

“FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER”

# The 268'er

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## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

*Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members:*

*The holidays are upon us and pretty soon 2021 is going to be complete. These last couple of months have been real eventful starting with the Halloween party. I would like to thank the Post and Unit Children and Youth committee. The party was outstanding, the children all had a great time. The committee is planning an Spring children's party in April. More details next Newsletter!!*

*On November 6, the Post hosted the Department Regional meeting. Breakfast and Lunch were provided. I especially would like to thank Chris Williard, Patsy Alder and Linda for preparing and serving both. They were instrumental in every way.*

*As always, the VFW and Post came together to honor all Veterans on Veterans day, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The VFW hosted the program and furnished the luncheon. Thank you to all who participated and attended.*

*On December 12, 2021 The Post hosted the Army vs. Navy game. The event was a huge success with the Chili Kickoff and various raffles. I would like to thank Bruce Davis, Jeff Coles, Lauren Keys and Terry Keys for help setting this up.*

*Events that are upcoming is the Super Bowl Party which is going to be held on January 30th, 2021. (See Super Bowl article). Dinners are going to be served on Fridays in February. Menu on calendar.*

*Jointly, with Unit and SAL, we will conduct Memorial and Post Everlasting Ceremonies. Everyone is invited. Plan to attend, Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30. Refreshments will be served afterwards.*

*Overall 2021 was very exciting and I look forward to 2022 being even better. Hopefully we can return to normal with our dinners and brunches. Please contact post if you have any questions concerning the dinners or brunches. (301/946-3268). Also, please ask them questions about our operating days and hours. Our very friendly bartenders are there to answer your questions. Just remember, their job is to serve the bar, so they might not get to the phone all the time, so be considerate and take time to say “THANK YOU”!!*

Patrick Cuff, Post 268 Commander

~ CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN ~

The following comrades have answered their final call, completed their tours of duty and has reported to the Supreme Commander of Post Everlasting. ~ Oscar (Buz) Feinsilber ~ Paul Helmke ~ Mason Wagner ~ ~ Donnie Habas (SAL) ~.

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 Comrades who are on sick call who need our prayers.

**IN MEMORIAM**

*In Memory of "Judge" & Pat McCaw~  
By The McCaw Family (3/23)*

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

*In Memory of Vonda Sarkisian  
By the Sarkisian Family (08/22)*

**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).

**WHAT IS A VETERAN?**

- A veteran is a person who fell in love with their country – for better, for worse – for richer, for poorer – in sickness and in health.
- A veteran is a person who is willing to lay down their life for the Statue of Liberty so that her poor, her huddled masses, her homeless, her tempest tossed may breathe free and may enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- A veteran is a person who does what he/she must – in spite of personal consequences – in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures – for that is the basis of all human morality.
- A veteran is one who gets a lump in the throat when he/she sees our beloved flag. One who will fight to protect our beautiful flag from those who dare to dishonor it.
- A veteran is one who pays their taxes, willingly: serves their country, honorably: and cherishes their freedom, passionately.
- A veteran is one well deserving of our appreciation, our love, and our prayers 365 days a year!!

**“GOD BLESS ALL OUR VETERANS!!!”**

With malice toward none;  
With charity for all;  
With firmness in the right.  
As God gives us to see the right,  
Let us strive on to finish  
The work we are in;  
To bind up the nation's wounds;  
To care for him who shall have  
Borne the battle,  
And his or her widow,  
And his or her orphan -  
To do all which may achieve and  
Cherish a just and lasting peace  
Among ourselves,  
And with all nations. Abraham Lincoln

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

*Hello and greetings to everyone. I hope your holidays are going well & have a happy 2022!*

*The S.A.L. has been raising money for our Veterans with the various programs and charities that support them. Your help is always appreciated and you can still get your 2022 dues in.*

*As you may know the S.A.L. hosts the first Friday dinner of each month 5:30 – 7:30 pm (February will feature homemade lasagna). There will be a brunch on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>. We also run the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> brunches each month, Saturday 10 – 12 noon beginning in February.*

*The Army/Navy chili cook off (December 11<sup>th</sup>) had 8 participants. Bruce Davis won 1<sup>st</sup> place with the blind judging. Buzz Vogel got 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a three-way tie for 3rd (including myself). All of the entries were very good and much appreciation to everyone who contributed. Next year we'll have more prizes for the winners.*

*Donnie Habas' memorial service on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> was beautifully done with the Unit President Jane Martin organizing. There were many people who spoke on Donnie's behalf with memorable stories. Donnie has and will be missed.*

*Superbowl party Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for qualifying participants. See Mike S., Lauren or Maureen if you would like to participate.*

*Post Everlasting ceremony Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. This is to honor Post members, S.A.L. and Unit members who passed in 2019 – 2021. Devlin Hall. Food & open bar provided. Hope to see you there & take care.*

*Clint Sandford.*

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**Super Bowl Party**

*Squares for the Super Bowl Pool are going fast. (10) squares are available as of this printing. Each square is \$110.00 and includes entry for Buyer and (1) Guest into the Super Bowl party on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> - 2:30PM – 6:30PM. There will be an Open Bar, appetizers, main course (stay turned for Caterer), 50/50, pull tabs, and slots in the back room. Around half time of the AFC Championship Game (3:30PM Kick-Off), we will set up the TV to project the Super Bowl Grid for filling in the numbers. Please see Mo, Mike Smithhisler or Lauren Keys to reserve your square in the pool, or see your friendly neighborhood Legion bartender. Super Bowl Committee.*

***ALL SQUARES MUST BE PAID FOR BY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>.***

WHEATON UNIT 268

*I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.*

*November and December were two of our busiest months for the Auxiliary. In November, Auxiliary members got together to stuff pocket books. They will be given out to homeless Veteran women. We all enjoyed pizza while doing this project.*

*The food drive is going very well. Non perishables are delivered to Manna in Gaithersburg every first Wednesday of the month. Please, continue bringing those food items in.*

*I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Education Drive. The schools that we donated to were very appreciated. Please continue.*

*Two members gave their time and decorated the Units "Keep them warm" tree. All of you, together, donated 45 hats, 51 pairs of gloves, 76 pairs of socks, 17 scarves, 3 pairs of leg warmers and 2 neck warmers. The tree was filled and 3 baskets were also overflowing. Also, approx. \$1,000 worth of toys were donated. Thank you for all the people that donated these items. We are still collecting all sizes of luggage. Two members delivers the luggage to foster homes. So far, 15 pieces have been donated.*

*Also, 65 wrapped gifts were donated to a local nursing home. This project has been ongoing for many, many years. I would like to thank the people that had contributed so far.*

*I also want to thank all the unit members that helped out with the Monday and Friday night dinners and baked sales and 50/50. We need members to support the dinners by attending. Usually, there are only 3-6 members there for dinner. PLEASE attend!!!*

*Our holiday party was held at the Baronessa on December 15. Fifteen people attended and all had a great time and enjoyed the delicious food. Chris Porter made sure our sweet tooth was fulfilled with cookies and fudge.*

*Our annual Memorial Service will be held jointly with the post and SAL on Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, downstairs at 7:00PM. This is a very meaningful service, I hope all of attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards.*

*Our business meeting is the third Wednesday of each month. We begin at 6:30 with pizza and salad. Meeting begins at 7:00. If you would like to bring a dish to share, we always appreciate it.*

*Jane Martin            Auxiliary President*

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**Royal Recliner Raffle Redo:**

A huge thank you to the raffle winner of the Army-Navy Grand Prize Power Recliner who has generously donated it back to the Post to raffle off again. Tickets are available now at the bar, \$3 each of \$10 for 4 tickets. If you missed it the first time, here's your chance again! Winner will be drawn on Super Bowl Sunday, February 13th. If at first you don't succeed, try again! Contact Lauren Keys for questions or more information.

# JANUARY 2022

| SUN                                          | Monday                                                | Tuesday              | Wednesday                                 | Thursday    | Friday                                                | Saturday                                            |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                              |                                                       |                      |                                           |             |                                                       | 1<br><b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>                           |
| 2                                            | 3<br>POOL                                             | 4<br>POST<br>Closed  | 5<br>SAL<br>Meeting<br>7:00pm             | 6           | 7 NO DINNER<br><br>Audio Fuel<br>7:30-10:30pm         | 8<br><br>Karaoke w/<br>Alan Faulk<br><br>7:00-11:00 |
| 9                                            | 10<br>POOL                                            | 11<br>POST<br>Closed | 12<br>Executive<br>Meeting<br>6:30pm      | 13          | 14 NO DINNER<br><br>Trademark<br>7:30-10:30pm         | 15 SAL BRUNCH<br>10:00-12:00                        |
| 16                                           | 17<br>POOL<br><br>MARTIN<br>LUTHER<br>KING JR.<br>DAY | 18<br>POST<br>Closed | 19<br>Unit<br>Business<br>Meeting<br>6:30 | 20          | 21 NO DINNER<br><br>Hardman &<br>Jaye<br>7:30-10:30pm | 22                                                  |
| 23                                           | 24<br>POOL                                            | 25<br>POST<br>Closed | 26                                        | 27          | 28 NO DINNER<br><br>Loose Ends<br>7:30-10:30 pm       | 29<br><br>Karaoke<br>w/Blinkie<br>7:00-11:00        |
| 30<br>SUPERBOWL<br>PARTY<br><br>Open 12-10pm | 31<br>POOL<br><br>Open 4-11pm                         | Closed               | Open 1-8pm                                | Open 1-10pm | Open 12pm-12am                                        | Open 12pm-12am                                      |

## Army-Navy Game 2021

The Post 268 Army-Navy game event was held December 11<sup>th</sup>, with Navy taking the win 17-13. This year's event was a collaboration between the Army-Navy Special Event team and the SAL, with SAL providing the chili cook-off as the main course. Still toned down by the circumstances of the pandemic, we are grateful we were able to hold the event. We began this event to honor those who have served, those who are serving & those who have gone to Post Everlasting. A fun time was had by all, especially those who won money on the football pool and the raffles! Without an "army" of volunteers, the event would not be what it is today! Special Thank You's go out to:

- My Event Co-Coordinators, Bill Sessums, Bruce Davis, and Jeff Cowles,
- SAL Commander Clint Sanders for organizing the chili cook-off, along with all the friends who made crock pots of chili,
- Bob's Discount Furniture for their donation towards the Commander Raffle Power Recliner
- Carolina Schlosburg and Sewbusy Studio for donating the beautiful patriotic hand-made quilt
- Jessica Warren for her amazing talent and persistence in selling 50/50 tickets
- Brenden McCaw helping with Bar Back and clean-up.
- Jim Cavender for posters and raffle ticket design and layout.
- All the volunteers who helped in the kitchen and donated appetizers and side dishes, and
- Everyone who bought raffle tickets and participated in the football pool

Sincerely,

*Lauren Keys, Event Coordinator*

# FEBRUARY 2022

| Sunday          | Monday                                                                 | Tuesday                   | Wednesday                                       | Thursday    | Friday                                                                                                           | Saturday                                                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                 |                                                                        | 1<br><br>Post Closed      | 2<br><b>SAL Meeting</b><br>7:00 pm              | 3           | 4 <b>SAL DINNER</b><br>LASAGNA 5:30-7:30<br>\$11.00<br><b>JANIS PROJECT</b><br>7:30-10:30pm                      | 5<br><br><b>SAL Brunch</b><br>10am-1pm                                      |
| 6               | 7 <b>UNIT DINNER</b><br>SOUP&SAND<br>WICH \$8.00<br><br>POOL           | 8<br><br>POST Closed      | 9<br><br>POST<br>Executive<br>Meeting<br>6:30pm | 10          | 11 <b>UNIT DINNER</b><br>CHICKEN MARSALA<br>\$11.00<br>5:30-7:30<br><b>THREE WHEEL<br/>DRIVE</b><br>7:30-10:30pm | 12<br><br>Karaoke w/<br>Alan Faulk<br>7:00-11:00pm                          |
| 13              | 14 <b>Valentine's<br/>Day</b><br><br>POOL                              | 15<br><br>POST Closed     | 16<br><br>UNIT<br>Business<br>Meeting<br>6:30pm | 17          | 18 <b>POST DINNER</b><br>HOME MADE PIZZA<br>\$9.00<br><b>NO PART OF<br/>NOTHING</b><br>7:30-10:30pm              | 19 <b>SAL<br/>BRUNCH</b><br><br><hr/> Karaoke w/<br>Blinkie<br>7:00-11:00pm |
| 20              | 21 <b>UNIT DINNER</b><br>\$8.00<br><b>ROAST BEEF</b><br>Presidents Day | 22<br><br>POST Closed     | 23                                              | 24          | 25 <b>BARTENDERS<br/>DINNER<br/>(TBD)</b><br><b>LATE AS<br/>USUAL</b><br>7:30-10:30pm                            | 26                                                                          |
| 27<br><br>----- | 28<br><br>POOL<br><br>Open 4-11pm                                      | POST Closed<br><br>Closed | Open 1-8pm                                      | Open 1-10pm | Open 12pm-12am                                                                                                   | Open 12pm-12am                                                              |

## UNIT WAYS AND MEANS

There are no dinners scheduled for January. The Unit will offer Monday dinners :

February 7<sup>th</sup> Home made Bean Soup with choice of: Ruben, Sloppy Joe, Extra large hot dog (\$ 7.00)

February 21<sup>st</sup> Open Face Roast Beef, Mash Potatoes, Vegetable (\$8.00)

Friday Dinner February 11<sup>th</sup> Salad, Chicken Marsala over noodles, Vegetable, dessert (\$11.00)

Because of covid, the Unit will not sponsor there 100 club this spring. Hopefully, we can schedule it during the summer months. We will continue with our Friday bake sale, raffles, etc. PLEASE SUPPORT US!!

Linda Sarkisian lindasarkisian@yahoo.com 301/602-5276

### **PLEASE SUPPORT:**

**“THE QUEEN VIC”**

**RYAN GORDON (OWNER/CHIEF) (MEMBER OF POST 268)**

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## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 268 BOOSTERS**

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### Expires January 2022

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