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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

It is about to be Summer and the end of this Legion year is right around the corner. The dinners have been a continued success. The Post dinners have continued to improve. On April 18th the Unit had a Spaghetti and Meatballs dinner. On April 22nd the Post hosted a Subs and Fries dinner. On May 2nd the Unit served Reuben's, BLT, and Ham and Cheese Subs with Fries. On May 13th the Unit provided a Ham Steak dinner. On May 16th the Unit had an Open-Faced Roast Beef dinner. On May 27th the Post hosted another Subs and Fries dinner. On June 6th the Unit hosted a Meatloaf dinner. On June 10th the Unit hosted a Hot Dogs and Baked Beans dinner. Also on that night the Post hosted the Southern Maryland Region Commanders. Good times were had by everyone. The Unit will be hosting a Spaghetti and Meatballs dinner on June 20th.

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. Also there have been many vital improvements to the Hall since the last newsletter.

The Bands and Karaoke have been a tremendous success. On April 22nd, The Reily Goulet Band rocked the house. On April 23rd, Crosstown Funk had us dancing the night away. On April 29th, the Suzanne Brendamour Band played into the night. On May 6th, Late as Usual played very timely classics. On May 13th, Three Wheel Drive provided a very driven performance. On May 20th, we were a tossing and a turning with the Tossing and Turning Band. On May 27th, the Clopper Road Band rocked the house. On June 4th, Motor Driven provided an outstanding performance for the Post. On June 11th, we had an Open Jukebox Night which was a great success. On June 17th, Loose Ends will be performing at the Post. Alan Faulk has brought us excellent Karaoke services on April 9th, May 14th, and June 11th. Everybody was singing the night away. Many people were able to sing at least 5 times!

On April 26th, the Post had a celebration of Life Ceremony for Don Lithium. Many family members and friends attended the ceremony. The ceremony was conducted by Commander Patrick Cuff and Vice-Commander Russ Wood. I would also like to thank Linda Sarkisian and her staff for providing the refreshments for the ceremony. On May 28th, a Memorial Party was held for the Late Post Commander Bob Allen. The party consisted of an open bar, band, and a Prime Rib dinner. The party also consisted of Karaoke. Many of the guests were able to sing their favorite songs. Bob Allen's nephew Bob Allen came in all the way from Texas. About 200 people attended this extravaganza. The meeting was attended by District 5 Vice-Commander Melvin Graves. I would also like to thank Dan Bullis of Post 41 and Betty Walker of our own Unit for organizing this event.

On May 30th the Post hosted the Memorial Day Ceremony which was held at Wheaton Veterans Park. The Master of Ceremony for the event was Harold Sides. The Presentation of Colors was presented by the Kennedy High School Navy JROTC Color Guard. The National Anthem was sung by Cheryl Nagel. The Chaplain for the event was Bruce Davis. The guest speaker was Commander Lawrence M. Bateman who gave an outstanding Memorial Day speech. The Wreath Presentations were presented by the American Legion Post 268, the VFW Post, the Jewish American War Veterans, the American Legion Unit, the Sons of the American Legion. TAPS was played by Thomas Flester. I would like to thank everyone for help making this event possible.

We are 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.

On June 22nd, there an Officers Installation for the Post, Unit, and SAL at the Post at 7:00PM. Refreshments were served after the ceremonies. The incoming officers for the Post are as follows. Charles McGuire will be Sergeant-at-Arms. Vernon Vogel will be Second Vice Commander. Russ Wood will be First Vice-Commander. Patrick Cuff will be Commander.

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.

I would like to thank the SAL for throwing great parties for the Triple Crown. From the Kentucky Derby to the Belmont Stakes they were phenomenal. The Mint-Juleps as predicted were a great hit.

Upcoming events include a Post Executive Meeting on July 5th at 6:30PM. Wayne Stinchcomb of the VA is going to talk about the various veterans services that are offered through the VA. Also on July 11-15 the Department of Maryland American Legion Convention is going to be held in Ocean City, MD. On June 11th there will be a Fish Fry for everyone that is attending the convention. On June 12th there will be classes. On June 13th there will be the Post Everlasting. July 14th and July 15th awards will be given out at the convention. I will be at the convention from July 10-15. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the American Legion and have a great time.

One big tip I have for this Summer is to hydrate, hydrate, and hydrate. I could not stress that enough. Please be conscience of the heat while outside.

On another note I am continuing to work on trying to resolve the parking situation with Montgomery County so we do not have to have our members pay the hourly fees for parking which is hurting our business. One of the strategies is to try and get us parking spots in the parking garage so our customers would not have to pay for parking. I will keep you informed of this matter.

This Legion year we have hosted many different events. For the first time in a while dinners were back. We had bands practically playing every week, the Pool League playing every week, all the big events were covered from the Army vs. Navy game to Triple Crown Horse Racing. The Hall Rentals went on every week! Overall, not bad at all!

In conclusion we have finished this Legion Year very strong and I look forward to serving all of you this upcoming Legion Year.

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

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

<u>IN MEMORIAM</u>

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)

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

Our America

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Our country may now face hard times, With this we all agree,
But we'll survive, ride out the storm, and good times once more see.
We've seen recession, depression, and we survived them all.
We fought in wars on foreign lands – our freedom did not fall.
We've seen good times and bad times and we will see some more
But we'll pull through, the is no doubt, just as we did before.
Some may condemn and criticize, and that's their right to do,
But in the end we always find they are among the few.
Through turmoil and adversity, and come what will or may,
You can be sure "AMERICA" will not fall by the way!!!

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

I'd like to start by announcing the S.A.L. officers for the upcoming year. Brain Vess will be our new Chaplain. Brian has been an S.A.L. member for many years and will also be our liaison with the Pool League. Many of you know Brian so give him a friendly hello and welcome. Rolling over from last year will be Terry Keys Sargent at Arms; Kevin McGovern Treasurer; Sean McGovern as 2nd Vice Commander and Jim Cavender as 1st Vice. Yours truly Clint Sandford will return as Commander. Our Executive Committee will also return for this year. Russ Woods will be the S.A.L. liaison to the Post. We look forward to continuing our roles in supporting activities, functions and programs that help our Veterans and their families.

Speaking of activities - we have quite a few things going on. Membership has been doing well with new and current members. We reached 96% of membership as of June 1st. Never too late to pay your current dues or for new members to join (see an officer or the bartender for an application). The Derby Day party early May was successful, with donations for the food provided turning a profit. The Memorial Day ceremony and luncheon afterwards went well with support from the Unit, Post & S.A.L. The Post provided the food with the S.A.L. and Unit working the barbeque and sides. Many attended the inspiring ceremony and the luncheon. The S.A.L. has facilitated with the Unit's purchase of a new stove for the upstairs kitchen. The stove is set to be delivered very soon and will be a huge help with future dinners and functions. The S.A.L. oversaw the "Operation USA" Post 268 fundraising for Ukrainian refugees. Well over \$100 in donations were raised have been been sent to this charity. Our recent Saturday night Taco Bar was a big hit. Plans are for future 4th monthly Saturday live band night/food bars with donations (and ideas) gladly accepted. The Post recently received a large donation of refrigerated farm fresh, free-range brown eggs from a Pennsylvania cooperative. Many thanks to volunteer **Dave Myers** who was able to transport the eggs. They are now on sale at a really great price. We're hoping that this donation will be a recurring event. All proceeds will go to help the Post and Veteran programs.

Bands will continue every Friday night and on the 4th Saturday until the end of July. Live music and Karaoke will pick back up after Labor Day. Finally - the S.A.L Crab Feast tickets are now on sale. Saturday, September 24th 4 - 7pm. Never too early 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 homemade crab soup, corn on the cob, salads, hot dogs, sloppy joe's and more. All for just \$55 a ticket (see the bartender). \$60 at the door. Non-crabbers \$25. Kids 12 and under are free. Outdoor seating provided weather permitting.

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Hope everyone has a great 4th of July and an enjoyable summer!

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

Honoring Bob Allen.---On Saturday, May 28, 2022, we gathered at The American Legion in Wheaton to pay tribute to our dear departed friend, Bob Allen. Bob died a few years ago. It was Bob's wish that we celebrate his memory at a party, including all his friends and family after he passed. He had set money aside to cover the cost of the event including food, refreshments and entertainment. Upstairs, the bar was open all day and there was Karaoke in the Lounge. In another area there was a local clairvoyant offering Tarot card reading, palm reading, and more. Downstairs there was catered food and open bar. There was a great band, the Thrillbillys. We danced and celebrated and had a ball. Bob loved music and partying.

Bob Allen was a dedicated worker at The American Legion Post 268 where he was past commander. He was also a member and active in other Legions, the Royal Order of the Moose, many Masonic lodges, the VFW, and other fraternal organizations.

I met Bob in the late 1980's. My friend Dan and I played old country music together either at the Moose or the Legion. Bob would often came in late in the evening to listen to us. He asked us to play at many annual picnics. Several years ago he asked a few of us to play music at the Post a couple times a month and we've been doing it ever since. Our group has even grown and we enjoy it very much.

At Bob's celebration many memories and stories were shared, and many laughs, too. You could tell that many loved and respected Bob like I did. He was a night owl like me, too. Bob buried 2 wives. He went with Patsy Elder for many years and took good care of her. Patty took very good care of Bob until the end.

'll remember Bob for his kindness and generosity. Having known him will be a very pleasant memory for me.

May he rest in peace. Our dearly departed Bob lived to be 86 years old. Lynn Stephens

WHEATON UNIT 268

Its that time of year again where we plan for the convention in Ocean City. This year it will be on July 11 to July 15. I will be attending for the very first time so it will be a good experience for me.

Dinners are still going strong and and all our raffles. Remember our raffles and fundraisers support our veterans and our community. We will be raffling off our patriotic Luggage at our installation.

veterans and our community. We will be raffling off our patriotic Luggage at our installation. Our basket raffle has begun!!! Tickets are 3 for \$5.00. They are behind the bar. Also, many unit members have tickets. The wagon is on display. Its filled with all kinds of liquor, snacks, beer and soda. Its worth several hundred of dollars. Many of the bottles were donated. Thank you!!!!! We still need donations becuase there is a second place winner!! See Linda Sarkisian, she is collecting bottles and is in charge of raffle. We will be having a 100th club dinner with a Mardi Gras theme on July 23, 2022, so ask any unit member for tickets. They are \$30 for two people which includes dinner and a chance to win \$500.00 and many other prizes. The Legion had a very lovely service on Memorial Day May 30th. A Jewish War Veteran of the USA wreath that I made was donated and presented to Scott Schlesinger before the service. Poppies and Flags were given out by our Miss Poppy. Presentation of colors were done by Kennedy High School Navy JROTC Color Guard. The master of Ceremonies and introductions were done by Mr. Harold Sides. Cheryl Nagel sang the National Anthem so Beautifully. Bruce Davis did the opening prayer and the wreath presentation.

Our guest speaker was Commander Lawrence M. Bateman. He was retired from Nurse Corps, United States Navy. Commander Bateman is currently the Senior Naval Science Instructor at John F Kennedy High School. Closing remarks were made by Commander Patrick Cuff and the ceremony ended with the playing of Taps by Mr. Thomas Flester. Food was served after the service by the Sal and the unit. I would like to thank them both for their help serving and cleaning up afterwards.

A poppy Luncheon was held on May 21st with 18 veterans attending. Some members of the auxiliary served a nice lunch and then we celebrated and sang happy birthday to Harold sides with a cake. Harold turned 100 years old. Each veteran talked about themselves and afterwards they stood in front of the flag of their rank and we took their picture. We would like to express our thanks to Betsy Davis for donating those flags. Also, thank you post member, Vernon Vogel. He ordered the flag poles, took care that they were the correct size, put the service flags on the poles. Not alone did he order and pay for the flags and there postage, he has been helping with several jobs in the kitchen!!!

On May 28th Post 268 held a farewell celebration party for Bob Allan. All that attended had a wonderful time. For all that didn't Know Bob- he was one out of many Past Post Commanders at 268. He was very active in other organizations such as the Moose, VFW, Masonic Lodge where he was a Mason. Bob is a very wonderful and generous man. He was loved by anyone who knew him. At his party, there was two open bars, Catered food, and a Tarot reader, Karaoke and a band called the Trillbillys. Bob loved his Legion and his wish was that everyone that knew him was to celebrate his life with shared memories with a party at 268. Bob had set money aside to cover the cost of this event, and I was very honored to be a bartender. I'll will always love you and remember you Bob. Rest in peace.

On June 08th there was a Unit President dinner to honor me at Reginas with 24 in attendance. I was given a little poppy floral arrangement and a very nice journal book. I thanked everyone who attended. Chaplain Lynn said a short prayer and then everyone enjoyed their food and conversation.

On June 12th, Christine Williard, Pasty Alder and Jane Martin held a booth at the taste of Wheaton. We raffled more tickets for the Patriotic Luggage, gave out poppies and pamphlets on flag Etiquette, comic books and coloring books. Membership applications were on hand too in case anyone was interested in joining . Speaking of membership- Dues are due now. So please get them paid. They are \$40.00 now a year and they can be sent to Linda Sarkisian at 3117 Farnborough Ct, Silver Spring Md 20906.

Jane Martin Auxiliary President

"MARDI GRAS IN JULY"

July 23,2022—4:00 PM till 7:00 PM

Dinner includes; Fried Chicken, Potato bar, Salad bar, Dessert bar and more!! Along with Open Bar

			JULY	2022		
SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	4 POST CLOSED "4TH OF JULY"	POST Closed Post Executive Meeting 6:30pm		7 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	8 "MARSH BROTHERS" 8:00-11:00pm	9 Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk 7:00-11:00
EASY EXERCISE CLASSES RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	11 POOL	POST Closed	13	EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	15 "FLEA BIT n' TIME" 8:00-11:00pm	16
EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	18 POOL	POST Closed	20	EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	CLOPPER ROAD BAND 8:00-11:00pm	23 Units "Mardi Gras in July"Downstair 4:00 till 7:00 "Livyn' Large Band (With Alan Faulk) 8:00 till 11:00 (Upstairs)
24 / 31 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL Open 12-10pm	POOL Open 4-11pm	POST Closed Closed	27 Open 1-8pm	28 Open 1-10pm	"Reggie Right Eye * The Missing Pieces" 7:30 – 10:30pm Food Bar 6:30 till 8:30	30 Open 12pm-12am

NEW ----- LIVE BAND 4TH SATURDAY EACH MONTH!!!! (Except August)

Unit offers dinner on the first and third Monday (5:30 till 8:00). They are taking off July but will be back in August.

Free Italian Bar—Friday, July 29th. (Donations Welcomed)!! 6:30 till 8:30. No take outs!!!

AUGUST 2022										
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
	1 POOL	2	3	4 EASY EXERCISE CLASS	5 NO BAND	6				
				RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL						
7 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	8 UNIT DINNER COLD MEATLOAF AND OTHER SANDWICHES/ FRENCH FRIES \$8.00	9 POST Closed	SAL Meeting 7:00 pm	EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	NO BAND	13				
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EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	22 UNIT DINNER SPAGHETTI WITH SAUSAGE /MEATBALLS \$9.00 POOL	23 POST Closed	24	EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	NO BAND	27				
28 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HAL	POOL	30 POST Closed			NO BAND					
	Open 4-11pm	Closed	Open 1-8pm	Open 1-10pm	Open 12pm-12am	Open 12pm-12am				

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