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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The season of Spring is here! Let me update you all on all of the exciting events that have happened at Post 268 this Winter and early Spring. On March 1st the SAL provided an outstanding and nutritious Salmon Dinner. On March 2nd the SAL had an outstanding Brunch. On March 8th the Unit made a delicious Stuffed Shells Dinner. On March 15th the Unit and SAL served a great St. Patrick's Dinner which consisted of Corn-Beef and Cabbage. On March 16th the SAL served a hearty brunch! On March 25th the Unit made an outstanding Chicken Parmesan Dinner. On April 5th the Unit had an outstanding Pork Loin Dinner. On April 6th the SAL had another great brunch! On April 8th the Unit had an outstanding Vegetable Beef Soup and Sandwiches Dinner. On April 12th the SAL had a great Chicken Florentine 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 March 1st Paulie Boy Blues played exceptional music. On March 8th Reggie Right Eye & The Missing Pieces rocked the house! On March 9th Alan Faulk had an awesome Karaoke celebrating my birthday! On March 15th the Pete Stover Band played great music for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. On March 22nd SRC had everyone rocking into the night. On March 29th The Marsh Lovers Band played into the night. On April 5th the Double Crossed band doubled the excitement of Post 268. On March 12th Tossing and Turning had everyone a tossing and turning! On April 13th Alan Faulk performed an exciting and outstanding Karaoke!

The events that took place were outstanding. On March 9th we had a Birthday Party for me. The party included a Spaghetti Dinner and a variety of desserts. Alan Faulk was outstanding with the Karaoke. I would like to thank everyone for coordinating this party for me. I greatly appreciate it. On March 15th we had a great St. Patrick's Day Party where the Pete Stover Band played great music for all of us to hear. On March 19th we had the Post Everlasting Ceremony where we honored all of the Legion, Unit and SAL members who have passed away this past year. It was a great somber ceremony. I want to thank everyone who participated in this ceremony. On March 23rd the Unit had their Annual 100 Club Dinner. Multiple prizes were given out and everyone had a great time. I want to thank the Unit and all of the volunteers who have made this great event possible. I am greatly appreciative of all of you. On March 30th the Post was open for Easter Sunday. Lauren Keyes and I were the two Bartenders for the day. On Saturday April 6th the SAL hosted a Final Four Party where we had Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. The Queen of Hearts has been picking up steam. It is now up to \$1,400 for the winner! During this time the Joker was chosen. We also had two Jack Pot winners during this time! I also want to congratulate the people that won the Super Bowl Squares!

We are at 104.01% for our renewal rate for the 2023-2024 Legion Year! We recently won the Oyster Bowl! We are number 3 in District 5 for Posts that have 300 members and under. We are going to try and finish at number 1. Remember it is not how you start it is how you finish. We are over the current goal of 95% 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. The 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 Friday, May 17th, the Post will be having a Open Face Turkey Dinner which consists of a Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Vegetables, Dessert and a Salad Bar. The costs of the dinner is \$14.00. It is

from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. On Tuesday, May 21st the Post will be having a Business Meeting at 6:30PM. During this meeting we will be having Elections for Post Officers. Any Post Member is welcome to run for any of the positions. On Monday, May 27th we will be having our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Wheaton Veteran's Park at 11:00AM. The guest speaker for the event is going to be Dr. Lorinzo Foxworth who is a 20-Year Army Veteran and Motivational Speaker. On June 18th the Legion, Unit, and SAL is going to have an Installation of Officers Ceremony for the 2024-2025 Legion Year at 6:30PM. Please do not miss this event. Refreshments will be served after the event. The Department of Maryland American Legion Convention is going to be in Ocean City, Maryland from July 15-19, 2024. Please let me know if you are interested in attending the Convention.

I am very excited about all we have accomplished this year and what we are going to accomplish the rest of this year.

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:

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: ~James Moores PPC~Stan Hudson~ Robert LaFond~. 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

*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)*

**IN MEMORIAM**

*In Memory of Joe Storer  
By the Storer Family (09/26)*

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

*In Memory of Dennis Lee Krisko  
By The Krisko Family (12/24)*

*Loving Friendship  
We meet and seem at once to feel  
Our hearts and minds respond.  
The blessing of God's love within  
Cements our friendship bond.  
From our treasure of God's love  
We share what's in our hearts –  
Comfort, warmth and kindness,  
And encouraging support.  
We stan in faith beside our friend,  
Expressing loyalty,  
|And our optimistic view  
Of good that is to be.  
We give our friend listening ear  
And lend a helping hand...  
But most of all , we offer Love that will understand.*

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

### S.A.L Newsletter Article May/June 2024

Welcome to the May/June edition of the SAL Newsletter! We have some exciting updates and upcoming events to share with you all.

**Membership Drive:** We are thrilled to announce that SAL membership stands strong at 90% paid for the year 2023. It's never too late to join or renew your membership for 2024. Let's strive together to achieve our goal of reaching 100% (plus) membership by June. You can conveniently pay your \$30 dues behind the bar or mail a check payable to SAL Post 268 at 11225 Fern Street, Wheaton MD 20902.

**New Security System:** Thanks to the collective contributions of SAL, the Post, and the Unit, our new security system is now fully operational. See Patrick Cuff (Post Commander) for a key fob if needed to access the premises.

**Deep Cleaning:** We extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who assisted with the professional deep cleaning of our facilities. From carpets to kitchen, bathroom & dance floors, your efforts have ensured that our space remains clean and inviting for all members.

**Recent Highlights:** The St. Patrick's Day corned beef dinner, co-hosted by SAL and the Unit, was a resounding success. A big thank you to all members & guests for their support. Our monthly dinners will continue on the first Friday of each month, with a hiatus planned for July and August. Special thanks to SAL members Jim Cavender, Clint Sandford, King Wilcox, and Lou Zancan and to the Unit for their invaluable contributions to recent events.

**Looking Ahead:** Mark your calendars for our upcoming events! Join us for the Cinco de Mayo SAL Dinner on May 3rd, featuring a fully stocked taco bar. Celebrate the Kentucky Derby with us on May 4th from 5-7pm, with SAL running the BBQ. Live bands will continue every Friday night, with a hiatus during July and August. And don't forget to save the date for the SAL Crab Feast on September 28th, featuring crabs provided by Shoreline.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events! Founded in 1932, the Sons of The American Legion (SAL) exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

Warm regards,

Clint Sandford

SAL Commander

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### THE STORY OF THE POPPY !!

The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary has used the poppy as its almost since our inception. The beautiful red poppy has remained as our way to recognize the lives lost to was since World Was 1 and they play a large part in our Memorial Day ceremonies. Many of our members may not realize that the poppy us also worn in many of the countries that were Allied Forces during World War 1 including Great Britain, France, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada. However, in most of those countries, the poppy is worn on what they refer to as Remembrance Day (our Veteran's Day

Red poppies bloomed in France and Belgium during World 1 and were attributed to the soil that was enriched by rubble left over from the battles fought there. The bright red flowers sprouted around and among the rows of white crosses of fallen soldiers in Flanders Field American Cemetery & Memorial in Waregem, West Flanders, Belgium. During the first World War, from 1914 to 1918, Flanders Field was a major battle zone. A million soldiers from more than 50 different countries were wounded, missing or killed in action there. Entire villages were destroyed and the U.S. 37<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup>. Divisions suffered heavy casualties. At this peaceful site, 368 of or military dead lie in rest. Their headstones are aligned in four symmetrical areas around a white stone chapel that stands in the center of the cemetery.

Memorial Day to the American Legion Family is more than just cookouts and trips to the cabin over a long weekend. The holiday is about commemorating the millions of brave Americans who have given their lives defending the values our country was founded on. The words of John F. Kennedy say it best..."As we express pour gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them. Our beautiful red poppy is a symbol to represent the ultimate sacrifice paid by our men and women who fought for our country. Poppies are typically seen in abundance over the month of May, especially during Memorial Day weekend. It shows as our way to keep our thoughts on the most important reason for the holiday.

How the Poppy became the official Memorial Day flower began back in the spring of 1915. Allied battle surgeon and poet Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae saw the barren fields blanketed with the vibrant red poppies. In the spring of 1915, just after a



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| 5<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL       | 6<br>POOL                                                                    | 7<br>SAL MEETING 7:00            | 8<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                              | 9<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL   | 10 UNIT Dinner 5:30-7:30<br>BAKED CHICKEN \$14.00<br>GrooveQuest<br><br>7:30-10:30               | 11 Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk 7:00-11:00                                                    |
| 12<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL      | 13 Unit RUBENS AND GRILLED CHEESE WITH BACON \$9.00<br><br>POOL              | 14                               | 15 UNIT BUSINESS MEETING 6:00<br><br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 7:30 | 16 EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                    | 17 POST Dinner 5:30-7:30<br>Open Face Turkey Dinner \$14.00<br><br>Energy Of The Soul 7:30-10:30 | 18 SAL BREAKFAST 10:00-12:00<br><br>ARMED FORCES DAY Veterans Luncheon 2:00 Downstairs |
| 19<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                     | 20<br><br>POOL                                                               | 21<br>POST Business Meeting 6:30 | 22<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 7:30                                | 23<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                 | 24<br><br>3-Wheel Drive 7:30-10:30                                                               | 25                                                                                     |
| 26<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br><br>Open 12-10PM | 27 POOL<br><br>MEMORIAL DAY – SERVICE AT VETERANS PARK 11:00<br><br>Open 4Pm | 28<br><br>Open 2-8pm             | 29<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING 7:30<br><br>Open 1-8pm              | 30<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br><br>Open 1-10pm | 31 "NO DINNER"<br><br>Barry & The Combustibles 7:30-10:30<br><br>Open 1:00-12:00                 |                                                                                        |

**PLEASE SUPPORT:**

***"THE QUEEN VIC" RYAN GORDON (OWNER/CHIEF) (MEMBER OF POST 268)***  
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# JUNE 2024

| Sunday                                                                                     | Monday                                                                      | Tuesday                                    | Wednesday                                               | Thursday                                                       | Friday                                                                                             | Saturday                                     |
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|                                                                                            |                                                                             |                                            | QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                         | 4<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>6:00                               |                                                                                                    | 1<br>SAL BREAKFAST<br>10:00 TILL 12:00       |
| 2<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00                                              | 3<br>POOL                                                                   | 4<br>SAL Business Meeting<br>7:00          | 5<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                    | 6<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>6:00                               | 7<br>SAL Dinner LASAGNA \$14.00<br>5:30-7:30<br><br>Joe Dicey & The High Rollers<br><br>7:30-10:30 | 8<br>Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk<br><br>7:00-11:00 |
| 9<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00                                              | 10<br>Unit Dinner Chicken Alfredo \$9.00<br><br>POOL                        | 11                                         | 12<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                   | 13<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                    | 14<br>" FLAG DAY"<br><br>No Dinner<br><br>The Darrows Band<br>7:30-10:30                           | 15<br>SAL BREAKFAST<br>10:00 TILL 12:00      |
| 16<br>"Fathers Day"<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                               | 17<br>POOL                                                                  | 18<br>Installation of New Officers<br>6:30 | 19<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                   | 20<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                    | 21<br>NO DINNER<br><br>"SR3"<br><br>7:30-10:30                                                     | 22                                           |
| 23<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br>30<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00 | 24<br>Unit Dinner Bean&Ham Soup/ Sandwiches \$9.00<br><br>POOL<br>Open 4-11 | 25<br><br><br>Open 2-8pm                   | 26<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30<br><br>Open 1-8pm | 27<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br><br>Open 1-10pm | 28<br>NO DINNER<br><br>Zydeco Jed<br><br>7:30-10:30<br><br>Open 12pm-12am                          | 29                                           |

## QUEEN OF HEARTS

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

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