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*FOR GOD AND COUNTRY....*  
Brian S. Kern, Commander

*MAY*

*DANIEL B. KALLEMYN, EDITOR*

*2010*

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

During the April regular membership meeting, we concluded the process to nominate Post Officers for the upcoming Legion year. My sincere appreciation to those who stepped forward and accepted a nomination. If the timing works out, I hope to include a list of candidates elsewhere in this newsletter. If not, I hope to make the information available via the Post website ([www.post259.org](http://www.post259.org)). The election will take place on Monday, the 24th and voting begins at noon. The results will be announced later that evening during the Regular Membership meeting. Note that this year's regular membership meeting does not take place on Memorial Day (May 31st) as there are five Mondays in May this year. Still, I hope many of you will find time to come out and vote on the 24th. Along those lines, I hope you can participate in the Memorial Day event which begins at 11 am and concludes around noon. A light lunch is provided after the event.

The Auxiliary has its yard sale this month (see calendar for date) and the S.A.L. has its Mothers Day Brunch. Please stop by and support their efforts.

Believe it or not, that's about all I have to say this month which means this message is pretty short as compared to some other recent messages.

In Legion Service  
Brian Kern, Commander

### **Another Telephone Scam Targets Veterans**

The VA is warning veterans not to give personal and financial information over the phone to callers claiming a need to update, confirm, or verify personal and financial information. **The VA does not call veterans and ask them to disclose such information over the phone.** It's been reported that the callers will call repeatedly and become aggressive. In at least one instance, the caller id on the veteran's phone showed the call originating from 1-888-555-1234 and apparently there are several scams associated with this phone number. In any event, if you are asked to give you personal information over the phone to an individual alleging to be from the VA, don't do it as you may be the victim of a scam phone call. Should you have any questions concerning your VA services or status, please call 1-877-222-8387 or the nearest VA medical center.

## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

I don't know how everyone else feels but this year is flying by like no other I have seen. We are rapidly approaching our next function and I wanted to make sure that all of our members were made aware. It is our "Annual Mother's Day Brunch" and it will be held on Mother's Day, May 9th from 9 AM to 1 PM. The Brunch has always been a big hit over the years. Not just with our Post Members but also with our community and Members from other Posts. After careful deliberation, we are happy to say that our price for the brunch will remain the same as last year (\$6 for Adults and \$3 for children 8 and under). In addition, since this is a tribute to our Mother's, their breakfast will again be paid for by The Sons of the American Legion. So bring a friend, neighbor or other family up to enjoy our Special Day.

I would like to take this opportunity to "Personally Thank" my wonderful mother (Jackie Hutchinson) for all that she has done for me and this Post. She has been instrumental in my participation throughout the years of this wonderful post, not to mention all of the time and hard work that she has put in as well. Mom, from the bottom of my heart, I LOVE YOU!!! And No one day can celebrate all that you do!

Last but not least, we are beginning to assemble the nominees for office for next year. We are very excited about the direction that we are heading in. All too often we allow "politics" to put a strangle hold on our opportunities to prosper. Hopefully with the new officer's next year, we can continue heading in the same positive direction. The S.A.L. has proven to be a "Very Well Functioning" program of the American Legion. And with continued support from the member's of this post, the sky is the limit for us. Thinking a little bit "outside of the box" has become a reality for us and the S.A.L. welcomes the challenge.

Thank You,

S.A.L Commander  
Dave Hutchinson

## CHARLOTTE HALL

On 14 April, the held their monthly BINGO program at the home. The VOLUNTEERS helping this month were Bob Levendusky, Al Elmond And Mike Gilbert. We also had some students from Chopticon High School (jrROTC) helping out. There were 69 veterans in attendance that enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks. The next BINGO will be 12 May. Just maybe, we'll have some other Post members and or Auxiliary members to show up and lend a helping hand. Hope to see you there!! Say THANKS to a VET.

Mike Strotkamp, 301-645-2397

## LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

### **America's Veterans – A Musical Tribute**

The United States Air Force Band is taping a performance to be aired on Veterans Day. The taping will be from 8 to 10:30 PM on Friday, May 14th at The Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda, Maryland. Tickets for the taping are FREE and they would love to have as many veterans in the audience as possible and for them to wear their "colors". Visit [www.usafband.af.mil/](http://www.usafband.af.mil/) to get more information. To get your free tickets (limit of 4 per request) write to: The Music Center at Strathmore Box Office, Attn USAF Band Tickets, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda, MD 20852. Include a self addressed stamped envelope. Tickets may also be available at the box office in the event you run out of time to write them.

### **South Carolina High School Junior Claims Top Honor in American Legion Oratorical Contest**

Tori Beth Black, a high school junior from Iva, South Carolina earned an \$18,000 college scholarship by winning the 73rd annual American Legion Oratorical Contest. Second place honors and a \$16,000 college scholarship went to Elizabeth Blessing from Auburn, Alabama. Both Ms. Black and Blessing are home schooled. The 2.5 million member American Legion developed the contest to encourage young people to improve their communication skills and to study the U.S. Constitution.

# Proposed Changes to Constitution and By-Laws

## To be voted on at the May 24, 2010 Meeting

The wording with a strikethrough will be deleted and wording in parenthesis will be added

### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

**SECTION 1.** The administrative affairs of this Post of The American Legion shall, except as otherwise provided by the By-Laws, be under the supervision of an Executive Committee which shall consist of one member for every ~~200~~ (300) members of the Post not to exceed ~~six (6)~~ (four (4)), in addition to the officers of the Post. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee shall be for one year. The Post, by its By-Laws, may provide for such other standing committees as the business of the organization may require.

**SECTION 2.** The officers of this Post shall be a Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, ~~Third Vice Commander~~, Finance Officer, Assistant Finance Officer, Historian, Chaplain, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, ~~Sergeant Major~~, Sergeant -At-Arms, Adjutant, Assistant Adjutant, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary by this organization.

### BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE II - MANAGEMENT

**SECTION 2.** The Executive Committee shall consist of one member for every ~~200~~ (300) members of the Post to be known as Executive Committeemen, the Immediate Past Commander, Commander, First, (and) Second, ~~and Third~~ Vice Commanders, Finance Officer, Assistant Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, Historian, Chaplain, ~~Sergeant Major~~, Sergeant-At-Arms, Adjutant, and Assistant Adjutant.

#### ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**SECTION 4.** ~~Duties of the Third Vice Commander. The Third Vice Commander shall be in charge of such committees as appointed by the Post Commander.~~  
( The following Sections will be renumbered beginning with Section 4)

**SECTION 10.** Duties of the Sergeant Major (At-Arms). The duties of the Sergeant ~~Major~~ (At-Arms) shall be to preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such

other duties as may be assigned to him by the Post (Commander and the) Executive Committee.

~~**SECTION 11.** Duties of the Sergeant At Arms. The duties of the Sergeant At Arms are to assist in the performance of all duties of the Sergeant Major.~~

**SECTION 4.** Life Membership Committee. The Life Membership Committee shall be composed of all honorary life members of the Post. The Chairman shall be elected by the Life Membership Committee and shall serve for a term of one year or for a lesser period of time as determined by the Life Membership Committee.

The Life Membership Committee shall act as the Nominating Committee for selecting honorary life members in the Post. At the regular Post meeting in ~~November~~ (March) of each year, the membership shall be advised as to how to make recommendations for honorary life membership in the Post in accordance with the guidelines as stated below. All recommendations must be referred to the Life Membership Committee for their consideration.

The Life Membership Committee shall meet in ~~January~~ (May) of each year. The Adjutant shall notify all committee members in writing at least two weeks prior, of the date, time, and place of the ~~January~~ (May) meeting. In addition, the Commander, at his discretion, may call a special meeting at any time, provided the two week advance notice is given. The Committee will submit the name of candidates (if any) selected for honorary life membership in the Post for approval at the next membership meeting of the Post after first submitting same to the Executive Committee for their recommendation-  
(4. Life Membership Awards will be presented at the annual Post Installation).

#### ARTICLE XII - POST HOME

**SECTION 2.** Building. The social halls, the rest rooms adjoining, (Kitchen) and limited use of the parking area, may be rented to individuals or organizations for their use. No other part of the building, including the ~~kitchen and~~ canteen may be rented out ~~nor~~ (or) made available for their use. We may grant occupancy to civic, religious, or patriotic organizations, the American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary under the same conditions. All rentals and uses must be for legitimate purposes, none of which can be for purposes not inimical to the principles or policies of The American Legion. No rentals are to be granted if they conflict with any function of this Post or its Auxiliary. No indecent show or exhibition, disorderly gathering, or any conduct detrimental to the integrity of The American Legion and this Post shall be permitted.

Elbert D White, Judge Advocate  
Chairman Constitution and By-Laws Committee

# Candidates for POST 259 Officers for Legion Year 2010 - 2011

Commander - Vacant

1st Vice - Larry Hall

2nd Vice - Vacant

3rd Vice - Vacant

Finance Officer - Richard Switzer

Judge Advocate - Ed White

Chaplain - Vacant

Service Officer - Vacant

Historian - Charles Lewis

Sargeant Major - John Jackson

Sargeant-At-Arms - (Vote for one)

George Martin

Ronald Young

Executive Committee - (Vote for five)

Matthew Garofalo

James Panor

Richard Barb

Joe Decenzo

Joe Morgan

Review Board - (Vote for seven)

Jay Rhine

Alex Nagy

Russell Snyder





Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 259

Mothers Day Breakfast  
Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

9AM – 1PM

Adults - \$6.00

8 and under \$3.00

Includes:

Scrambled Eggs (Regular and Western)

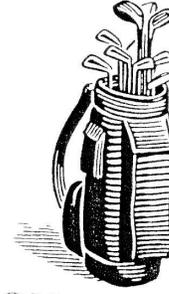
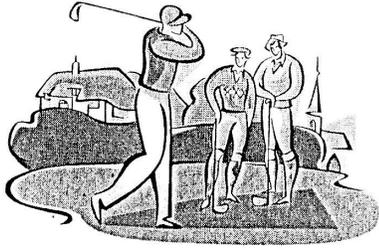
Bacon, Sausage, Ham

Biscuits with Sausage gravy

Pancakes, French toast

Home fries, Fruit

Coffee, Milk & Juices



CLINTON AMERICAN LEGION  
 POST 259  
 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
 Where: Marlton Golf Course  
 Time: 9:00 A.M. Shotgun Start  
 Format: Captains Choice  
 Price: \$60.00 per golfer

*PRICE INCLUDES:*  
*18 holes of golf*  
*Cart*  
*Beer & sodas on course*  
*Dinner and Banquet at Post*  
*Prizes*

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3 Places - Closest to the Pin - Par 3's -  
 50 - 50 drawing

TEAM:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Reserve early before it sells out!

Contact Mike Hunnicutt at (301) 868-2550

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2010</h1>						1
2	3 S.A.L. 7:30 PM	4	5 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM  Pinochle	6 Pizza Night 5:00 - 7:00 PM	7 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	8 Auxiliary Yard Sale 8:00 - 2:00 PM
9 S.A.L. Mother's Day Brunch 9:00 - 1:00 PM	10 Auxiliary Unit 259 7:30 PM	11	12 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM  Pinochle	13	14 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	15
16	17 Post Executive Committee 7:30 PM	18	19 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM  Pinochle	20	21 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	22
23	24 General Membership Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM Post Elections	25	26 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM  Pinochle	27	28 BINGO Early Bird 7 15 PM	209
30	31 Memorial Day Ceremony 10:00 - 1:00 PM					

**COMING EVENT----- SEAFOOD (BASH) DINNER: JUNE 19, 2010 - 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

# Clinton Post 259



## Auxiliary Officers

President	Toni Carr
Vice	
President	Vacant
Secretary	Glenda Morgan
Treasurer	Mary Russell
Chaplain	Sharon Franklin
Historian	Vivian Boyd
Sgt at Arms	Wendy Harris

Executive Committee  
 Barbara Theesen  
 Liz White  
 Marilyn Thomas



## Post Officers

Commander	Brian Kern
Adjutant	Robert Wilson
Asst Adjutant	Vacant
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Gary Gifford
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Larry Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice	Ronald Potts
Judge Advocate	Elbert "Ed" White
Service Officer	Joseph Vlcek
Finance Officer	Jerald Thompson
Historian	Charles Lewis
Chaplain	Robert McCollum
Sgt Major	John Jackson
Sgt at Arms	Vacant

Executive Committee  
 Rich Barb  
 Joe DeCenzo  
 Matt Garofalo  
 Jim Panor  
 Richard Switzer



## S.A.L. Officers

Commander	Dave Hutchinson
Adjutant	Vacant
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Wayne Berbig
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Richard Walsh
Judge Advocate	Vacant
Finance Officer	Gary Castleman
Chaplain	Vacant
Historian	Robert Ailiff
Sgt at Arms	Vacant

Executive Committee  
 Wayne Berbig  
 Gary Castleman