

“FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER”

The 268'er

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The season of Spring is coming, and we are ready for it. Let me update you all on all of the exciting events that have happened at Post 268 this Winter. On January 5th the Unit provided an outstanding Pork Loin Dinner. On January 6th the SAL had an outstanding Brunch. On January 8th the Unit made delicious Italian Subs and BLT Sandwiches with French Fries. On January 12th the SAL made a gourmet Shrimp Fettuccine Dinner. On January 20th the SAL had an outstanding Brunch. On January 22nd the Unit had an outstanding Dinner which consisted of Reubens, Italian Sausage Subs, and Meatball Subs with French Fries. On February 2nd the SAL had an authentic Beef Burgundy Dinner. On February 3rd the SAL had a great Brunch to cap off the weekend! On February 9th the Unit had a very good nutritious Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner. On February 12th the Unit had Chicken Wings, Reubens and Tuna Fish with French Fries. On February 24th the SAL had an outstanding Brunch with a variety of great Breakfast Sausages!

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 December 22nd Tone Nation rocked the house! On January 5th Groove Quest had us all grooving to the music! On January 12th the Colliders had everyone rocking into the night. On January 26th Zydeco Jed packed the house with an outstanding performance. On February 2nd Joey Dicey and the High Rollers had everyone high rolling. On February 9th No Disgrace played to a packed audience. On February 10th Alan Faulk had a great Super Bowl Eve Karaoke performance. On February 16th Equator 3 was out of this world! On February 23rd Beyond the Blues went above and beyond.

The events that took place were of exceptional quality. On Saturday January 20th we had a party in memory of Chuck McCalley who passed away on January 8th. The party was well attended and everyone had a great time honoring Chuck. I want to thank Debbie Hooker for organizing such an outstanding event and all who helped her. On Sunday, January 28, 2024 we had our Annual Super Bowl Party. The food was provided by Mission BBQ. A lot of fun was to be had with the Super Bowl Squares Drawing and the Pull-Tabs. The Queen of Hearts has been picking up steam. It is now up to \$1,100 for the winner! 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 102.341% for our renewal rate for the 2023-2024 Legion Year! We recently won the Oyster Bowl! We are number 1 in District 5 for Posts that have over 300 members. 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 March 12th the Post will be having an Executive Meeting at 6:30PM. March 15th SAL and the Unit will be having a St. Patrick's Day Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner. On March 19th we will be having our annual Post Everlasting Ceremony that will be starting at 7:30PM at the Post Hall. During this month it is the start of the NCAA Tournament and March Madness will begin! We will also be open on March 31st on Easter Sunday

this year. I will be one of the Bartenders on that day.

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

*Yours In Service,
Patrick Cuff*

~ 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: ~ Michael Severson~, ~Matt Lynott~, ~Carl Mills~, ~Chuck McCalley~ . 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 –  
E-mail address is [adjutant@alpost268.org](mailto:adjutant@alpost268.org) and: [lindasarkisian@yahoo.com](mailto:lindasarkisian@yahoo.com).*

*Winter Leads To Spring!!  
I could not watch the Winter sky,  
All blustery and cold,  
And think not of the birds outside  
That I wish that I could hold,  
To warm their little bodies,  
Give to them to eat,  
Then listen to their wondrous songs,  
So beautiful and sweet.  
Then, I remember Jesus loves them,  
Provides their care and need,  
Just as He does for you and me,  
He gives us what we need.  
As I bow my head in humble prayer  
To thank Him for these things,  
I realize and understand  
Why Winters lead to Springs.  
Nancy Watson Dodrill*

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Dear SAL Members,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. Here are some updates and announcements for the months of March and April:

**Membership Dues:** We're pleased to report that membership dues for 2024 are at 78%, meeting and slightly exceeding our goal for January. The goal is to achieve 100% membership payment before June. If you haven't already, please send in your \$30 check payable to SAL Post 268 at 11225 Fern Street, Wheaton MD 20902. A mailed reminder will be sent out soon, but your prompt payment would save us on postage. Thank you for your support!

**Financial Update:** Treasurer/Adjutant Brian Vess reported that our finances are in good standing. Friday night bands continue to attract good crowds, providing both financial support to the Post and excellent live music entertainment. Bands perform every Friday night and are open to the public. Guests are required to sign in at the door.

**Recent Events:** The SAL dinner on Friday, February 2nd, was a great success, with close to 40 dinners sold. Special thanks to all volunteers, including Unit members Linda Sarkisian, Patsy Alder, and Cheri Nagel; SAL member Lou Zancan; and our Post Commander Patrick Cuff. A big shoutout to Unit member Jessica Warren for her continuing cheerful work with the 50/50 raffle.

**Upcoming Projects:** We're excited to announce that a new security system and deep cleaning of carpets and floors will be implemented in agreement with the Post and Unit. This joint effort will enhance our facilities and is expected to begin in late March, with costs evenly split.

**Event Schedule:** SAL dinners will continue on the first Friday of the month, except for April, which will be on the 2nd Friday. SAL brunches will also continue on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. Both will pause in July but will resume in September.

**St. Patrick's Day Dinner:** Join us for a special St. Patrick's Day dinner on Friday, March 15th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Enjoy fresh corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, and real Irish soda bread. The event will be jointly run by SAL and the Unit. Your help and support are greatly appreciated!

### **Other Notes & Recognitions:**

The SAL has installed a brand new American Legion sign on the "Welcome to Wheaton" structure, thanks to SAL member King Wilcox.

King Wilcox also assisted in fixing the parking lot lights, improving safety for all.

The Post has installed a new, up-to-date information big-screen TV at the main entrance. SAL member Jim Cavender is working with Post member Scott Schlesinger to keep the display updated with events and information.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we announce the recent passing of SAL member John Shannon. We will keep you posted on any future arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our community. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Clint Sandford

SAL Commander Post 268

**For the Good of the Sons:** Founded in 1932, the Sons of The American Legion (SAL) exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.



# MARCH 2024

|                                                                      | Monday                                                                       | Tuesday                                                        | Wednesday                                                  | Thursday                                                                              | Friday                                                                                                | Saturday                                                                                                                      |
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|                                                                      |                                                                              |                                                                |                                                            |                                                                                       | 1 SAL Dinner<br>SALMON<br>\$14.00<br><br>"Paulie Boy Blues"<br>8:00-11:00                             | 2 SAL<br>BREAKFAST<br>10:00 TILL 12:00                                                                                        |
| 3<br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL  | 4<br><br>POOL                                                                | 5<br>SAL MEETING<br>7:00                                       | 6<br><br>QUEEN OF HEARTS<br>DRAWING<br>7:30                | 7<br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL                   | 8 UNIT Dinner<br>STUFFED SHELLS<br>\$14.00<br>"Reggie Right Eye" & "The Missing Pieces"<br>8:00-11:00 | 9 Karaoke w/<br>Alan Faulk<br>7:00-11:00<br><br>Post Commander's Birthday Celebration<br>7:00-11:00<br>Potluck begins at 6:00 |
| 10<br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00<br>DEVLIN HALL | 11 Unit Dinner<br>Italian Sub/Steak and cheese or Tuna<br>\$9.00<br><br>POOL | 12<br>POST Business Meeting<br>6:30<br><br>Open 2:00 till 8:00 | 13<br><br>QUEEN OF HEARTS<br>DRAWING<br>7:30               | 14<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00<br><br>"UNIT GAME NIGHT"<br>"PIZZA" | 15 Corned Beef Dinner<br>HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION!!<br>"The Pete Stover Band"<br>8:00-11:00     | 16 SAL<br>BREAKFAST<br><br>10:00-12:00<br>"BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY"                                                       |
| 17<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00                    | 18<br><br>POOL                                                               | 19<br><br>Open 2:00 Till 8:00<br><br>Open 2-8pm                | 20<br><br>QUEEN OF HEARTS<br>DRAWING<br>7:30               | 21<br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00                                 | 22 "NO DINNER"<br><br><br>"SRC"<br>8:00-11:00                                                         | 23                                                                                                                            |
| 24<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00<br>Open 12-10PM    | 25 POOL<br><br>UNIT DINNER<br>Chicken Parm, Salad<br>\$9.00<br><br>Open 4Pm  | 26<br><br>Open 2:00 Till 8:00<br><br>Open 2-8pm                | 27<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS<br>DRAWING<br>7:30<br><br>Open 1-8pm | 28<br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br><br>Open 1-10pm                    | 29 "NO DINNER"<br><br>"The Marsh Lovers Band"<br><br>Open 1:00-12:00                                  | 30                                                                                                                            |
| 31 EASTER                                                            |                                                                              |                                                                |                                                            |                                                                                       |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                               |

**PLEASE SUPPORT:**

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

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# APRIL 2024

| Sunday                                         | Monday                                                                         | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday                                                               | Thursday                                                                    | Friday                                                                        | Saturday                                      |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                                | 1<br>"April Fool's Day"                                                        | 2<br>SAL Business Meeting<br>7:00       | 3<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                                    | 4<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>6:00                                            | 5<br>Unit Dinner<br>Pork loin \$14.00<br>"Doubled Crossed Band"<br>7:30-10:30 | 6<br>SAL BREAKFAST<br>10:00 TILL 12:00        |
| 7<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00  | 8<br>POOL<br><br>Veg Beef Soup Sandwiches<br>\$9.00                            | 9<br><br>Post Business Meeting<br>6:30  | 10<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                                   | 11<br>Aux. Game Night with Pizza<br>6:00<br><br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS<br>6:00 | 12<br>SAL Dinner TBD<br>\$14.00<br>"Tossing and Turning"<br><br>7:30-10:30    | 13<br>Karaoke w/ Alan Faulk<br><br>7:00-11:00 |
| 14<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD<br>6:00 | 15<br>POOL                                                                     | 16                                      | 17<br>Unit Business Meeting 6:00<br><br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30 | 18<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00                                 | 19<br>NO DINNER<br><br>"Downwire"<br>7:30-10:30                               | 20<br>SAL BREAKFAST<br>10:00 TILL 12:00       |
| 21<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00    | 22<br><br>POOL<br><br>"Passover" begins<br>Open 4-11                           | 23                                      | 24<br>QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING<br>7:30                                   | 25<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00<br><br>Open 1-10pm              | 26<br><br>"The 9.1.3."<br>8:00-11:00<br><br>Open 12pm-12am                    | 27                                            |
| 28<br>EASY EXERCISE CLASS RUSSELL WOOD 6:00    | 29<br>Unit Deep Fried Chicken Wings/BLT with FF<br>\$9.00<br>POOL<br>Open 4-11 | 30<br><br>"Passover Ends"<br>Open 2-8pm | Open 1-8pm                                                              | 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.*

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