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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY...
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2009

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

At the March and April regular membership meetings, we nominated officers to serve on the Executive Committee for the upcoming Legion year. A special thanks to all who stepped forward and accepted a nomination. Our next step is the actual election which takes place on Memorial Day. Voting begins at approximately 12 noon and continues up to the start of the regular membership meeting at 7:30 PM.

Speaking of Memorial Day, please come out and join in our Memorial Day activities. This day is important to all Americans, but it holds a special place in the hearts and minds of veterans. On this day, we reflect not only on our service, but far more importantly, on the service of others who sacrificed their lives in defense of the freedoms which make us Americans. All of us gave some, but some of gave all. Please join with us as we remember America's fallen heroes.

At the time I'm writing this message, we are only 43 members away from achieving 3-star status. Let's get those 43 members during the month of May and complete the "Shoot for the Stars" initiative we began last July.

As always, thanks for your continuing support, thoughts, and ideas.

In Legion Service
Brian Kern, Commander

AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The end of this administrative year is approaching soon and it is time to nominate new officers. If you are interested in holding an office please call Liz White. Her number is 301-868-1612.

We will be having a few rentals in May, if you will be able to help, please contact me. Looking forward to working with you, call me at 301-868-7960. We still need Bingo kitchen workers for each of the Fridays, so please volunteer and help your Auxiliary.

If you have not paid your 2009 dues, it is not too late. We still need your membership and love for you to continue being a member of Unit #259.

We are pleased to say there are five very bright young ladies going to Girls State this year and wish them much success in the program.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 11th, hope to see you.

Toni Carr, President

SAL Monthly Meetings First Monday of Each Month 7:00 PM

At our May meeting we will be nominating and voting on individuals for the SAL slate of officers for the upcoming 2009-2010 year. We need individuals to step up and become involved in running the Sons of the Legion. If you can volunteer for one of the positions then attend the May meeting or contact Gary Castleman, Dave Hutchinson, or me. Leave a note with the bartender and we will get the message.

The Special Olympics is an special project for Squadron 259. I recently participated in a planning meeting for Special Olympic events for 2009 concentrating on the Summer Games at Towson State University June 4-7. The meeting addressed schedule of events and volunteer accommodations including housing, parking permits, meals and assignment of duties. Other Special Olympic events discussed included the Summer Games Equestrian at the Upper Marlboro Equestrian Center for June 13th (one day) and the Mid Summer Classic in St Marys City at St Marys College for July

25 - 26. Please consider volunteering to help in the Special Olympics events whether it is for all or a few hours of an event. Contact any SAL officer for more information.

Gary Castleman spearheads the SAL's efforts for the annual Christmas in April for families that need help with repairs on their house. The SAL contribution is not only with monetary donations for materials but also actually performing the repairs. This April's effort will have been completed upon the publication of this newsletter but the follow on newsletter will have more details of our Squadron's volunteer efforts.

During the April meeting donations were approved for the following:

The Avon Walk for Breast Cancer by way of Heather Gonzalez. The event will take place May 2-3 in Washington DC.

Christmas in April for materials to repair a house.

Co-sponsor with the Auxiliary Unit 259 toward two girls to attend the Girl State program at Salisbury University the week of June 21 - 26.

The SAL portion for the American Legion Post 259 advertisement to appear in the 2009 American Legion Convention Newsletter.

Membership currently sits at 107. Even though we have met our 3-Star membership goal there are still a few unpaid members. If you have not paid your 2009 dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Yours in Service
Wayne Berbig

CHARLOTTE HALL

Post 259 held its monthly BINGO program on April 8th. Helping me out this month were Bob Levendusky, Al Elmond, and Mike Gilbert. We had 70 veterans in attendance. We had snacks this month but I don't know who to thank. I would like to thank Jack and Vivian Rhine for providing the snacks for over 3 years. Our next BINGO will be held 13 May. Hope to see you there!! Remember to say, "THANKS TO A VET"

Mike Strotkamp
301 645 2397

LETTERS, NOTES, ETC,

SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

PROGRAM: Clinton American Legion Post 259 is pleased to announce its 2009 Scholarship Achievement Awards Program. The Executive Committee and the Legion Membership approved \$2,000 for the program this year. The Scholarships will be awarded in two categories of graduating high school seniors. The first category is for those students graduating from Surrattsville High School and the second is for graduating students from any high school or from a home school curriculum provided they are children or grandchildren of members of American Legion Post #259. Only one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded in each category.

Scholarship applicants will be judged and winners selected by an impartial panel of judges with a member from the American Legion Post 259 serving as chairperson. All applicants must indicate the category in which they are applying (Please note that students graduating from Surrattsville High School that are also eligible, because of their relationship to a Post 259 member may apply in either category, but not both).

The application and instructions are available in the Post Cantina and have also been delivered to Surrattsville High School. The Scholarship submissions needs to be in the American Legion Post by 6 May 2009 to be considered.

Joseph V. Vlcek
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

NEW MEMBERS: Voted in at the March 23, 2009 Membership Meeting:

Wilbert Wells	Transfer 297	US Army
Herbert J. Walker	Transfer 297	USAF
Assres Woldemaryam	New	USAF
Dennis Matthews	New	USAF
James K. Radford	New	USAF
Elizabeth Mason	New	USAF
Kennetta E. Douglas	New	USAF
Terrance B. Aycock	New	USAF
Richard S. Blair	New	USAF
Lonnie E. Upchurch	New	US Army

BASEBALL BITS: A special "thank you" to the Clinton Post 259 baseball fans who responded to our plea for donations to maintain our team for the 2009 summer league. \$700.00 has been donated by mail and you should know that four people contributed \$50.00 or more towards the \$5,000.00 required.

In the February Newsletter it was noted the annual budget did allow for the funds required to field our team. Unfortunately, only \$700.00 of the \$5,000.00 needed was donated by April. The coach of our team had to have a firm commitment to assure his team had a position in a summer league, thus they moved on to another league.

No Clinton Post 259 baseball for 2009, but we are not quitting. A baseball fund has been established for baseball 2010. Plans for additional funds are in effect beginning with Super Bingo on May 3rd, the Yard Sale on April 18th, and more to come.

All baseball friends are asked to contribute \$5.00 or more to Baseball-2010. Mail a check to: Clinton American Legion Post 259, P.O. Box 44, Clinton, MD 20735 with note to Baseball-2010 fund.

Jim Panor, Committee Chairman

DID YOU KNOW... That Sears has an agreement with The American Legion? Sears will discount the price on major appliances.

In order to get this discount, you must contact the commercial consultant. Locally, the contact is Mike Lynch at the Waldorf store. His telephone number is (301) 870-6650. In this day and age, we are all looking forward to saving a couple of bucks.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER: Don't forget that you can help the Post save money by electing to receive your monthly newsletter electronically. Call the post or send an Email to:

post259md@gmail.com and tell us to stop putting a paper copy of the newsletter in the mail. Go to the Post's web site at www.post259.org then click on Post Newsletter Online in the right-hand panel and get a copy of this month's newsletter or several of the issues from the recent past.

CLINTON AMERICAN LEGION
POST 259



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: June 10, 2009
9:00 A.M. Shot Gun Start
Where: Marlborough Golf Course
Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Format: Captains Choice

PRICE *STILL* ONLY \$60.00 PER GOLFER

PRICE INCLUDES:
GREEN FEES & CART

BEER & SODA ON COURSE 
DINNER AT POST FOLLOWING GOLF
PRICES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE TEAMS
DOOR PRIZES

Tickets must be purchased by June 1, 2009 - there will be no exceptions!!!

Tickets are available now at the Post or you can mail your check to the post at:

Clinton American Legion
9122 Piscataway Rd. Clinton, MD 20735

Foursome: \$240.00

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Commander	Brian Kern
Adjutant	Robert A. Wilson
Asst. Adjutant	Charles Rentz
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2nd Vice	Brock Hursey
3rd Vice	Ron Potts
Judge Advocate	Elbert "Ed" White
Service Officer	Joseph Vicek
Finance Officer	Jerald Thompson
Historian	Charles Lewis
Chaplain	Robert McCollum
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Historian	Roy Jewell
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