

**AMERICAN LEGION
CLINTON POST 259**



9122 Piscataway Road
Clinton, Maryland 20735

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FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.....
Haywood V. Moss Commander

September Charles Lewis Editor 2012

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

"It is my sad duty to report that Comrades Gordon Goff, and Past Commander Lindon P.(Duke) Coppage has been called from our midst, and gone to report to the Commander of us all." The family of Gordon Goff did not request a Legion Service. The post performed a Legion Service for PC Lindon P. (Duke) Coppage. Our prayers are with the families.

The Veterans Gaming Bill was passed in the special legislative session. This is a bill that Ed White, Gail Murdock, and others, worked extremely hard for years to obtain passage in both chambers. This is a very important bill to the post. As Larry Hall brought to my attention, "This will allow the post to fund some programs which we dropped due to finances." We are thankful to Ed White, and others, for their service to the Legion. A Gaming Committee will be appointed for the implementation of this new program.

The chairman of the Bingo Committee would like to encourage you to volunteer to help with our number one fund raiser. This is one of our most important committees. It has allowed us to remain in the black, and fund many much needed programs. Give me a call and join. (301-203-0885)

The Post crab feast will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Matt's committee will be providing corn on the cob, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and hush puppies. Draft beer, and fountain sodas will be available. This event will be fun for all. Encourage others to come out and join us.

The Prince Georges County Vet Center is now open. The Vet Center is designed to help with any request of the VA. Particularly for vets in PG County and all of Southern Maryland. There are 3 counselors allocated to this facility, plus the Team Leader. They are located at 7905 Malcolm Rd, Clinton, Maryland 20735, first floor. (301-856-7173)

If you haven't already paid your 2013 dues, please drop your \$30.00 off in the Post Canteen, or pay your dues online at www.mylegion.org, using your credit card. This year we will reward ten of our "early bird" dues payers with a full refund of your 2013 dues.

At the 94th Department of Maryland Convention held in Ocean City Maryland, the question was asked, "Would the new health care bill affect our military retirement health plan." The answer is, "The new law will not affect military health benefits in any way."

I Extend my wish for you, and your family to enjoy the rest of the summer.

For God and Country:

Haywood V Moss

Commander

*United States
Department of Veterans Affairs*

Southern Prince George's County Community Based Outpatient Clinic

**Southern Prince George's County Community Based Outpatient Clinic
5801 Allentown Rd, Camp Springs, MD 20746**

Phone Number: 301-423-3700 Fax Number: 301-423-8388

DC VA's newest Community Based Outpatient Clinic, located across the street from JB Andrews, offers a variety of health care services including: primary and preventative care, comprehensive women's health care, audiology and mental health services. It is open Monday –Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Southern Prince George's County CBOC is easily accessible from the Capital Beltway, Branch Ave (MD-5) or Suitland Parkway. To call the clinic directly please phone: 301-423-3700. To make an appointment, phone the Patient Service Center, 1-877-DCVAMC1 (1-877-328-2621).

Post Officers 2012 – 2013		Annual Events	
		Event	Leader
Commander	Haywood V. Moss	Installation - June 2014- 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	
Assistant Adjutant	Vacant	Super Bowl Party – Feb 2013 - Legion	
Judge Advocate	Elbert “ED” White	St. Patrick Day Dinner – Mar 2013 – Legion	
Service Officer	James Woodland	Upper Marlboro Day Beer Sales – May 2013 – S.A.L.	
Finance Officer	Jerald Thompson	JBA Joint Service Open House – May 2013 - Legion	
Assistant Finance Officer – Vacant		Memorial Day – May 2013 - Legion	
Historian	Charles Lewis	Flag Day – June 2013 - Legion	
Chaplain	Thomas Treichel	AL Golf Tournament – June 2013 - Legion	
Sgt At Arms	John Jackson	Crab Feast – September 22, 2012 - Legion	
		Thanksgiving Feast – November 2012 - Legion	
Executive Committee E.I. Day Joseph DeCenzo Joseph Morgan			
<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 We welcome your news, ideas, suggestions, comments or questions for future issues. Drop them off at the Post – Attention Newsletter Editor Or forward to Clewis4544@aol.com</p>		<p>We need your assistance, let us know of any our members who are sick or in the hospital</p> <p>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		1 st Vice	Dave Hutchinson
Secretary		2 nd Vice	Gary Castleman
Treasurer	Toni Carr	Finance Officer	
Historian		Sgt At Arms	
Chaplain		Historian	
Sgt At Arms		Chaplain	
Advisor		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

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

CHARLOTTE HALL

Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 8 August 2012. Bob Levendusky, Marie Schafer, and Al Elmond were the post 259 volunteers with much appreciated help from Chopticon High School ROTC student Dalton Whitworth and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Whitworth.

A special thanks to several volunteers helping with the games. Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO games will be 12 September 2012.

Pictures this month include volunteer Ian Egland (white shirt and red hair) helping resident James Banks; volunteer Amber Kellett helping resident Theodore Kardash (orange colored shirt); volunteer Betty Watkins helping resident Donald Lowenstein (dark colored sweater); volunteer Laura Conner helping resident Edward Trumble (eye patch); daughter volunteer Barbara Holmberg helping father resident Robert Mitchell (tan colored sweater); and volunteer Joan Vogel helping resident Bob Owens (Maryland sweatshirt).

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



September 2012 Activity Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 st
2 nd	3 rd S.A.L. Meeting 7:30PM	4 th	5 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	6 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	7 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	8 th
9 th	10 th No Auxiliary Meeting for September 2012	11 th	12 th No Shrimp Night SAL Golf Tournament	13 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	14 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	
16 th	17 th Exec Comm Meeting 6:30PM	18 th	19 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	20 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	21 st Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	22 nd Crab Feast 1:00PM until 4:00PM 
23 rd	24 th General Membership Dinner at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:30PM	25 th	26 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	27 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	28 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	29 th
30 th						

We Need Your Help

**Make It Your Goal To Recruit One New Member This Year
Always Carry an American Legion Membership Application
Is your wife a member of the American Legion Auxiliary?**



Sons of the American Legion Squadron 259

Annual Golf Tournament

Format: Scramble

*Where: Marlton Golf Course
9413 Midland Turn, Upper Marlboro MD 20772*

Wednesday: Sept. 12, 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 and Sodas at the Post after the tournament"

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9122 Piscataway Road – Clinton MD

"Prizes for First, Second & Third place" and "Door prizes"

All proceeds going to:

The Various Programs of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 259

Clinton American Legion Post 259 301-868-2550

Gary Castleman - Golf Chairman



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CALL - 301 868-2550 – FOR TICKETS**

CRAB FEAST

MENU: CRABS – CORN ON THE COB

HOT DOGS – HALF-SMOKES

POTATO SALAD

BAKED BEANS – HUSH PUPPIES

DRAFT BEER - FOUNTAIN SODAS

\$30.00 PER PERSON IN ADVANCE

\$35.00 PAID AT THE DOOR

SATURDAY - - SEPTEMBER 22, 2012

TIME: 1:00PM UNTIL 4:00PM

GAMES

2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 9, 2012 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 Claus. 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 17, 2012.

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: _____

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MEMBERSHIP CARD NUMBER MD 259: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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2012 ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 16, 2012 from 5:00PM until 8:00PM. There will be an open bar from 5:00PM until 6:00PM. Dinner will be served from 6:00PM until 7:00PM with dancing to follow.

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 not later than December 1, 2012.

As usual seating arrangements will 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.

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Name: _____ Attendees: ___ Self ___ Spouse ___ Friend ___

Membership No.: _____ Would like to sit with: _____

Please enclose check with application – Make check payable to A.L. Post 259

For additional information contact Ms Diane Miller at (301) 868-2550



The RED CROSS needs your help

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day.
- A total of 30 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S. (2006).
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 pints.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is Type O.
- The blood used in an emergency is already on the shelves before the event occurs.
- Sickle cell disease affects more than 80,000 people in the U.S., 98 percent of whom are African American. Sickle cell patients can require frequent blood transfusions throughout their lives.
- More than 1 million new people are diagnosed with cancer each year. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.

The Clinton American Legion will hold a Blood Drive on Saturday October 27, 2012 from 9:00am until 3:00pm.

Please stop by and donate a pint to help our community.

Please tell us if you plan to donate by sending an email to the newsletter address: Post259MD@gmail.com