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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

As predicted, the past couple summer months have been pretty slow at the Post Home. Everyone sort of fell into a summer routine and tried to get through the hot, muggy and usually rainy days and evenings. I know the softball season in the county this summer seemed to be a complete washout with many games canceled and never made up due to rains on the make-up days. Let's hope the next couple of months have a drying out effect. July brought us the annual Legion Convention in OCMD with one of the highlights being an appearance and talk by Governor Larry Hogan. His speech to the gathered Legionnaires was well received and it's no wonder that he remains one of the most popular Governors that the State of Maryland has had in quite some time. Our stay at the Sea Bay Hotel was very pleasant and thanks to Cissel-Saxon Post 41 for hosting the hospitality room again this year. The room was usually filled to capacity every evening as everyone enjoyed the camaraderie present. Past Commander Bob Allen posted up during the week and if you hadn't heard, he made a very generous donation in front of the whole assembly establishing an education fund for Boys State. Thank you, Bob, for your extreme generosity. I'm sure many worthy candidates will be found to take advantage of the educational opportunities that your gift will provide.

August started out slow and just seemed to get slower. The Unit started providing dinners for the Pool League on Monday nights and, of course, the dinners are available to anyone present. It may become a regular thing so pay attention to our Face book page and the weekly emails to find out when it will next be scheduled.

I'm currently entertaining quotes to get the floor in the downstairs hall refurbished and, hopefully, that will get accomplished by the time the Crab Feast rolls up on us. It certainly needs it. For more on the upcoming Crab Feast, please see the SAL message in this newsletter since it's the SAL that will be hosting this ever-popular Fern St. event.

Further events coming up: Our first Friday Night dinner will be provided by Mission BBQ on September 7. For those that were here last year when Mission BBQ did their specialty for Veterans, we remember that the dinners were fantastic with nothing but accolades for how good it was. So join us again and be ready for a real treat in down-home Southern cooking.

"Spiced Shrimp" is back! Starting Friday of Labor Day weekend, the Shrimppers (John, Doug, and Tim) will again be preparing batches of shrimp for your eating pleasure. So get em' early and often as they tend to disappear quickly every week. Sold in ½ and 1-lb servings.

Along with the Friday Night Dinners, Saturday brunches will again be cranking up. The only fly in that ointment is we still don't have enough teams in order to "man" all the dinners and brunches during the month. We need YOUR support! Please see the message from the Ways and Means Committee Chairperson later in this newsletter for more information regarding this matter, and stay tuned to our Face book page and weekly emails for menu updates and/or schedule changes.

The Early Bird Picnic will be hosted at the Post Home on Saturday, September 8. The time line will be 2:00-5:00pm followed up by Karaoke w/ Alan @ 7:00. was the case last year, there will be no charge for early birds, guests charge will be \$6 for food, draft domestic beers, and fountain sodas. Bring your favorite side-dish to share. No desserts are necessary. So get your 2019 dues paid up and come out to join the Early Bird Flock that day for food, beverages, football/baseball watching, and camaraderie.

All the best,

Ed McCaw, Commander

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~ 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: ~ Mary Ann D. Bowen~, ~Daniel P. Redmonds~.

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)*

IN MEMORIAM

*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)*

MEANING OF THE PLEDGIANCE TO THE FLAG

I

(Me, an individual, a committee of one.)

PLEDGE

(Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity).

ALLEGIANCE

(My love and my devotion.)

TO THE FLAG

(Our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom, wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, "Freedom is everybody's job.)

OF THE UNITED

(That means that we have all come together.)

STATES

(Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.)

OF AMERICA. AND TO THE REPUBLIC

(Republic—a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.)

FOR WHICH IT STANDS: ONE NATION, UNDER GOD

(Meaning, so blessed by God.)

INDIVISIBLE

(Incapable of being divided.)

WITH LIBERTY

(Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fears, or some sort of retaliation.)

AND JUSTICE

(The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.)

FOR ALL

(Which means it's as much your country as it is mine.)

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

As we head into Indian Summer and ramp up for another fun filled Post 268 year, we hope all had a great R&R time. The Fall is full of reactivated post events and hope you can be a part of that! Our big push is the Steamed Crab Feast on September 29th. 268 Crab Alumni, Hansen will be providing us with the snappers. \$40 covers it all, \$18 no crabs, please see your bartender today for tickets. Plenty of Fun and games as well. We hope they measure up to a great feast. Rest is up to Mother nature! Thanks to Sean and Clint Sanford for spearheading the feast organization and Danny Thompson for ticket printing! All S.A.L. members are welcome to lend a hand on that Saturday! Be here by 3pm.

New 2019 S.A.L. Membership Cards are NOW available. 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./DD214. 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 fires back up Second Saturday of the month. Commander Sean is looking forward to a new crew of helpers. The S.A.L. will host an occasional Friday dinner. Watch Bulletin Boards for signs. Mo McCaw needs more volunteers to do the dinners. Please see her to help. Post buys all the food we just need folks to put it all together. As mentioned time and again, without volunteers, nothing happens. 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: Thanks to Peter Jung and Bill Sessums for attending the Post gardens. Don't miss the Early Bird Picnic and the Wheaton Arts Festival on Fern Street in September, always a fun Fall events. Thanks to Debbie Hooker and Jane Martin for keeping Post tidy and Sean Mac for volunteer Hall mops. 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. 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. We will need to do final organization for the Crab Feast. BE THERE and provide a welcome support for incoming 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 Fall season.

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

WAYS AND MEANS

After the e-mail I sent out on Aug. 2nd, (Thank You Chris Williard), SAL stepped up with a team.. Thank you Sean and Clint. There will only be (2) brunches and (2) dinners each month because lack of participation. **Mo McCaw**

UNIT 268

Ready to go to work to support our Veterans after a slow summer? I hope so!

Six Unit members were delegates to the Department Convention in Ocean City. Linda delegate at large and Helen Storer, Cathy Williams, Geneva Foster, Christine Williard and Cheri Nagel. In addition Betty Walker, Patsy Alder and Mini Ignaico were on hand to see the Installation of Lina Sarkisian as Department of Maryland President.

I congratulated all the delegation on electing Lina as President. She will do a good job and all her Unit members will support her.

The theme for this year is The Safari. Each of the seven districts is a different animal. We are in the Southern MD district and we are Rhinos.

One of the girls we, along sponsored the Girl State Governor. She is Margaret Cavanaugh. Dr. Napes sponsored ten girls to this outstanding program. We also received 2nd place for Best All Around Field Service, 3rd place for Poppy, 2nd place for Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, 2nd place for Education, 2nd place for Cancer Control, and 2nd place for Community Service. These awards are for all our hard work, god job to all.

Linda's first Department meeting was at Post 268. We served breakfast and lunch for the those who attended the budget meeting.

I made a Poppy Wreath. You can vote for it with your dollars. The money raised goes for the Department's Creative Arts. It supports our disabled veterans in expressing their art and providing platform for it to be displayed. The wreath winner will be the one raising the most money. Help our unit win by voting. The wreath is in the lobby. The wreaths will be at our Fall Conference in October. Here we will also feature our Rhino in our center piece for the day. And learn about the programs we will be working on during the year.

The Early Bird Picnic will be September 8, 2-5 pm. Food on the grill and much more. The Unit will do a bake sale. Please bring a bake good to sell and buy one for dessert at the picnic. We are also raffling off our 'Veteran's Basket' please be generous in buying tickets.

We will have our first Friday Bake Sale on September 7th, and since the Early Bird Picnic is on the 8th, we need lots of baked goods for the two days. Bring them Friday or Saturday or better yet both. We will have the Bake Sale at the first Friday dinner each month.

Our Unit supports Charlotte Hall Veterans home, each year, by supporting their Carnival for the Veterans. This year, the theme is "Western". We will be the Veterans gifts of beanie babies and socks. Please if you have any beanie babies that you no longer want, donate them to us. They really love them. Please have them to the post by September 12th. If any questions, contact Linda Sarkisian @ 301/602-5276. We need donations of new socks also.

We will be doing our budget in Sept. and we need to raise the funds for all the programs and organizations we want to support.

We continue to collect clothes for Shepard's Table and the Inter Faith Closet, and MCVETS. Please put all items in bags, not just in the box, kitchen trash bags work best. Thanks.

2019 renewals are now due. Your 2018 membership card is valid until December 31, 2018 but we always collect the following years renewals early. Be an early bird by renewing your dues by September 7th. Send your checks to Linda Sarkisian, 3117 Farnborough Ct. Silver Spring, Md. 20906.

Chaplain Lynne would like to know of any one who is sick, in the hospital or just need a cherry note, Contact her @ 301/807-1495.

We will continue to do our Coupon Clipping on the first Monday at 1 pm. All are welcome to help clip the coupons we send to Commissary's over seas. We will skip Sept. 3rd since that is Labor Day.

"DATES TO REMEMBER"

September 7	Bake Sale	5 pm.	October 1	Coupon Clipping	1 pm
September 8	Early Bird Picnic		October 12	Bake Sale	5 pm
September 18	Business Meeting	7 pm	October 16	Business Meeting	7 pm

Christine Williard, Unit President

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NO BRUNCH OPEN JUKE BOX
2	3 Pool League Labor Day	4 S. A. L. Business Meeting 7:00	5 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	6 Dan & Lynn 7:30	7 DINNER MISSION BBQ 5:30 UNIT BAKE SALE POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	8 NO BRUNCH EARLY BIRD PICNIC 2:00-5:00 Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 7:00 PM to 11:00
9 REDSKINS/ CARDINALS 4:25 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	10 Pool League	11	12 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	13 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30	14 DINNER JEWBUSY 5:30 MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	15 NO BRUNCH OPEN JUKE BOX
16 COLTS/ REDSKINS 1:00 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	17 Pool league	18 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00	19 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	20 Dan & Lynn 7:30	21 NO DINNER CRAB LEGS AT POST 41 JACKSON DEAN 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	22 BRUNCH S.A.L. LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 OM TO 12 MID
23 PACKERS/ REDSKINS 1:00 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 30	24 Pool League	25 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	26 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	27	28 DINNER SURPRISE CHEF AIRPORT 77 8:00 PM TO	29 NO BRUNCH S.A.L. CRAB FEAST SR3 UPSTAIRS 7:00 PM

S.A.L. Post 268

PRESENTS



The Famous **FALL CRAB FEAST!**

Saturday, Sept. 29, 4-7pm

\$40
per
person

\$18
no crabs

- Hot Steamed Crabs • Corn on-the-cob
- Draft Beer and Sodas included • Delicious sides!
- \$1.50 Domestic Cans/Bottles • Cash Bar

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OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 S.A.L. BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	3 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	4 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	5 NO DINNER POCKET CHANGE 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM	6 BRUNCH S.A.L. OPEN JUKEBOX 8:00 PM TO 12 MID OPEN JUKEBOX
7 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	8 Pool League UNIT COUPON CLIPPING 1:00 PM REDSKINS/ SAINTS 8:15	9	10 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	11 POST EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:30 PM	12 DINNER JEWBUSY UNIT BAKE SALE MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 PM TO 11:00PM	13 NO BRUNCH Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 PM to 12:00
14 panthers/redskins 1:00 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	15 Pool league	16 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM	17	18 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	19 NO BRUNCH POST 41 CRAB LEGS SR3 8:00 PM TO 12 MID	20 BRUNCH S.A.L. OPEN JUKEBOX 8:00 PM TO 12 MID
21 COWBOY S/REDSKINS 4:25 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	22 Pool League	23 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	24 EXERCISE WITH RUSS 7:30 DOWNSTAIRS HALL	25	26 DINNER SURPRISE CHEF TOP TONES (Beatle Band) 8:00 PM TO 12 MID	27 LEN/LUISA SLEEMAN (BLINKIE) 8:00 OM TO 12 MID
28 REDSKIN S/GIANTS 1:00 EXERCISE WITH RUSS	29 Pool League	30				

SEPTEMBER 11

2001 – 2018

On September the eleventh, In the early morning hours
The sun was shining brightly, on the World Trade Center Towers.

Passing through the portals, like a flowing mountain stream
Were thousands of employees pursuing the American dream.

Echoing through the corridors, Were sounds of laughter and of greetings
While busy elevators raised them skyward to their meetings.

Just another routine day is what seemed to be in store
For the clamor of activity sounded familiar on every floor.

From several major airports scheduled flights were in the air
Filled with innocent passengers seemingly without a care.

Their peace was soon shattered by several knife-wielding men
Who were Satan's evil doers creating havoc once again.

Four airliners had been hijacked and diverted from their course
Two crashed into the towers with a terrifying force.

The fireballs that erupted were like torches out of hell
And within a very short time the buildings trembled and then fell.

Killed were thousands of our countrymen causing widespread pain
Assuring that our way of life will never be the same again.

We remembered Pearl Harbor and our revenge was justified
Our Country stood united honoring the many that had died.

God Bless our America, May freedom never be lost
Give us the strength and courage to be victorious at any cost.

And dear God protect our troops wherever they may be
May our Country stand united and sustain them with dignity.

For I fear for our Country's destiny if we now fail to remember
Those cowardly, dastardly attacks on the eleventh of September.

MMC Joesph Early, U.S.N. (Ret)

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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 2020

Jim & Sandy Smith

Expires Jan 2019

William & Karma Harmon
Helen Storer

Expires March 2019

Bob & Gail McGuire
Gene Fitzgibbons

Expires October 2019

Matt Lynott & Darlene
Tony & Lois Marella
Alvin R. Abraham

Expires January 2020

Paul Helmke

Expires January 2020

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Expires October 2023

Ed DiRaimo

Expires July 2020

Jim & Geneva Foster

Expires January 2021

Bob Allen, PPC

Expires May 2021

Pat & John Krisko, III
Dennis Krisko & Selva
Karslo

Expires July 2022

Sherman & Eva Wong
Michael & Jill D'Andrea

Expires March 2025

Mack E. Beal

Expires March 2028

Stephen & Wanda DeMint

Expires May 2020

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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)