THE AMERICAN LEGION
CLINTON POST 259

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

October **Charles Lewis, Editor** **2011**

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I'll start this month by giving a big Thank You to Matt Garofalo for all his work in making the Crab Feast a great success. We had over 110 people there and enough food for about 500 (or maybe it just seems that way. But I carried enough ears of corn for more than just 100 people.), everyone I talked to said everything was very good. We used 22 bushels of crab in less than 4 hours. We had a little hitch after the first 3 bushels came out, but we got over it. Thanks to all who volunteered their help in many ways: cooking, baking, setting up, taking down, washing dishes, clearing tables, removing trash, etc. Looking forward to the next one. Good job Matt.

Our membership for next year is moving along. As of this writing, we are over 57% of our goal for the year. That goal is equal to last years' numbers, plus 1 more. If you haven't renewed, please don't wait until the last day. Try to sign up at least 1 more member than you did last year.

You should be getting your envelopes with tickets for this year's Shotgun Raffle within the next week or so. Please make sure you complete the return stub with all the information requested. We don't want to delay your receipt of the shotgun (or $400) if you win.

We are still looking for volunteers for BINGO and kitchen work. If you have some free time and can spend a few hours at the Post helping where needed, please let me or one of the officers or even the bartenders know and give us your name and what you would like to do and a way for us to contact you. If you have a specific talent that would apply to help at the Post, we can probably use you. For example, if you are good at making soups, we'll get the ingredients and you can cook up a pot or two. If you are handy around the house, stop by and maybe replace burned out light bulbs. If you are

good with computers and other modern technology, we definitely have a place for you. Just call us or stop by. We will definitely appreciate it.

This may sound a little crazy to you, but have you given any thought to who you would like to see as officers for the Post next year? Remember: The first nominations are made at the General Membership meeting in March. Give it some thought. Any member of the Legion may nominate anyone eligible for any office. At this month's General Membership meeting, we elected Haywood Moss as our new Sergeant at Arms and Gary Gifford as First Vice Commander. Thanks to both gentlemen for stepping up to the plate. Also, in March, we will be nominating a new Commander. Post By-Laws prohibit more than two consecutive years as Commander and this is my second year. Are you ready??

Finally, we are coming into the holiday season. Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas. Less than 100 days left in the year. We will need help putting on our usual programs and dinners. Again, we need volunteers. Speak up now before all the good jobs are gone!

Yours in Veterans Service

Larry G, Hall

Commander

S.A.L. Squadron 259

Greetings,

The Winners of the 2011 S.A.L. Golf Tournament

1st Place Winning Team: Robbie Hunnicutt – Tony Hunnicutt - Joe Shahady – Chris Jones
2nd Place Winning Team: Bobby Vaughn – Mike Vaughn – Bruce Richardson – Jimmy Peed
3rd Place Winning Team: Guy Andes – Jimmy Simmons – Jimmy Cox – Gary Castleman

The S.A.L. is very pleased to say that our Annual Golf Tournament was once again, extremely successful. 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 one of 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.

Hole Sponsor's

Washington Mailers Union # 29	Carpet Queen Kitchen & Bath	The Virginian
Electrical Automation Services Inc.	Brennan Title Company	Cosmos Air Purification
Cosmos Air Purification	Caton Enterprises LLC	Hideaway Bar
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Charlie's Restaurant & Carryout	Kim's Kantina	Cedarville Carryout
Electronic Security Services Inc.	Retina Associates	Senator Thomas V "Mike" Miller
Tri-State Sportsman	Scentsy by Becky Crow	Denny's Place
Brandywine Lions Charities Foundation Inc.		American Legion Post 259

Also, thank you to all of the people and companies that donated door prizes for this tournament:

Country Snacks
Al Fenstomocher
Foster's Grill
Gary and Anne
Rudy Spiers
Bob Hall Distributing
Bud & Barbara Theesen
Texas Rib & BBQ
Safeway
Bozick Distributing
Pepsi
Maryland Lottery
Becky Crow

S.A.L. Golf Tournament Workers:

Anne Richards	Wayne Berbig	Frank Hendrix	Richard Howard	Moe Moroney
Jerry Cones	Marty Green	Judy Kenney	Dick Coppage	Linda Mororina
Paul Poteat	Charles Lewis	Linda Kennedy	Kenny King	Cookie King
Larry Anderson	Morry Anderson	Sara Bucklew	Kelly Hutchinson	George Bucklew

I'd also like to thank the Golf Committee for all their hard work and dedication.

Gary Castleman – Chairman
Jimmy Cox
Diane Miller
Dave Hutchinson
Rich Walsh

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

Richard A. Walsh Jr.
S.A.L. Commander

DEAR AUXILIARY MEMBERS

MANY YEARS AGO A GROUP OF WOMEN HAD A DREAM. THEY ENVISIONED THE FORMATION OF AN ORGINIZATION THAT COULD GIVE A HAND OF COMFORT TO THE WIFE, MOTHER OR ORPHAN OF OUR DECEASED VETERANS.THOSE VALIANT WOMEN, WITH THE TRUE SPIRIT OF PIONEERS SURGED FORWARD--DREAMS BECAME REALITY--THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WAS FORMED.

THROUGH THE SERVICE OF YOUR LOVED ONE YOU HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO BECOME A MEMBER OF UNIT 259. EACH OF YOU JOINED FOR A DIFFERENT REASON AND WE VALUE EACH OF YOU... HOWEVER THIS UNIT CANNOT RUN ITSELF AND WE MUST HAVE HELP WITH OUR FUND RAISERS OR WE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS.

I AM NOT ASKING FOR A LOT OF TIME, BUT I NEED 12 OF YOU TO GIVE 1 (ONE) FRIDAY EVENING A MONTH IN THE BINGO KITCHEN. VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR AN OCCASIONAL FEW HOURS TO HELP WITH A RENTAL. IF YOU THINK ABOUT 5-6 HOURS PER MONTH COMPARED TO THE YEARS OF SERVICE OUR VETERANS HAVE ENDURED AND THE NUMBER OF THEM INJURED OR THAT HAVE NOT RETURNED HOME..... 5-6 HOURS IS NOTHING IN YOUR LIFE... PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT!!!! I CANNOT CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE KITCHEN EVERY FRIDAY BY MYSELF.

YOU CAN REACH ME AT 240-320-3634 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

THANKS TO VIVIAN,SHARON, BARBARA, FREDA, ROSE,VERNA,TONI, NANCY, MYRTLE, WHO HAVE HELPED ME AND ALL WHO HAVE BAKED.

WE MEET 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME OF YOU THERE.

YOURS IN SERVICE,

GLENDA MORGAN
PRESIDENT

Post Officers 2011 – 2012		Annual Events (In Order by Legion Year) Event	Leader
Commander	Larry Hall	Joint Installation - June 2011-	Outgoing Commander
1st Vice Commander	Gary Gifford	S.A.L. 259 Golf Tournament – Sept 2011 –	S.A.L.
2nd Vice Commander	Matthew Garofalo	Veteran's Day Service – Nov 2011 –	Auxiliary Unit
3rd Vice Commander	George Martin	Adult Christmas Party – Dec 2011 -	Legion
Adjutant	Robert A. Wilson	Children Christmas Party – Dec 2011 –	Legion
Vice Adjutant		Super Bowl Party – Feb 2012 -	Legion
Judge Advocate	Elbert "ED" White	St. Patrick Day Dinner – Mar 2012 –	S.A.L.
Service Officer	James Woodland	Children Easter Egg Hunt – April 2012 –	Auxiliary Unit
Finance Officer	Richard Switzer	JBA Joint Service Open House – May 2012 -	Legion
Historian	Charles Lewis	Memorial Day – May 2012 -	Legion
Chaplain	Thomas Treichel	Flag Day – June 2012 -	Legion
Sgt At Arms	Haywood Moss	Joint Installation – June 2012 -	Legion
Sgt Major	John Jackson		
Executive Committee E.I. Day Joseph DeCenzo Gary Gifford Joseph Morgan James Panor			

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We welcome your news, ideas, suggestions, comments, or question for future issues of the Clinton Post 259 Newsletter. Drop them off at the Post – Attention Newsletter Editor

We need your assistance, let us know of any our members who are sick or in the hospital
Please call 301 868-2550

If you have moved, please contact the Post with your new address

Legionnaire Bernard Ryon was called to Post Everlasting since our last newsletter.

Auxiliary Officers		S.A.L. Officers	
President	Glenda Morgan	Commander	Richard A. Walsh Jr.
Vice President	Rose Butler	1st Vice	Dave Hutchinson
Secretary	Freida Skaggs	2nd Vice	Todd Harding
Treasurer	Toni Carr	Finance Officer	
Historian		Sgt At Arms	Dave Desmaris
Chaplain	Sharon Franklin	Historian	Red Aliff
Sgt At Arms	Barbara Theesen	Chaplain	Lou Montgomery
Advisor	Liz White Cookie King	Advisor	Jim Cox George Bucklew

Have You Paid Your 2012 Dues?

Drop them in the mail or drop them off at the Post

The cost for renewal is $30.00

Renew Now – Please give us your e-mail address

Need Help in Obtaining Benefits and/or Medical Care Don't Go It Alone

Contact

American Legion Post 259

Service Officer

James R. Woodland

Home: 301 283-6451

Cell: 301 283-5047

E-Mail: JAMESR.WOODLAND@YAHOO.COM

You are not alone

Organizational Meeting		
Monday	1st Monday of the Month	S.A.L. Meeting - 7:30PM
Monday	2nd Monday of the Month	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30PM
Monday	3rd Monday of the Month	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30PM
Monday	4th Monday of the Month	General Membership Meal starts at 6:30PM General Membership Meeting begins at 7:30PM
		American Legion Riders Meeting
Post Special Events		
Every Friday		Bingo – Early Bird starts at 7:15PM
Every Wednesday		Pinochle
Post Meals		
Every Wednesday		Shrimp Night from 5:30PM until 7:30PM
Thursday	October 6	Pizza Night - $7.00 per pie
Thursday	October 13	Call for Special Meal Menu – (301) 868-2550
Thursday	October 20	Call for Special Meal Menu – (301) 868-2550
Thursday	October 27	Call for Special Meal Menu – (301) 868-2550

Rent the Social Hall

Rental Rates: $600.00 - $700.00 for four (4) hours
Seating: Up to 200 people
Tables: Round Banquet, Seating eight (8) comfortably
Large Dance Floor
Dinners available from $13.00 to $13.50 per plate
Call for reservations/appointment between 8:00AM until 2:00PM
Contact Information
Ms. Diane Miller
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Fire Prevention Day

When: Always on October 9th. Fire prevention week is during the week in which October 9th falls.

According to legend, on October 8, 1871, Mrs. O'Leary was in her barn, milking her cow. The cow kicked over a lamp which started the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The fire burned for over 27 hours. When it was over, more than 300 people were killed, 100,000 people were left homeless, and over 17,000 structures were destroyed.

The Great Chicago fire sparked major efforts in fire prevention. Forty years later, the Fire Marshall's Association of North America (FMANA) held the first Fire Prevention Day. In 1920 , President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Fire Prevention Week.

The Saturday during Fire Prevention Week is Fire Service Recognition Day.

Did You Know? Dalmatians became fire dogs because they were often kept around the horses at fire houses to guard them.

Remember "EDITH", which stand for "Exit Drills In The Home". Today is a good day to have a practice drill.

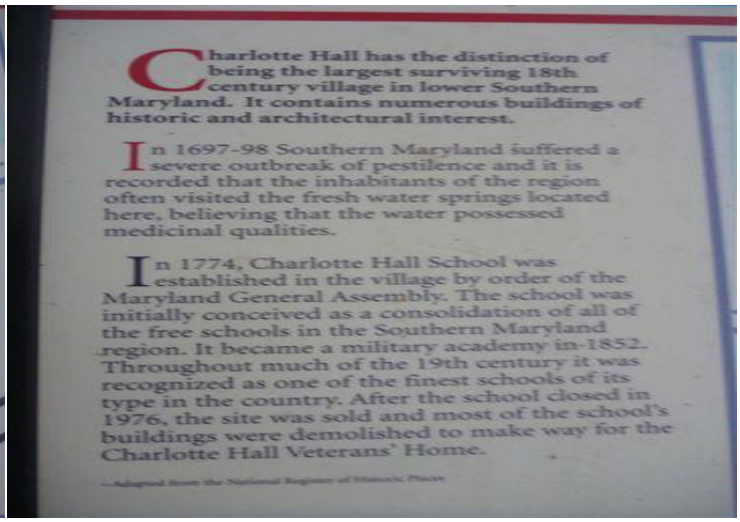
Halloween, celebrated each year on October 31, is a mix of ancient Celtic practices, Catholic and Roman religious rituals and European folk traditions that blended together over time to create the holiday we know today. Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity and life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. Halloween has long been thought of as a day when the dead can return to the earth, and ancient Celts would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off these roaming ghosts. The Celtic holiday of Samhain, the Catholic Hallowmas period of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day and the Roman festival of Feralia all influenced the modern holiday of Halloween. In the 19th century, Halloween began to lose its religious connotation, becoming a more secular community-based children's holiday. Although the superstitions and beliefs surrounding Halloween may have evolved over the years, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people can still look forward to parades, costumes and sweet treats to usher in the winter season.

CHARLOTTE HALL

Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 14 September 2011. Bob Levendusky, Al Elmond, and Marie Schafer were the post 259 volunteers with much appreciated help from Marie's friend, Tilley Garcia, and the Chopticon High School ROTC students. The 21 students provided kindness, help, and good cheer to the veterans. This month's pictures depict the history of Charlotte Hall. Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 12 October 2011.

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

Al Elmond



PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECTION FOR THE ANNUAL CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY – SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2011; REGISTER NLT NOVEMBER 18, 2011

2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 11, 2011 it will run from1:00 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 18, 2011.
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**____
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MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER MD 0259_____

Phone Number_____

2011 ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 17, 2011 from 7:00pm 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 the dance will follow from 9:00 pm to 1:00am.

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, 2011.
As usual seating arrangements will I be assigned according to the first 175 names received by the cutoff 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

The Post is membership is currently at 57.75%; our goal is to equal our 2011 membership plus one. Don't forget to ask a friend with a DD Form 214 to join and please remember to renew your membership.

Welcome New Members

Eugene J Tolbert Jr.	New	U.S. Navy
Harry R Conway	Transfer 297	U.S.A.F.
Otis L Cleveland	New	U.S.A.F.
Cedric Myrick Sr	Transfer 297	U.S.A.F
Jacob G Humphrey	Transfer IN 83	U.S. Navy
Milton L Whittington Jr.	Transfer 297	U.S. Army
Fred L Robinson	Transfer 297	U.S. Marines

Did You Miss??

a. **The Corn Hole Practice??**
b. **The Legion Crab Feast held on September 24??**
c. **Have you visited the Legion for its Thursday Night Meals?**
d. **The Pajama Party and Karaoke Night?**

We missed you

Pajama and Karaoke Party – They Attended and Participated

SAL Golf Tournament

Were The Crabs Good?