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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

The cold days of Winter are approaching! Let me give you an update on what is happening in this great season. First on October 22nd the Unit had a Children's Halloween Party. On October 29th the Early Bird Picnic was held from 2:00PM to 6:00PM. Chef Ryan Gordon prepared a great catered feast. A good time were had by everyone. On November 4th the SAL had a great Chicken Florentine Dinner. The next morning on November 5, 2022 the SAL had a great Brunch! On November 14th the Unit had a great Dinner with Chicken Wings, Sloppy Joe's, and Italian Subs with French Fries. On November 18th the Unit had Lasagna Dinner. On November 19th the SAL had another great Brunch. On November 28th had a very hearty Dinner of Ham and Cheese Sandwiches, Tuna Sandwiches, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Bean Soup, and Tomato Soup.

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 throughout the Winter. Please support Linda in this endeavor.

The Bands and Karaoke have been a tremendous success. On November 4th the Paulverizers energized the Post. On Veteran's Day November 11th Flea Bit 'n' Grey rocked the house. On November 18th Joint Effort showed great effort. On December 2nd 3-Wheel Drive was terrific. On December 9th the Colliders excited the Post. The next day on December 10th Alan Faulk's had his dynamic Karaoke. On December 16th Loose Ends covered all of their ends. This concludes an exciting year of bands.

On November 11th the Post hosted the Wheaton VFW's Veteran's Day Ceremony due to rain. Many people from the Post stepped up especially Past Prior Commanders Ed McCaw, Pete Loane and 1st Vice Commander Russ Wood presenting the reefs. Commander Stan Hudson and Kevin Pollack of the Wheaton VFW organized the event. Commander Lawrence Bateman from John F. Kennedy High School provided the Color Guard. A Spaghetti and Meatballs Lunch was held at the VFW after the event. On December 10th the Post had the Annual Army vs. Navy game party. Good times were had by everyone. Congratulations to Terry and Lauren Keys for winning the Flat Screen TV for the raffle. Congratulations to Clint Sanford for narrowly beating his brother Carl Sanford in the Annual Chili Cook-Off. On December Santa Claus made a visit to the Post. Santa Claus was very pleased with the Post and plans to come back for many years to come. On December 20th the Post hosted the Annual Staff and Volunteer party. Good times were had by everyone with the Open Bar and Pot Luck. It was a great way to cap the year off.

We are currently at 77.81% of our renewal rate for the 2022-2023 Legion year. Which is over the standard of 75% 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.

Upcoming events include the Super Bowl Party which is going to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2022 from 2:00PM to 5:00PM. On January 10, 2023 there will be a Post Executive meeting at 6:30PM.

I am looking forward to 2023 and I we will have fun and accomplish many more things. As always please hydrate and stay safe and warm this cold winter. Beginning January 1st, the bartenders will be checking for 2023 membership cards.

Patrick Cuff Post 268 Commander

~ CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN ~

The following comrade has answered their final call, completed his tour of duty and has reported to the supreme Commander of Post Everlasting: ~ Harold Sides ~.

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, res 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)*

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 (12/23)*

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

Prayer for the New Year

Grant me the strength from day to day
To bear what burdens come my way.
Grant me throughout this bright New Year
More to endure and less to fear.
Help me live that I may be
From spite and petty malice free.
Let me not bitterly complain
When cherished hopes of mine prove vain,
Or spoil with deeds of hate and rage
Some fair tomorrow's spotless page.
Lord, as the days shall come and go
In courage let me stronger grow.

Lord, as the New Year dawns today
Help me to put my faults away.
Let me be big in little things;
Grant me the joy which friendship brings.
Keep me from selfishness and spite;
Let me be wise in what is right.
A happy New Year! Grant that I
May bring no tear to any eye.
When this new Year in time shall end
Let it be said I've played the friend,
Have lived and loved and labored here,
And made of it a Happy Year!!

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Here’s a cheer for the New Year and wishing a very happy and healthy one from the SAL!

The SAL welcomed **William Bryan** at our last meeting as one of our newest members. Will has been a long-time supporter and volunteer at the Post and we’re happy that he’s now officially (finally) a member.

If you haven’t already – now is the time to get your 2023 dues up to date. As always, please refer potential new members to an SAL officer to complete an application.

Through the efforts & hard work of many SAL members (Unit & Post members also helped) the September annual Crab feast was a success. A vote was held on holding next year's Crab feast which was approved for Saturday, September 23rd, 2023. New leadership, planning roles and improvements for next year's event will be discussed in future meetings.

The VFW was given a \$100 donation to help with their annual Thanksgiving dinner. The money was used to purchase food for Veterans and their families and was much appreciated.

Army/Navy Game Chili Cookoff in December went very well. Thanks to the chili participants and the volunteers who brought in food and helped out. Special thanks to **Lauren Keys** who ran the huge TV/gift card raffle and football pool, and to **Jessica Warren** who expertly ran the 50/50.

SAL purchased a new snow shovel (we have two now) and salt for the walkways. These are kept in the stairwell going to the downstairs hall. Please grab a shovel & salt if you see a walkway/porch that needs clearing. We have a new volunteer who will plow the parking lot at no charge (we will reimburse for salt) with snowfall over 2".

A special shout out and huge THANKS to **Kevin McGovern** who set up the SAL Christmas Tree and decorations this year (and every year) as well as volunteering as barback and other roles.

Bands will resume their schedule of playing every Friday night beginning January 6th and the 4th Saturday night monthly. Karaoke with Alan on the 3rd Saturday.

SAL dinners on the 1st Friday of each month and brunches every 1st & 3rd Saturday. Please come out and support your Post.

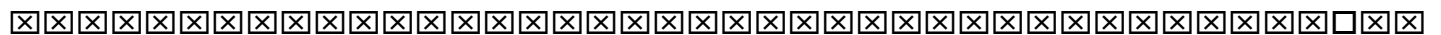
Future Events are in review but will include the Kentucky Derby & Preakness. Fat Tuesday and/or Mardi Gras dinner with the Unit will be discussed.

Clint Sandford.

Founded in 1932, the Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon and wishing you a happy holiday season.

Clint Sandford S.A.L. Commander.



Army-Navy Update: Thank you everyone who came out to the Post on Saturday, December 10th to celebrate the Army-Navy football game with us. We had a great crowd and lots of fun! Thank you to SAL for putting on the Chili Cook-off, to Jessica Warren for her amazing talent at the 50/50, and to everyone who contributed food and helped with clean-up afterwards. The football pool was a lot of fun, and thanks to all the scores in the overtime quarters, we had lots of score change winners! The Commanders Raffle sold out on the raffle tickets this year, and all three prizes went to Post 268 members. It was a great day, no matter what side you were rooting for!

Lauren Kannee

WHEATON UNIT 268

Here we are approaching a new year 2023, in which the winter months of January and February recanter a time of reflection, peace, new beginnings and purification. This brings on the promise of a New Years resolutions. What will be Yours? Hope everyone had a nice holiday and got what they wanted from Santa.

Speaking of Santa, He visited the post on December 17, 2022 during the brunch in which the children got free pancakes. Children told Santa what they wanted and got their picture taken with him. Goody bags were handed out to the children by Santa. Children also were given door prizes and played in the Gingerbread house I put together for display. All the children enjoyed themselves. The Adults got their picture taken with Santa too. I would like to thank Patrick for playing Santa and the Brunch crew for making the pancakes. I also want to thank Pete for coming to our rescue with the beard.

The Auxiliary Christmas Dinner was held at Reginas on Dec 16, 2022, and there were about 20 of us. We all had a good time. I want to thank Chris Williard and Chris Porter for making the favors.

We collected lots of hats, Scarfs ,gloves and mittens for our Christmas tree for the needy children and teenagers at Sheppard-Pratt. We are continuing to collect gloves, hats, etc. The Christmas tree will stay up through February. Lets see if we can fill it again!! We received a generous gift of hats that were hand knitted and donated by ladies at the margarret swanheart senior center off of Forest glen rd. A thank you card was sent to them.

Unwrapped Toys were collected for needy children and their families. These families are so appreciative of whatever we donate to them. Wrapped nursing home items were collected also marked man and woman, I want to thank everyone who donated.

I want to thank everyone for donating toward the "Ten for Ten" Program during National Education Week. We received 5 bags and 2 boxes of school Supplies. These were donated to Glenallan Elementary . A packet for the upcoming Americanism Essay Contest was also dropped off to the school. This years topic is What does Patriotism mean to you. Hopefully they will participate.

I also want to thank everyone who donated bags of clothing and household items, There was 10 bags donated to Interfaith Clothing Works.

I want to thank everyone who made cookies. We delivered them to the fire rescue and police stations to show our appreciation for their service.

We are also collecting old cell phones. They are donated to the Montgomery County Police department, where they are programmed to only 911 in case of emergency for seniors who cannot afford them for domestic abuse victims, Leave them in the box under the table at the post entrance.

Our dinners are still going well. We have three dinners a month, second and forth Monday and the second Friday of each month. All dinners help support many veterans and children, So Come support our unit by attending these dinners.

The poppy program is going great . Last month Geneva, Chris and Linda attended the junior fall conference in Baltimore post 19 which Chris son cut out material to make a wooden poppy. In January we will start craft night. We will be making plaques for the veterans using the American flags as a background framed with poppies. Please join us.

As you all know Linda is the Department and District chairman for the Poppy Program, Her motto this year is POPPIES EVERY WHERE. Thanks to Chris , You see poppies used all over our post home. Our poppy tree is decorated with every holiday and special days. Linda had asked her district reps to come up with a poppy Mascot. Thanks to Unit member, Terry Waters, we have: Miss Puppy Poppy, the Puppy nickname is Petals. So if nobody has seen her yet- ask Linda to introduce her to you.

Our next meeting is January18, 2023, so please come to the meeting we got lots to discuss. The meeting starts at 6:30 Pm but come around 6:00 for a small meal. Or next game night is: Thursday, January 12, at 6:00.

Pizza will be served. This is a really fun night!! Everyone is invited, you do not need to be a member to participate. Bring your favorite game! We also have many ready to play!!!!

Hope everyone is looking forward to a great new year.

Jane Martin Auxiliary President

JANUARY 2023

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	6 SAL Dinner Chicken Alfredo (\$12.00) "3-Wheel Drive" 7:30 – 10:30	7 SAL BRUNCH 10:00 TO 12:00
8 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	9 UNIT DINNER 5:30-8:00 Spaghetti Sausage/Meat balls \$ 9.00 POOL	10 POST Closed Post Executive Meeting 6:30	11	12 <u>UNIT GAME NIGHT 6:00</u> EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	13 Unit Dinner Ham Steak Dinner (\$12.00) and Bake Sale "illy Aimy" 7:30-10:30	14 Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk 7:00-11:00
15 EASY EXERCISE CLASSES RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	16 POOL	17 POST Closed	18 UNIT Business Meeting 6:30	19 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	20 No Dinner "The Paulverizers" 7:30-10:30	21 SAL BRUNCH 10:00 TO 12:00
22 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	23 UNIT DINNER 5:30-8:00 Home Made Soup Sandwiches \$9.00 POOL	24 POST Closed	25	26 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 <u>DEVLIN HALL</u>	27 Post Dinner Subs and French Fries (\$9.00) Tossing & Turning" 8:00-11:00	28 "Grove Question" 8:00 till 11:00
29 SUPERBOWL PARTY 2:00 TILL 6:00 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL <hr/> Open 12-10pm	30 POOL Open 4-11pm	31 POST Closed Closed	Open 1-8pm	Open 1-10pm	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!!***

***In January and February, SAL will offer dinner first Friday each month.
In January and February, Post will offer Subs and French Fries fourth Friday.***

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	3 SAL DINNER Slow Roasted Beef Bourgogne \$12.00 "The Colliders" 7:30-10:30	4 SAL BRUNCH 10:00 TO 12:00
5 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	6 POOL	7 POST Closed	8 SAL Meeting 7:00 pm	9 UNIT GAME NIGHT 6:00 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	10 UNIT DINNER Stuffed Chicken Breast (\$12.00) <u>BAKE SALE!!</u> "Downwire" 7:30-10:30	11 Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk 7:00-11:00
12 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	13 UNIT DINNER Chicken Wings/ sandwiches with FF \$9.00 POOL	14 POST Closed POST Business Meeting 6:30pm	15 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 6:00	16 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	17 "Flea Bit n' Grey" 7:30-10:30	18 SAL BRUNCH 10:00 TO 12:00
19 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	20 POOL	21 POST Closed	22	23 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	24 Post Dinner Subs and French Fries \$9.00 "The Six" 7:30-10:30	25 "Beyond the Blues" 8:00 to 11:00
26 POST CLOSED	27 Open 4-11	28 Closed	Open 1-8pm	Open 1-10pm	Open 12pm-12am	Open 12pm-12am

PLEASE SUPPORT:

"THE QUEEN VIC" RYAN GORDON (OWNER/CHIEF) (MEMBER OF POST 268)

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"POST 268 SUPER BOWL PARTY"

The Legion is having our annual Super Bowl Pool and party again this year so Lauren, Mo, & Mike S. are helping to run it again. We hope you will participate in the usual fun and support the Post.

With each square that you buy, you and 1 guest will be able to join the "pool" party on 1/29/2023 at 2:00 – 6:00 where there will be free food, open bar (domestic drafts and cans/bottles, and rail drinks) and chances to win big on any of the following: gaming machines, Keno, pull tabs, door prizes, and 50/50. During the party, we will be picking the numbers for the pool as well. Each square is \$110 with quarterly payouts, touches, and reverses. As of this writing, there are only 20 squares left. The Legion accepts cash & checks at the bar. Call the Post at 301-946-3268 to reserve your square and mail your check or stop by the Post to make payment. Good luck to all the square holders.

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Expires March 2032

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Expires October 2022

Tony & Lois Marella

Expires October 2026

Ed DiRaimo

Expires July 2023

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Expires May 2023

**Pat & John Krisko, 111
Dennis Krisko & Selva Karslo
Matt Lynott & Darlene**

Expires July 2032

Sherman & Eva Wong

Expires March 2025

**Mack E. Beal
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Expires March 2028

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Expires May 2032

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Expires November 2025

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