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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members:

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. These first two months of the year have been challenging but very rewarding.

In the beginning of the year we were able to keep the Post open despite the spread of COVID-19 going around. I would like to thank everyone who helped us get through this from the Bartenders, Cleaners, Post Members, Unit Members, and SAL members. You were all instrumental in carrying out your duties and keeping the place going.

The Hall Rentals have been a big success for us as well as the Friday Night Bands and Dinners. Another successful event was the Super Bowl Party we had on January 30, 2022. Good times were had by everyone.

With the momentum we have is making me look forward to the upcoming months. The Mardi Gras Dinner was well attended, the band was great and everyone had a good time!!! On March 11th we are going to have a St. Patrick's Day Dinner. This will be prepared and served by the Unit. Everyone is welcome to attend!!

Also on March 23rd we are going to have the Post Everlasting Ceremony which is going to start at 7:30 PM. This year, it is a little different, there will be no post business meeting. Also, the Unit will join the post and have their Memorial service. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served following the services.

Please come down to the post and support your Post, the SAL and the Unit.

Very Respectfully,

Patrick Cuff
Post 268 Commander



Dear 268 Members, Guests, and whoever reads this part of the newsletter,

The Bar Chairman position for the Post is a little tougher than some people imagine. It's not all about sitting at the bar testing the comfort of the bar stools, nor sampling the various wines, beers, and liquors to ensure the unmatched quality that our people have come to expect from the friendliest Legion Post in Wheaton. And from time to time, our innovative bartender staff creates a unique forward-thinking concoction that someone has to sample and approve in order to adhere to US Department of Alcohol rules.

No, the Bar Chairman is also there to ensure the smooth running of the entire bar area to include cleanliness, trash removal, stock replenishment, new beer/liquor brands from time to time, and most important, the welfare and morale of the bar tending staff. A lot of the above duties can be, and are, delegated to various individuals but the people aspect is the most important. So therefore, as a new Legion year approaches and we again entertain nominations for Post leadership positions starting this month (March) and ending in May, don't be afraid to volunteer to be the Post Bar Chairman. It is an assigned position not subject to the nomination or voting process. Just let your wishes be known to the Commander and the Executive Committee and they will carefully vet you among all the other candidates for the position.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello everyone - a few words and updates on what the S.A.L. have been doing. We are continuing the 1st monthly Friday night dinners (5:30 - 7:30 pm) along with the 1st & 3rd Saturday brunches (10 - 12 noon).

The Mardi Gras special dinner was recently held with quite a few volunteers from the Unit and with help from the S.A.L. The Unit also frequently hosts Monday night dinners as well (see our AL Post 268 Facebook page for more information and updates).

All funds that are raised with these activities go towards charities that help our veterans. Your support goes a long way.

Our membership is doing well in numbers and we have gained several new members this year. If you know of anyone who would like to join and who may be qualified please refer them to myself or one of the S.A.L. officers. There is still time to get the S.A.L. membership dues in for 2022 if you haven't done so.

The Post has had several amazing new bands and some familiar favorites that have played here on Friday nights. Live music and Karaoke will continue until the end of July and pick back up again after Labor Day.

The Post Everlasting Ceremony has been moved to the evening of Weds. March 23rd in the downstairs Devlin Hall. The ceremony is a chance to reflect and to remember all of our members who have passed over the last two years. Please join us. It will begin at 7:30.

Finally - the S.A.L. will host our annual crab feast this year on Saturday, September 24th. Further information (such as ticket sales etc.) will be available soon. Always a great time and a very special community function so mark it on your calendars!

Clint Sandford, S.A.L Commander

OL' TIMERS

*We call 'em Ol' Timers\,
But I wonder if we will see
The value of that ol' man
In the park-there by the tree.
He may not seem important -
There's no shine upon his shoes,
As we pass him with our briefcase
To a world beyond his view.
But his value may be greater
And his worth a thousand times
When we stop to think of sacrifice
For this land of yours and mine.
Like when the country was in trouble
And they fought to keep her free,
It is taken all for granted
What they did for you and me.
So when we see Old Glory waving,
Let's not forget who kept her there,
And give respect and gratitude
To those Ol' Timers everywhere.
We call'em Ol'Timers
And I hope they'll always be
In the hearts of those who treasure
The joy of being free.
We call'em Ol' Timers
But I wonder if we will see
The value of that ol'man
In the park – there by the tree.*

WHEATON UNIT 268

Spring is just around the corner, and soon we will have nice weather. It's time for spring cleaning, and if you check out the vestibule and the band room you will see some cleaning was done. Let us keep our post home looking good. Now that covid restrictions for wearing masks is lifted we may see more people coming out to enjoy all the dinners and events that are happening at the Legion. Due to Covid, not a lot was going on at the Legion in January. Events and dinners and Brunches resumed again in February.

Our February dinner was a big success. The dinner was a Valentines theme and at the end of the dinner we handed out tickets to couples to win candy and prizes. Our next dinner was held on February 25 as a joint venture with the Sal /Legion and Auxiliary with a Mardi Gras theme. We had a soup, salad, potato bar with all the fixings which everyone enjoyed along with shrimp Jambalaya, sausage, /chicken Gumbo and sliders. A special dessert called Banana Foster was Served by our Sal Commander Clint Sanford with a spark of flame. A King Cake with Baby Jesus in it was served by our Commander Patrick Cuff. Whoever found the baby in the cake won a prize. The winners were Jane Martin and Allison Allen. They won two free dinners from the post. Our bartenders served a special drink called a hurricane. It was very good.

In February ,Members of the auxiliary came out to the Legion and made poppies for our poppy tree. Check our tree out – it is all lit up in the room where the bands play. We are asking for donations. All poppy donations are used for veterans. There are two tubes on table, please put your donation in them. Thank you.

The post everlasting event was canceled in February and was rescheduled on March 23,2022 at 7:30 Pm. This is a beautiful service so please join us to remember all the Legion members / Auxiliary members and the Sal members that passed within the last two years.

At our last meeting in February, Nominations of officers were made. Election will be held during the May meeting.

Our food drive and our education drive of school supplies is still doing well- please continue to bring those items in. Also, Our luggage drive is going well too so please continue bringing used or new Luggage in. We appreciate everyone who has already given to these programs. We are looking for the person who donated the beautiful set of luggage with the American flag on each piece. They are beautiful. With the permission of the person who donated them, we would like to raffle them off. All proceeds will go to the orphanage. Please contact me or one of the officers of the Auxiliary if you are the donor. Thank you.

My president project was successful again this year- a check for \$400 was given to Arc of Montgomery County. They thanked us and told us this money helps out about 1100 children and their staff in the after all program.

In March look for a St. Patrick day theme dinner from the Unit. On Sunday April 3 from 2 to 5, the unit is planning a Children's Easter party. Come bring your children. Grandchildren. Nephews, nieces and yourself to meet and get your picture taken with the Easter bunny. We will have food , play games, a Easter egg hunt and color lots of eggs. Please RSVP Jane Martin at 301-351-8691 by the 3rd week of March.

Hope everyone is having a great year.

Jane Martin, Unit President

Unit WAYS AND MEANS – St. Patrick's Corn beef and Cabbage Dinner—March 11th, 5:30 till 7:30.

Salute to all Veterans May 21st. All Veterans will be the Units guest to a luncheon. Details next newsletter.

Mardi Gras in July!! Units 100 Club

MARCH 2022

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	POOL	1	2 SAL Meeting 7:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY	3 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	4 SAL DINNER EGGPLANT PARM \ LASAGNA \$11.00 MOTOR DRIVEN 7:30 TILL 10:30	5 SAL BRUNCH 10:00 – 12:00
6 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	7 UNIT DINNER \$8.00 CHICKEN WINGS\SAUSAGE OR MEATBALL SUBS WITH FRENCH FRIES POOL	8 POST Closed	9 Executive Meeting 6:30pm	10 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	11 UNIT DINNER \$11.00 CORN BEEF/CABBAGE/ POTATOES TOSSIN' AND TURNIN' 7:30-10:30pm	12 Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk 7:00-11:00
13 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	14 POOL	15 POST Closed	16 Unit Business Meeting 6:30	17 UNIT "PIZZA AND MAKE A PLAQUE NIGHT" 6:00 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL ST. PATRICKS DAY	18 NO DINNER PAT STOVER & FRIENDS 7:30-10:30pm	19 SAL BRUNCH 10:00 - 12:00
20 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	21 UNIT DINNER \$8.00 SALAD, PORK LOIN, VEG. POOL	22 POST Closed	23 POST / SAL EVERLASTING UNIT MEMORIAL 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	24 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	25 POST DINNER \$8.00 COLD CUT/TUNA SUBS WITH FRENCH FRIES GROOVE QUEST 7:30-10:30pm	26 Live Band (TBD) 8:00-11:00
27 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL Open 12-10pm	28 POOL Open 4-11pm	29 POST Closed Closed	30 Open 1-8pm	31 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL 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).

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 UNIT DINNER BAKED CHICKEN BREAST \ BAKED FISH \$11.00 SR 3 7:30-10:30pm	2 SAL Brunch 10am-1pm
3 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL CHILDRENS EASTER EGG PARTY 2:00 TILL 5:00	4 UNIT DINNER MEATLOAF DINNER \$8.00 POOL	5 POST Closed	6 SAL Meeting 7:00 pm	7 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	8 SAL DINNER TBD \$11.00 5:30-7:30 INTONENATION 7:30-10:30pm	9 Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk 7:00-11:00pm
10 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL PALM SUNDAY	11 POOL	12 POST Closed	13 POST Executive Meeting 6:30pm	EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	15 NO DINNER THE COLLIDERS 7:30-10:30pm PASSOVER GOOD FRIDAY	16 SAL BRUNCH _____
17 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL EASTER	18 UNIT DINNER SPAGHETTI WITH SAUSAGE\ MEATBALLS \$8.00	19 POST Closed	20 UNIT Business Meeting 6:30pm	14 UNIT "PIZZA AND MAKE A PLAQUE NIGHT" 6:00 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	22 POST DINNER SUBS AND FRENCH FRIES \$8.00 THE REILY GOULAIT BAND 7:30-10:30pm	23 Live Band (TBD) 8:00-11:00pm
24 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HAL -----	25 POOL Open 4-11pm	26 POST Closed Closed	27 Open 1-8pm	28 EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOODS 7:00 DEVLIN HALL Open 1-10pm	29 NO DINNER THE SUZANNE BRINDAMOUR BAND 7:30 - 10:30 Open 12pm-12am	30 Open 12pm-12am

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