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The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The Winter Season is coming and we ready for all of the upcoming excitement. Let me update you on all of the exciting events that has happened at Post 268 this Fall. On November 3rd the SAL provided an outstanding Taco Bar. On November 4th the SAL had an outstanding Brunch. On November 10th the Unit had an outstanding Ham Steak Dinner. On November 13th the Unit had Reubens and Sloppy Joes. On November 18th the SAL had an outstanding Brunch. On November 27th the Unit had Hot Dogs and French Fries for Dinner. On December 1st the SAL had a Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, and Asparagus Dinner. On December 4th the Unit had a Spaghetti with Meatballs and Sausage Dinner. On December 8th the Unit had a Chicken Cordon Bleu 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 Year. Please support Linda in this endeavor. Keep in mind there are many ways to support Linda in this endeavor such as monitoring the Parking Lot which is needed to help provide members with a parking spot.

The Bands and Karaoke have been providing great entertainment to the Post. On November 3rd Zydeco Jed rocked the house! On November 10th God's Favorite Band played great tunes! On November 11th Alan Faulk gave a great Veteran's Day performance. On November 17th The Whom was outstanding. On November 24th Flea Bit N' Grey gave an outstanding performance. On December 1st Downwire played down to the wire. On December 8th SR3 gave an inspiring performance. On December 15th Tossing & Turning gave a great performance. On December 16th Alan Faulk had a great holiday Karaoke performance.

The events that took place were of exceptional quality. On November 11th the Post collaborated with VFW Post 2568. The event was held at the Wheaton Veteran's Park. I would like to thank the Post, SAL, and Unit for all of their help with this event. The Queen of Hearts has been picking up steam. Recently Michael Smithisler won the Queen of Hearts with a winnings of \$570 on November 29th! On December 9th the Post hosted an Army vs. Navy Game Party. Clint Sanford won the Chili-Cookoff for a second straight year. Congratulations to Clint. On December 16th Santa Claus is visiting Post 268 for Saturday Brunch.

We are at 83% for our renewal rate for the 2023-2024 Legion Year. We are number 1 in District 5. We are going to keep at it and finish number 1. Remember it is not how you start it is how you finish. We are over the current goal 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.

On December 19th the Post will be hosting a Staff and Volunteer party from 6:30PM to 10:30PM. I will be the guest Bartender. On December 31st we are hosting a New Year's Eve Potluck Party from 5:30PM to Close. We will be open on New Year's Day from 4:00PM to 11:00PM for the College Football Playoffs. The Rose Bowl will start at 5:00PM which will have Alabama vs. Michigan. The Sugar Bowl will start at 8:00PM and will feature Texas vs. Washington. We are still accepting donations for the Ukrainian War Effort. We are only accepting new clothes. Plain T-Shirts and Crew Socks. In terms of Hygiene Supplies we are accepting Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, and Hygiene Supplies for both Men and Woman. The items that are in highest demand are Emergency Blankets and Winter Clothes. Walmart would have these items at a very cheap cost. Please show your support.

I am very excited about 2024 and believe it will be an even better year for us. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Post 268 Commander
Yours In Service,
Patrick Cuff

~ CHAPLAIN ~

We have not been informed of any comrades who have answered his or her final call, completed his or her tour of duty and has reported to the Supreme Commander of Post Everlasting:

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 and who need our prayers.

IN MEMORIAM

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

In Memory of Joe Storer
By the Storer Family (09/25)

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

In Memory of Edward & Sheila Beall J. Shaw
By Mack E. Beall

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

In Memory of Dennis Lee Krisko
By The Krisko Family (12/23)

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 –  
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You Are Surrounded by Christmas Angels

Having angels in your life is no big thing...  
It's a zillion little things,  
They comfort you when you're down and  
cheer you when you struggle.  
The best angels give you what you need,  
not what you want...even if that's a good swift kick!  
One of the best things about angels is that  
They are better at cheering than jeering  
And their unseen powers of goodness are  
All around you. Angels give you that tingle  
You feel when you are surrounded by  
Love and faith. They help you to do what's  
Right, especially when it's not easy.  
Don't forget to acknowledge that visible  
Angels are always encircling you too.  
They are often masquerading as family, friends,  
and sometimes even strangers who lend a  
helping hand or offer a kind word. So always  
act on faith that you are not alone, and  
believe your angels will make everything all  
right. Because there are angels surrounding  
you this very moment...just believe. Suzy Toronto

## **S.A.L. Newsletter Article January – February 2024**

Greetings Season's Past and Happy New Year to all our valued S.A.L. members and their families! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and warmth. As we step into the New Year, the S.A.L. at Post 268 is excited about the upcoming events and activities. Here's a quick recap of the last two months and a sneak peek into what's ahead:

### **Membership Dues Reminder:**

As we kick off 2024, a friendly reminder to all our members to ensure your SAL 2024 dues are settled at the earliest convenience. USPS postcard reminders have been sent, but if you haven't done so already, it's not too late to pay. Let's start the year on a positive note by ensuring our memberships are up to date.

### **Successful SAL Dinners:**

Our SAL dinners on the first Friday of the month have been a resounding success. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to **Lauren & Terry Keys** for their generous donation during our meatloaf night. The upcoming SAL dinner on January 12th will feature delicious homemade fresh shrimp fettuccine with alfredo sauce, a dinner roll, salad bar, and dessert. Stay tuned for details on February's dinner, which is yet to be decided. As always, we can use SAL volunteers to help (15 minutes or so once a month for clean-up). The Unit will handle the first Friday dinner in January this time.

### **SAL Brunches and Unit Recognition:**

SAL brunches continue on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10 AM to 12 noon. Kudos to the Unit (ladies auxiliary), **especially Linda Sarkisian, Patsy Adler, and Cheri Nagel**, for their consistent support with our SAL dinners. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated, even if they don't always receive the recognition they deserve.

### **Christmas Spirit and Recognizing Volunteers:**

A special shoutout to **Kevin McGovern** for spearheading the beautiful Christmas decorations this year. Kevin has always been there to help not only with the decorations but with the bar and other tasks. The Army/Navy football game on 12/9 with the chili cookoff was a hit, with congratulations to all winners. The Post Christmas party on 12/19 was a very nice event, with our **Commander Patrick Cuff** expressing gratitude to all officers and volunteers for their contributions throughout the year.

### **Live Music Extravaganza:**

Don't forget, live bands every Friday night! Wheaton Post 268 continues to be the go-to place for fantastic live music. Invite your friends and family for a night of great entertainment and camaraderie.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Mark your calendars for the late January Super Bowl Pool Party and, of course, the highlight of February, the SUPER BOWL on February 11th. We look forward to seeing you at these exciting events!

### **A Note from the Commander:**

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to making the last few months memorable. Your dedication and support are what makes Post 268 a vibrant and welcoming community. Let's continue to spread the word, attend events, and make 2024 another fantastic year for the S.A.L. and everyone at Post 268. Wishing you all a prosperous and joyful New Year!

Clint Sandford

S.A.L. Commander Post 268

**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!**

## 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, 2023 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 on Dec 16, 2032, and there were about 20 of us. We all had a good time. We collected lots of hats, Scarfs ,gloves and mittens for our Christmas tree for the needy children and teenagers at Sheppard-Pratt. We received a generous gift of hats that were hand knitted and donated by ladies at the Margarret Swanheart senior center off of Forest GlenRd. 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 .

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 programed 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 Junior Fall conference. In January we will start game night again. We serve pizza at 6:00.

Our next meeting is January17,2024, 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.

Hope everyone is looking forward to a great new year.

Jane Martin      Auxiliary President

*PLEASE TURN SIDEWAYS TO READ!!!!*



American Legion Post 268 Wheaton, MD

**THE BIG PRE GAME**

*Party!*

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 2:30pm  
during the AFC and NFC playoffs

Superbowl Pool Squares available NOW!  
\$120/square includes admission for 2  
people to the party. Squares sell out  
quickly! Payment due at the time  
squares are selected.

Full open bar, lots of good food,  
Free public parking and many ways to win!

See any bartender for pool squares  
and further information

# JANUARY 2024

|                                                                | Monday                                                                                     | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday                                                           | Thursday                                                                                         | Friday                                                                      | Saturday                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                                | 1<br>POOL                                                                                  | 2<br>SAL MEETING<br>7:00                | 3<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                                | 4<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                                     | 5 UNIT Dinner<br>Pork Loin \$14.00<br>"GROOVE QUEST"<br>8:00-11:00          | 6 SAL BREAKFAST<br>10:00 TILL 12:00       |
| 7<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL   | 8 Unit Dinner<br>Italian Subs/BLT Sandwich with FF \$9.00<br>POOL                          | 9<br>POST Business Meeting<br>6:30      | 10<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                               | 11 AUX. Game night<br>6:00 with Pizza<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL | 12 SAL Dinner<br>Shrimp Fettuccine \$14.00<br>"THE COLLIDERS"<br>8:00-11:00 | 13<br>Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk<br>7:00-11:00 |
| 14<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL  | 15<br>POOL                                                                                 | 16<br>Open 2:00 till 8:00               | 17<br>Unit Business Meeting 6:00<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30 | 18<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                                                   | 19 No Dinner<br>"3-WHEEL DRIVE"<br>8:00-11:00                               | 20 SAL BREAKFAST<br>10:00-12:00           |
| 21<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                 | 22 UNIT DINNER<br>Rubens OR Italian Sausage/Meat ball Sub with FRENCH FRIES \$9.00<br>POOL | 23<br>Open 2:00 Till 8:00<br>Open 2-8pm | 24<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                               | 25<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                                                   | 26 POST Dinner<br>TBD<br>"ZYDECO JED"<br>8:00-11:00                         | 27                                        |
| 28<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br>Open 12-10PM | 29 POOL<br>Open 4Pm                                                                        | 30<br>Open 2:00 Till 8:00<br>Open 2-8pm | 31<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30<br>Open 1-8pm                 | Open 1-10pm                                                                                      | Open 1:00-12:00                                                             |                                           |

**PLEASE SUPPORT:**

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

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# February 2024

| Sunday                                         | Monday                                                                                 | Tuesday                             | Wednesday                                                        | Thursday                                                                | Friday                                                                       | Saturday                                      |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                                |                                                                                        |                                     |                                                                  | 1<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>6:00                                        | 2 Unit Dinner Stuffed Chicken Breast \$14.00<br>Joe Dicey & The High Rollers | 3<br>SAL BREAKFAST<br>10:00 TILL 12:00        |
| 4<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00  | 5<br>POOL                                                                              | 6<br>SAL Business Meeting<br>7:00   | 7<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                             | 8 Aux. Game Night with Pizza<br>6:00<br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>6:00 | 9 SAL Dinner TBD<br>\$14.00<br><br>"No Disgrace"<br>8:00-11:00               | 10<br>Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk<br><br>7:00-11:00 |
| 11<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00 | 12 19 Unit Dinner Deep Fried Chicken Wings/BLT with FF \$9.00<br>5:30-8:00<br><br>POOL | 13<br>Post Business Meeting<br>6:30 | 14<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                            | EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                                   | 16 NO DINNER<br><br>"Equator 3 & The Deadeyes"<br>8:00-11:00                 | 17<br>SAL BREAKFAST<br>10:00 TILL 12:00       |
| 18<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00    | 19<br>POOL<br><br>Open 4-11                                                            | 20                                  | 21 Unit Business Meeting 6:30<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30 | 22<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br><br>Open 1-10pm          | 23 POST DINNER TBD<br><br>"<br>8:00-11:00<br><br>Open 12pm-12am              | 24                                            |
| 25<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00    | 26 Unit Deep Fried Chicken Wings/BLT with FF \$9.00<br><br>Open 4-11                   | 27<br><br>Open 2-8pm                | 28<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30<br><br>Open 1-8pm          | 29<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br>Open 1-10pm              | 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.*

**JOIN THE FUN FOR THE BIG WINNER'S POT!!**

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**BOOSTERS**

Support Post 268 by being a Booster! For \$10, Boosters' names will be published in six bulletins. For \$20, names will be published in twelve bulletins. Remember, there are six bulletins per year. For \$20, you will be a booster for two years!!! This opportunity is available to all Legion, Unit and S.A.L. Members and to all guests of the Post. Please renew your listing by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to its expiration. To become a Booster or to renew your listing, see our Adjutant. Our “In Memory Of--” section works the same way. Thank you for your support.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 268 BOOSTERS**

**Expires Jan 2024**

**Helen Storer**

**Expires March 2032**

**Bob & Gail McGuire**

**Expires October 2026**

**Ed DiRaimo**

**Expires July 2025**

**Geneva Foster**

**Expires May 2024**

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

**Expires July 2032  
- Sherman & Eva Wong**

**Expires March 2025**

**Mack E. Beal  
Anne Jarrett**

**Expires September 2023**

**Stephen & Wanda DeMint**

**Expires May 2032**

**Brian K. Vess**

**Expires November 2025**

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**Expires May 2025**

**Laurence Olson**

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