

**THE
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CLINTON POST
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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.....
Larry G. Hall, Commander

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Rich Barb, Editor

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As I write this for the June Newsletter, I realize that my first year as commander is winding down. While we have been able to do a lot this year, there is still much to do. As required by our Constitution and By-Laws, I will be submitting a Commander's Report at the end of the year, in July. I hope we can look back through the past year and learn from it and apply what we learn to making our Post better next year.

Over the weekend of 20 - 22, we had the Department of Maryland's Membership Trailer at the Joint Services Open House on Joint Base Andrews. While we probably could have benefited more from a better location, we were still successful in reaching out to many veterans and were able to obtain new members as well. My thanks to Frank Hendricks, Dick Switzer, Charles Lewis, Trudee Hunter, Matt Garofalo, Bob Wilson, George Martin, Ron Potts, Rich Barb, Ed White, Elmiza Day, Gary Gifford and his son-in-law, George for their help over the 3 days. We learned a lot and had some fun doing it. I think that, given what we learned this year, we should be able to greatly improve our exposure to the veterans, their families and the active military present at the event. Also, thanks to Department Adjutant Tom Davis who brought the trailer down to us, and to current Department First Vice Commander Smullen and his wife for their visit and to Southern Maryland District's current First Vice Commander Robert Ouellete for stopping by. Thanks again for all your help.

Please put this date on your calendars: June 26, at 5:00 (1700). We will have a combined installation of officers for the Legion and SAL, as well as in initiation for all of our new members this year who have not yet been initiated. There will be a social hour, a short installation ceremony, a short initiation ceremony and refreshments (not necessarily in that order) for all who attend, to include spouses/significant others. Watch for invitations in the next week or so. We will need to know how many will attend for planning purposes.

A list of officers, executive committeemen and Review Board members elected this month will be posted on the bulletin board at the Post. Congratulations to all who were selected.

The annual Department of Maryland Annual Convention will be held in Ocean City, Maryland this year beginning July 13 and ending July 15. Further, a golf tournament will be held on the 11th, as well as the annual Fish Fry put on by the Southern Maryland District that afternoon (around 4:00). On the 12th, there will be classes given for persons interested in holding various post offices, or just looking for more information about how the Legion functions at Post level. For more information, contact Adjutant Wilson at the Post. We still have need for a few more delegates, also.

Finally, thank you to all of you who have volunteered your time for the Post thus far this year. Sometimes it may seem we take our volunteers for granted when, in fact, they are the backbone of our Legion programs, without whom we would not be able to do what we do.

See you at the Post.

Yours in Legion Service

Larry G. Hall
Commander

CHARLOTTE HALL

Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 11 May 2011. Trudee Hunter from the Auxiliary, Bob Levendusky and Al Elmond were the post 259 volunteers with much appreciated help from the Chopticon High School ROTC students. Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 8 June 2011. Helping hands are always welcome. The rewards are priceless from a very grateful group of heroes

This month's pictures feature 96-year-old Edward R. Radzwich, DSC-LTC, US ARMY (Retired). He is an extraordinary American, resident of Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, and avid bingo player. He was a very active Boy Scout and attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

As captain and company commander I Company, 101st Infantry of the 26th (Yankee) Division, he led his company through the campaigns of Northern France, Lorraine, and the Battle of the Bulge.

He is the 26th Infantry Division's most decorated soldier during WWII. Medals awarded to LTC Edward R. Radzwich are: Combat Infantry Badge, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star w/2 oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star with w/2 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart w/2 oak leaf clusters, American Defense Medal, American Theatre Medal, European Theatre Medal w/4 campaign stars, WWII Victory Medal, Occupation Medal, and National Defense Medal.

He was installed in the Infantry OCS Hall of Fame, Ft Benning, Georgia, in March 1959. He was also elected to membership in the prestigious Legion of Valor.

Al Elmond



New Members

Voted on at the May 23, 2011 Membership Meeting

Edward J Hurt	Transfer 297	U.S. Army
Clarence D Green Sr.	Transfer 297	U.S. Army
Christopher S Acosta	New	U.S. Navy
Thomas B Green	Transfer 297	U.S. Navy
Ervin J Forte	Transfer 297	U.S. Army
George L Logan	Transfer 297	U.S. Army
Leonard L Johnson	New	U.S. A.F.
William L Gross	New	U.S. Army
Howard L Starks Jr.	New	U.S. Army
Cheryl D Nageotte-Woods	New	U.S. Army
Richard W Woods	New	U.S.A.F.
Joshua S Haney	New	U.S.A.F.
Shelia L Horgan	New	U.S. Army
John J Jones	New	U.S. Army
Kenneth R Rizer	New	U.S.A.F.
Jesse B Baker 111	New	U.S. Army
Kimberly D Herrera	New	U.S.A.F.
Benjamin B Thomas	New	U.S.A.F.
Donnie E Owens	New	U.S. Army

S. A. L.

Hello All,

I would like to begin this month's newsletter by saying thank you to everyone that supported me during my two year tenure as Commander of The Son's of the American Legion. We have continued to strive in a positive direction and I certainly could not have maintained without the help of numerous people. I am very proud to say that our S.A.L. (though not as big as it once was) is an amazingly productive program of The American Legion Post 259. Setting and achieving new goals in this financially trying time can be very difficult but as we have in the past, we find ways to do it. Improving our membership numbers and S.A.L member participation will be one of our main goals moving forward with our 2011-2012 officers.

This year, one of the challenges that the S.A.L. took on was "Christmas in April". In the past, we have joined forces with other organizations to support this great cause. One of our Life Members, Gary Castleman, moved our program into position to do something this year for a family in Clinton, Md. It was an overwhelming success and it speaks volumes about the heart and leadership that he provides. There were many people from the post that volunteered their services to help a family in need. Kudos to all that helped and this is something that will almost certainly become an annual event. A HUGE Thank you to Gary and the crew for a job well done!

Our Annual Mother's Day Brunch took place on May 8th. While it wasn't as busy as previous years, it was still extremely rewarding giving mom's back a little something for all of their love and support. This event also requires a lot of "hands on deck". It was again met with tons of support and a lot of hard work in preparing the meal. Thanks to all that helped and supported this wonderful annual event. We couldn't have done it without you.

By the time this update is read in the newsletter, our new officer's will have been elected. They will need continued support for the upcoming year(s). The S.A.L. is a very proud program of the Post and will continue its support of the Legion. I hope that I have served you well as Commander and kept you abreast of the things the S.A.L. is trying to accomplish. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will be needed even more in the years to come. I would like to end my tenure by thanking all of my officers for supporting me and assure them that I will continue to support this wonderful program and all of the members to the best of my ability. I would also like to thank Commander Larry Hall, Auxiliary President Trudee Hunter and all of their officers for their support. Last but not least, I would like to thank my wife Kelly and my 3 children (Mikayla, Alexis and David) for allowing me to serve without too much hassle...haha! Seriously, it's been a pleasure and I look forward to seeing everyone in the future.

Signing off as S.A.L. Commander for the last time,

S.A.L. Commander

Dave Hutchinson



**HELP
WANTED**



Know any mixologists? How about just a plain old (or young) bartender?

If so, have them get in touch with Diane. We are looking for an experienced bartender for weekdays as well as weekends.

They must SUBMIT an application complete with references and authorize a credit check.

If accepted, they can start immediately.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2011</h1>						
			1 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM	2 PIZZA Night	3 BINGO Early Bird	4
5	6 DDAY, 1944	7	8 Post Golf Tournament Potomac Ridge	9	10 BINGO Early Bird	11
12	13 Auxiliary Unit 259	14	15 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM	16	17 BINGO Early Bird	18
19	20 Post Executive Committee	21	22 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM	23	24 BINGO Early Bird	25
26 Post & SAL Installation of Officers	27 Post General Mem.	28	29 Shrimp Night 5:30 - 7:30 PM	30		



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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



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Commander Larry G. Hall
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 Asst Adjutant
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 2nd Vice Matthew Garofalo
 3rd Vice George Martin
 Judge Advocate Elbert "ED" White
 Service Officer James Woodland
 Finance Officer Richard Switzer
 Historian Charles Lewis
 Chaplain Thomas Treichel
 Sgt At Arms Phil Cyr
 Sgt Major John Jackson
 Exec Comm James Panor
 Joseph DeCenzo
 Joseph Morgan
 Gary Gifford



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