

**AMERICAN LEGION
CLINTON POST 259**



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

December Charles Lewis Editor 2012

COMMANDER MESSAGE

During this holiday season, "May joy be a part of every moment. " Happy Holidays to all legionnaires, and their family.

The Veterans Day Celebration on November 11, 2012 was conducted by Auxiliary Unit 259. Everyone enjoyed the program, and refreshments which was served after the celebration. Congratulation to President Rose Butler, and her officers.

Come out and join us for the Annual Adult Christmas Party. The date is December 16, 2012 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. Dinner will be served from 6:00PM to 7:00PM, with dancing to follow.

The Post would like to thank the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1237 for their participation in the annual food for needed families. We were able to put together over 10 baskets. The Adjutant Bob Wilson and the Service Officer James Woodland made deliveries to two schools, to be given to needed families.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate sent the White House a bill this month giving nearly 4 million veterans, and survivors, a 1.7 percent increase in monthly benefit payment next year. This is posted for your information.

Time is about to expire on the offer the Post has made to return \$30.00 to ten members who have paid their dues. 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. The "Early Bird" program will soon be over.

It was reported that Legionnaire David Glodissart was sick, and was in the Walter Reed Medical Center. I called him, and he states he is doing better, and should be home before Thanksgiving. Our prayers are with him for a speedy recovery.

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner was excellently prepared by our 2nd Vice Commander, Matt Garofalo and members of his family. For that not in attendance, "You missed a treat." The food was delicious. Thanks Matt for your service to the legion.

At our General Membership meeting on November 26, 2012, Mathew Garofalo received a Certificate of Appreciation for the many years of service to Post 259. Congratulation Matt.

God bless you, and your family, God blesses our Veterans, God bless the United States of America.

In Legion Service For God and Country,

Haywood V. Moss
Commander



New Members

Name	Service	Name	Service
Albert R. Armstrong	US Army	Preston B. Blue	US Air Force
Madison M. Day Jr.	US Army	Allen M. Hotte	US Air Force
Thomas A. Katt	US Air Force	James C. Prigmore	US Army
Kenneth Weathers	US Army	Joseph M. Simon	US Army
Jack E. Shugarts	US Air Force	Eloiza Paz	US Navy
Wilbert Sellers Jr.	US Navy	Albert Antonio Miranda	US Army
Daniel Lindsey Jr.	US Army		



Post Everlasting

Legionnaire Walter Kwikoski

November 19, 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	Matthews Garofalo	Veteran’s Day Service – Nov 2013 – 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 This event is held every two (2) years	
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, 2013 - Legion	
		Thanksgiving Feast – November 2013 - 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 Franklin	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

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE

CHARLOTTE HALL

Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 14 November 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 Jeremy Wilkerson, Anna Doran, Dalton Whitworth, Mitzy Hines, and Skye Whitte.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 12 December 2012. Pictures this month include the POW/MIA table, resident Joe Thompson (showing a bingo), resident Ron Riegger (Raven sweat shirt), resident Harvey Greene (white hat), resident James Banks and ROTC student Anna Doran (black tee shirt), and resident Rolan Tucker (army hat) known as grasshopper.

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

Al Elmond



December 2012 Activity Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 st
2 nd	3 rd No Aux Meeting until Feb. 11, 2013	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 2012 Children Christmas Party	10 th SAL Meeting 7:30PM	11 th	12 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	13 th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	14 th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	15 th
16 th 2012 Adult Christmas Party	17 th Exec Comm Meeting 6:30PM	18 th Red Cross Blood Drive 9AM – 3PM	19 st Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	20 th No Special Meal Menu	21 st Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	22 nd
23 rd	24 th General Membership Dinner at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:30PM	25 th Merry Christmas No Legion Rider Meeting	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	31 st New Year's Eve					

Legionnaire's, we need you help – will you recruit two (2) new members for the 2013 Legion Year? Always carry a membership application with you.



The RED CROSS needs our 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 who 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 Tuesday
December 18, 2012 from 9:00am until 3:00pm.**

**Please schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or go to
the RED CROSS website at REDCROSSBLOOD.org and click on
“Donating Blood”.**

Let’s just roll up our sleeve and give a pint to help our community.

Only you can give blood



Auxiliary 259 President's Page

*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*

December is here and another Holiday is fast approaching. Come join us to help wrap gifts that the Veterans choose for their family members or self, December 1st, at Charlotte Hall for the Department of Maryland Gift Wrap program. And, again we will be back at Charlotte Hall with the Veterans on December 8th for the Christmas Ice Cream Social. If you can lend a few hour of your time to assist, please call Toni Carr, 301-868-7960, to volunteer.

A Special Thank You

To Auxiliary members who volunteered their time, energy and expertise in helping to make our Veterans Day Program a huge success. Thanks you, Post 259 Commander, Haywood Moss for your very memorable message. And, a special thank you to Post 259 for its support.

The Auxiliary still needs volunteers on Friday during the Bingo to help in the kitchen. If you can volunteer a few hours one or more Fridays a month, please contact me at 301-526-7111.

Auxiliary 2013 Membership

Dues for 2013 are now being collected. Senior dues are \$20 and junior dues are \$4. It would be phenomenal if the auxiliary has 100 percent participation by December 31. Please call the Membership Chairperson, Liz White, 301-868-1612.

******Very Important Notice for all Auxiliary Members******

At the November 12th meeting a vote was passed to change our meeting time to 6:30 pm on the second Monday of each month. Also, a vote was passed to cancel the December and January meetings. See you at our next meeting, Monday, February 11, 2013.

During the months of December and January, we will continue supporting our many programs. If you can lend us some of your time, have suggestions or questions, please contact Toni Carr or me.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays, please keep our veterans, the military men & women and their families in your hearts and prayers. Enjoy the holiday festivities with family and friends and be safe as you travel during this holiday season. The Auxiliary wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours in Service,
Rose Butler, President
301-526-7111

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 Riders 259

Qualifications for membership are:

- a. Current member of the American Legion Post 259**
- b. Current motorcycle insurance**
- 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
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**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

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