

**THE AMERICAN
LEGION
CLINTON POST 259**



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

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2011

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a happy and safe New Year. Time to get started on lots of new things for 2011. Keep an eye open and check the calendar for some new things happening at the Post.

First, congratulations to Larry McBean and his staff on the initial start-up of Clinton American Legion Post 259 Legion Riders. They held their first meeting on the 28th with Riders from Post 275, Glenarden, and Post 66 from Bowie to help get things going. If you are a Legion, SAL, or Auxiliary member and have your own bike (600cc or larger), you are eligible to join. Contact Larry for more information at 703-836-7990.

On Saturday, April 23, we are planning a Post Spring Clean-up. We will start early with a breakfast, work until noon, have a light lunch, then finish in the afternoon. We will be working inside and outside. SAL and Auxiliary are cordially invited.

Jim Panor will be starting an American Legion Booster club in the near future. He will be working to raise funds to support our Post 259 team from Bishop McNamara High School. Please help support the baseball program.

Check the calendar for this month and next. There is a lot of outside activity going on in both months including the Oratorical Contest for Post 259 (Feb 5), Prince George's County Council (Feb 12) and Southern Maryland District (Feb 19). All will be held at the Post in the Foxhole. The Oyster Bowl (\$25.00 pp) is at the Youth Camp on Feb 26.

On Saturday, Feb 5th, the Prince George's County Veterans Commission will hold it's February meeting from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at the VFW Post 8950 on Goodluck Road in Lanham. All are welcome.

At our General Membership meeting on the 24th, we finally elected a First Vice Commander. David Williams of Temple Hills was voted in as a new member to the Post and volunteered his name for the position and was elected unanimously. Congratulations, again, Dave.

Finally, membership. While we failed to reach our 90% goal by Jan 26, we came close. We are still, however over a hundred short of last year's total. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so at once.

Stop by the Post. Diane has done a lot of work in helping improve the service there and has begun serving a lunch on Thursdays which starts at noon and runs into the evening. We are looking at the possibility of restarting the Thursday night dinners. It is on the calendars, but call the Post before you come in the evening to make sure there is food there.

Yours in Legion service

Larry G. Hall
Commander



NEW MEMBERS

The following are the names of the new members that were voted in to the Post at the December 18th, 2010 meeting.

Billy R. Paul	Transfer from Post 297	U.S. Army
David V. Williams	New	U.S. Army
Jack Hutchins	Transfer from Post 297	U.S. Marine Corp
Peterson W. Henderson	Transfer from Post 297	U.S. Army
Deblin B. Edge	Transfer from VA Post 364	U.S. Army
Tony A. Cghapman	New	U.S. Army

AUXILARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

National Security: Want to know a small way for YOU to help a soldier? For about a \$12 flat rate you can pack/send a box of goodies to a soldier. If you need a name of a soldier, please contact Brenda Miller Chairwoman of the National Security program for the Southern Maryland District at Bmiller1234@verizon.net.

You can also go to www.letsaythanks.com and send a card to a soldier. There are many messages to choose from or you can scroll down and check "other" and write your own message.

Please attend our next meeting on February 14, 2011 at 7:30 PM. We haven't had a meeting in a few months and there are many items that we need to work on such as the Palm Sunday Breakfast and our annual Yard Sale. We can't do this without you.

Now accepting 2011 dues: \$14.00 for Seniors and \$4.00 for Juniors.

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SAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

Greetings All,

I haven't updated anyone in a couple of months, so I figured I'd better pull something together. I hope that everyone had a Safe and Pleasant Holiday Season. Now it's time to get prepared for the upcoming year and any events that we may be planning. We are scheduled to have our Annual Superbowl Rally Dance on January 29, 2011. Hopefully we will have a good report to give afterwards about the turnout. It's also not too early to think about participating in our annual Mother's Day Brunch. We understand that people travel a lot on Mother's Day but if you happen to be in the area, we would love to have you and your family come and join us for this delicious brunch. It is a wonderful time and we look forward to a large turnout for that as well.

On another note, we need those who have not paid their dues for 2010/11 to do so as soon as possible. We will be posting a list in the canteen of members who are in arrears. It is very important that we MAINTAIN our membership status and we always welcome any new members who may be eligible to join. The way the months are flying by, I won't have many more chances to reach out and thank the members who continually support our program. So, I want to say Thank You and Keep up the Great Work!!!

Last but not least, there are strides that we must make in the upcoming years. The Legion, Auxiliary and SAL are continuing to search for ways to improve the hospitality and the general well-being of the post. From what I have noticed, everyone's heart is in the right place. Suggestions should always be welcomed and explored and certainly not frowned upon. If any one of our members has suggestions that the SAL can respectfully take back to our Post Commander Mr. Larry Hall, we would be more than happy to do so. My e-mail address is dhutchi@wsscwater.com. Please do not hesitate to send any correspondence. Even if there are no suggestions at this time, please send in something with your e-mail address so that I can keep people more in touch on an individual basis.

Take care,

SAL Commander

David Hutchinson

CHARLOTTE HALL

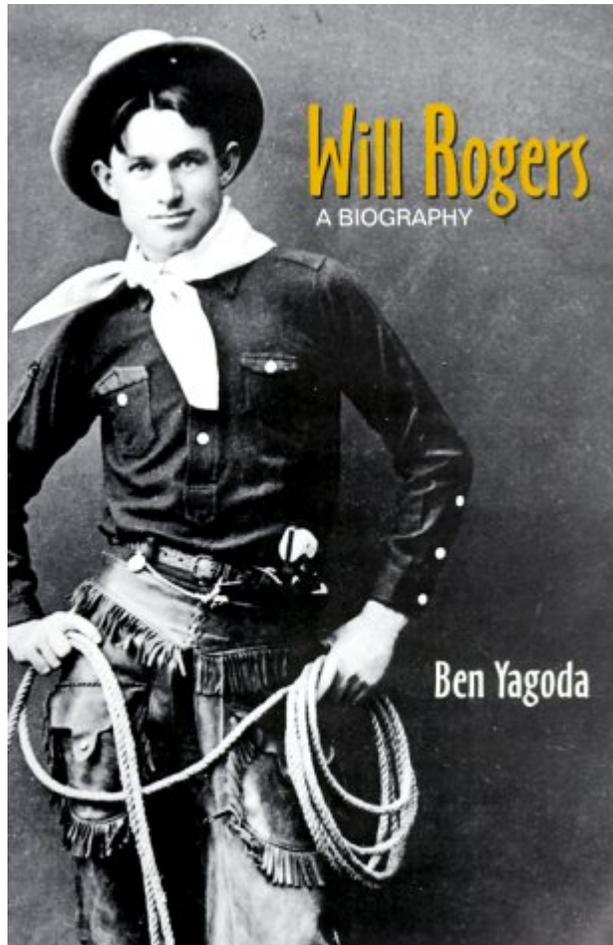
Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 12 January 2011, Maria Suthard from the Auxiliary, Bob Levendusky and Al Elmond were the post 259 volunteers with much appreciated help from the Chopticon High School ROTC students, their escort, Kimberly Bowles, and other volunteers. These ROTC students were Abbie Reynolds, Lyndsey Reynolds, Zena Kern, Dalton Whitworth, Russell Johnson, Josh Watson, and Tyler Bowles. Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 9 February 2011. Helping hands are always welcome. The rewards are priceless from a very grateful group of heroes.

Al Elmond



Will said -

"Never squat while wearing your spurs"



Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash, was one of the greatest political sages this country has ever known.

Enjoy the following:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.

2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.

3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman.

Neither works.

4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.

5. Always drink upstream from the herd.

6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it

and put it back into your pocket.

8. There are three kinds of men:

The ones that learn by reading.

The few who learn by observation.

The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence

and find out for themselves.

9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every
now and then

to make sure it's still there.

11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it
back.

12. A fter eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he
started roaring.

He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

T he moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

First ~ E ventually you will reach a point when you stop
lying

about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ T he older we get, the fewer things seem worth
waiting in line for.

Third ~ S ome people try to turn back their odometers.

Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way.

I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth,

think of Algebra.

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

Eighth ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Tenth ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks,

it was called witchcraft.

Today it's called golf.

And, finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old



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



Post Officers

Commander Larry G. Hall
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2nd Vice Matthew Garofalo
3rd Vice Ronald Potts
Judge Advocate Elbert 'ED' White
Service Officer Joseph Vlcek
Finance Officer Richard Switzer
Ass't Fin Officer Jerald Thompson
Historian Charles Lewis
Chaplain Thomas Treichel
Sgt At Arms George Martin
Sgt Major John Jackson
Exec Comm. James Panor
Joseph DeCenzo
Joseph Morgan
Richard Barb
Melvin Hale



S.A.L. Officers

Commander David Hutchinson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2011</h1>						
		1	2 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	3 Pizza Night 12" Pizza \$7.00 (Any way)	4 Bingo Early Bird 7:15 PM	5 Post Oratorical Contest 10:00 AM
6	7 S.A.L Meeting 7:30 PM	8	9 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	10 Dinner*	11 Bingo Early Bird 7:15 PM	12 Prince George's County Oratorical Contest 10:00 AM
13 Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet 2 to 4 PM	14 ALA. Unit 259 7:30 PM	15	16 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	17 Dinner*	18 Bingo Early Bird 7:15 PM	19 Southern Maryland District Oratorical Contest 10:00 AM Lincoln's B'day
20	21 President's Day Post Exec Comm 7:30 PM	22 Washington's Birthday (Trad.)	23 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM Pinochle	24 Dinner*	25 Bingo Early Bird 7:15 PM	26
27	28 General Membership Dinner 6:30PM Mtg. 7:30 PM			* Please call Post for Menu 301-868-2550		