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

November

Charles Lewis, Editor

2011

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that the Holiday Season is, as they say, just around the corner. I just struggled through deciding on a birthday gift for my wife and now it's time to start looking for Christmas gifts.

Speaking of holidays, there are two this month which the Post will be celebrating. The first, of course, is Veterans Day. There will be a ceremony beginning at 11:00. Details are being finalized by our Auxiliary and will be available at the Post shortly. Don't forget: 11/11/11 at 11.

On the 24th we will have our annual Thanksgiving dinner. We will have the usual turkey and ham with all the goodies, including deserts. The cost this year is \$10.00 per person, and \$5.00 for children under 10. There will be a sign up sheet at the bar. We would like to get as many as possible to sign up ahead of time so we have a good headcount.

We are looking for volunteers to help serve and clean up on that day. Please contact the post or any Post Officer and let them know you will be able to assist. There will be no cooking or preparation of food to be done, so we don't need any Chefs.

While we are talking about holidays and food, this year's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 17 beginning at 6:30. Watch for specific details at the Post or in the December newsletter.

Our membership for 2012 is slowly adding up. We are still about 350 members short of our last year's total of 1026. If you haven't renewed, do so now. Remember that your membership expires on December 31 and new key cards will be issued. You won't be able to enter the Post as a member after that date unless you have paid up for 2012.

Our BINGO program on Friday nights is getting more and more popular. We are giving away a lot of cash each night. Why not come on out and see if you can win some. Our Early Bird games begin at 7:30 followed immediately after by regular games. It's not unusual to see winners leaving with \$300,

\$400, \$500 or more. Give it a try. Good way to get some extra Christmas money. There's always food available for purchase, too.

Don't forget the Annual Shotgun Raffle. One dollar per ticket gets you a chance to win a shotgun or \$400.00. Tickets have been sent to every member including Auxiliary and SAL.

Finally, we still need volunteers. For those of you who have recently volunteered, many thanks. We appreciate your help. Bring a friend with you next time.

Yours in Veterans Service

Larry G. Hall, Commander

Post Officers 2011 – 2012		Annual Events(In Order by Legion Year) Event	Leader
Commander	Larry Hall	Joint Installation - June 2011- Outgoing Commander	
1 st Vice Commander	Gary Gifford	S.A.L. 259 Golf Tournament – Sept 2011 – S.A.L.	
2 nd Vice Commander	Matthews Garofalo	Veteran’s Day Service – Nov 2011 – Auxiliary Unit	
3 rd 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	Crab Feast – September 2012 - Legion	
		Thanksgiving Feast 2012 - Legion	
Executive Committee E.I. Day Joseph DeCenzo Joseph Morgan James Panor Vacant			
<p>The American Legion Clinton Post 259 9122 Piscataway Road Clinton, Maryland 20735</p> <p>Phone: 301 – 868-2550 Website: www.post259.Org</p> <p>Clinton Post 259 Newsletter is published monthly on Post 259 website</p> <p>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</p>		<p>We need your assistance, let us know of any our members who are sick or in the hospital Please call 301 868-2550</p> <p>If you have moved, please contact the Post with your new address</p>	



Auxiliary Officers		S.A.L. Officers	
President	Glenda Morgan	Commander	Richard A. Walsh Jr.
Vice President	Rose Butler	1 st Vice	Dave Hutchinson
Secretary	Freida Skaggs	2 nd 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

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Organizational Meeting		
Monday	1 st Monday of the Month	S.A.L. Meeting - 7:30PM
Monday	2 nd Monday of the Month	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30PM
Monday	3 rd Monday of the Month	Executive Committee Meeting 6:30PM
Monday	4 th 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	November 3	Mexican Pizza or Tacos Night
Thursday	November 10	Call for Special Meal Menu – (301) 868-2550
Thursday	November 17	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

(301) 868-2550



November 3, 2011 Special Meal

Mexican Pizza Or Tacos

DATES TO REMEMBER



VETERAN DAY PROGRAM

WHEN: NOVEMBER 11, 2011

WHERE: POST 259

TIME: 11:00AM OR 1100HR

FREE



THANKSGIVING DINNER

When: NOVEMBER 24, 2011

WHERE: POST 259

COST: ADULTS: \$10.00

CHILDREN UNDER 10: \$5.0

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE POST



VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2011

Observance

Veterans Day is intended to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. It is marked by parades and church services and in many places the American flag is hung at half-mast. A period of silence lasting two minutes may be held at 11am. Some schools are closed on Veterans Day, while others do not close, but choose to mark the occasion with special assemblies or other activities.

Veterans Day is officially observed on November 11. However, if it falls on a week day, many communities hold their celebrations on the weekend closest to this date. This is to enable more people to attend and participate in the events. Federal Government offices are closed on November 11. If Veterans Day falls on a Saturday, they are closed on Friday November 10. If Veterans Day falls on a Sunday, they are closed on Monday November 12. State and local governments, schools and non-governmental businesses are not required to close and may decide to remain open or closed. Public transit systems may follow a regular or holiday schedule.

History

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11am.

In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans". Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

In 1968 the Uniforms Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) made an attempt to move Veterans Day to the fourth Monday of October. The bill took effect in 1971. However, this caused a lot of confusion as many states disagreed with this decision and continued to hold Veterans Day activities on November 11. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which stated that Veterans Day would again be observed on November 11 from 1978 onwards. Veterans Day is still observed on November 11.



Proclamation of Thanksgiving

**Washington, D.C.
October 3, 1863**

This is the proclamation which set the precedent for America's national day of Thanksgiving. During his administration, President Lincoln issued many orders similar to this. For example, on November 28, 1861, he ordered government departments closed for a local day of thanksgiving.

Sarah Josepha Hale, a 74-year-old magazine editor, wrote a letter to Lincoln on September 28, 1863, urging him to have the "day of our annual Thanksgiving made a National and fixed Union Festival." She explained, "You may have observed that, for some years past, there has been an increasing interest felt in our land to have the Thanksgiving held on the same day, in all the States; it now needs National recognition and authoritative fixation, only, to become permanently, an American custom and institution."

Prior to this, each state scheduled its own Thanksgiving holiday at different times, mainly in New England and other Northern states. President Lincoln responded to Mrs. Hale's request immediately, unlike several of his predecessors, who ignored her petitions altogether. In her letter to Lincoln she mentioned that she had been advocating a national thanksgiving date for 15 years as the editor of Godey's Lady's Book.

The document below sets apart the last Thursday of November "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise." According to an April 1, 1864, letter from John Nicolay, one of President Lincoln's secretaries, this document was written by Secretary of State William Seward, and the original was in his handwriting. On October 3, 1863, fellow Cabinet member Gideon Welles recorded in his diary how he complimented Seward on his work. A year later the manuscript was sold to benefit Union troops.

By the President of the United States of America.

A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved

with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the Unites States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

William H. Seward,
Secretary of State

CHARLOTTE HALL

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Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 12 October 2011. Bob Levendusky and Al Elmond were the post 259 volunteers with much appreciated help from the Chopticon High School ROTC students and their chaperone Mrs. Whitworth. These ROTC students were Brittany Baker, Kha Aja Bannister, Brianna Brash, Diamond Campbell, Rick Nodland, Devon Padgett, Shiane Proctor, Heath Scott, Blake Stine, Whitney Swann, Alex Tiasczotti, Dalton Whitworth, and Jeremy Wilkerson.. Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 9 November 2011. The pictures this month feature the Chopticon High School ROTC student volunteers helping the residents play bingo. One picture is of Bob Ketzberg, resident and Devon Padgett, ROTC (red hair); a second picture is of Harvey Greene, resident and Dalton Whitworth, ROTC; A third picture is of Jaret Basil, resident (reclining bed) and Diamond Campbell, ROTC; the forth picture is of the ROTC Group.

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

Al Elmond



2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on **December 11, 2011** it will run 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 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 _____
_____	SEX _____	AGE _____
_____	SEX _____	AGE _____

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

2011 Veteran's Day Free Meals and Discounts

Two notes before jumping in:

- **Proof of Military Service.** First, most companies require some form of military ID – including a U.S. Uniform Services ID Card (active/reserve/retired), Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), Photograph in uniform, be wearing uniform (if your service permits), Veterans Organization Card (e.g., American Legion and VFW), DD214, discharge paperwork, or other form of identification. Other restaurants and companies may only require a photo of you in uniform, or go by the honor system.
- **Participation.** Second, always call ahead to verify locations, times, and participation. Many of the listed companies are franchises and may have different policies. We will do our best to keep this page updated as we find new info.

2011 Free Veterans Day Meals



Applebee's – free meal, Friday, Nov. 11: Last year, Applebee's served 1,024,000 million free meals to military veterans and active servicemembers. Applebee's is again offering a free meal to military veterans and active-duty service members on Veteran's Day, Friday, Nov. 11, 2011. There will be [7 entrées to choose from](#). Military ID or proof of service required. Find locations at <http://applebees.com/>.

Chili's – free meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Chili's is offering all military veterans past and present their choice of one of 6 meals. This offer is available during business hours on November 11, 2011 at participating Chili's in the U.S. only. Dine-in from limited menu only; beverages and gratuity not included. Veterans and active duty military simply show proof of military service. [Visit their website to find locations](#).



Golden Corral – Free meal, Monday Nov. 14: The 10th annual Golden Corral Military Appreciation dinner will be held on Monday, November 14, 2011 from 5 pm to 9 pm in all Golden Corral Restaurants nationwide. The free “thank you” dinner is available to any person who has ever served in the United States Military. If you are a veteran, retired, currently serving, in the National Guard or Reserves, you are invited to participate in Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Monday dinner. For more information visit <http://www.goldencorral.com/military/>.

Special thanks to Golden Corral: To date, Golden Corral restaurants have provided over 2.5 million free meals and contributed over \$4.3 million to the Disabled American Veterans organization.

Hooters – Free Meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Hooter's is serving up a free meal to military veterans all day on Veterans Day. Offer good for all veterans and active duty military personnel. Choose one of the new specialty items on the Hooter's menu. Offer valid at participating Hooters only; open to all active duty and military veterans with valid military ID or proof of military service. Drink purchase required. For more information, visit, www.HootersVeteransDay.com.

Krispy Kreme – Free doughnut. Available only at participating Krispy Kreme stores. Offer available to all active-duty, retirees & veterans on Friday November 11th. Be sure to call ahead to verify your local Krispy Kreme is participating.



McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants – free lunch or dinner, Sunday Nov

13, 2011: McCormick & Schmick's is celebrating their 13th annual Veteran's Appreciation Event on Sunday, November 13th. Veterans will be able to choose a complimentary lunch or dinner entrée. Veterans must provide proof of military service. Be sure to contact your local McCormick & Schmick's as this is valid at participating restaurants only. Also, Space is limited and reservations are highly recommended. For more information visit: [M&S Veterans Appreciation Event](#).



Outback Steakhouse – A week of Free Bloomin' Onions and Cokes Monday Nov. 7 –

Friday Nov. 11. Outback Steakhouse is honoring America's military veterans by offering active duty military and veterans a free Bloomin' Onion and a Coca-Cola product during the week leading up to Veteran's Day. This offer is available to Military Personnel who have one of the following forms of identifications: U.S Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), DD form 214 Veterans Organization Card (i.e., American Legion and VFW), Photograph in Uniform, Wearing Uniform. For more information, visit, <http://outback.com/companyinfo/veteransday.aspx>.

The Outback understands commitment. For the past two years, The Outback, with the help of their patrons, has donated \$2 Million to [Operation Homefront](#), a non-profit organization providing everyday and emergency support for active troops, wounded warriors and their families.

Subway – Free Six Inch Sub. Select Subway locations offer a FREE six inch sub to military veterans on Veteran's Day. However, Subway restaurants are franchises, so this offer may not be available everywhere. Please call ahead.

Texas Roadhouse – free meal, Friday, Nov. 11. Offer varies by location; our local Texas Roadhouse is offering a free meal from opening until 4pm. Other locations may vary in offer, hours, or availability. Call ahead to your local restaurant for more information.

T.G.I. Friday's – Buy one get one free Nov 11-14. At participating locations for anyone with an old or current military ID. November 11-14.



Uno Chicago Grill, Friday, Nov. 11. Uno's is offering a free entree or individual pizza with a purchase of an entree or pizza of equal or greater value. Offer good for all military for veterans and active duty military. ID or proof of service required: Show up in uniform (if your service permits), provide military ID, show a picture of yourself in uniform, or have other ID showing proof of service. [More info here](#).

Home Depot and Lowes Coupon Updates

Update: [Home Depot and Lowes 10% Military Discount Available Everyday](#).

Home Depot: The Home Depot(R) is offering all active duty personnel, reservists, retired military, veterans and their families a 10 percent discount off their purchases in honor of Veteran's Day. The offer is valid on purchases of up to

\$2,000 for a maximum of \$200 and is available at The Home Depot stores, The Home Depot Design Center locations, Yardbirds and EXPO Design Center(R) locations. The 10% discount is available everyday for active duty and retirees, but not all veterans. Home Depot makes this offer available to all veterans on most military holidays. You can also [find Home Depot discounts online](#).



Lowe's: Lowe's Companies, Inc. will offer all active, reserve, honorably discharged, retired military personnel and their immediate family members a 10 percent discount on in-store U.S. purchases made during the Veterans Day holiday. The discount is available Nov. 7 – Nov. 11. The discount is available on in-stock and special order purchases up to \$5,000. To qualify, individuals must present a valid military ID or other proof of service. Excluded from the discount are sales via Lowes.com, previous sales, and purchases of services or gift cards. Like Home Depot, Lowe's offers this discount daily to active duty military members, but not to veterans. However, they extend the offer to military veterans on military holidays. You can also [find exclusive discounts at Lowe's.com](#).

Free Park Admissions for Veterans Day



Here's to the Heroes

Anheuser-Busch Parks. Anheuser-Busch Parks offers Active Duty Service Members free admission for them and up to 3 dependents to any of their parks once a year. Throughout 2011, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission. The Here's to the Heroes program is only available to Any active duty, activated or drilling reservist, or National Guardsman. Eligible parks include: Adventure Island, Busch Gardens (Tampa Bay or Williamsburg), SeaWorld (Orlando, San Diego, or San Antonio), Sesame Place, and Water Country USA. Not valid at Discovery Cove and Aquatica. Christmas Town at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va. is not included as part of this program. For more information and to register, visit: [Free admission summary](#), and [ticket application](#).