

**THE AMERICAN
LEGION
CLINTON POST 259**



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

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2010

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I want to begin my comments this month by congratulating Mike Price, Rich Barb and Bob Wilson for their work on the newsletter last month. I think it was the best newsletter I have seen since I joined the Post. Stay tuned, however. More changes are on the way. Incidentally, if you have something you want published in the newsletter - a birthday party or a retirement or anniversary - let us know. As space is available, we will do our best to get it published for you.

In our continuing effort to get the canteen running again, Diane Miller, the temporary House Manager has, with the consent of the Executive Committee, hired a new temporary bartender. She is Kim Lazorcak and has already started working. Further, we will be interviewing a person for the position of Weekend House Manager in the very near future. Stay tuned.

If I never say anything again as your Commander, I want you to remember these words. November 2nd is Election Day. Make sure you vote!! If you are not satisfied with the way things are, your only way of changing them is to vote. If you are happy as things are, you can only make them stay the same by voting for your current politician. And don't say your vote doesn't count. Remember: there have been many elections in recent history where a person was considered a winner until the people voted and changed that. We as veterans are a very strong and large voice in the State of Maryland. What we say at the voting booth will go a long way in helping make life in Maryland better for veterans and their families. VOTE! VOTE!

Don't forget the Thanksgiving Dinner on the 25th of November. Turkey and the works. Please sign up in the canteen as soon as you can so we have a good idea as to how much food to purchase and prepare. If you can't come by to sign up, call the canteen and 301-868-2550 and tell one of the Bartenders to put you on the list.

Finally, our membership numbers are improving, but a lot of our current members have not renewed their membership for 2011. If you have not, please do so as soon as possible. Legion dues are \$30.00. Stop by the post or go on line to www.legion.org and renew on line, but please renew soon.

Yours in Legion Service
Larry G. Hall
Commander

CHARLOTTE HALL

Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 13 October. Trudee Hunter and Maria Suthard from the Auxiliary, along with Bob Levendusky and Al Elmond were the post 259 volunteers with much appreciated help from the Chopticon High School ROTC students and their escort, Kimberly Bowles. These students were Abbie Reynolds, Lyndsey Reynolds, Steven Cave, and Tyler Bowles. Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be held on 10 November.

Helping hands are always welcome. The rewards are priceless from a very grateful group of heroes
Al Elmond

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

A Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day; Thursday, **November 25th**, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The price is \$10.00 per person – 9 years to adult; \$ 5.00 per child 8 years and under. The cost is free for children under 5. You must sign up and pay in advance. Groups of 6 or more can reserve a table. A sign up sheet is available at the Post, call (301) 868-2550 for more information. Cut off date is Sunday, November 21, 2010.

Reservations for the dinner are required.

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...

(pictures are from Charlotte Hall)



BULL AND PIG ROAST

American Legion Post 259 will be conducting a Bull and Pig Roast on **November 6th** from 3:00 – 6:00 pm. The price is \$20.00 per person and the menu includes:

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

Live music will be performed by
ROGER LEE TRENT

Members & Guest are welcome.

NOTES

HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST:

Did you know that home schooled students are eligible for the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest? This contest is open to **ALL** high school students in the ninth through twelfth grades. The contest rules are simple. The subject is always the same: The United States Constitution. The student prepares a talk for 8-10 minutes on any subject within the U. S. Constitution and delivers it. There is an assigned topic that the student speaks on for 3-5 minutes. The subjects are in the Rules which are available at the Post. The prize at the state level is \$2,500,00. The winner then goes to National, where the first prize is \$18,000.00. Comrades, check with your children and grandchildren and see if they are interested. This will give them a chance at winning scholarship money and sharpen their speaking ability. The rules are available by asking in the lounge. I will see that you get a copy.

Bob Wilson, Adjutant

VETERAN'S DAY: Please join the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 259 in honoring our Veteran's. 10:00 am for Coffee and Donuts; 11:00 am for Veteran's Program. Lunch to follow. See attached flyer for more details.

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. We need to know how many children and their ages attending so that we purchase enough gifts for all the children. This has always been a well attended affair, with a clown and

magic show for the little ones. And of course, Santa Clause!

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.

VETERANS OF AMERICA

This upcoming Veterans Day (Thursday, November 11, 2010), Applebee's will thank our nation's veterans and active duty military by inviting them to their neighborhood Applebee's for a free meal.

This year, Applebee's is offering a new Veterans Day menu, which includes some of its signature and favorite items. So that as many veterans and military personnel as possible are aware of this open invitation, please share the news across your various communication channels.

Here are the details:

- All U.S. veterans and active duty personnel with proof of current or former military service will eat free at all Applebee's in their respective neighborhoods.
- Proof of service includes: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform, DD214, Citation or Commendation.

Other participating restaurants include **Golden Corral** and **McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant**.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Again! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather. Last month Maria and I went to our first Fall Conference. Surprising for me, I actually enjoyed myself. I would recommend it to anyone that wants to learn what the Auxiliary is all about. Each program that the Auxiliary endorses as part of their efforts to fulfill their mission, "...to serve veterans, their families and their communities", gave a brief explanation and tons of encouragement to succeed within our unit and organization.

One of the things I've learned is that most of the units deal with similar problems. However, these individuals are able to rise above the nonsense and are more successful providing support and care to our veterans, families and community. I would really like our unit to be successful. But it takes YOU!!

One of the most difficult situations we deal with in our unit is gossiping. "So much of what we say concerns people who are not there to participate in the conversation. And so much of that, perhaps subtly, judges, criticize, maligns or generally puts down the person spoken about. We know this as harmful gossip or talking behind someone's back. Sounds ugly, and it is. Yet we engage in this behavior all too often.

For this week, notice your intention when you talk about someone. Are your words critical or harmful? Do your comments distance you from the person commented upon? Whenever possible, extend this noticing to your judgmental thoughts about others." (Inner Work) If we respect each other, we can make AMAZING things happen!

There are so many ways to participate. If you're too busy to work a function (bingo, hall rentals), then you can provide supplies which will help reduce the expenses of these functions. All monies made from these functions go to different organizations to help those that need it. Last month we were able to donate to the following programs: Children's Halloween Party, Veteran's Day Luncheon, Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home, Tanglewood (special needs school), Johns Hopkins (Cancer Research), Snacks for Hero's (Bethesda Naval Hospital), Holiday Baskets for USO and through the Boy Scouts, Popcorn for the Troops. All of these programs help make life manageable for so many people. But, AGAIN, it takes YOU to make it happen.

Please call me to help, it's not for me or the Unit, it's for THEM.....those that need us!! The men and women that gave their time FOR US; how can we deny them now???? Maria and I went to Charlotte Hall for their monthly Bingo Night. We left that night with such a sense of pride. It was one hour and a half of our time and we ALL benefited from the experience. We had a great time. We're looking forward to our next time. There are many programs like this that would also make your heart feel good. We need cloth so we can make bibs for the veterans for Xmas. Supplies for Bingo are always welcome such as tuna fish, cake mixes and frostings. If you want other ideas of items that are needed or other projects you can help with...Contact me! MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY!

Membership – Now is the time to renew your dues for 2011. Dues are still \$14.00 for Seniors and \$4.00 for Juniors. Please attend our next meeting on November 8, 2010 at 7:30 PM. There will be no meetings in December and January. **Don't forget the Veteran's Day program on November 11th!** Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Trudee Hunter
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POPPY FACTS

In the spring of 1919, amidst complete devastation, poppies bloomed in abundance on the battlefields of France where so many of our men had fallen in battle. A replica of this poppy has become the Memorial Flower of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The American Legion was the first national organization to adopt the poppy as its Memorial Flower, having taken this action at the national Convention in Cleveland, September 27-29, 1920.

The American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as its Memorial Flower at its organizing convention held in Kansas City, in October 1921.

At the time the American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy, it pledged 100% of the profits from the poppy distribution to welfare relief for servicemen and servicewomen and their families, thus fulfilling the true meaning of the poppy, and emblem of faith; faith which is being kept with all who died through service to the living.

The American Legion Auxiliary, in order to protect the memorial poppy from the inroads of commercialism, adopted a national poppy program at the St. Paul Convention in 1924 which eliminated the commercial poppy.

The memorial poppies are made of red crepe paper, by hand, by disabled veterans in hospitals and poppy workrooms in forty states; the material being furnished free by the Department in the state in which the hospital is located.

More than 25,000,000 poppies made by disabled veterans are distributed on the

streets under the supervision of the American Legion Auxiliary by approximately 125,000 volunteer workers who receive no compensation.

Through the American Legion Auxiliary poppy program, more than \$300,000 is paid annually to needy and disabled service men and service women for making the poppies.

Proceeds from the distribution of over 25,000,000 poppies annually under the guidance of the American Legion Auxiliary amount to more than \$2,000,000, every penny of which is devoted to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation work by both The American Legion and Auxiliary, which includes aid to needy veterans and their families? The method of distribution varies in each Department, depending upon the nature of the demands for help. Each of our 10,500 Units in communities scattered all over the United States, its territorial possessions, and in foreign countries where veterans reside, maintains a Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee working under a chairman, and a Children and Youth Committee with its chairman. These Unit chairmen are assisted by Department chairmen of similar committees, who in turn, work under the guidance of a National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman and a National Children and Youth Chairman.

Proudly wear a poppy on Veteran's Day!



**Thomas K. Phares, Sr. Past
Commander**

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of our Past Commander, Thomas K. Phares, Sr. Tom was transferred to Post Everlasting on Sunday, October 24, 2010. Our sympathies are extended to his wife Mary, and his children.

**New Members voted in at the
October General Meeting:**

Tammy Taylor
Devaughn Moore
Roy J. Purvear
Steven B. Johnson
John Robinson
Fredrick Tsinnie
Scott Slindee

H.R. 4646

Congressman Chaka Fattah (D-Pennsylvania) has introduced the Debt Free America Act (H.R. 4646) which imposes a one percent tax on all financial transactions. The bill directs revenues from the tax to be used to lower the federal deficit. Currently, this legislation is pending before the Ways and Means Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. This is a 1% tax on all transactions at any financial institution i.e. Banks, Credit Unions, etc.. As written, any deposit you make, or move around within your account; if your pay checks or your Social Security or whatever is direct deposited; if you hand carry a check into the bank for deposit; or if you take cash in for deposit, a 1% tax will be charged against that transaction. If you are not in favor of this bill please contact your Senator and your representative demanding they KILL THE BILL.





2010 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 12, 2010 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 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.

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 _____

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 be served from 7:00 -- 8:30 pm. There will be an open bar from 6:30 -- 8:30pm and a 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 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.

NAME _____ # ATTENDING __ SELF ___ SPOUSE ___ FRIEND ___

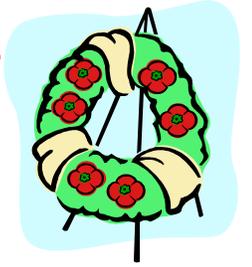
MEMBERSHIP # _____ TELEPHONE # _____

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



VETERAN'S DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2010



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American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 259
In honoring our Veteran's

10:00 AM for Coffee and Donuts

11:00 AM for Veteran's Program

Lunch to follow



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2010</h1>						
	1 S.A.L. 7:30 PM	2 GENERAL ELECTION BE SURE- VOTE	3 Shrimp 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	4	5 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	6 BULL AND PIG ROAST 3:00 - 6:00 pm \$20.00
7	8 Auxiliary 7:30 PM	9	10 Shrimp 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	11 VETERANS DAY Coffee 10:00 AM Ceremony 11:00	12 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	13
14	15 Executive Committee 7:30 PM	16	17 Shrimp 5:30 – 7:30 PM Pinochle	18	19 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	20
21	22 General Membership Meeting Dinner 6:30 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	23	24 Shrimp 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	25 Post Thanksgiving Dinner 4-7 PM By Reservation	26 BINGO Early Bird 7:15 PM	27
28	29	30	DON'T FORGET CHILDREN'S	TO SIGN UP AND ADULT	FOR THE CHRISTMAS	PARTIES !!!



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 Sgt At Arms Barbara Theesen
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