

**AMERICAN LEGION
CLINTON POST 259**



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

November Charles Lewis Editor 2012

COMMANDER MESSAGE

Monday, October 8, 2012, "The American Legion Auxiliary, Clinton Post 259 elected new officers." Congratulation to the newly elected officers. I look forward to working with the president, Rose Butler and her elected officers. Hope you have a wonderful year filled with continuous success. On November 11, 2012 at 11:00 am, the Auxiliary will have its regularly scheduled Veteran Day Program. Please come out and support the Auxiliary.

MVA announces the availability of new license plates to honor veterans. To obtain a Branch of service license plate, "Honorably discharged veterans must submit **form #VR-120.**" For application of Military Related License Plates, send applicable fees to MVA. Include a certified copy of your DD-214, or written proof from the National Personnel Records.

BENEFITS CHECKUP: if you served in the United States Armed Forces you may be entitled to state, and federal benefits: To speak to an accredited service officer call 1-800-446-4926 ext. 6450, or Post 259 service officer James Woodland at 301-283-6451, Cell 301-283-5047.

If you haven't 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 payer, with a full refund of your 2013 dues. That's a great deal!!

Our annual Thanksgiving Celebration will be held on November 22, 2012, from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. The cost for adults is \$10.00 per person, children \$5.00 and free for children under 5 years. The signup sheet will be at the Post Canteen Bar. Call for information no later than November 18, 2012 at 301-868-2550. Let's strive to make this a successful celebration.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

Congratulation to Richard (Dick) Switzer for receiving the Legionnaire of the Year Award from the Prince George's County Council. Dick is a hardworking and dedicated legionnaire. This recognition is well deserved.

In Legion Service For God and Country,

Haywood V. Moss
Commander



New Members

Name	Service	Name	Service
Irving W. Custis	USMC	Vance J. Moss	USA
Ruth S. Downie	USMC	Vincent L. Moss	USA
John Dunn	USA	Gary D. McIlroy	USAF
Carl C. McAbee	USA		



Post Everlasting

Legionnaire Ira Hill

October 15, 2012

Post Officers 2012 – 2013		Upcoming 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 2013 – S.A.L.	
2 nd Vice Commander	Matthew 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 2014 – Legion	
Assistant Finance Officer – Vacant		This event is held every two (2) years	
		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, 2013 - 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	Legion Rider Officers	S.A.L. Officers
President: Rose Butler	Director: Larry "Doc" McBean	Commander: Richard A. Walsh Jr.
Vice President: Judith Woodland	Asst. Director: Donald Ennis	1 st Vice: Dave Hutchinson
Secretary: Freida Skaggs	Secretary: Michael Quander	2 nd Vice: Gary Castleman
Treasurer: Toni Carr	Treasurer/Safety Officer Peggy McBean	Finance Officer:
Historian: Vivian Boyd	Chaplain: James Burrows	Sgt At Arms:
Chaplain: Sharon Franklain	Road Captain: Ed Waddill	Historian:
Sgt At Arm: Ruth King		Chaplain:
Advisor: Liz White Verna Thompson Barbara Theesen		Advisor: Jim Cox George Bucklew

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2013 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



Auxiliary 259 President's Page

UPDATE:

September/October Events

Charlotte Hall Carnival on September 15th

Charlotte Hall Carnival was a tremendous success and the Veterans enjoyed an afternoon of fun with the theme of "Fairy Tales".

Fall Conference, October 5th, 6th, & 7th

We attended the Auxiliary's Fall Conference from October 5th -7th. Next year, our Girl State program fees will increase. The cost per girl will be \$275.00 and \$35 for the entrance fee. The conference will be held at Salisbury University. In 2013, the Auxiliary's goal is to sponsor 4 girls. We are seeking sponsors and donations to support this effort. If you are able to help, please contact Toni Carr at 301/868-7960. Please make your check or money order payable to the American Legion Auxiliary 259 or ALA 259.

October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Ladies: it's not too late for your mammograms so, please take time out to take care of you.

Election of New Officer, October 8th

Come out & greet our new 2012-2013 officers. The following members were elected to office:

President	Rose Butler
Vice President	Judith Woodland
Secretary	Freida Skaggs
Treasurer	Toni Carr
Historian	Vivian Boyd
Chaplain	Sharon Franklin
Sergeant at Arms	Ruth King
Executive Board	Liz White
	Verna Thompson
	Barbara Theesen

Auxiliary meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm. Our next meeting will be November 12th.

HATS OFF TO YOU!

Many thanks go out to our Past President Glenda Morgan for her service to the unit. I want to personally thank the entire unit for their volunteerism, support and dedication to our unit and the Legion.

UPCOMING NEWS

Annual Veteran's Day Program

Please come out and support our veterans at the Annual Veteran's Day program on Sunday, November 11th. Doors will be open at 10:30 a.m. and the program will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Gift Wrapping and Ice Cream Social

Join us on December 1st from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Charlotte Hall for the Department of Maryland Gift Wrap program and on December 8th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for the Christmas Ice Cream Social. Please call Toni Carr to volunteer. She can be reached at 301/868-7960.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Auxiliary needs your help to maintain its support of our Military programs. Regretfully, the Auxiliary had to turn the kitchen back over to the Post at Bingo on Fridays. With your help, we can restart this program. To do this, we need bakers and volunteers to run the kitchen. If you are able to volunteer one or more Fridays per month, please contact Rose Butler at 301/526-7111.

Together with your help, we can be our best ever in support of our military and veteran programs, youth and community service programs.

*Looking forward to serving you,
Auxiliary President, Rose Butler*

The American Legion Auxiliary



Clinton Unit 259



cordially invites you to participate in our
Veteran's Day Ceremony



When: November 11, 2012

Where: Clinton American Legion Post 259
Clinton, MD 20735

Time: 10:30 am
11:00 am – Program

Refreshments will be served after the program



CHARLOTTE HALL

Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 10 October 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 chaperones Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Whitworth. These ROTC students were Paul Simonson, Austin Montgomery, Dalton Whitworth, Mitzy Hines, Natalie Oliver, and Skye Whitte.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 14 November 2012. Pictures this month include the dining hall fireplace, ROTC student Natalie Oliver (light colored sweater) and resident James Bank, ROTC student Skye Whitte and resident Milford Ward (yellow billed hat), ROTC student Mitzy Hines and resident Navy Master Chief Bob Katzberg (U.S. Navy Hat), volunteer Cecilia Tripp (white blouse) wife and resident Sol Tripp husband, and volunteer Christiana Herbert granddaughter and 92 year old resident Augustus Herbert (Navy Veteran Hat) grandfather.

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

Al Elmond



November 2012 Activity Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 st Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	2 nd Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	3 rd
4 th	5 th Auxiliary Meeting 7:30pm	6 th Election Day	7 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	8 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	9 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	10 th
11 th Veteran's Day Program starts at 11:00	12 th SAL Meeting 7:30PM	13 th	14 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	15 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	16 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	17 th
18 th	19 th Exec Comm Meeting 6:30PM	20 th	21 st Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	22 nd Thanksgiving Dinner 3:00PM to 6:00pm Sign up at the Post NLT 11/18/2012	23 rd Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	24 th
25 th	26 th General Membership Dinner at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:30PM	27 th American Legion Rider Meeting 7:00PM	28 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	29 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	30 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	

AARP DRIVER SAFETY TRAINING

AARP will present its Driver Safety Training Course on November 15, 2012 at 10:00AM at the Council House (3940 Bexley Place, Suitland, MD – behind Ourisman Chevrolet). Veterans are free however AARP members or nonmembers cost is \$5.00. There will be a free lunch and prize drawings, with prizes sponsored by the Washington Redskins and Washington Nationals.

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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First & Last Name of Child: _____ SEX: _____ AGE: _____

First & Last Name of Child: _____ SEX: _____ AGE: _____

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

AMERICAN LEGION POST 259 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER



**November 22, 2012
From 3:00PM to 6:00PM**

Menu

**Turkey
Sweet Potatoes
Rolls & Butter
Apple Pie**

**Ham
Green Bean Casserole
Salad
And Much More**

**Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Pumpkin Pie**



**Please sign-up and pay in advance – NLT November 18, 2012.
The sign-up sheet will be at the Canteen Bar**

Cost for the dinner is:

\$10.00 per person

\$5.00 for children 8 Years and Under

Free for children under 5

Groups of 6 or more can reserve a table

Please call (301) 868-2550 for additional information



American Legion Riders 259

Qualifications for membership are:

- a. Current member of the American Legion Post 259
- b. Current motorcycle license
- c. Current motorcycle insurance
- d. Motorcycle

Currently Clinton Post 259 Riders have eleven (11) members. Come join today and you are invited to attend the monthly meeting held on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Post.

Director Larry "Doc" McBean

(240) 304-0891

lvmcbean@gmail.com



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

CLINTON UNIT 259

Post Office Box 54 – Clinton, MD 20735

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

2013

Dues for 2013 are now being collected .If you are paying at the Post and do not have your renewal notice, please fill out a blue card and give it and your dues to the bartender. Blue cards are in the wooden box on the right as you enter the bar doors.

Dues for Senior are \$20.00 - - - Dues for Junior are \$4.00

Please call me if you have any questions regarding membership

Liz White

Membership Chairperson

(301) 868-1612

HELP SAVE PEACE CROSS

In 1922, the American Legion installed a landmark known as the Peace Cross. A year later, the memorial was dedicated to county residents who fought and died in World War I. **However, the American Humanist Association, a national organization that promotes a philosophy of values and equality for humanists, atheists and agnostics, wants the cross taken down. They say that having a religious symbol on land owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission violates the separation of church and state.**



This monument, completed and dedicated in 1925, was erected to honor the men of Prince George's County who were killed in World War I." 1917–1918. This memorial cross dedicated to the heroes of Prince George's County, Maryland who lost their lives in the Great War for the liberty of the world.

Albert N. Baden, Henry H. Boswell, Herman E. Burgess, Clarence Butler, Vincent G. Cooley, James Cooper, Matthew Curtin, H. Irvin Dennison, Wilmer A. Disney, Joseph B. Edelen, George W. Farmer, Thomas N. Fenwick, Edward H. Fletcher, Joseph Henry Ford, Ernest O. Garner, Milton E. Hartman, Thomas E. Hawkins, Frank Holmes, Henry Lewis Hulbert, Charles F. Huntemann, William Lee, E. Pendleton Magruder, E. Monshuer Maxwell, Clarence McCausland, Lee Earle Merson, Howard H. Morro, Isaac Parker, James F. Quisenberry, William Redmond, Frank Richmond, Harry P. Robinson, Theodore Rochester, Frank C. Rorabuagh, Robert C. Rusk, John H. Seaburn, Edward Shoults, Albert Smith, Maurice B. Snyder, John A. Sprigg, Pierre O. Stevens, Kenneth P. Strawn, William A. Tayman, Elmer Thomas, Benjamin E. Thompson, Herbert Page Tolson, Elzie Ellis Turner, Herbert J. White, Walter E. Wilson, Herman Winter

The right is more precious than peace. We shall fight for the things we have always carried nearest our hearts. To such a task we dedicate our lives. —Woodrow Wilson

Contact your Representatives within DISTRICT 27 – CALL or WRITE

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