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# The 268'er

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## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

*Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members:*

Spring is right around the corner and a lot has happened since the last time we talked. The dinners have been a big success. The SAL's Lasagna and Chicken Florentine dinners have been a smash hit with the members. The Unit has been instrumental as well in orchestrating their dinners as well especially the Corn Beef and Cabbage for St. Patrick's Day. The Post has provided good Tuna Salad Subs and good Italian Subs. Mark my words the Post will continue to improve when it comes to providing quality dinners for its members. I would also like to thank a of the SAL for providing the outstanding brunches every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. I especially want to thank Sean and Kevin McGovern for their help with this.

The Hall Rentals continue to be a great success and is providing great revenue for the Post. Linda Sarkisian and Jane Martin have been doing an excellent job when it comes to the Hall Rentals. The Hall Rentals are going to need some additional help that is why I am calling on volunteers to help with the Hall Rentals.

The Bands and Karaoke have been a tremendous success on March 4, 2022 Motor Driven rocked the house. On March 11, 2022 Tossin' and Turnin' had all of us a tossing and a turning! On March 18, 2022 Pat Stover and Friends played in to the night. On March 25, 2022 Groove Quest played a good groove. On April 1<sup>st</sup>. A new band, "Joint Effort" played. They "electrified the crowd" with a varied setlist of unique and danceable songs. On April 8, 2022 Intonation provided exciting entertainment for us all. On April 15, 2022 the Colliders excited the crowd. "The Paulverizers" (exceptional blues) played April 23rd and loved by all! Crosstown Funk (popular 70's variety band) played April 24<sup>th</sup> had everyone dancing. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Suzanne Brindamour, - all original folk/rock, played. What a voice! Please continue to support these great bands.

On March 23, 2022 the Post Everlasting Ceremony was held honoring the Post, Unit and SAL members that have passed in the year 2020 and 2021. The ceremony was conducted by Adjutant Scott Schlesinger, Linda Sarkisian, Jane Martin and me. The ceremony was well received and we received a great letter from Congresswoman Connie Morella ,who was our U. S. Representative for many years, was very grateful and appreciative of us for conducting this ceremony.

On Tuesday April 6, 2022 I represented Post 268 at the Navy JROTC Change of Command Ceremony which was held at John F. Kennedy High School in Wheaton, Maryland. About 15 organizations were represented. The ceremony was exciting and I was very impressed with the Drill Team. We presented two awards at the ceremony. One was for Military Excellence and the other was for Scholastic Achievement. I would like to thank Commander Lawrence Bateman for inviting our Post to participate in such a great event. I plan to attend this event for many years to come.

We currently stand a little over 90% of our membership goal for the 2021-2022 Legion year. Which is a little under our goal of 92%. This is an improvement from last year. If you haven't sent in your dues (\$45) as of yet, please get it to the Post in order to avoid any lapse in membership in the organization that's the biggest advocate for Veteran Rights and Benefits in the US. That fight for Veteran's benefits has not stopped during the past year and we need your help to continue the Legion's advocacy for you and every Veteran who has ever honorably served in the US Armed Forces.

Nominations for Post Officer and Executive Committee positions have started. If you are interested in taking up a leadership position in the Post, then please attend the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30PM in the upstairs lounge and express your interest, or come to me personally and let me know if you have

any intentions in assisting in the running of Post 268. New members are STRONGLY and HIGHLY encouraged to take up the mantle of leadership in our Post. New ideas are definitely welcome.

The Exercise with Russ Class has been building up with new members and interest. I can attest because I have attended the last three sessions. I think overall the workouts are great for flexibility. I would definitely encourage everyone to attend. I would like to thank Russ for his instruction.

The SAL will be hosting a Kentucky Derby party on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 5:00PM. Burgers, Dogs, and Chicken will be served. We will also be serving Mint Juleps which I think is going to be an instant hit.

On Monday, May 30, 2022 at 11:00AM the Memorial Day Ceremony is going to be hosted by the Post. Roy Ignacio, Russ Wood are preparing for this event as I am speaking. Commander Lawrence Bateman from the Navy JROTC Unit in Wheaton, MD will be our guest speaker. If you are interested in this event please contact me.

In conclusion we are heading into the homestretch of this year and I want to finish strong. Lets continue to do what we have been doing all year as a Post and close out the year.

Very Respectfully,

Patrick Cuff  
Post 268 Commander

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~ CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN ~  
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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.

Pray for all who are on sick call and who need our prayers.

**IN MEMORIAM**

*In Memory of "Judge" & Pat McCaw~*

*By The McCaw Family (3/23)*

*In Memory of "Blackie" and Vonda Sarkisian*

*By the Sarkisian Family (6/23)*

*In Memory of Mason "Mad dog" Wager*

*By sister Kaye (03/32)*

**IN MEMORIAM**

*In Memory of Joe Storer*

*By the Storer Family (09/23)*

*In Memory of Edward & Sheila Beall J. Shaw*

*By Mack E. Beall*

*In Memory of Dennis Lee Krisko*

*By The Krisko Family (12/22)*

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If anyone knows of any members who have passed away, please contact the Adjutant –  
E-mail address is [adjutant@alpost268.org](mailto:adjutant@alpost268.org).

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

The S.A.L is saddened to announce the recent passing of two longtime members. Mike Haley & Ray Horwitz. Mike was a regular at the Post and Ray was a bartender here for many years. Both will be missed.

On a brighter note, our membership (new and returning members) is at 94%. We need 7 more dues-paying members to reach 100% by June 1<sup>st</sup>. This will achieve our 3-star membership goal for the Southern Maryland District. Current SAL membership is at 101. As always please refer any potential SAL member to myself or to another officer (and get your dues in for current members if you haven't yet).

The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is now working with a newly SAL purchased battery. The

wooden box that contains the AED has been moved to a more accessible place (under the phone near the Commander's office). Wheaton Rescue Squad will be contacted for volunteer training for interested parties.

The SAL is overseeing "[Operation USA](#)" Post 268 fundraising for Ukrainian refugees. 90 cents out of each dollar goes directly to regional (Poland and other Eastern European countries) communities. Please add to the donation jar at the bar. A check has been sent for \$124. The SAL will also contribute to this very worthy cause.

We are currently looking into the parking situation with the County. The goal is to get temporary passes for Legion weekend events. We will update on Facebook as to any progress. SAL members can now sign the Post daily book. 25 cents, sign your name and last 4 digits of your membership card. Daily drawings.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Saturday May 7th 5 – 8pm **Kentucky Derby Party**. SAL will provide the BBQ (hot dogs, hamburgers & chicken). Sides (sign-up sheet) are welcome. Donations to the SAL for the BBQ will be appreciated.

- Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> **Bob Allen's celebration party**. D.J. upstairs and a band downstairs. Open bar and catered.

- Dinners are continuing on most Friday's, brunches on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays. Until the end of June (at least - the Unit will most likely continue dinners into July).

- Bands every Friday and on the 4th Saturday of each month except for May (see FB AL Post 268 for event updates) until the end of July. Live music will pick back up after Labor Day.

- The much-needed new stove for the upstairs kitchen is slated for delivery sometime in August.

- **SAL Crab Feast** Saturday Sept. 24th 4-7pm. Details soon. Not too early to mark your calendar!

Tickets on sale beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> (price TBD). Please spread the word and let other non-profits know (Moose, Knights, Post 41 & 86 in particular).

**SAL office holders needed for 2022-2023 - Chaplain and Historian. Current Officers will carry over. Installation ceremony (Post, Unit & SAL) will be in June (date TBD).**

**Clint Sanford S.A.L Commander.**

## *An Invitation From Bob Allen*

As we all know, Bob Allen was a kind, considerate and generous man, who was honest and friendly to all. As time slipped away, he was not able to extend his well wishes to all or share a brew or bag of chips. So, he arranged to have a farewell party for all his friends. The party will be on Saturday 28 May 2022 as Bob Allen Day at Post 268; 11225 Fern Street; Silver Spring MD. A short program will begin at 6 pm with a few opening comments and an opportunity to share a memory.

The entertainment will begin at 7 pm in the downstairs hall with the Thrillbillys Band. Also, at 7 pm, you can sing with Dave the Karaoke Guy in the upstairs entertainment area. In the pool room area, you will be greeted by Crystal a well-known, local, clairvoyant. She will offer Tarot Card reading, palm reading, and more.

Both bars will be fully open. Catered food will be plentiful and delicious throughout the evening. It will be a grand time for all who have known Bob -no tickets are required. Bob was a member of American Legion Post 268, VFW Post 2562; Moose Lodge 1775, several Masonic Lodges, many other fraternal organizations, and a true friend of American Legion Post 41.

If you would like to visit with Bob before the festivities at Post 268, you can stop by the Gate of Heaven Cemetery located at 13801 Georgia Avenue; between 4:30 and 5:30 pm. Veer left upon entry at the main gate and look for a car with balloons attached. No tickets/RSVP required.

*For more information, please contact Dan Bullis at (703) 307-0074*

## **WHEATON UNIT 268**

First, I would like to say I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Well, Spring has finally sprung and you know what that means. Time to spring clean and get rid of those clothes and items in your house that you no longer want. Bring them to the Legion and drop them in the box as you come into the door and we will take your items to Shepard's Table. Spring is also a time where we work on our yards, whether we have a garden or just mow our lawn. Speaking of gardens, both the Auxiliary and the SAL has a garden outside the front door of the Legion. If you have a green thumb – you can help us spruce it up. Our Unit food drive is still ongoing. Bring nonperishables to the box inside the front door. We are still collecting school supplies and Luggage.

The Last two months have been busy. On March 3. A few unit members went to the day for God and Country, where Linda Sarkisian, Southern Maryland District Chaplain, had a part in a very lovely service which honored God and our great country and the four Chaplains. The service was followed by a good lunch. On March 19, Christine Williard and Linda Sarkisian attended Unit 19 Junior meeting, in Baltimore, to show the juniors how to make our felt poppies. If you haven't noticed, the unit members have been wearing them. If you would like one, let us know. Since May is Poppy month, we would like to see you wear one. A Poppy luncheon will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> to honor our veterans. It will be free to the veterans and \$5 for all other guests. Veterans, Come and be honored and share your story. Unit members got together and made some poppy plaques to hand out to the veterans.

Our dinners are still going well. We had a St Patrick's day theme in March and served Corn beef and cabbage. The dinner was enjoyed by all. A St. Patrick day wreath made by Christine Williard was raffled off. Tickets were sold for a raffle for a throw donated by Pat McCaw family. Proceeds for this raffle will be going to St. Andrews Catholic School in Pat's memory. The winner of the throw was drawn at the April dinner which was David Leslie's wife. The donation was in the amount of \$212.00. On March 26, we had a very lovely joint Post everlasting service to honor all the Legion members/Unit members/SAL members that passed away within the past two years. After the service, a very nice meal was served by the Unit members. Everyone did an excellent job in the presentation of the service and I was glad to see so many people in attendance. I was especially honored to meet our former Congressional Representative of Montgomery County Connie Morella at the service. In April, We had a dinner. As usual the food was enjoyed by all that came. An Easter wreath made by Christine Williard was raffled and won by Stephanie Coburn. Stephanie donated the wreath back to the unit to be given away as a prize for the Easter Party. The Easter Party was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and it was a great time for everyone. We had 17 children and approximately 20 or more adults in attendance. The Children had fun coloring eggs, playing games, and having a Easter egg hunt, Hot dogs and chips were served along with cookies and cupcakes. There was a special appearance of the Easter Bunny in which the children met and goody bags were handed out by him. I want to thank everyone who help me make this event successful.

*Memorial day is May 30, and a service will be held on that day in Veterans Park. A Jewish War Veteran of the USA wreath made by Jane Martin will be donated to the post on Memorial day and presented to Scott Schlesinger, so he can present this wreath at the ceremony. I hope to see everyone at the service.*

*Jane Martin, Unit President*

## **ARMED FORCES DAY**

On May 21, the Unit would like to invite all veterans to a luncheon downstairs at post. The luncheon will begin at 1:00. Veterans will be our guest, all others will pay \$5.00. All are invited. Please contact Geneva Foster @ 301/335-6784 with reservations. Any questions, please contact Betty Walker @ 301/873-4994 or 301/460-1523. Armed Forces Day is a day to honor all Military Armed Forces. Please, join us to say THANK YOU to these brave VETERANS!!

| MAY 2022                                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                             |                                                      |                                                                            |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                             |
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| SUN                                                                                              | Monday                                                                                                             | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                            | Thursday                                                                   | Friday                                                                                                                             | Saturday                                                                                    |
| <b>1</b><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                        | <b>2 UNIT DINNER</b><br>RUBEN (\$8.00),<br>BLT, HAM AND<br>CHEESE \$7.00<br>WITH FRENCH<br>FRIES 5:30-8:00<br>POOL | <b>3</b><br><br>POST<br>CLOSED              | <b>4 SAL</b><br>Meeting<br>7:00pm                    | <b>5</b><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL  | <b>6 NO DINNER</b><br><br>LATE AS USUAL<br>7:30 TILL 10:30                                                                         | <b>7 SAT BRUNCH</b><br>10:00 – 12:00<br><br><b>KENTUCKY<br/>DERBY PARTY</b><br>5:00-8:00 PM |
| <b>8</b><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                        | <b>9</b><br><br>POOL                                                                                               | <b>10</b><br><br>POST<br>Closed             | <b>11</b><br><br>Executive<br>Meeting<br>6:30pm      | <b>12</b><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL | <b>13 UNIT DINNER</b><br>\$11.00<br>HAM STEAK<br><br>3-WHEEL DRIVE<br>7:30-10:30pm                                                 | <b>14</b><br><br>Karaoke w/<br>Alan Faulk<br><br>7:00-11:00                                 |
| <b>15</b><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASSES<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                     | <b>16 UNIT DINNER</b><br>OPEN FACE<br>ROAST BEEF<br>DINNER (\$8.00)<br>5:30-8:00<br><br>POOL                       | <b>17</b><br><br>POST<br>Closed             | <b>18</b><br><br>Unit<br>Business<br>Meeting<br>6:30 | <b>19</b><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL | <b>20 NO DINNER</b><br><br>TOSSING AND<br>TURNING<br>8:00-11:00pm                                                                  | <b>21 SAT BRUNCH</b><br>10:00 - 12:00<br><br>Salute to<br>veterans<br>luncheon<br>1:00 pm   |
| <b>22</b><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                       | <b>23 UNIT</b><br><br>POOL                                                                                         | <b>24</b><br><br>POST<br>Closed             | <b>25</b>                                            | <b>26</b><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL | <b>27 POST DINNER</b><br>\$8.00<br>COLD CUT/CHICKEN<br>SALAD SUBS WITH<br>FRENCH FRIES<br><br>CLOPPER ROAD<br>BAND<br>8:00-11:00pm | <b>28</b><br><br>BOB ALLEN'S<br>FAREWELL<br>PARTY<br><br>6:00 PM                            |
| <b>29</b><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL<br><hr/> Open 12-10pm | <b>30 MEMORIAL<br/>DAY SERVICES</b><br>Open 10:00 to<br>6:00<br>Open 4-11pm                                        | <b>31</b><br>POST<br>Closed<br><hr/> Closed | Open 1-8pm                                           | Open 1-10pm                                                                | Open 12pm-12am                                                                                                                     | Open 12pm-12am                                                                              |

**NEW ----- LIVE BAND 4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH!!!!**

*Please make plans to be with the Post family on Friday nights. Good, reasonable meals are offered, then great music in the lounge. All profit help the veteran and their families. See the calendar for the menu. Also, Unit offers dinner on the first and third Monday (5:30 till 8:00) of each month. Please don't forget, the SAL, they prepare breakfast the first and third Saturday (10:00 till 12:00).*

Free Taco bar Band night Sat., June 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30—Vegetarian version available.



| JUNE 2022                                                                         |                                                                           |                                     |                                                  |                                                                                        |                                             |                                                                                           |
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| Sunday                                                                            | Monday                                                                    | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                                        | Thursday                                                                               | Friday                                      | Saturday                                                                                  |
|                                                                                   |                                                                           |                                     | 1                                                | 2                                                                                      | 3<br>MOTOR DRIVEN<br>7:30-10:30pm           | 4<br>SAT Brunch<br>10am-1pm                                                               |
| 5<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                | 6 UNIT<br>DINNER<br>MEATLOAF<br>DINNER<br>\$8.00<br><br>POOL              | 7<br><br>POST Closed                | 8<br>SAL Meeting<br>7:00 pm                      | 9<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                     | 10<br>SR3<br>8:00-11:00pm                   | 11<br>Karaoke w/<br>Alan Faulk<br>7:00-11:00pm                                            |
| 12<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL               | 13<br><br>POOL                                                            | 14<br><br>POST Closed               | 15<br><br>POST<br>Executive<br>Meeting<br>6:30pm | 16<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                    | 17<br>LOOSE ENDS<br>BAND<br>8:00-11:00pm    | 18 SAT<br>BRUNCH<br><br>_____                                                             |
| 19<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL<br><br>EASTER | 20 UNIT<br>DINNER<br>SPAGHETTI<br>WITH<br>SAUSAGE\<br>MEATBALLS<br>\$8.00 | 21<br><br>POST Closed               | 22                                               | 23<br><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                | 24<br>NO PART OF<br>NOTHING<br>7:30-10:30pm | 25 Live Band<br><br>BEYOND THE<br>BLUES<br>8:00-11:00pm<br><br>Free Taco Bar<br>6:30-8:30 |
| 26<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HAL<br>-----       | 27<br><br>POOL<br><br>Open 4-11pm                                         | 28<br><br>POST Closed<br><br>Closed | 29<br><br>Open 1-8pm                             | 30<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL<br><br>Open 1-10pm | Open 12pm-12am                              | Open 12pm-12am                                                                            |

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## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 268 BOOSTERS**

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