

**THE AMERICAN
LEGION
CLINTON POST 259**



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Clinton, Maryland 20735

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

May

Charles Lewis, Editor

2012

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

At our General Membership meeting on April 23, we elected Vanessa Deal to the final Executive Committeeman position open for the remainder of the year 2011 - 2012. Congratulations Vanessa. See you at the meeting on May 21.

The following is a list of members nominated for Post Officer and Executive Committeemen positions for 2012 - 2013.

Review Committee (vote for 7):

Alex Nagy
Robert Lueck
Russell Snyder
Bob Streigel
Charles Johnson
Mike Higgins
Carl Hunt
Rich Barb

Executive Committeemen (vote for 3)"

James Panor
Joe DeCenzo
Joe Morgan
Elmiza Day
Vanessa Deal

Sgt at Arms:

John Jackson

Historian:	Charles Lewis
Service Officer:	James Woodland
Chaplain:	Tom Treichel
Judge Advocate:	Ed White
Finance Officer:	Gerald Thompson
3 rd Vice Commander:	George Martin
2 nd Vice Commander:	Matt Garofalo
1 st Vice Commander:	Vacant
Commander:	Haywood Moss

The election will be held from 12:00 Noon until 7:30 pm on Monday, May 28 at the Post. All members in good standing (paid up dues for 2012) are eligible and strongly encouraged to vote. The results will be announced during the regularly scheduled General Membership meeting beginning at 7:30. There will be no dinner prior to the meeting.

One reason there will be no dinner is that there will be a Memorial Day Lunch after our Memorial Day Services beginning at 11:00 that morning.

Our Guest Speaker will be Colonel Ken Rizer, Commander of the Joint Base Andrews. We are hoping to have a much better program this year and will, weather permitting, hold it outside. Please set aside that day and plan for you and your family and/or friends to join us then.

We are looking for volunteers to help us at the airfield for the Joint Service Open House on May 18, 19 and 20. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post. Each shift is 3 hours long and there are three shifts per day so you have a choice. Dress is casual, but appropriate for a military environment. See me if you have any questions.

The SAL will be manning a beer truck at this year's Marlboro Day in Upper Marlboro on Saturday, May 12 beginning around 11:00 until 5:00. You will only need to pour beer and take money. See Hutch for details. All proceeds will go to Post 259 American Legion Baseball.

Mark your calendars for June 23 at 6:00 pm. That will be our Installation of Officers for the newly elected officers and committeemen. There will be a dinner and details will be announced soon. This is an adults only function.

Finally, don't forget the Department of Maryland Annual Convention being held in Ocean City from July 11 to 13.

Yours in Legion Service

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		
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 Vanessa Deal			
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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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 259

SERVICE OFFICER

JAMES R. WOODLAND

HOME: 301 283-6451

CELL: 301 283-5047

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

CHARLOTTE HALL

Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 11 April 2012. Bob Levendusky, Al Elmond, Marie Schafer, and her friend Tilley Garcia 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 Rick Nodland, Dalton Whitworth, and Mitzy Hines.

On April 18th Bob Levendusky and Al Elmond represented Post 259 at the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Thank you Post 259 for the opportunity and honor to serve our veterans at Charlotte Hall.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 9 May 2012. Pictures this month feature residents Robert Earhart (Navy cap), Thomas Burch (Army cap), Ronald Riegger (Marines cap), Fred Miller (Purple Heart cap), the cake served at the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, and the Certificate of Appreciation.

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

Al Elmond





The American Legion Post 259 – The Lions Club –The RED CROSS



To the thirty-two registrants

And the

Twenty-one units of blood donated on April 15th

May 2012 Activity Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 st	2 nd Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	3 rd Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	4 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	5 th Cinco de Mayo
6 th Mother's Day	7 th Auxiliary Meeting 7:30PM	8 ^h	9 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	10 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	11 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	12 th
13 th	14 th Auxiliary Meeting 7:30PM	15 th	16 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	17 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	18 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	19 th Armed Forces Day (U.S.)
20 th	21 st Exec Comm Meeting 6:30PM	22 nd	23 rd Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	24 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	25 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	26 th
27 th	28 th General Membership Meeting Meeting at 7:30PM	29 th	30 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	31 st Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550		

CALL YOUR ATTENTION

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 18, 19, and 20

Joint Service Open House

Joint Base Andrews – Need Volunteers – May

May 28, 2012

Election of Post Officers for Legion Year 2012-13 from 12:00PM until 7:30pm

Memorial Day Services at the Post at 11:00AM

Memorial Day Lunch after Memorial Day Service

American Legion
The Great Southern Maryland District

Reception Honoring our Department Leaders

Hosted by Stallings-Williams Post 206

May 5, 2012

Social Hour 4:00-5:00

Open Bar-Beer and Wine only during Social Hour

Dinner 5:00-6:30

Ticket Price - \$25.00

For Tickets:

Contact: Kathie Linkenhocker – Post 136

6909 Greenbelt Road

Greenbelt, MD 20770

Katlink136@comcast.net

(301) 345-345-0136

Legion Extension Institute available online

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. To register and take the course, visit www.legion.org/alei. *(Due to high traffic volume, you may experience some delays. If you experience delays, please try again later.)* The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam.

The sections closely follow the Legion's Four Pillars of service. They include:

- History & Organization
- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- National Security
- Americanism
- Children & Youth

Upon completion, a participant must pass a final online exam to receive a digital certificate of recognition; a lapel/cap pin will also be delivered to those who successfully complete the course. The names of those who have passed will be recorded and indexed at The American Legion National Headquarters.

Graduates will have the option to click a box upon completion to recognize their accomplishment on The American Legion national website: www.legion.org.

The online course is \$4.95 for members of The American Legion and Sons of The American Legion. The registration fee is \$9.95 for non-members. Payment can be accepted securely and conveniently on the course registration page.

The American Legion Extension Institute online training program replaces the series of printed booklets that had been printed and sold through National Headquarters.

HELP

We need your assistance in the recruitment of 76 members in order to reach our 100% goal

Currently we have achieved 92.88% of our goal, which is

953 members

Recruit three (3) members – new or renewal and receive a special reward

JUST ASK YOU VETERAN FRIEND TO JOIN

As a Legion member, you are eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in NO COST To You benefits. But your Confirmation is REQUIRED for full activation.

\$5,000.00 Accident Protection Member-Only Benefit: Your loved ones will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from any event conducted for Legion Business, or \$1,000.00 for all other covered accidents. There are no strings attached and you pay nothing for this benefit.

Your Department of The American Legion endorses this benefit to stand by your family with up to \$5,000.00 cash benefits **paid straight to your loved ones** if you suffer a fatal covered accident at home, on the job, in your car, on vacation, while traveling, wherever you are.

You can sign up on the web at www.THELIT.com or fill out a form at the post.

Celebration Honoring our District Leaders

Hosted by Harry White Wilmer Post 82
6330 N Crain Highway
P.O. Box 441
LaPlata, MD 20646
(301) 934-8221

Make all checks payable to Post 82
And mail to the above address
Tables of eight
Ticket price: \$25.00
All tickets to be held at the door

Social Hour: 4:00-5:00
Open Bar-Beer and Wine Only during Social Hour
Dinner 5:00-6:30
Program 6:30



American Legion Post 259

Mike Hunnicutt Memorial Golf Tournament

Friends and Neighbors:

The American Legion Post 259 will be hosting their annual golf tournament on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at "Marlton Golf Club" "Shot Gun Start at 9:00 AM"

Once again we are asking for your help by sponsoring a hole on the course. The cost is still only \$100.00 per sponsorship. For this fee, you will be assigned a hole on the course.

A sign will be posted on this hole with your company name, phone number and contact name, identifying your company as the sponsor. In addition, your company name and phone number will be posted in the American Legion Post 259 newsletter as a sponsor or donator.

All proceeds from the annual tournament will go to various programs of the American Legion Post 259. ie: Boys and Girls State, Southern Maryland Youth Camp, Maryland Special Olympics, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and Others

Anyone interested please fill out the form and return it to the following:

Clinton American Legion Post 259

9122 Piscataway Road

Clinton, Maryland 20735

Attn: Elbert White

Any questions please feel free to call the American Legion Post 259 301-868-2550

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ *Check #:* _____

Please make check payable to the American Legion Post 259 – earmarked: Golf Tournament



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Legion Post 259

Mike Hunnicutt Memorial Golf Tournament

Format: Scramble

Where: Marlton Golf Club

Wednesday: June 13, 2012

9:00 AM Shot Gun Start

\$260.00 per foursome

Includes:

"Carts and Green Fee's"

"Beer and sodas on the course"

"Food, Draft Beer & Fountain Sodas at the Post after the tournament"

"Prizes for First, Second & Third place"

"Door prizes"

All proceeds going to:

The Various Programs of the American Legion Post 259

Anyone interested please contact

American Legion Post 259

9122 Piscataway Road Clinton, Maryland 20735 301-868-2550

Please pay for foursome all at one time, Thanks

Foursome:

Paid to: _____ *Date:* _____

Total Paid: _____ *Check # :* _____

P.G. County "Christmas – In – April"

Saturday April 28, 2012



Some of the American Legion Post 259
Family and Friend Christmas – In – April Team

Thanks

Neighbors' Helping Neighbors ... People Helping People



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 259

“Mother’s Day Breakfast”

Sunday, May 13th

9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

Cost: \$7.00

Menu

Scramble eggs – Plain and Western
Bacon, Sausage and Ham
Sausage Gravy, Home Fries, Biscuits, Toast
Pan Cakes, French Toast, Fruit
Muffins, Coffee, Milk and Juice



Hand Dancing Classes at the Post

New Beginners – 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Line Dancing between classes

New Intermediate – 8:00pm – 9:00pm

\$8.00 per class – pay as you go