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*FOR GOD AND COUNTRY...*  
Larry G. Hall, Commander

**OCTOBER 2010**

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

September was a very busy month for me and the Legion. We started with a fantastic golf tournament put on annually by the Sons of the American Legion (SAL). It was, as usual, well planned and a lot of fun. I wish I could say I was my team's star player, but I don't lie; maybe next year.

Congratulations to Trudee Hunter who was elected as President of the Auxiliary for the year 2010 - 2011. I am looking forward to working with her and the SAL to make this year a better one for our Post. We can use all the help you can furnish. If you have an idea as to an activity you would like to see or do, let Matt Garofalo (Our 2nd Vice), or a member of the SAL and/or Auxiliary know.

On the 25th, Diane Miller assumed the temporary position of House Manager until Mike's return. While she is very experienced in how the Post functions, she still is learning a lot of things that Mike did on his own. She would appreciate your support and understanding. Since she is the House Manager, she will be looking for a temporary bartender to take her place at the bar. If you are an experienced bartender or know of one, give her a call. At present, we are left with only two bartenders. Until such time as we have hired a new one and have trained him/her, there may be periodic late openings, early closings or a closed day. Please bear with us during this period. Call the Post prior to visiting us to make sure we are open.

On the 22nd, The National Commander, Jimmie Foster, addressed a joint session of the Veterans Affairs Committee. He expanded on several positions the American Legion holds important and asked the Committee to work as hard as possible to address them. I was hoping to see other Post members there, but attendance was sparse by us and others.

Thanksgiving day is coming up fast. There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day. The cost will be \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child under 12. This will be a joint function between the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary. Details will follow.

Please check the October calendar for activities at the Post during the month. Don't forget to register on "**MyLegion.org**". We hope to get information to you on a more timely fashion using that site. It costs nothing and we do not give your information to anyone.

Yours in Legion Service  
Larry G. Hall  
Commander

**SONS of the AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Squadron 259**

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you, to all of the sponsors that helped make this year's golf tournament the best ever. Please take the time to read the list of sponsors so that if you should ever need their type of services give them a call or visit.

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Also, thank you to all of the people and companies that donated door prizes for this tournament. Al Fenstomocher, Miller Lite, Budweiser, Coors Light, Rudy Spiers, Mike Darmstead, Guy Andes, Anne Richards, Kenny King, Bonton, Pepsi and anyone that we might have missed.

Thank you, each and every one that helped put the golf tournament together and all of you that worked, either at the tournament or in the kitchen and post. Thank you again!

Liz, Connie, Moe, Dick, Frank, Richard, Rich, Kenny, Cookie, Tina, Irene, Larry And Morry, Anne, Wayne, George, Jim Blume and anyone that we might have missed.

For God and Country

David Hutchinson 2010 S.A.L. Commander	Gary Castleman Chairman, Golf Committee
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**AUXILLIARY UNIT**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hi Members:

My name is Trudee Hunter. I was elected to be your next President at the September 13th meeting. Glenda Morgan was elected Vice President. I have asked my sister, Maria Suthard, to be our Secretary. We understand that we have a hard road ahead of us and we're excited about the journey.

BINGO – BINGO – BINGO I know this is a dirty word for many of our members BUT it is important part of the overall Bingo experience. I truly believe that more people play Bingo at our establishment because of the good food we provide. BUT it does takes work that is under appreciated so with that in mind Maria and I have volunteered to work Bingo every Friday for the duration of my term. BUT AGAIN we are only two people; it actually takes three to be successful and less demanding on everyone. Weeks three, four and five of each month are covered, but if anyone is willing to help with the counter on weeks one and two it would be graciously appreciated.

We also have many programs that the Auxiliary supports such as Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Education, Gold Star, Junior

Activities, Legislative, National Security, Poppy, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and Membership that also needs our attention. Sharon Franklin has agreed to be the Chair of Community Service, Cookie King has agreed to be the Children & Youth chair, Mickey McKittrick and Liz White always do a wonderful job with the Gold Star and Membership programs but AGAIN there are other programs that we're not focusing on that is the core of what we are supposed to be about which is providing awareness, aid and education to our servicemen/women and their families.

We were kids when our mother joined the Army. We didn't understand all the moving around, making new friends every couple of years, and going to more schools in one year than many do their whole lives. It wasn't until we were adults that we understood what we as a family sacrificed so that we could continue to protect our country and way of life. That is what our programs provide to the servicemen/women and their families that are still out there sacrificing time, money and family. We can help them. It may be in small measures but I've seen the effects of the help and we do make a difference. But as always, it takes committed volunteers to help. Please contact me about the different programs so we can continue to help others and bring meaning to our organization. It really is what we're all about. Let's get our kids involved too!!

Membership – We need new active members. Please contact me with new ideas on how we can bring new members in. It is now time to renew your dues for 2011. Dues are still \$14.00 for Seniors and \$4.00 for Juniors. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 11, 2010 at 7:30 PM. Please join us.

Please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss any issues that we need to address this year. It will be confidential. Hope to see more of you at our meetings/functions this year.

Trudee Hunter  
240-299-7117

## NOTES

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** A Thanksgiving Dinner is being planned again this year. It will, of course, be held on Thanksgiving Day. This year the date is Thursday, November 25h. Details are being worked out and will be in next month's newsletter. Plan on attending.

**Children's Christmas Party:** This party is again being planned. The flyer is enclosed in this newsletter. Be sure and fill it out and get it into the Post on time.

**Adult Christmas Party:** The flyer for this Annual gala party is also enclosed in this month's newsletter. This is also a fine affair. Please fill out the proper portion and put it in the box in the lounge.

### **New Members**

Voted on at the September 27, 2010 Membership Meeting:

Justin E Cavinder	New	U.S.A.F.
Michael A Young	New	U.S. Army
Antoinette Young	New	U.S.A.F.
Leroy J Brooks	New	U.S. Army
Ollie J Coe	New	U.S. Army

### **JUST A REMINDER**

On October 1st, Maryland will become the eighth state in the country to ban talking on handheld cell phones while driving. Under the new law, drivers will still be able to talk on the phone, but only with the use of a hands-free device. The new law will make it a secondary offense, meaning a ticket cannot be issued unless the driver was also pulled over for something else first. First time offenders will receive a \$40 ticket; the second time, it's \$100.

### **CRABS**

The Clinton VFW is having a Crab Feast on October 22 from 4:00 until 7:00. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. All you can eat. Other food is available also.

## **From the Washington Office of the AMERICAN LEGION**

### LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS

The American Legion believes the following issues must be addressed during the waning days of the 111th Congress. Failure to address these measures would tarnish the other tremendous veteran related successes of the current session.

**FY 2011 Appropriations Bills** - With FY 2011 fast approaching, almost no work has been completed relating to the funding of government operations beyond October 1st. The American Legion urges consideration and passage of the VETS, VA/MilCon, and DoD appropriations. Veterans and active duty servicemembers deserve nothing less than an operational budget to meet their needs.

If these cannot be completed prior to October 1st, The American Legion urges a six-month continuing resolution. Research has shown that such resolutions are less disruptive and more fiscally efficient than short-term resolutions. Furthermore, it would negate the possibility of unintended consequences during a probable lame-duck session.

**FY 2011 Defense Authorization Bill** - As Congress considers the FY 2011 Defense Authorization Bill (NDAA), The American Legion strongly urges the bill remain focused on the Department of Defense and its programs and operations. Currently, Senate leadership has proposed adding language relating to immigration and abortions to this measure. While we support inclusion of disabled veteran tax amendments but oppose all other unrelated amendments or consideration of any measure that would jeopardize a timely passage of this bill.

Both the House and Senate versions of the NDAA include provisions relating to "Don't Ask Don't Tell." The American Legion supports the Department of Defense's current policy. We urge Congress not to take any action that would alter DoD policy until a thorough review is completed.

**Gold Star Parents Bill** - HR4505 remains under consideration by the Senate after the House passed it in June. This bill would permit Gold Star parents to become residents at state veterans' homes throughout the country. Currently, they are prohibited from admission unless they lose "all of their children." This bill has no costs associated with it and is just the right thing to do. The American Legion urges the Senate to pass this measure before its next recess.

**Omnibus Veterans Benefit Bill** - The House and Senate are nearly finished with compromise language on an omnibus veterans benefit bill. The American Legion supports efforts toward increased insurance, compensation and pension, and burial benefits. We urge strong bipartisan support on these issues as they are finally addressed in the closing hours of this session.

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 112TH CONGRESS

As we begin to focus our efforts on the upcoming 112th Congress, The American Legion remains dedicated toward increased employment opportunities for our veterans, overcoming the backlog of veteran claims, and supporting the ongoing efforts of our Armed Forces. The National Commander's testimony includes a thorough description of these concerns.

**Disabled Veteran Tax (Concurrent Receipt)** - Service-connected disabled veterans should not have their retiree pay offset by their VA disability compensation. The American Legion supports legislation that would completely repeal the Disabled Veteran Tax.

**FY 2 072 VA Budget Recommendations** - The American Legion understands current pressures to reduce federal spending and cut budgets; however we believe modest increases in budget amounts are necessary to keep pace with an increasing veteran population and enhanced services to America's veterans. The following table represents requested VA funding levels for FY 2012.

VA Discretionary Program	The American Legion's Request for FY 2012
Medical Services	\$38.1 billion
Medical Support and Compliance	\$5.3 billion
Medical Facilities	\$6.2 billion
Medical Care Total	\$49.6 billion
Medical Care Recovery Fund	
Medical and Prosthetic Research	\$600 million
National Cemetery Administration	\$260 million
General Operating Expenses	\$2.6 billion
Information Technology	\$3.5 billion
Major Construction	\$1.2 billion
Minor Construction	\$800 million
State Veterans' Homes Construction Grants	\$100 million
State Veterans' Cemeteries Construction Grants	\$60 million

**Enhancements for Post-9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits** - The American Legion supports legislation to enhance this landmark benefit. This legislation should include provisions to fund vocational and online programs as well as provisions for National Guard and Reserve servicemembers.

**Flag Amendment** - With the likelihood of significant changes in the makeup of Congress, The American Legion will again diligently pursue consideration of this issue during the 112th Congress.

**Medicare Reimbursement for VA** - Over half of the current VA population is Medicare-eligible yet VA is not authorized to collect third-party reimbursement from Medicare or Medicaid for services related to nonservice-connected medical services. The American Legion supports legislation to authorize VA to collect third-party reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid.

# HAPPY HALLOWEEN



*Please join the American Legion Auxiliary for our Annual  
Children's Halloween Party!*

*October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm*

Please use the sign-up sheet posted on the front door of the lounge to sign up your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

*There's no better place to bring your precious children that is SAFE...and it's quite a SPOOKTACULAR party too!*

*All ages welcome!*





**AMERICAN LEGION  
POST 259 CLINTON MD**

**BULL & PIG ROAST**

**NOV 6, 2010 -- 3 – 6 pm**

**\$20.00 PER PERSON**

**MENU:**

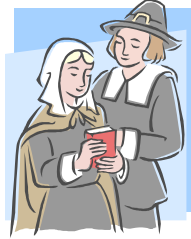
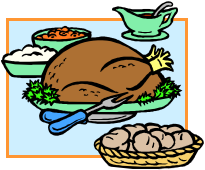
**ROASTED BEEF & PORK  
HOT DOGS & SAURKRAUT  
BAKED BEANS & POTATO SALAD  
DRAFT BEER & FOUNTAIN SODAS**

**LIVE MUSIC BY: ROGER LEE TRENT**

**MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME**

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 259

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER



**DINNER Includes:**

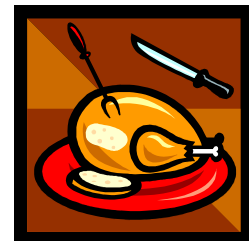
Turkey	stuffing
Ham	apple sauce
Mashed potatoes	rolls & butter
Sweet potatoes	pumpkin pie
Green beans	pecan pie
Green bean casserole	and much more....

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2010  
TIME: 3:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

PRICE: \$10.00 PER PERSON – 9 YEARS TO ADULT  
\$ 5.00 PER CHILD 8 YEARS & UNDER  
FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5

YOU MUST SIGN UP AND PAY IN ADVANCE. A SIGN UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE AT THE POST. CALL (301) 868-2550 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

GROUPS OF 6 OR MORE CAN RESERVE A TABLE.





# 2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 12, 2010 it will run from 1:00 p.m. til 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 below and have it in no later than November 12, 2010.

Note: When filling out this application, make sure the last name is filled in on both the children and the adult party.

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## CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE GIFTS.

First & Last Name of Child \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER MD 0259 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2010 ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 18, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. til 1:00 a.m. with dinner be served from 7:00 -- 8:30 pm. There wil I be an open bar from 6:30 -- 8:30pm and the dance w! 11 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 wil I 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.

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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 Diane Miller AT 301-868-2550

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2010</h1>					1	2
					3 Redskins vs. Eagles 4:15 PM	4 S.A.L. 7:30 PM
10 Packers vs Redskins 1:00 PM	11 Auxiliary Unit 259 7:30 PM	12 COLUMBUS DAY (traditional)	13 Shrimp 5:30 - 7:30 PM  Pinochle	14	15 BINGO  Early Bird 7:15 PM	16
17 Colts vs Redskins 8:20 PM	18 Executive Committee 7:30 PM	19	20 Shrimp 5:30 - 7:30 PM  Pinochle	21	22 BINGO  Early Bird 7:15 PM	23
24 Children's Halloween Party 1:00 - 4:00 PM  Redskins vs Bears 1:00 PM	25 General Membership Dinner: 6:30 PM Meeting 7:40 PM	26	27 Shrimp 5:30 - 7:30 PM  Pinochle	28	29 BINGO  Early Bird 7:15 PM	30
31 HALLOWEEN  Redskins vs Lions 1:00 PM						



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Historian Vivian Boyd  
Chaplain Sharon Franklin  
Sgt At Arms Barbara Theesen  
Exec. Comm. Liz White  
Ginger Latimer  
Marilyn Thomas



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Finance Officer Richard Switzer  
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