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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

The dog days of Summer are about to be over and my favorite season is approaching! Yes, the Fall is about to be here. However, let me reflect on the Summer of 2022. First on June 20th the Unit hosted Spaghetti and Meatballs dinner. The Unit also will be having another Spaghetti and Meatballs dinner on August 22nd. I know that we cut back on dinners and brunches in the Summer but they are going to be back in the Fall.

The Hall Rentals continue to be a great success and is providing great revenue for the Post. Linda Sarkisian and her staff have been doing an excellent job when it comes to the Hall Rentals. There will be Hall rentals through out the Fall.

The Bands and Karaoke have been a tremendous success. On June 24th The No Part of Nothing Band rocked the house. On July 8th, the Marsh Brothers Band showed us what good music is about. On July 16th Strands Souls with the Quadpopheniace had everyone jumping. On July 23rd Alan Faulk's Band rocked the house and had everyone excited. Reggie Right Eye and the Missing Pieces Band played on July 29th. Alan Faulk has brought us excellent Karaoke services on July 9th and August 13th. Everybody was signing the night away. Many people were able to sing at least 5 times!

During the week of July 11-15 the Department of Maryland American Legion Convention was held in Ocean City, MD. The event started with a Fish Fry on Monday, July 11, 2022. On July 12, 2022 there were training classes and the Opening Ceremony. From July 13-15 is the Business Session were awards are given out and reports on various programs such as Americanism, Children and Youth and the National Security Report.

On July 23rd the Unit hosted the 100 Club Dinner. The dinner was a big success. The Master of Ceremony for the event was Unit President Jane Martin. There many different prizes given out at the Dinner including a gift basket of various liquors and \$500.00. The dinner raised a good amount for the Unit. I think that dinner sets a good precedent for future fundraisers. After the dinner a lot of people came up and attended Alan Faulk's band.

We are currently at 57% of our membership goal for the 2022-2023 Legion year. Which is over the standard of 50% at this time in the Legion 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.

The Exercise with Russ Class has been building up with new members and interest. I can attest because I have attended many of the sessions. I think overall the workouts are great for flexibility. I recently just bought new Bando Clubs. I would definitely encourage anyone to attend. I would like to thank Russ for his instruction and relentless dedication to Tai Chi and Bando.

Very Respectfully,
Patrick Cuff
Post 268 Commander



~ CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN ~

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 MEMORIAM

*In Memory of Joe Storer
By the Storer Family (09/23)*

*In Memory of "Blackie" and Vonda Sarkisian
By the Sarkisian Family (6/23)*

*In Memory of Edward & Sheila Beall J. Shaw
By Mack E. Beall*

*In Memory of Mason "Mad dog" Wager
By sister Kaye (03/32)*

*In Memory of Dennis Lee Krisko
By The Krisko Family (12/23)*

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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).

**No Prayer Goes Unheard**

Often we pause and wonder when we kneel down to pray,  
Can God really hear the prayers that we say...  
But if we keep praying and talking to Him,  
He'll brighten the soul that was clouded and dim,  
And as we continue, our burden seems lighter,  
Our sorrow is softened and our outlook is brighter,  
For though we feel helpless and alone when we start,  
Our prayer is the key that opens the heart,  
And as our heart opens the dear Lord comes in  
And the prayer that we felt we could never begin  
Is so easy to say for the Lord understands  
And gives us new strength by the touch of His Hands.

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**A PRAYER TO CARRY WITH YOU**

Dear Lord,  
**GIVE ME** the wisdom to lead and the humility to follow.

**GRANT ME** the dedication to work untiringly for our veterans, service men & women, their families, our youth and our communities.

**TEACH ME** to be the best that I can be, for myself and others around me.

**FILL Me** with the strength, the courage and the willingness to do the job I am asked to do.

**HELP ME** to believe in truth, speak out for justice, defend the flag and uphold the American ideals that make our country the wonderful land that it is. Amen

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Summer is almost over and I hope everyone had some time to pause & enjoy. Our long-delayed membership cards are finally here (see Scott for your card). Members of the National Guard and Military Reserves are now eligible to join the Post. If you know anyone who may be interested direct them to Commander Patrick Cuff or Post Finance Officer Scott.

Although the months of July & August have been laid-back we were still busy with projects and activities. The new stove for the upstairs kitchen was delivered in July. The S.A.L was able to assemble and install it after some considerable effort. The new stove will be a tremendous help with future dinners and events. Thanks to the S.A.L. members who helped and to the Unit who covered the costs. The S.A.L. was able to help provide BBQ for a community event in August that helped underprivileged children receive much needed backpacks and school supplies. The event was sponsored by a local charity with support from the Unit & Post. Upcoming events include the Washington vs. Jacksonville 1pm game Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be food provided but everyone is encouraged to bring a dish. Bands will start up again after Labor Day on Friday nights beginning September 9<sup>th</sup> and on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month (except for October & holidays).

**S.A.L Crab Feast** tickets are now on sale. Saturday, September 24th 4 - 7pm. Now is the time to get your tickets. Crabs provided freshly steamed by **Hooper's of Ocean City**. All you can eat. Draft beer and sodas. Many excellent sides including Danny's homemade crab soup, corn on the cob, salads, hot dogs, sloppy joe's and more. All for the unbeatable price of \$55 a ticket (see the bartender). \$60 at the door. Non-crabbers \$25. Kids 12 and under are free. Outdoor seating provided weather permitting. Volunteers are needed to help with the feast. Alan Faulk's band **Livyn' Large** will play upstairs after the crab feast.

**Early Bird Picnic** Saturday October 29TH @ 2pm. Pay your dues early and it's free. Friday night dinners will pick up again starting with the S.A.L. Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 5 – 7:30pm. Hope you will come out and support these and other events.

### Clint Sandford S.A.L. Commander Post 268



**S.A.L. Post 268**  
*The Famous*  
**FALL CRAB FEAST!**  
**Saturday, Sept. 24, 4-7pm**

Crabs by Hooper's!  
**\$55** per person  
**\$25** no crabs

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

**American Legion Post 268, Wheaton, MD**  
**Lower Level Devlin Hall • Under 12 FREE**

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### EARLYBIRD PICNIC

*The Early Bird Picnic will be hosted at the Post Home on Saturday, October 29. The time-line will be 2:00 TILL 5:00pm. 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. The Unit will be sponsoring a Bake sale. So get your 2023 dues paid up and come out to join the Early Bird Flock that day for food, beverages, football/baseball watching, and camaraderie.*

**WHEATON UNIT 268**

Well, we finally reached that time of year- Fall. Fall is my favorite time of year. It's so beautiful, especially when the leaves turn colors on the trees. When I looked up Fall -it said Fall is known as a transitional period and a start of something new. They say the scent of fall is magical. I tend to believe all that. Speaking of Fall-Fall conference will be held at Solomons Inn and Resort and Marina on September 16 – 18<sup>th</sup> in Solomons, Md. Currently raffle tickets for 50/50 raffle are being sold now for \$1.00 per ticket, by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Md. Drawing will be on September 18 2022. Do not have to be present to win. See Jane Martin if you want to buy a ticket.

We will be starting our meetings back up in September. We will hold a Executive meeting on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 Pm. Our Business meeting will be held Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Pizza will be served AT 6:30. Bring dessert if you wish!! I'm hoping everyone can make it.

The Monday and Friday night dinners are back, so please come to all of them and show your support.

The Mardi Gras 100<sup>th</sup> Club on July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022 was very successful. I would like to thank everyone that help decorate and worked at the event. The winner of \$500 big money was Harold Sides Grandson. We are going to have game night on the second Thursday of the month so please come and join us, It should be fun.

On Saturday -October 22, we will be having a children's Halloween party from 2-5 for ages 0 to 15. Fliers and sign up sheets will be out soon. It is a ghost theme this year. If you know or have any children or grandchildren RSVP by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Come have fun with lots of games and activities. Food will be served. Contact Jane Martin at 301-351-8691.

The convention was held on the week of July 11-15 in Ocean City. The following people who attended was Linda Sarkisian, Geneva Foster, Patsy Alder, Terry Waters and Jane Martin. All had a great time. We received three certificate of Merit awards: Good Job.

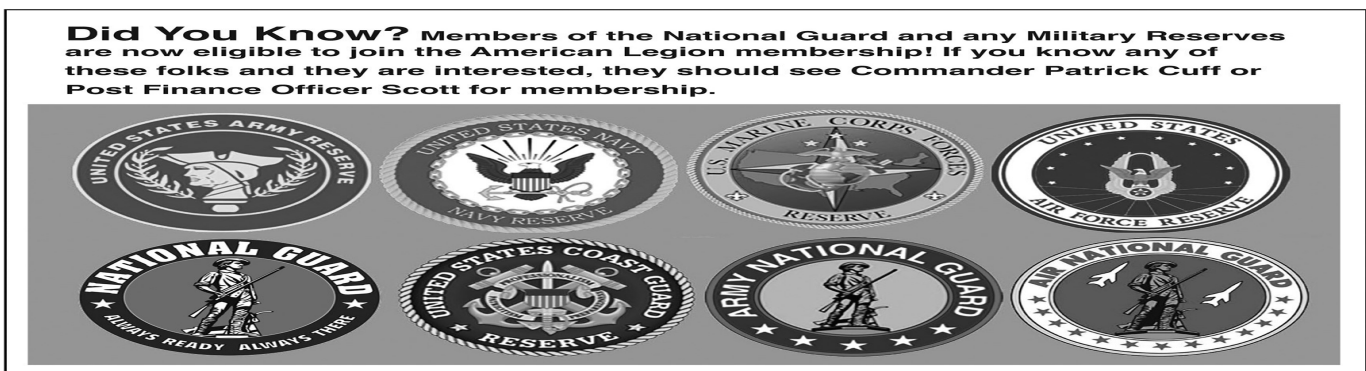
- 1. 2<sup>Nd</sup> Place Poppy
- 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Community Service
- 3. Girl State Governor -Saniya Molhoira

The Auxiliary held a community children's event on August 28 with a DJ and face painting. The children will be getting back packs and we will be giving them school supplies . Their coloring tables and many games. Hamburgers and hot dogs were served.

Membership renewals are due now in the amount of \$40, so please send them to Linda Sarkisian at 3117 Farnborough Ct., Silver Spring Md 20906. If you haven't paid your 2022 dues, send a check in the amount of \$30 to Linda.

Jane Martin  
Auxiliary President

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# SEPTEMBER 2022

| SUN                                                                                            | Monday                                                                                                      | Tuesday                                                                 | Wednesday                                                     | Thursday                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                                                                                    | Saturday                                                           |
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|                                                                                                |                                                                                                             |                                                                         |                                                               | <b>1</b><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                           | <b>2</b>                                                                                                                                                  | <b>3 SAL BRUNCH</b><br><br><b>10:00 TO 12:00</b>                   |
| <b>4</b><br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                     | <b>5</b><br><br><b>LABOR DAY</b><br><br><b>POST CLOSED</b>                                                  | <b>6</b><br><br>POST Closed                                             | <b>7</b><br><br><b>SAL MEETING</b><br><b>6:30</b>             | <b>8</b><br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                       | <b>9 UNIT DINNER</b><br><b>PORK LOIN</b><br><b>5:30—7:30</b><br><b>\$12.00</b><br><b>UNIT BAKE SALE</b><br><br><b>GROOVE QUEST</b><br><b>7:30-10:30pm</b> | <b>10</b><br><br>Karaoke w/<br>Alan Faulk<br><br><b>7:00-11:00</b> |
| <b>11</b><br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASSES<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                  | <b>12 UNIT DINNER</b><br><b>5:30-8:00</b><br><b>RUBENS -- MEATLOAF SANDWICHES</b><br><br><b>POOL</b>        | <b>13</b><br>POST Closed<br><br>Post Executive Meeting<br><b>6:30pm</b> | <b>14</b><br><br><b>UNIT EXECUTIVE MEETING</b><br><b>6:30</b> | <b>15 UNIT GAME NIGHT 6:00</b><br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL | <b>16</b><br><br><b>ZYDECO JED</b><br><b>7:30-10:30pm</b>                                                                                                 | <b>17 SAL BRUNCH</b><br><br><b>10:00 TO 12:00</b>                  |
| <b>18</b><br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                    | <b>19</b><br><br><b>POOL</b>                                                                                | <b>20</b><br><br>POST Closed                                            | <b>21</b><br><br><b>UNIT BUSINESS MEETING</b><br><b>6:30</b>  | <b>22</b><br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                      | <b>23</b><br><br><b>SR3</b><br><b>8:00-11:00pm</b>                                                                                                        | <b>24</b><br><br><b>LIVYN' LARGE</b><br><b>8:00 till 11:00</b>     |
| <b>25</b><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL<br><b>Open 12-10pm</b> | <b>26 UNIT DINNER</b><br><b>5:30-8:00</b><br><b>SPAGHETTI / SALAD</b><br><br><b>POOL</b><br><br>Open 4-11pm | <b>27</b><br><u>POST Closed</u><br><br>Closed                           | <b>28</b><br><br>Open 1-8pm                                   | <b>29</b><br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL<br><br>Open 1-10pm   | <b>30</b><br><br><b>FATHER TIME</b><br><b>8:00-11:00</b><br><br>Open 12pm-12am                                                                            | Open 12pm-12am                                                     |

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

*Unit offers dinner on the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Monday (5:30 till 8:00).  
Unit will offer dinner **SECOND** Friday (5:30 till 7:30) **ALSO BAKESALE!!***

*Beginning in October, SAL will offer dinner first Friday each month.*

# OCTOBER 2022

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                 | Monday                                                                                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                | Wednesday                                                    | Thursday                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                                               | Saturday                                                                                                       |
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|                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                        |                                                              |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                      | <b>1 SAL BRUNCH</b><br><b>10:00 TO 12:00</b>                                                                   |
| <b>2</b><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                                                                                 | <b>3</b><br><br><b>POOL</b>                                                                                                                                                | <b>4</b><br><br>POST Closed                                            | <b>5</b><br><br><b>SAL Meeting</b><br><b>7:00 pm</b>         | <b>6</b><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                       | <b>7 SAL DINNER</b><br><b>CALL POST FOR MENU</b><br><br><b>THE COLLIDERS</b><br><b>7:30-10:30</b>                                    | <b>8</b><br><br><b>Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk</b><br><br><b>7:00-11:00</b>                                          |
| <b>9</b><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                                                                                 | <b>10 UNIT DINNER</b><br><br><b>HOT ROAST BEEF</b><br><b>\$9.00</b><br><br><b>POOL</b>                                                                                     | <b>11</b><br>POST Closed<br><br>POST Business Meeting<br><b>6:30pm</b> | <b>12</b>                                                    | <b>13</b><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                      | <b>14 UNIT DINNER</b><br><b>HAM STEAK</b><br><b>\$12.00</b><br><b><u>BAKE SALE!!</u></b><br><br><b>ILY AIMY</b><br><b>8:00-11:00</b> | <b>15</b><br><br><b>SAL BRUNCH</b><br><br><b>10:00 TO 12:00</b>                                                |
| <b>16</b><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                                                                                | <b>17</b><br><br><b>POOL</b>                                                                                                                                               | <b>18</b><br><br>POST Closed                                           | <b>19</b><br><br><b>UNIT BUSINESS MEETING</b><br><b>6:30</b> | <b>20 UNIT GAME NIGHT 6:00</b><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL | <b>21</b><br><br><b>GOD'S FAVORITE BAND</b><br><b>7:30-10:30</b>                                                                     | <b>22</b><br><br><b>NO BAND</b>                                                                                |
| <b>23</b><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HAL<br>-----<br><b>30 EASY EXERCISE CLASS</b><br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HAL | <b>24 UNIT DINNER</b><br>DEEP FRIED CHICKEN WINGS- SANDWICHES/ FRENCH FRIES<br><b>\$9.00</b><br><b>POOL</b><br>-----<br><b>31 HALLOWEN!!</b><br><b>POOL</b><br>Open 4-11pm | <b>25</b><br><br>POST Closed<br><br>Closed                             | <b>26</b><br><br>Open 1-8pm                                  | <b>27</b><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>7:00<br>DEVLIN HALL<br><br>Open 1-10pm   | <b>28</b><br><br><b>THE REILY-GOULAIT BAND</b><br><b>8:00-11:00</b><br><br>Open 12pm-12am                                            | <b>29</b><br><br><u>EARLYBIRD PICNIC</u><br><u>2:00-5:00</u><br><br><b>FUN FOR ALL!!</b><br><br>Open 12pm-12am |

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