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# The 268'er

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## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

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

Welcome to the Fall which is my favorite season of the year. These past months have been very action-packed with many different events. The first event during the month of September was the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 ceremony. The ceremony was hosted by Linda Sarkisian and featured speeches from Unit President Jane Martin, SAL Commander Clint Sanford, Past Commander Ed McCaw, and myself. The Crab Feast was a huge success and I would like to thank Clint Sanford, Jim Cavender, Sean and Kevin McGovern and the rest of the SAL for the great effort they put into planning and hosting this event. I received nothing but positive feedback from all who attended and spoke to me during and after the feast.

I would also like to thank Linda Sarkisian for bringing back evening dinners. This is a bolt of energy that our Post needed. The Early Bird picnic was held on Saturday, October 16 from 2:00 to 5:00PM. The event was a success and I would like to thank the Post, Unit, and SAL for pulling this off despite the fact that the weather failed to cooperate. The members of Unit 268 contributed their time and unselfish efforts to the picnic and significantly aided in its smooth running and going off without a hitch. I especially would like to thank Legion member Ryan Gordon and his staff of the Queen Vic British Pub for the donations and the catering of the event. They were instrumental in every way. Please plan to visit them sometime at their H Street NE, DC location. I would also like to thank my First-Vice Russ Wood and Second-Vice Roy Ignacio for helping out with the picnic.

Veteran's Day, November 11, is coming and if anyone is interested in helping out the VFW with the ceremony (setting up chairs at Veterans Park, etc.), please let me know. Last, but certainly not least, we are making plans for the Army/Navy football game to have a Chili-Cookoff. Details are to follow in the weekly emails and FB site.

Patrick Cuff, Post 268 Commander

### **Bar Chairman**

We are attempting to update our bar menu. You may notice now and, in the future, various new items on our bar menu to include Taquitos and Chicken Sandwiches. The Taquitos have proven to be a very popular item upon being introduced at the Post. Of course, our usual fare of Legion Dogs, Cheeseburgers, and BBQ sandwiches are all still available along with various sundries. So, if you're in a rush and didn't have time to get a proper nutritious meal at home, please remember that your Post Home has an alternative for you. Your friendly Post bartenders are here to fix something up for you and provide you with the best service on Fern Street.

Ed McCaw     **Bar Chairman**



## S.A.L. Newsletter November/December 2021

It is with sadness and sorrow to report that S.A.L. member Donnie Habas has recently passed. Donnie was always there to help and was a very kind human being. Many members of the Post can attest to Donnie's support for 268 as well as not hesitating to help out individuals when asked. Donnie will be missed but not forgotten. A memorial service will be held at the Post in December. Details will be with email and on the AL Post 268 FB page.

The S.A.L. crab feast on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> was a success and we made a profit. Thanks to the many volunteers that worked very hard to make this happen. This was the only public crab feast in the area. That alone would have made it a success in these challenging times. The crabs & sides were excellent and everyone seemed to have enjoyed the event. Discussions and constructive suggestions for improvement were noted during the October 6<sup>th</sup> S.A.L. meeting. Some positive changes will be implemented at next year's crab feast.

First Friday night dinner was held on October 1<sup>st</sup> and also worked out well. However, we need more S.A.L. members to help out. If you can spare a couple hours of your time on the first Friday evening of the month it would be much appreciated.

Our S.A.L. SMR (Southern Maryland Region) Commander Gary Shupe attended the meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Gary explained the new membership dues with the online program called MyLegion.org and other information. Scott Schlesinger will still process all dues submitted to Post 268. There will be updates if anything changes with that. If you haven't submitted your 2022 dues, please get that in to Scott soon.

The Early Bird Picnic bottle raffle went well and we had a claiming winner. Again – much thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the picnic; donated to the basket and volunteered to sell tickets.

Upcoming events:

- S.A.L. Brunch 10am – 12 noon on the first & third Saturday of each month
- Bands every Friday 7:30 – 10:30 pm except for holidays (see the AL 268 FB page for band names, dates, Karaoke dates and Friday night dinners)
- Army/Navy Game Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> 3 – 7 pm. Chili Cook off. PRIZES. Details soon but sign up at the Post if you'd like to enter the contest and/or submit a side.

Hope to see you. You can search "AL Post 268" on FB for more updated news and detailed events.

Best wishes for the Holidays!

Clint Sandford.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**  
**HUG A VET!!!**  
**SAY "THANK YOU"**

## Unit Newsletter November/December 2021

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Unit member, Rita Raider. She had been a member of Unit 268 for 42 years. May she rest in peace.

I Can't believe how fast this year has gone. The Unit has been keeping busy. I have been busy making my wreaths for my president project, so if anyone would like me to make them one contact me at 301-351-8691.

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are approaching soon and people will be celebrating them with their families and friends. There are homeless people and the unfortunate people that don't have any family or friends. This is where we can help as a Legion Family. Lets' make a difference in these peoples' lives. Bring your food items in and place them in the bins when you come into the post. Linda delivers them to MANNA in Gaithersburg. She delivers the food the first Wednesday of every month. Manna's mission is to end hunger through food distribution, education, and advocacy. Together with their tremendous volunteers, donors, and partners they are fighting hunger, feeding hope, and helping our neighbors get back on their feet. Our food drive is our way of giving back.

November brings us to Education week. We are still collecting school supplies. The box for the school supplies is located in the back room where the pool tables are. We are also collecting gently used and new Luggage for the department youth project . They will be delivered to a foster home in Lanham. Many of the children have nothing but a plastic bag to carry their belongs in. Contact Linda Sarkisian at 301/602-5276 to make arrangements for her to receive the suitcases. She is collecting all sizes.

Another Box, we will be accepting unwrap toys for children and wrap presents labeled man or woman for the nursing home. This year the post Christmas tree will look a little different. Besides the beautiful lights, we will be decorating the tree with children hats, gloves, socks, scarves, etc. They will all be donated to homeless children and children in need. Remember the teenagers, they need to keep warm also. Bring them in and hang them on the tree.

Our dinners and bake sales are going well. The Early Bird Picnic along with the unit bake sale and raffle and mini sale was a success. The food at the picnic was delicious. Hall rentals are doing great. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30, the Unit will be getting together to stuff pocket books . We need small items such as shampoo, tooth paste, soap, etc. Please donate if you can. Unit will serve pizza to those who help!!

In December the Unit is planning a Christmas dinner on December 15, at 6:30 pm at the Baronessa Restaurant in Rockville. Rsvp for the dinner by December 8 to Jane Martin 301-351-8691 so she can make reservations.

The Unit will be having a new wall soon so when it's done come check it out. It will be located in the room where the bands play. Just a note: I have been disappointed with the turn out for our Unit meetings so for the coming meetings I hope to see more unit members attend. The next meeting is Wednesday November 17 so hope to see you there. If you need a ride let us know.

Jane Martin      Auxiliary President

# NOVEMBER 2021

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 UNIT DINNER Chicken Wings/F. F. \$8.00 5:30-8:00	2 POST Closed	3 SAL Meeting 7:00pm	4	5 SAL Dinner Pork Chops 5:30-7:30  Hardwire 7:30-10:30	6 SAL Brunch 10am-12pm
7 Legion Region Meeting 12-3:00pm End DST	8 UNIT DINNER HOMEMADE SOUP/ SANDWICH \$7.00 5:30-8:00	9 POST Closed	10 Marine Corps Birthday	11 Veterans Day	12 NO DINNER  3-Wheel Drive 7:30-10:30pm	13 Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk 7:00-11:00pm
14	15	16 POST Closed	17 Executive Meeting (Upstairs) Unit Business Meeting 6:30	18	19 UNIT DINNER Stuffed Chicken Breast \$11.00 The Colliders 7:30-10:30pm	20 SAL Brunch 10am-12pm
21	22	23 POST Closed	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving Post Closed	26 NO DINNER  No Band	27 Karaoke w/ Blinkie 7:00-11:00pm
28  Open 12-10pm	29 Happy Hanukkah  Open 4-11pm	30 POST Closed  Closed	Open 1-8pm	Open 1-10pm	Open 12pm-12am	Open 12pm-12am

## UNIT WAYS AND MEANS

Unit dinners are in full swing but some dates have been changed because of the holidays. Time changed from 5:00 to 5:30 on Mondays. Post doesn't open till 4:00 and we just couldn't be ready to serve at 5:00!! I'm open to suggestions for both the Monday and Friday dinner. No dinners the last two weeks of December!!

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# DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SAL Meeting 7:00pm	2	3 SAL Dinner Southwest Tuna Casserole 5:30-7:30 \$11.00 Low Key 7:30-10:30pm	4  SAL Brunch 10am-12pm
5	6 UNIT DINNER 5:30-8:00 SPAGHETTI \$8.00	7  POST Closed	8  POST Executive Meeting 6:30pm	9	10 UNIT DINNER 5:30-7:30 HAM STEAK \$11.00  SR3 7:30-10:30pm	11  Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk 7:00-11:00pm
12	13	14  POST Closed	15	16	17  Loose Ends 7:30-10:30pm	18  SAL Brunch 10am-12pm
19	20	21  POST Closed	22	23	24  Christmas Eve No Band  *Open 12-6:00pm	25  Merry Christmas (Post Closed)
26  ----- 3  Open 12-10pm	27  Open 4-11pm	28  POST Closed  Closed	29  Open 1-8pm	30  Open 1-10pm	31  No Band  Open Jukebox  Open 12pm-12am	Open 12pm-12am

There are five Past Presidents of Wheaton Unit 268. Louise Connor, Linda Sarkisian, Cathy Williams, Christine Williard and Jane Martin. We are seeking Gold Star wives, Mothers, etc. You do not need to be a member of the American Legion Family. Remember the Gold Star is reserved for families of military members who have died in the line of duty, its meant to honor the service member's ultimate sacrifice while acknowledging their family's loss, grief and continued healing. Please contact me if you or you know of someone who has lost a loved one serving our country. We, the Past Presidents, would like to do something special for them. Thank You.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to its expiration. To become a Booster or to renew your listing, see our Adjutant. Our “In Memory Of--” section works the same way. Thank you for your support.

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