

**THE AMERICAN
LEGION
CLINTON POST 259**



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

March

Charles Lewis, Editor

2012

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We have reached the time of the year when we have to begin planning for several changes and happenings coming up. At our General Membership meeting on March 26 and April 23, we will begin nominations for our Post Officers and Executive Committeemen/Committeewomen for the year of 2012 - 2013. Those positions are: Three Executive Committeemen/Committeewomen, Sergeant-at-Arms, Historian, Service Officer, Chaplain, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, 3rd Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 1st Vice Commander and Commander. Any member in good standing in the Post is eligible to hold any office. If you wish to run for any office, please make your wishes known to myself, Gary Gifford or Ron Potts or any current Post Officer. You must be nominated by someone at one of the two meetings. The actual election will be held on May 28 from Noon until the beginning of the General Membership meeting that day.

We are also looking for delegates for the Department Convention which is being held in Ocean City from July 11 to 13. While those dates are when the actual convention meetings are held, the entire week is filled with activities for attendees. On Monday, there is a golf tournament at the Deer Run Golf Course in Berlin, MD. Cost is \$65.00 per player. That same day at 4:00 is the Annual Fish Fry conducted by the Southern Maryland District. There will be some 400 to 500 pounds of fish available at no cost. On Tuesday morning from 8 to noon is the Legion College. These are classes given to anyone who is interested in various functions of a Legion Post such as membership, judge advocate, Commander and Adjutant, etc.

Many members who attend the convention make it a family event and take the family to Ocean City for the week or part of it. There is a list of available hotels, etc., at the Post for your use. If, however, you only wish to attend the actual meetings, they are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 and ending around noon. Please let us know if you are interested in being a delegate this year.

Finally, don't miss the St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday the 17th. Good old fashioned Irish food and drink for only \$10.00 per person.

See you at the Post.

Larry G. Hall

Commander

Post Officers 2011 – 2012		Annual Events(In Order by Legion Year)	
		Event	Leader
Commander	Larry Hall	Joint Installation - June 2012- Outgoing Commander	
1 st Vice Commander	Gary Gifford	S.A.L. 259 Golf Tournament – Sept 2012 – S.A.L.	
2 nd Vice Commander	Matthews Garofalo	Veteran’s Day Service – Nov 2012 – Auxiliary Unit	
3 rd Vice Commander	George Martin	Adult Christmas Party – Dec 2012 - Legion	
Adjutant	Robert A. Wilson	Children Christmas Party – Dec 2012 – Legion	
Vice Adjutant		Super Bowl Party – Feb 2012 - Legion	
Judge Advocate	Elbert “ED” White	St. Patrick Day Dinner – Mar 2012 – Legion	
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	AL Golf Tournament – June 2012 - Legion	
Sgt Major	John Jackson	Crab Feast – September 2012 - Legion	
		Thanksgiving Feast – November 2012 - Legion	
Executive Committee E.I. Day Joseph DeCenzo Joseph Morgan James Panor Vacant			
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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**

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

CHARLOTTE HALL

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Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 8 February 2012. 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 Jeremy Wilkerson, Alex Tasciatii, Mitzy Hines, Devin Padgett, and Dalton Whitworth. Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 14 March 2012. The pictures this month feature more regular resident bingo players. The pictures include Mike Scrosich in his wheel chair; inseparable buddies Eddie Scalone and Joseph Golis; Alexander Bell in the blue jacket with white stripes; two good friends Marie Watson and Dortha Saine; and Mitzi Hines (ROTC student) helping Fred Miller (Resident).

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

Al Elmond







Post 259 2012 Golf Tournament

Legionnaires as we enter the New Year 2012 I call your attention to the Post upcoming Golf Tournament:

Where: Marlton Golf Course – Shot Gun Start at 9:00AM

When: Wednesday June 13, 2012

Cost: \$260.00 per foursome

1. We need your assistance in finding “hole” sponsors at \$100.00 per hole
2. We need you as players at \$260.00 per foursome

You can start paying for your foursome now

You can also turn “hole” sponsors funds to the American Legion Post 259 – earmarked as Golf Tournament

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March Activity Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 st Call the Post for Special Meal Menu	2 nd Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	3 rd
4 th	5 th S.A.L. Meeting 7:30PM	6 th Corn-Hole Night 6:30PM	7 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	8 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu	9 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	10 th
11 th	12 th Auxiliary Meeting 7:30PM	13 th Corn-Hole Night 6:30PM	14 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	15 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu	16 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	17 th St. Patrick Day Dinner 4-7PM Cost: \$10.00
18 th	19 ^h Exec Comm Meeting 6:30PM	20 st Corn-Hole Night 6:30PM	21 nd Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	22 rd Call the Post for Special Meal Menu	23 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	24 th
25 th	26 th General Membership Meeting Dinner at 6:30PM Meeting at 7:30PM	27 th Corn-Hole Night 6:30PM	28 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	29 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu	30 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM Easter Diner Basket Drawing	31 st
1 st April 2012 Palm Sunday Brunch 9:00AM – 1:00PM Cost: \$7.00 Kids under 5 Free	2 nd April 2012 S.A.L. Meeting 7:30PM	3 rd April 2012 Corn-Hole Night 6:30PM	4 th April 2012 Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	5 th April 2012 Call the Post for Special Meal Menu	6 th April 2012 Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	7 th April 2012



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CLINTON UNIT 259

P.O. BOX 17 - CLINTON, MARYLAND 20735

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE PARTY WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011. 58 CHILDREN WERE SIGNED UP AND GIVEN A GIFT AND CANDY CANE FROM SANTA. REFRESHMENTS SERVED INCLUDED HOT DOGS, CAKE, ICE CREAM, JUICE AND SODA FOR EVERYONE. CONNIE AND I WANT TO THANK ALL WHO HELPED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, DIANE, TONY, ED, BOB, JACKIE STIRLING, HER GRANDAUGHTER COURTNEY AND LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST THE MAN IN THE BIG RED SUIT, DREW STIRLING. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.

LIZ AND CONNIE

**Legionaires
We
Need
Your Help**

**If you move, change email address or telephone number
Contact us at:**

**(301) 868-2550
Or
ALMD259@VERIZON.NET**



LADIES AUXILIARY EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets on sale at the bar

EASTER BASKET DINNER

\$50.00 Gift Card from Honeybaked Hams

And

The Trimming for Your Easter Dinner

Drawing will be held on March 30, 2012 at Bingo

Tickets are \$1.00 each or six (6) for \$5.00



ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

WHEN: SATURDAY – MARCH 17TH 2012

WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION POST 259

TIME: 4:00PM to 7:00PM

MENU

HAM – CORNED BEEF

CABBAGE – POTATOES – CARROTS – CORNBREAD

COST: \$10.00 per person

Palm Sunday Brunch



All you care to eat \$7.00

Under 5

free

9: 00 AM - 1: 00 PM



Happy Easter

BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM, HOME FRIES, EGGS, PANCAKES + MORE SOME

ITEMS WILL BE REMOVED AT 11:00 AM AND OTHERS ADDED GARDEN

SALAD, BBQ CHICKEN, VEGGIES + MORE

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 259 – Clinton MD – 9122 Piscataway Road

**Call (301) 638-4208 for reservations – just leave how many will be in your party tp
help us know how much food we need.**

Stolen Valor Act of 2005

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Full title An Act to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections relating to the reputation and meaning of the Medal of Honor and other military decorations and awards, and for other purposes.



The **Stolen Valor Act of 2005**, signed into law by President George W. Bush on December 20, 2006,^[1] is a U.S. law that broadens the provisions of previous U.S. law addressing the unauthorized wear, manufacture, or sale of any military decorations and medals. It makes it a federal misdemeanor offense to falsely represent oneself as having received any U.S. military decoration or medal. If convicted, defendants may be imprisoned for up to six months, unless the decoration lied about is the Medal of Honor, in which case imprisonment could be up to one year.

The Act was first introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on July 19, 2005, by Representative John Salazar, a Democrat from Colorado, as H.R. 3352.^{[2][3]} It was introduced into the Senate by Senator Kent Conrad, a Democrat from North Dakota, on November 10, 2005, as S. 1998.^{[4][5]} The Senate version was passed unanimously on September 7, 2006.^{[5][6]} The Senate version then went to the same House Judiciary Committee that held the House version. The Act briefly stalled, but the House subsequently passed the Senate version, S. 1998, on December 6, 2006.^[7]

The purpose of the Act is to strengthen the provisions of federal law (18 U.S.C. § 704^[8]) by broadening its scope and strengthening penalties. Specific new provisions in the Act include: granting more authority to Federal law enforcement officers; broadening the law to cover false claims whereas previously an overt act had to be committed; covering mailing and shipping of medals; and protecting the reputation and meaning of military heroism medals.^{[3][5]} Under the act, it is illegal for unauthorized persons to wear, buy, sell, barter, trade, or manufacture “any decoration or medal authorized by Congress for the armed forces of the United States, or any of the service medals or badges awarded to the members of such forces.” In the 18 months after the act was enacted, the *Chicago Tribune* estimates 20 prosecutions. The number is increasing as awareness about the law spreads.^[9]

The Act was likely passed to address the issue of persons claiming to have been awarded military awards for which they were not entitled, and exploiting their deception for personal gain. For example, as of June 2, 2006, there were only 120 living Medal of Honor recipients, but there were far more known imposters.^{[10][11][12]} There are also large numbers of people fraudulently claiming to be Navy SEALs^{[13][14]} and Army Special Forces,^[15] among others.

Members of the US Supreme Court grappled on Wednesday Feb 22, 2012 with the difficult task of deciding whether the First Amendment protects a free speech right to claim to be a decorated war hero – even if you aren't one.