

“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,*

*Spring is approaching but let me give you an update on what is happening in this great Winter season. On December 31, 2022, we rang in the New Year by having a Pot Luck and watching two of the best College Football Playoff Semi-Final games ever! On January 6<sup>th</sup> the SAL had a great Chicken Alfredo Dinner. On January 7<sup>th</sup> the SAL had an outstanding Brunch. On January 9<sup>th</sup> the Unit had a Spaghetti and Sausage and Meatball. On January 13<sup>th</sup> the Unit had an outstanding Ham Steak Dinner. On January 21<sup>st</sup> the SAL had another outstanding Brunch with the Blue Plate Special being the favorite entrée. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> the Unit had an outstanding Homemade soup and Sandwiches Dinner. On January 27<sup>th</sup> the Post had an Italian and Tuna Fish Subs and Fries Dinner. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> the SAL had a Slow Roasted Beef Bourgeois Dinner which was delicious. On February 10<sup>th</sup> the Unit had a Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner which had many great reviews. On February 13<sup>th</sup> the Unit had a Chicken Wings and Sandwiches Dinner.*

*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 providing great entertainment to the Post. On January 6<sup>th</sup> 3-Wheel Drive energized the Post. On January 13<sup>th</sup> Illy Amy band played a great rendition of Bruce Springsteen's "I'm on Fire". The next day on January 14<sup>th</sup> Alan Faulk had another karaoke Night which we were able to get new members involved. On January 20<sup>th</sup> The Paulverizers had another great performance. On January 27<sup>th</sup> Tossing and Turning had nearly everyone at the Post tossing and turning. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> the Colliders played liked they were on a collision course. On February 10<sup>th</sup> Downwire played and excited the crowd. On February 11<sup>th</sup> Alan Faulk had another great Karaoke Night. On February 17<sup>th</sup> Flea Bit n' Grey had an outstanding performance.*

*On January 29<sup>th</sup> the Post hosted the Super Bowl Squares Party. I would like to thank Ed McCaw, Lauren Keys, Michael Smithhisser for their help with this event. They did an outstanding job. On February 12<sup>th</sup> the Post hosted a Super Bowl Potluck Party a good time was had by everyone.*

*We are currently at 80.95% of our renewal rate for the 2022-2023 Legion year. Which is under the current goal of 85% 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.*

*Some changes coming to the Post are that we are going to be selling American Legion License Plates for \$4.00 so Post, SAL, and Unit members can have for their car dashboard. This will show that they are members of the Post and that they would be able to park in the parking lot or in the parking lot near Sherwood Associates. This will help with the parking situation on Saturday Nights.*

*On another note the pull tabs and slot machines have been doing very well. This past month we had 4 people hit the Jackpot for the slot machines! Not bad at all! Please continue to play and play responsibly.*

*Upcoming events include the St. Patrick's Day Party which is going to be held on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The Post Everlasting Ceremony is going to be held on Tuesday, March 21st, 2022 from 7:00PM to 8:00PM.*

*I am looking forward to the Spring and we will have fun and accomplish many more things. As always please take care of yourself and each other.*

*Yours In Service,  
Patrick Cuff  
Post 268 Commander*

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**~ 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: ~NANCY CALLAN ~ , ~ MARK RUHL ~.*

*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)*

**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)*

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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) and : [lindasarkisian@yahoo.com](mailto:lindasarkisian@yahoo.com).*

**THE FOUR FREEDOMS**

*In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.*

*The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world.*

*The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world.*

*The third is freedom from want—which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peaceful life for its inhabitants—everywhere in the world.*

*The fourth is freedom from fear—which, translated into world terms, means a worldwide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of aggression against any neighbor—anywhere in the world.*

**FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT**

## **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Hello again! Looking forward to warmer weather with Spring on the way (not that we had much of a winter to speak of – where did the snow go?). SAL membership is on track to meet or exceed our goals for 2023. It is never too late to pay your dues. Membership dues go a long way for projects that help support our veterans. As always please refer new or potential members to an SAL officer. As a reminder the SAL hosts dinners on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month - except for March where we will switch with the Unit and run the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday dinner. Also, don't forget the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> always excellent Saturday morning brunch that is run by Sean McGovern.

The SAL and Unit will join forces for a very special St. Patrick's Day dinner March 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:30pm. Traditional slow-cooked corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, fresh baked Irish soda bread, salad, dessert and more. All proceeds will go to the Post. Stay after dinner to hear the amazing live music of **The Eclectriks** with Pete Stover. The Eclectriks will bring the sounds of Celtic fusion, rock, blues and jazz. Pete gives it his all with his once-a-year performance at the Post – so you don't want to miss it!

Starting in April the Post has decided to host bands only on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday nights. SAL and Unit dinners will coincide. See the AL Post 268 Facebook page for band dates, dinners and other events.

The SAL has initiated a project that will fix and reupholster the bar chairs. Jim Cavender and other SAL members have set the gears in motion. Look for the refurbished bar stools within the month. Upcoming events will include the May 4<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby party 4pm – 7pm. The SAL will provide the BBQ and other food (look for the mint julep drink special at the bar).

Finally, the SAL would like to give a very special thanks to Jim Cavender. Jim is always working tirelessly behind the scenes to fix things and make improvements at the Post. Give Jim a big “thank you” for his continuing work when you see him.

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

Clint Sandford - S.A.L. Commander



**ST. PATRICKS DINNER**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023**

**5:30 TILL 7:30**

**SALAD, CORNED BEEF, POTATOES, CABBAGE, CARROTS**

**SODA BREAD AND DESSERT**

**\$15.00 PER PERSON**

## WHEATON UNIT 268

*I would like to start out by mentioning the unit lost two long time members this year. The members were Trudy Machado and Betty Altman. Sincere Condolences go out to their families.*

*Happy March and April everyone. This is the time of year when Spring Officially begins and daylight savings time kicks in this year on March 12, so remember to turn your clocks forward that day. April brings warmer weather, Showers, and spring flowers blooming.*

*Our first auxiliary meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 Pm, so please attend. March 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a St Patricks' day dinner consisting of Corn beef and cabbage along with a Irish band for your entertainment.*

*We are asking people, please rsvp if you are going to attend the St Patricks' day dinner. A little fact about why shamrocks are worn on St Patricks' Day. The shamrock is a reminder of the three leaves the saint used to symbolize the Holy Trinity.*

*On April 8, come and enjoy brunch with the Easter Bunny. Children will receive free pancakes on that day. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be taken also. The Easter Bunny will have a little surprise for all the children. April 9<sup>th</sup> is Easter- so I hope everyone, and their family have a wonderful holiday.*

*Our Valentine dinner and dance was very successful. Everyone that attended had a great time. Valentines' candy was handed out to the couples that were there. There were at least 10 couples.*

*On March 12, The American Legion Southern Md District 5*

*is celebrating a day for God and Country. This is when we celebrate our military and pay tribute to the Ultimate Sacrificial Service of The Four Chaplains of the U.S.S. Dorchester.*

*In January I visited the Margaret Schwernhart center in Silver Spring Md. and gave a thank you note to the knitting group there for knitting many hats for our tree. We were very appreciative. They have many other free activities you can do at the center for people 55 and older. Check them out. One of our auxiliary members Georgia Martin teaches Zumba at the center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Go try the class out and say hello.*

*The Auxiliary dinners are still going well each month along with our bake sales so come and enjoy them. I would like to see more people come and enjoy these meals. We would love to see you and get your support. I want to thank everyone that helps with these dinners, it is greatly appreciated. Any other members from the Auxiliary that would like to help out let Linda Sarkisian know.*

*Jane Martin*

*Auxiliary President*

### *Our America*

*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, there 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.*

*Harold F. Mohn*

# MARCH 2023

SUN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	3 UNIT Dinner Pork loin or baked fish (\$12.00) BAKE SALE AND MORE!! "The Marsh Brothers Band" 7:30 – 10:30	4 SAL BRUNCH  10:00 TO 12:00
5  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	6 UNIT DINNER 5:30-8:00 Spaghetti Sausage/Meatballs \$ 9.00 POOL	7  POST Closed	8  "SAL Meeting"  7:00	9 <u>UNIT GAME NIGHT 6:00</u>  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	10 NO Dinner  NO BAND	11  Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk  7:00-11:00
12  EASY EXERCISE CLASSES RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	13  POOL	14  POST Closed Business Meeting Open to Members 6:30	15  UNIT Business Meeting 6:30	16  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	17 St. Patrick Dinner** \$15.00  The Eclectriks w/Pete Stover 7:30-10:30  St. Patricks Day	18 SAL BRUNCH  10:00 TO 12:00
19  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	20 UNIT DINNER 5:30-8:00 Home Made Soup Sandwiches \$9.00  POOL	21  POST Closed	22	23  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 <u>DEVLIN HALL</u>  Ramadan	24 SAL Dinner Chicken Alfredo or shrimp Alfredo  "Groove Quest" 8:00-11:00	25  "The Reily Goulait Band"  8:00 till 11:00
26  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL <hr/> Open 12-10pm	27  POOL  Open 4-11pm	28  POST Closed  Closed	29  Open 1-8pm	30  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 <u>DEVLIN HALL</u>  Open 1-10pm	31 NO DINNER  NO BAND  Open 12pm-12am	Open 12pm-12am

***Unit offers dinner on the SECOND and FOURTH Monday (5:30 till 8:00).  
Unit will offer dinner Fourth Friday (5:30 till 7:30) ALSO BAKESALE!!***

***SAL will offer dinner first Friday (5:30 till 8:00) each month.***

# APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SAL BRUNCH 10:00 TO 12:00
2 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	3  POOL	4  POST Closed	5  "SAL" Meeting 7:00 pm	6  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	7 SAL Dinner "Lasagna"  "No Disgrace" 7:30-10:30	8  Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk  7:00-11:00
9 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	10 UNIT DINNER  Chicken Wings/ sandwiches with FF \$9.00  POOL	11 POST Closed  "POST" Executive Meeting 6:30pm	12	13 UNIT GAME NIGHT 6:00  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	14  "No Dinner"  "No Band"	15 SAL BRUNCH  10:00 TO 12:00
16  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	17  POOL	18  POST Closed	19  "UNIT" BUSINESS MEETING 6:00	20  EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	21  No Dinner  No Band	22
23 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HALL	24  POOL  Open 4-11	25  POST CLOSED  Closed	26  Open 1-8pm	27 EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 7:00 DEVLIN HAL  Open 1-10pm	28 Unit Dinner "Stuffed Chicken Breast"  "Beyond The Blues"  Open 12pm-12am	29  Open 12pm-12am
30  POST CLOSED						

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Post 268, YOUR POST, is working very hard to keep its doors open!! We are finding it necessary to cut hours and cut out some of the bands!!!!

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## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 268 BOOSTERS**

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