ 301/649-2709. Please mark your calendar. Please contact Linda Sarkisian with questions. lindasarkisian@yahoo.com or phone number 301/602-5276. Contact Geneva Foster @ 301/438-2210 for ticket information. Please join us, we always have a good time!!!!!!

All you can eat brunch---March 24th. Time: 10 am till 1:pm. Cost: \$7.00 Sponsored by UNIT 268!!

MARCH 2018

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	2 DINNER UNITS BAKE SALE POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	3 BRUNCH OPEN JUKEBOX
4	5 Pool League UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 1:00	6 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	7	8	9 NO DINNER MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	10 NO BRUNCH Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
11	12 Pool League	13	14	15 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	16 NO DINNER POST 41- CRAB LEGS PET STOVER'S IRISH BAND 800 PM TO 11:00 PM	17 BRUNCH TEAM SEMPER FI SAINT PATRICK'S DAY OPEN JUKEBOX
18	19 Pool league	20 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	21	22	23 DINNER TEAM JEW BUSY BACK IN TIME BAND 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	24 BRUNCH UNIT BRUNCH BUFFET (\$7.00) LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
25	26 Pool League	27 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	28	29 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	30 NO DINNER GOOD FRIDAY NO ENTERTAINMENT	31 NO BRUNCH OPEN JUKEBOX

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

S.A.L. Squadron 268

100 Club Dinner

Saturday, May 12, 4-7 pm



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



\$30 admits two!



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

APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 SAL MEETING 7:00 PM	4	5 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	6 DINNER ANITA'S ANGELS UNITS BAKE SALE POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	7 BRUNCH CLINT'S TEAM OPEN JUKEBOX 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
8	9 Pool League UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 1:00 PM	10	11	12	13 NO DINNER MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00PM	14 NO BRUNCH Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM to 12:00
15	16 Pool league	17 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 pm	18	19 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	20 NO DINNER POST 41 CRAB LEGS JACKSON DEAN 8:00 PM TO 12 MID	21 BRUNCH SEMPER FI OPEN JUKEBOX 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
22	23 Pool League	24 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	25	26	27 DINNER JEW BUSY TEAM TOP TONES (BEATLES BAND) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID	28 BRUNCH HAWAIIAN BEACH PARTY (DOWNSTAIRS) POCKET CHANGE PLAYING 8 TILL 11
29	30 Pool League					

DINNERS / BRUNCHES

Effective immediately, the food program will be discontinued IF no one steps up. We are down to (2) Brunch Teams and (2) Dinner Teams. These will be the ONLY brunches and dinners the Post will have during the month. It is unfair to ask the teams to commit to more than (1) time a month. They have lives too!

Should it come down to the Food Program being discontinued due to lack of participation, the Commander and I do NOT want to hear any b*tching.

With the membership that 268 has, we should be able to have a healthy food program.

Maureen McCaw Smithisler
Ways and Means Committee
Post Food Chairman

UNIT BRUNCH

MARCH 24, 2018 10:00am TILL 1:00 PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT \$ 7.00

MENU

SCRAMBLED EGGS

HOME FRIES

BACON, SAUSAGE

PAN CAKES

CHIP BEEF

FRUIT SALAD

BREAD, BAGELS, ENGLISH MUFFINS

COFFEE AND JUICE

AND MUCH MORE!!

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE UNIT
50/50 SOLD ALSO !!!!

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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.

AMERICAN LEGION BOOSTER

Expires March 2018

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 2020

Ed DiRaimo

Expires March 2025

Mack E. Beal

Expires March 2019

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Gene Fitzgibbons

Expires July 2020

Jim & Geneva Foster

Expires March 2028

Stephen & Wanda DeMint

Expires January 2021

Bob Allen, PPC

Expires October 2019

Matt Lynott & Darlene
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 (City) (State) (Zip Code) (E-mail – Optional) **Post # 268 \$** (Dues)

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)