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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Legion, Unit and SAL 268 members,

Fall is here! Let me update you all on all of the exciting things that are happening with the American Legion this past Summer. In the month of July I attended the Maryland Department of the American Legion Convention in Ocean City, MD from July 16-19, 2024. During this Convention our Post was presented a plaque for reaching 100% on Membership. Our new Department Commander is going to be Dave Heredia. I was voted in as the 2nd Vice Commander for District 5 of the Southern Maryland Region. Some of duties will be visiting and inspecting the Posts in District 5. I am looking forward to the challenge and I think it will be a great year for District 5 and Post 268. As far as the Post goals go I want our Post to be 100% in Membership by December 31, 2024. I want our Post to be able to host a Dinner each month. Another goal that I have is to raise more funds for the Post through the Queen of Hearts or other Raffles. The next goal that I have is for our Post to be in attendance for the District, Region and Department Executive Meetings. Another goal is to nominate a Police Officer and Firefighter for Police Officer of the Year and Firefighter of the Year at the Southern Maryland Region Level. Last but not least I want to be more involved in the programs that support Veterans such as Wreaths Across America and Wounded Warrior.

The American Legion Baseball season has been very exciting. Troy, Alabama Post 70 came from behind to beat Midland, Michigan Post 165 in the World Series at Veterans Field in Shelby, North Carolina 5-3! Each year 8 teams from different regions qualify. The regions are the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Mid-South Region, Great Lakes Region, Central Plains Region, Northwest Region, and Western Region. Some American Legion Baseball Alumni include Roberto Alomar, Sparky Anderson, Harold Baines, Jenny Bench, Yogi Berra, Roger Clemons, and Reggie Jackson just to name a few.

In 1938 the American Legion Oratorical Contest began with its purpose to give participants an academic speaking challenge that teaches very important leadership qualities. The contest also teaches the participants about the history of our nation's laws and gives the participants the ability to think and speak clearly. Prior participants of this contest were Alan Keyes, Lou Dobbs, and former U.S. Vice-President Mike Pence. Hillsdale College in Michigan hosted this year's Oratorical Contest. These young orators have the chance to win over \$203,000 in College Scholarships each year. The winner of this year's contest was Home-Schooled Sophomore Aubrey Moore from Renton, Washington whose speech title was "Why Freedom of Speech is in Danger," earned a \$25,000 Scholarship. Second Place was Knox Boyd from Lafayette, Indiana who received a \$22,500 Scholarship. Third Place was awarded to David Daniel of Owensboro, Kentucky who is receiving a \$20,000 scholarship. This is a program I definitely want our Post to support.

This American Legion Year I plan on working with Wreaths Across America. I plan on donating 5 wreaths this year for Wreaths Across America Day on December 14, 2024. On that day more than 2 million Veterans' will be placed across Local, National, and Military Cemeteries as well as Veterans' Memorials and historic sites. Please let me know if you want to get involved.

Post events for the upcoming month of September and October include the Post Business Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:30PM. The Post will be having a Turkey Dinner on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 5:00PM. The Dinner consists of Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Stuffing, Dinner Rolls, and a Dessert. The cost of the Dinner will be \$14.00. On Tuesday, October 8, 2024 The Post will have an Executive Meeting at 6:30PM. On Saturday, October 26, 2024 we will be having the Early Bird Picnic starting at 1:00PM.

Yours In Service, Patrick Cuff, Post 268 Commander

~ CHAPLAIN~

The following comrades have answered their final call, completed their tour of duty and have reported to the Supreme Commander of Post Everlasting: ~James (Jim) Moores (PPC)~ Robert LaFond~Stanley (Stan) Hudson~Charles Dennis~ and SAL Member~Mack Burton~.

. For those members 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, especially Bob McGuire, and those who need our prayers.

IN MEMORIAM

*In Memory of "Judge" & Pat McCaw~
By The McCaw Family (3/25)*

*In Memory of "Blackie" and Vonda Sarkisian
By the Sarkisian Family (6/25)*

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

*In Memory of James H. Foster
By Geneva and Family (11/25)*

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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).*

It is hard to believe that it has been twenty-three years since the events of September 11, 2001. It stands as memory etched within our lives forever as if time stood still. Everyone has a story of what they were doing the day such a horrific tragedy occurred, and that pain still resonates deeply within. It is a bond that we share not only as Americans but also as members of the human race. The day that began as just another Autumn Day but left us shaken to our cores. Although it has been two decades, let us come together I pray so that we may never forget the lives lost, the families affected, and the memory of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Prayers for the Memory of those Lost

- Help us never to forget the memory of those lost to the events of 9/11. Lord, they did not die in vain, and we pray with genuine and sincere hearts that their legacies would go on to endure. We think of the outrageous souls of Flight 93, who fight back towards the hijackers to spare more lives, giving the ultimate sacrifice in doing so. Lord, we pray for the memories of those who lost their lives to rescue, help, and save others, such as the firefighters, the police, and the civilians who offered a hand. May their bravery be remembered and not just a footnote in history books. And Lord, we pray for the innocent victims who were killed that heartbreaking day. We thank You for each and every single one of their lives. We thank you for the mark they left on this earth, and we celebrate the impact they had on us as friends, family, and neighbors. Even if we did not know them personally, they mattered to the story of our world, and we thank You for them. Help us not to lose sight with time of these souls; help us become ever mindful that they were made in Your image and that their lives held such great value. Help their stories to be told again and again, and may we feel pushed to share them with those who were not even alive on September 11, 2001, so that they too may come to admire and respect the fallen. We sincerely ask that the memories of those who have passed on would not be erased from this age. May sweet memories of good times be shared and recalled and may there be a sense of peace in knowing they do not grieve alone. So many were killed due to the terrorist attacks, but others were left with life-altering injuries and long-term mental effects. For the survivors, we pray this day for comfort. What they endured and witnessed was traumatizing and distressing; Lord, we pray for continued healing for their bodies and hearts. We pray that what was intended in pure evil would not have the final word upon these survivors. We pray that You would surround them and pour out Your Spirit upon them. Lord, we pray that their stories, their experiences, and what they have seen will be used to inspire healing and peace in the time to come. They are strong individuals, and they deserve our respect. Please help them as his date passes again, and Lord, we thank You that they are here to live among us. Amen

- **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

## **S.A.L. Commander's Corner**

**By Clint Sandford**

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing and peaceful summer. Though we had fewer events over the past couple of months, we're gearing up for a busy and exciting Fall season, and I couldn't be more thrilled to share what's in store for the upcoming months at the Post.

Mark your calendars for our highly anticipated **SAL Crab Feast** on **Saturday, September 28th, from 4-7 pm**. Tickets are flying off the shelves, so make sure to grab yours soon! For just \$60, you can enjoy all the freshly steamed Chesapeake Blues that you can eat, courtesy of Shoreline Inc. from Gambrills, Maryland. If crabs aren't your thing, tickets are \$25 for non-crabbers, which includes draft beer, sodas, and a variety of many homemade sides. Tickets are available at the bar, or you can use **Venmo** (@Clinton-Sandford). We'll also have raffles, pull tabs, prizes, and a lot of fun lined up, so it's an event you won't want to miss. And don't forget, a special **Alan's Famous Karaoke** night will be kicking off upstairs afterwards from 7-11 pm! As always, volunteers to help run this beloved annual event are greatly appreciated—please spread the word!

Looking ahead, I'd like to remind everyone to get your **2025 SAL dues** in early. Doing so will qualify you for free entrance to the **Early Bird Picnic** on **Saturday, October 26th**. This event is always a highlight, featuring catered food and fresh BBQ facilitated by the SAL and the Unit. The culinary expertise of Chef Ryan Gordon, a Post member and owner of [The Queen Vic](#) and other local restaurants, ensures a feast you won't want to miss.

In the spirit of camaraderie, we're also hosting a **Potluck Dinner** on **Sunday, September 8th at 4 pm** for the Washington Commanders' first home game. Any food contributions will be greatly appreciated as we come together to cheer on our team.

Live music returns to the Post starting **Friday, September 6th** with [No Disgrace](#) performing at 7:00 pm. We'll continue hosting live bands every Friday night, so come out and support local music and your Post! Also, our **SAL Dinners** will resume on the first Friday of each month, starting on **October 4th at 5:30 pm**, featuring homemade Chicken Florentine with fresh sides, salad, and dessert.

I'm excited to introduce a new feature—The [Sons of the American Legion SMR](#) (Southern Maryland Region) which has local events and news that can be found on their official Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/218491158196451>). Additionally, you can stay updated on [National SAL News](#) by visiting (<https://www.legion.org/sons>), where you'll find highlights on programs and fundraisers that support our Veterans and their families, events such as conventions and sports, and community builders like Family Day and garden planting initiatives. These links and highlights will be included in future newsletters.

Here's a brief overview of our organization:

*"The Sons of The American Legion was created in 1932 as an organization within The American Legion. The SAL is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion. Together, members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, and the Sons of The American Legion make up what is known as the Legion Family. All three organizations place high importance on preserving our American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for our nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship."*

Thank you all for your continued support. Let's make this Fall season one to remember at Post 268!

For God and Country,

**SAL CRAB FEAST IS BACK!!!**

**SAT. SEPT. 28<sup>TH</sup> 4pm till 7pm**

**\$60 Hot steam crabs, corn on cob, soda and draft beer \$60**

**\$25 Non-Crab eaters \$25**

## **"ALA WHEATON UNIT 268"**

*I would like to start out by wishing our Unit Officers and members a successful year. Lets' see us reach our goal this year. All our meetings will be upstairs starting with our first meeting on September 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM. I hope to see "MANY "more members attend. Food and refreshments will be served.*

*The Officers for this year are the following:*

*President- Jane Martin, Vice-President- Linda Sarkisian, Chaplain- Peggy White, Historian-Christine Williard, Sgt At Arms-Patsy Alder, Treasurer- Linda Sarkisian, Executive Committee-Geneva Foster, Helen Storer, and Lynn Stephens.*

*On September 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 the officers and executive committee will be having a budget meeting upstairs at 6:00 PM. Pizza will be served.*

*Units first Monday dinner will be Sept. 16. Menu is Deep Fried Chicken wings and sandwiches with choice of F.F., Potato Salad (\$10.00). Next Monday dinners will be on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Menu, Spaghetti with sausage or meatballs (\$10.00). Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> Unit will serve Pork Loin, sauerkraut and all the trimmings. (\$15.00). Dinner served from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Monday dinner on October 14<sup>th</sup> is Deep Fried Fish sandwich or Rubens with F. F. or Macaroni Salad. On October 28<sup>th</sup> the menu will be Chicken Parm with Pasta and Salad. Monday dinners are from 5:30 till 8:00. Please contact Linda with questions. (301/602-5276) Come support the Unit.*

*The unit is collecting school supplies for underprivileged children in our area. Please donate items and put them in the box in the pool room. We collect school supplies all year around. Please contact Geneva Foster at: 301/335-6784 with questions. She also collects and delivers new or gently used clothing to those in need. If you have any spare time or donations, please contact her.*

*We are also asking for donations for our International Basket which will be raffled off at our early bird picnic. Tickets will be 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5.*

*October 5, 2024, will be the Halloween Brunch Party for children from 11 to 1. This year the theme is black cats. Children will make cat masks, enjoy a story about the 5 black cats, a black cat pinata and pin the bowtie on the cat game. Children will also receive free pancakes and juice. If you would like to bring your child, grandchild, your children or grandchildren's friends, neighbor children and their friends. There all welcome. Please contact Jane Martin at 301-351-8691 .*

*Another project we are working on this year is Fisher House. We collect items such as: AA and AAA Batteries, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, etc. A complete list is on the donation box at Post in Pool Hall. Peggy White, a Dual Member of Post/Unit 268, is our chairman. Please contact her with questions at: 240/461-4045. We received very few donations last year. The Unit donated many items using Unit funds. Peggy is also the Chairman of a Veterans group called: "Second Change". More info on this next month.*

*Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Early bird picnic. The unit will host a bake sale, international basket raffle, a lottery ticket raffle, mini market sale during this event. Food is also provided at this event. So come enjoy this event.*

*We are now accepting dues for the year 2025. Please make your check out to: ALA Wheaton Unit 268 in the amount of \$40.00. Mail to Linda Sarkisian, 3117 Farnborough Ct. Silver Spring, Md. 20906. Please attend the Early Bird Picnic free of charge if you renewed your membership by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. You can also renew that day. Remember, your 2024 Membership card is still good until December 31, 2024. Our Chaplain, Peggy White, would like to hear from you if you know of a member who is ill or in the hospital. Perhaps someone just needs a cheerful note, please contact her on 240/461-4045.*

*Jane Martin Thanks Auxiliary President*

**"PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR "AMERICAN LEGION POST, UNIT AND SAL!! ATTEND THEIR FUNCTIONS"**

# SEPTEMBER

|                                                                                                                     | Monday                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                                                           | Thursday                                                                | Friday                                                                                     | Saturday                                                                    |
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| 1                                                                                                                   | 2 Labor Day                                                                                             | 3<br>"SAL"<br>BUSINESS<br>MEETING"          | 4<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS<br>DRAWING<br>7:30<br><br>UNIT EXEC<br>MEETING 6:00            | 5<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00                     | 6 NO DINNER<br><br>"NO<br>DISGRACE"<br>7:00-11:00                                          | 7 SAL<br>BREAKFAST<br>10:00 TILL 12:00                                      |
| 8 FOOTBALL!!<br>"POT LUCK<br>DINNER"<br>4:00pm<br><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL | 9<br><br>POOL                                                                                           | 10<br>"POST<br>BUSINESS<br>MEETING"<br>6:30 | 11<br>QUEEN OF<br>HEARTS<br>DRAWING<br>7:30<br>"REMEMBER<br>9/11"                   | 12<br><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL | 13 NO DINNER<br><br>"JOE DICEY &<br>THE HIGH<br>ROLLERS"<br><br>7:30-10:30                 | 14 Karaoke w/<br>Alan Faulk<br>7:00-11:00                                   |
| 15<br><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                                             | 16 Unit<br>Dinner 5:30<br>Italian with<br>meatballs/<br>sausage<br>\$10.00<br><br>POOL                  | 17<br><br>Open 2:00<br>till 8:00            | 18<br>QUEEN OF<br>HEARTS<br>DRAWING<br>7:30<br>"UNIT BUSINESS<br>MEETING"<br>"6:00" | 19<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL<br>WOOD<br>6:00                 | 20 POST DINNER<br>"TURKEY DINNER"<br>"\$15.00"<br><br>"TOSSING &<br>TURNING"<br>7:30-10:30 | 21 SAL<br>BREAKFAST<br><br>10:00-12:00                                      |
| 22<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL<br>WOOD<br>6:00                                                             | 23<br><br>POOL                                                                                          | 24<br><br>Open 2:00<br>Till 8:00            | 25<br><br>QUEEN OF<br>HEARTS<br>DRAWING<br>7:30                                     | 26<br><br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL<br>WOOD<br>6:00             | 27 NO DINNER<br><br>"SRC"<br>8:00-11:00                                                    | 28<br>"CRAB FEAST"<br>4-7 PM<br>"ALAN'S<br>FAMOUS<br>KARAOKE"<br>7:00-11:00 |
| 29<br>EASY EXERCISE<br>CLASS<br>RUSSELL<br>WOOD<br>6:00<br><br>Open 12-<br>10PM                                     | 30 POOL<br>Unit Dinner<br>5:30'8:00<br>Italian with<br>meatballs/<br>sausage<br>\$10.00<br><br>Open 4Pm | <br><br>Open<br>2:00-8:00                   | <br><br>Open 1-8pm                                                                  | <br><br>Open 1-10pm                                                     | <br><br>Open 1:00-12:00                                                                    | "                                                                           |

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# OCTOBER 2024

| Sunday                                         | Monday                                                             | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                                                               | Thursday                                                          | Friday                                                                   | Saturday                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                |                                                                    | 1<br>SAL Business Meeting<br>7:00   | 2<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                                    | 3<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                     | 4 SAL DINNER "CHICKEN FLORENTINE" \$15.00<br>"DOWNWIRE"<br>7:30-10:30    | 5 SAL BREAKFAST 10:00 TILL 12:00<br>"HALLOWEEN BRUNCH PARTY—11:00 TO 1:00"  |
| 6<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00  | 7<br>POOL                                                          | 8<br>Post Executive Meeting<br>6:30 | 9<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                                    | 10<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                    | 11 UNIT DINNER PORK LOIN \$15.00<br>"THE DARROWS BAND"<br><br>7:30-10:30 | 12<br>Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk<br><br>7:00-11:00                               |
| 13<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00 | 14 POOL<br><br>"DEEP FRIED FISH-RUBENS, ETC."<br>\$10.00           | 15                                  | 16<br>Unit Business Meeting 6:00<br><br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30 | 17<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                    | 18 POST DINNER "TBD"<br><br>"ZYDECO JED"<br><br>7:30-10:30               | 19 SAL BREAKFAST 10:00 TILL 12:00                                           |
| 20<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00 | 21<br>POOL<br><br>Open 4-11                                        | 22                                  | 23<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                                   | 24<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br><br>Open 1-10pm | 25<br><br>"3-WHEEL DRIVE"<br>"7:30-10:30"<br><br>Open 12pm-12am          | 26<br>"EARLYBIRD PICNIC" 1:00-5:00<br>"FREE TO EARLYBIRDS-\$6.00 TO OTHERS" |
| 28<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00 | 29 UNIT DINNER "CHICKEN PARM" "SALAD" \$10.00<br>POOL<br>Open 4-11 | 30<br><br>Open 2-8pm                | <br><br>Open 1-8pm                                                      | <br><br>Open 1-10pm                                               | <br><br>Open 12pm-12am                                                   |                                                                             |

## QUEEN OF HEARTS

### JOIN THE FUN

*See bartender for tickets, \$5.00 per ticket. Sale close Wednesdays promptly at 7pm. Weekly ticket drawn every Wednesday at 7:30pm. See complete pose rules for all of the game details.*

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