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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY...
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Well, here I am again. Made it through my first month as Commander. While we have accomplished some things, we haven't even started on many of the programs on my agenda. I know that will come with time.

We have established and ratified the Budget for year 2010 - 2011. Unfortunately, we are programmed to operate at a deficit of over \$50,000.00. We will work hard over the coming months to reduce that by reducing costs and increasing income.

I was able to visit Mike Hunnicutt earlier in August. He told us that there has been no new growth and his doctors are pleased with his progression. We hope he returns to us soon and our thoughts and prayers are with him.

As part of our budget reduction actions, we will not be able to fund many of the programs American Legion is known for. These include, but are not limited to the baseball team, Boy Scouts, Scholarships and Youth Camp. If you would like to support any of these programs, you may give a contribution to the Post for specific use for that program. The donations will be credited to you if you wish and will be announced to the General Membership if you so desire. Please contact any of the Post Officers to get further information.

We are encouraging everyone to begin to use the MyLegion.org website. There you can see your membership profile, Post activities on the Post Calendar and updated messages from the Post. In addition, we need to insure we have an e-mail address for as many members as possible. The purpose of this is to be able to keep you informed on all Post activities as quickly as possible and reduce or eliminate postage costs. Your address will not be given to any non-Legion source nor will it be sold to anyone. We respect your privacy.

The next General Membership meeting will be on Monday, September 27. At this time we are still planning to have a meal first, but we need someone to help prepare and serve it. If you have any experience in cooking aside from heating water in a microwave for coffee, please call or see me or Dick Switzer or Matt Garofalo as soon as possible.

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Dues for 2011 are now being collected. If you are paying at the bar and you don't have your renewal notice, please fill out a blue card and give it and your dues to the bartender. Blue cards are in the wooden box as you enter the door on the right. Dues for Senior's are \$14.00, and \$4.00 for Juniors.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding membership. Leave a message if I am not home.

Liz White
Membership Chairman
301-868-1612

Annual Football Pool

For those of you who are interested, there are several openings on our annual \$100.00 football pool. You may sign up by stopping off at the lounge and seeing the bartender.

Free Accidental Life Insurance

The American Legion will pay the premium for Accidental Life Insurance for all members for those who have signed up to receive it. The present policy is expiring and in order to continue it, you must sign up for it again this year. Forms are available at the Post or on line at our web site, www.post259.org. Remember, in order to have the free \$1,000.00, you MUST sign up for it.

EMAIL Addresses

Do you have an email address that the Post doesn't know about? If you didn't get this newsletter in your inbox, then please send us your email address. Paper copies of the newsletter will stop completely in the near future. Send your email address to Post259MD@gmail.com or go to the post web site (post259.org), click on Newsletter Archives on the right-hand side, then click on "Sign up for the email version of the newsletter".

Baseball Bits

Clinton Post 259 Baseball ended the 2010 season recently in a respectable position, winning the last two games of the season. The record in the Riley League was nine wins and eleven losses with one tie and five rain-outs. The overall record was 13 wins and 16 losses. Our team placed second in a seven team tournament in Essex, Maryland, during the 4th of July Holiday. The Chaney team in Charles County was the league winner but lost in the play-offs to the Wicomico Team from the Eastern Shore Region.

Coach Prange is enthused over the performance of our team this season since the boys were 15 and 16 years old and they can play for at least three more years. He expects to have a championship team by then.

Let's thank the donors who contributed to the financing of our team this year and we can look forward to the formation of Clinton 259 Baseball Boosters Club in the near future.

Jim Panor
Baseball Chairman

Commander's Message (cont'd)

Finally, September is a month to Vote. There are primaries being held across the state as a prelude to the mid-term elections in November. I cannot tell you how many times I hear people complaining about the "stupid laws" and "damn politicians" today. However, when I ask if they vote, so many say no. This is not just the Legion, but everywhere. If you don't vote, you have no right to complain about the way things are. If you are tired of the status quo, you must vote to change it. I won't tell you how to vote. Make up your own mind. I will tell you, however, to GET OUT AND VOTE!

Please visit us at the Post as often as you can. We look forward to seeing more members at the Post and, hopefully, at the monthly meeting.

Yours in Legion Service

Larry G. Hall
Commander
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Auxiliary Acting President's Report

Hi members of Clinton Unit #259, hope you are enjoying your summer and hope you will return to our Auxiliary meetings starting again in September. At the present time we do not have an incoming President and at the June meeting the members present agreed to have a few meetings and take care of our obligations to the District, Department and do some fund raisers. During the summer months we have been searching for a member to be our President for the coming administrative year and we have an auxiliary member willing to be our President, so we will open nominations at our September meeting and elect our new President.

Officers elected at our June meeting are as follows:

Chaplain - Sharon Franklin
Historian - Vivian Boyd
Treasurer - Toni Carr
Sgt-At-Arms - Barbara Theesen
Executive Committee: Liz White;
Ginger Latimer & Marilyn Thomas

Please attend our September meeting and meet your officers and hopefully consider taking one of the chairmanships. We will have nomination for President followed by a quick installation of officers and our regular meeting with our new President.

Please start sending in your membership dues, \$14.00 for senior members and \$4.00 for Junior members. We thank you for renewing your valuable membership in the world's largest women's organization and for your support to our Veterans.

As this is my last message to you, thank you for your support while I was in office and your generous gift.

God Bless America & Our Service Men & Woman
Toni Carr

NFL FOOTBALL

The NFL season has started. There is no better place to watch the Redskins than at the Post. Come on out and cheer them on!

2010 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 12, 2010 it will run from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. A variety of entertainment will keep the children occupied until the arrival of Santa Clause, who will give a gift to every child 10 and under.

In order to be eligible for this party you must be a paid up member of Post 259. Fill out the application on the next page and return it to the Post no later than November 12, 2010. Note: When filling out the application, make sure the last name is filled in on both the children and the adult party.

2010 ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 18, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. with dinner being served from 7:00 -- 8:30 pm. There will be an open bar from 6:30 -- 8:30pm and the dance will follow from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am.

In order to be eligible for this party you must be a paid up member of Post 259 and have submitted this application to the Post home no later than December 1, 2010.

As usual seating arrangements will be assigned according to the first 175 names received by the cut off date. A charge of \$10.00 per person must accompany each application. Each member is entitled to bring his or her spouse or significant other.

Children's Christmas Party Registration
CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE GIFTS.

First and Last Name of Child _____ Sex ___ Age ___

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Membership Card Number MD 259 _____

Phone Number _____

Post 259 2010 Adult Christmas Party Registration

NAME _____ # Attending ___ Self ___ Spouse ___ Friend

Membership # _____ Telephone # _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Would like to sit with _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE CHECK WITH APPLICATION. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
A.L. POST 259

For additional information, contact Dianne Miller at 301-868-2550

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2010</h1>						
			1 Shrimp 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	2	3 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	4
5	6 SAL 7:30 PM	7	8 Shrimp 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	9	10 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	11
12 Cowboys at Redskins 8:20 pm	13 Auxiliary Unit 259 7:30 PM	14 Primary Election Day	15 Shrimp 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	16	17 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	18
19 Texans at Redskins 4:15 pm	20 Executive Committee 7:30 PM	21	22 Shrimp 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	23	24 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	25
26 Redskins at Rams 4:05 pm	27 General Membership Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	28	29	30		

Clinton Post 259



Auxiliary Officers

President
Vice
President
Secretary

Treasurer

Chaplain

Historian

Sgt at Arms

Executive Committee

Names should be available
next month



Post Officers

Commander Larry Hall
Adjutant Robert Wilson

1st Vice Vacant
2nd Vice Matt Garofalo
3rd Vice Ronald Potts

Judge Elbert "Ed" White
Advocate

Service Officer Joseph Vlcek
Finance Officer Dick Switzer
Historian Charles Lewis
Chaplain Tom Treichle
Sgt Major John Jackson
Sgt at Arms George Martin

Executive Committee

Rich Barb
Joe DeCenzo
Melvin Hale
Joe Morgan
Jim Panor



S.A.L. Officers

Commander

Adjutant
1st Vice

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