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# The 268'er

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## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

**Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,**

As the Dog Days of Summer come rapidly to an end, it seems as if this summer actually did pass by quickly. We really only had one brutal week of hot temperatures (Heat Index over 100) as can be attested by our overworked cooling system taking a siesta during the hottest part of the afternoons that week. Once the sun started to set the A/C woke up and rapidly cooled the Post.

The HVAC system is due for a thorough evaluation as it's over 20 years old. We will bring in some experts to give us an assessment on whether to replace the system or if another year or so can be squeezed out of it. I'm not holding out much hope that the unit will still be around much longer but we'll wait for the evaluation before making an informed decision.

Other than the Legion Convention it's been a pretty quiet summer. Karaoke and Band Nights were still going on with somewhat of a drop in attendance which is normal for the summer months. There will likely be a pickup in numbers showing up as Labor Day is behind us and members get back to their non-summer routine. On Friday night August 25th we welcomed a new band into the Post. I received very good feedback from the Legion crowd that night on the group that played, "3 til' Midnight", and we will certainly be inviting them back for future dates.

Friday night dinners and Saturday brunches will be cranking back up again starting September 9<sup>th</sup>. So come out and support the Post and the Dinner/Brunch Teams that will be busy with the preparation of both. Mo is looking for (2) additional teams for dinners and brunches so that any one team will only be on duty once a month. So far the teams are Jewbusy, Team SAL, and Breakfast Guy. Please let Mo know if you can help out the Post. One big change concerning the dinners is that we will no longer be cooking on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month due to Post 41 serving an excellent crab leg dinner on those nights. The Crab Leg/Shrimp Dinner Night is quite popular with both Post 268 and 41, and a lot of our regular dinner-goers head there. Personally, I don't blame them. I've attended a few times at Post 41 and the crab legs are excellent.

Also for you brunch lovers, VFW Post 2562 has started up a brunch program on Sundays from 10:30-1:30. A different breakfast entrée for \$7 will be featured each week so indulge your breakfast needs on Sunday at the VFW before venturing back to the Post 268 for some afternoon football watching with Lauren, your friendly Post Home Bartender.

Bartenders Lauren and Chris will be organizing food specials at a nominal fee for Sunday Redskins games during the upcoming football season. Happy Hour prices will be in effect. Check Facebook and/or your email each week for details.

The Early Bird Picnic will be hosted at the Post Home on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> thus giving the membership almost the whole month to get your dues in and join the Early Bird Flock. The timeline will be noon until 3:00pm. As was the case last year, member cost will be \$5 and guests will be \$6 for food, draft domestic beers, and fountain sodas. So get your 2018 dues paid up and come out to join the Flock that day for food, beverages, football/baseball watching, and camaraderie.

Due to scheduling difficulties, we will not be having a Crab Feast this year. As an alternative and a public service announcement, I'd like to point out that Cissel-Saxon Post 41 will be having their Crab Feast on Sept 23, and VFW 2562 will be having theirs on Oct 21. Feel free to patronize these local Posts to get your crab fix in this year. It's towards the end of crab season so the crabs should be at their best and meatiest.

We are planning to have a Legion Crawl sometime in the fall. The Post will lease a bus for transportation, determine participant numbers and cost, and visit 3 other Legions in the region on a Saturday TBD in order to bond with fellow Legionnaires, SAL and Unit members at their respective Post Homes. Details to follow in a future email, Facebook announcement, or the next 268'er. Yours in service, **Ed McCaw, Commander**

~ CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN ~

Pray for all Comrades who are on sick call who our prayers including PPC Bob Allen, PPC JR Ale, Don Porter, Tom Cooper.

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.

*“Eternal, ever-present God, we pause in your presence to thank you for being within and around us throughout life. When we are weak, you are to us like a rock. When we are buffeted or endangered by life's events, you are our fortress. For hearing us, for delivering and waving us, we are forever grateful and therefore have come to praise and honor you. Amen “*

**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  
By The Sarkisian Family (6/18)*

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

**IN MEMORIAM**

*In Memory of James B. (Bart) Bowles  
By The Bowles Family (08/19)*

*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)*

**I AM A VETERAN**

You may know me the first time we meet, I'm just another you see on the street.  
But I am the reason you walk and breathe free. I am the reason for your liberty. I AM A VETERAN.  
I work in the local factory all day, I own the restaurant down the way. I sell your insurance.. I start your IV.  
I've got the best looking grand kids you'll ever see. I'm your grocer, your banker, your child's schoolteacher.  
I'm your plumber, your barber, your family's preacher. But there's a part of me you don't know very well.  
Just listen a moment, I've a story to tell. I AM A VETERAN.  
I joined the service while still in my teens, I traded my prom dress for camouflage greens.  
I'm the first in my family to do something like this. Defying my fears and hiding my doubt.  
I married my sweetheart before I shipped out. I missed Christmas, then Easter,  
The birth of my son, But I knew I was doing what had to be done.  
I served on the battle front, I served on the base. I bound up the wounded and begged for God's grace,  
I gave orders to fire, I followed commands, I marched into conflict in far distant Lands.  
In the jungle, the desert, on mountains and shores, In bunkers, in tents, on dank earthen floors.  
While I fought on the ground, in the air, on the sea, My family and friends  
Were home praying for me. For the land of the free and the home of the brave.  
I faced my demons in foxholes and caves. Then one dreaded day, without drummer or fife,  
I lost an arm, my buddy lost his life. I came home and moved on, but forever was changed.  
The perils of war in my memory remain. I don't really say much, I don't feel like I can.  
But I left home a child, And came home a man., There are thousand like me,  
Thousands more who are gone. But their legacy lives as time marches on. White crosses in rows,  
And names carved in queue, Remind us of what these brave souls had to do.  
I'm part of a fellowship, A strong might band, O each man and each woman.  
Who has served this great land. And when old glory waves,  
I stand proud, I stand tall, I helped keep her flying over you, over all.

**I AM A VETERAN!!!**

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Where have all the volunteers gone, long time passing? Where have all the volunteers gone, long time ago? This new Post year presents some challenges specifically in the food volunteer department. The S.A.L. will continue the third Saturday of the month brunch from 10 to Noon, but will be on a limited un-scheduled basis for Friday dinners. We will help, when we are able. Most S.A.L. members work till 5pm and dinners require early afternoon preparation. As you can see, this schedule presents limited S.A.L. resources to make this event happen. This is why it is imperative that every 268 member be on the Chris Willard email list for weekly updates on food and entertainment schedules. If you can help please see Food Chair Maureen McCaw. 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 are now available. Get your dues in now to qualify as an Early Bird and to enjoy the Post EB picnic on Saturday September 30th Noon to 3pm. \$5 for members and \$6 for guests featuring traditional picnic food, draft beer and sodas. Hope it is sunny! Please park in the County garage as lot parking will be limited. Your S.A.L. can always use new members of any age! 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 Post Adjutant 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, and the dinner program schedule in flux, the only immediate way to communicate is to get on the "Chris List". Email her at: [chris1939@verizon.net](mailto:chris1939@verizon.net) and get weekly event and food notices automatically. 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 or postponements.

Food wise: The S.A.L. will continue the third Saturday of the month brunch from 10 to Noon. 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 Mark Ruhl, Donnie Habas, Terry Keys, and Kenny G. for help in removing the deceased Cherry memorial tree on the corner of the Post garden. It was planted in the mid 90's to honor those who perished in the Oklahoma government building terrorist bombing. We hope to plant a new tree that will be a fitting replacement to serve as a memorial of that national tragedy. All S.A.L. members are encouraged to help out at the Post and in their communities as American Legion ambassadors of good will.

Next meetin' in Wheaton, Tuesday, September 5th at 7pm. Please plan to attend as we kick off the 2018 season!! Right hand salute to Commander Ed McCaw for being our great Commander again for 2018. We appreciate all you have and will do Sir!! Always 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! We wish you a Happy and safe Labor Day!

Jim Cavender  
S.A.L. Post 268, Vice Commander  
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EARLY BIRD PICNIC  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 12 NOON TILL 3:00 pm  
BE AN EARLYBIRD, RNEW YOUR DUES NOW!!  
SEE:  
POST AND SAL SANDY SMITH 301/946-3268  
UNIT LINDA SARKISIAN 301/602-5276

## AUXILIARY NEWS

I hope all are ready to get to work as we start the first meeting of the new Auxiliary year.

We will be doing our budget and we need to raise the money to fund it.

We are collecting small stuffed animals [Beanie babies] and socks for prizes for the carnival at Charlotte Hall. Also school supplies for needy kids in our community. Boxes for both are in the back room.

We will be going to the carnival this month and have a game for about 130 residents to play and then they will get a prize. Always fun for all. We will also be going to the VA nursing Home to assist with the residents in playing Bingo, usually about 20 or so, and then serving them refreshments.

Fall Conference this year is in Boonsboro. This is where we learn of all the project the Department has planned for the year. Our member Linda Sarkisian is 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Department. Congratulations Linda, we will all support her and the programs for the year.

The Unit will be doing the salad bar for the Friday night dinners each week. It will take a couple of hours on Friday afternoon once a month. If you can help here please see me, email or call. Thanks.

We ware now collecting dues for the 2017-18 year. Dues are \$30 and should be made out to ALA Unit 268 and sent to Linda Sarkisian,

2813 Peregoy Dr, Kensington, MD 20895.

Chaplain Lynne would like to know of any member who is sick, in the hospital, or just needs a cherry note. Call her at 301 807 1495.

### **Dates to remember**

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Ex meeting 7 pm.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> bake Sale

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Bake sale 5-8 pm.

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Coupon clipping 6 pm.

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Coupon clipping and pizza

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Unit meeting 7 pm.

Sept. 19<sup>t</sup> Unit meeting 7 pm.

Lets have a big turnout for our meetings, we have much to do for our veterans and our community.

Christine Williard, President

chris1939@verizon.net 301 649 2709.

***FLY YOUR AMERICAN FLAG WITH PRIDE  
IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS  
THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE PAST,  
THOSE WHO ARE SERVING IN THE PRESENT,  
AND THOSE WHO WILL BE SERVING IN THE FUTURE!!!!***

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# SEPTEMBER 2017

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NO DINNER LABOR DAY WEEKEND	2 NO BRUNCH LABOR DAY WEEKEND
3 NASCAR 6 PM DARLINGTON	4 LABOR DAY	5 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	6	7  DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	8 SAL DINNER  UNIT BAKE SALE  POCKET CHANGE 8:00 to 11:00	9 JEWBUSY BRUNCH  Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00
10 REDSKINS VS EAGLES-FEDEX 1:00 PM	11  Pool League	12	13	14 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM  UNIT COUPON CLIPPING	15 NO DINNER POST 41 CRABLEGS  MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 TO 11:00	16 SAL BRUNCH  OPEN JUKEBOX
17 REDSKINS AT RAMS 3:00 PM  NASCAR CHICAGO	18  Pool League	19 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	20	21  DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	22 JEWBUSY DINNER  MIKE & SAX 8:00 TO 11:00	23 NO BRUNCH POST 41 CRAB FEAST Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
24 REDSKINS VS RAIDERS 2:00 PM  NASCAR NEW HAMPSHIRE	25  Pool League	26 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	27	28	29 ROY & TEAM DINNER  JACKSON DEAN 8:00 TO 11:00	30 NO BRUNCH  "EARLY BIRD" PICNIC 12:00 – 3:00

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## *SUPERBOWL PARTY*

Super Bowl Party 2017/2018: There are still Super Bowl squares left. The Super Bowl is February 4, 2018. The party will be held a WEEK EARLY. The date will be Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. The time 5:00 pm till 8:00 pm. Menu will be same as last year. It will be again \$100. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please e-mail me at [lindasarkisian@yahoo.com](mailto:lindasarkisian@yahoo.com). When paying by check, please enter in memo on check the name that should go on Super Bowl grid. If paying by cash, please attach a note to cash with participating person name. The pool is open to all including those who are not a member of post. You may have more than one square. PLEASE contact me as soon as possible if you are interested!! You can have the same square as last year if you let me know by November 1, 2017. After that the squares will be assigned by a lottery.

Linda Sarkisian, Chairperson (301/602-5276)

# OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NASCAR 2:00 PM	2 MON NITE FOOTBALL REDSKINS AT CHIEFS 8:30PM Pool League	3 S.A.L. MEETING 7:00 PM	4	5 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	6 SAL DINNER UNIT BAKE SALE POCKET CHANGE 8:00 TO 11:00	7 JEWBUSY BRUNCH OPEN JUKEBOX
8 REDSKINS BYE NASCAR 2:00 PM	9 Columbus Day Pool League	10	11	12 POST EXEC. MEETING 7:30 PM UNIT COUPON Clipping 6:00	13 JEWBUSY DINNER MOTOR DRIVEN 8:00 TO 11:00	14 SAL BRUNCH Karaoke w/Alan Faulk 8:00 to 12:00
15 REDSKINS VS 49ERS FEDEX 1:00 PM NASCAR 2:00 PM	16 Pool League	17 UNIT BUS. MEETING 7:00 PM	18	19 DAN & LYNN 7:30 PM	20 NO DINNER POST 41 CRAB LEGS MIKE & SAX 8:00 TO 11:00	21 NO BRUNCH- VFW 2562 CRAB FEAST OPEN JUKEBOX
22 NASCAR 3:00 PM	23 MON NITE FOOTBALL REDSKINS AT EAGLES 8:30 PM POOL LEAGUE	26 POST BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 PM	25	26	27 MARK RUHL & TEAM BACK-IN-TIME BAND 8:00 to 11:00	28 GUY & TEAM BRUNCH Karaoke w/Mike Brooks 8:00 to 12:00 Mid
29 REDSKINS VS COWBOYS FEDEX 4:25 PM NASCAR 3:00 PM	30 Pool League	31				

***“LEAST WE FORGET!!”***

On September 11, 2001, at 8:45 a.m. on a clear Tuesday morning, an American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. The impact left a gaping, burning hole near the 80th floor of the 110-story skyscraper, instantly killing hundreds of people and trapping hundreds more in higher floors. As the evacuation of the tower and its twin got underway, television cameras broadcasted live images of what initially appeared to be a freak accident. Then, 18 minutes after the first plane hit, a second Boeing 767—United Airlines Flight 175—appeared out of the sky, turned sharply toward the World Trade Center and sliced into the south tower near the 60th floor. The collision caused a massive explosion that showered burning debris over surrounding buildings and the streets below. America was under attack. As millions watched the events unfolding in New York, American Airlines Flight 77 circled over downtown Washington, D.C., and slammed into the west side of the Pentagon military headquarters at 9:45 a.m. Jet fuel from the Boeing 757 caused a devastating inferno that led to the structural collapse of a portion of the giant concrete building. All told, 125 military personnel and civilians were killed in the Pentagon, along with all 64 people aboard the airliner. Meanwhile, a fourth California-bound plane—United Flight 93—was hijacked about 40 minutes after leaving Newark International Airport in New Jersey. Because the plane had been delayed in taking off, passengers on board learned of events in New York and Washington via cell phone and Airfone calls to the ground. Knowing that the aircraft was not returning to an airport as the hijackers claimed, a group of passengers and flight attendants planned an insurrection. The passengers fought the four hijackers and are suspected to have attacked the cockpit with a fire extinguisher. The plane then flipped over and sped toward the ground at upwards of 500 miles per hour, crashing in a rural field in western Pennsylvania at 10:10 a.m. All 45 people aboard were killed. Its intended target is not known, but theories include the White House, the U.S. Capitol, the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland or one of several nuclear power plants along the eastern seaboard. **LET US NEVER FORGET THIS SAD DAY IN HISTORY!!!**

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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
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- 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.

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 (Signature of Applicant)

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 (Signature of Recruiter)