

**AMERICAN LEGION
CLINTON POST 259**



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

January Charles Lewis Editor 2013

COMMANDER MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a joyful holiday. I wish you, and your family a New Year Full of promise.

Congratulation to Jackie White, 100 Fugi Lane, Milford, PA 18337. Her name was drawn as the winner of our Shotgun raffle, at our Annual Adult Christmas Party, December 16, 2012.

The Children Christmas Party was a complete success. Ms Liz White and her committee had presents for all the kids, The Clown was a wonderful surprise. The children enjoyed the entire event. Thank you Ms. White, and committee for all the work you put into the project.

The Annual Adult Christmas Party held on December 16, 2012, was an outstanding affair. The food, and music was outstanding. Matt Garofalo, and committee are to be congratulated on a magnificent affair.

At the Post's November meeting, Matt Garofalo was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for his devotion, and dedication to the Legion.

On December 5, 2012, Commander Haywood V. Moss, 1st Vice Commander Gary Gifford, Legionnaire Frank Hendrix, and the on duty bartender selected Early Bird winners randomly from a list of 584 members whose 2013 dues had been paid as of December 1, 2012. The following names were drawn and their dues were refunded. Brain B. Rajigah, Dennis A. Politano, Lonnie E. Upchurch, Kevin Weddington, David L. Godissart. Robert W Bublitz, Benny J. Nagro, Everett T. Shupe, Richard S. Blair, and Emmett Trainor. Good Luck to everyone next year. You have got to participate to win.

On December 20, 2012, "The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that veterans will no longer have to complete an annual Eligibility Verification Report (EVR). This elimination will allow more than 100 VA staff to focus on the compensation claims backlog."

I look forward to doing great things this year, in working with Clinton Post 259. I need your help, and support.

In Legion Service For Good and Country,

Haywood V. Moss
Commander



New Members

Name	Service	Name	Service
Charles Maddox III	USAF	Frank Perez	USAF
Ceroy Robinson	US Army	Marcus A. Kingsberry	US Navy
Joshua Shaffer	US Army	Michael Kaley	US Air Force



Post Everlasting

Legionnaire Doyle D. (Bud) Theesen

December 17, 2012

Post Officers		Upcoming Events	
2012 – 2013		Event	Leader
Commander	Haywood V. Moss	Installation - June 2013 - 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 2013 - Legion
Adjutant	Robert A. Wilson	Children Christmas Party – Dec 2013 – 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		
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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 12 December 2012. Al Elmond was the post 259 volunteer with much appreciated help from the Chopticon High School ROTC students and their chaperone Mrs. Whitworth. These ROTC students were Dalton Whitworth, Mitzy Hines, and Anna Doran.

Special thanks to Boy Scouts from Troop 1572, Girl Scouts from Troop 535. And Cub and Boy Scout Troop 1200 from Oxon Hill United Methodist Church. Scouts from Troops 1572 and 535 provided assistance, companionship, and good cheer to the veterans. Scouts from Troop 1200 wrapped and sent gifts. Boy Scouts from Troop 1572 were Jordan Burroughs, Ron Cain, Dayshawn Garrison, Eryk Madison, Miguel Perez, and Nathan Thomas. Adults. Supporting them were Lisa Cain, William Wims, and Roger Brown (Assistant Scout Master). Girl Scouts from Troop 535 were Jazmin Burroughs and Danielle Jackson, with Sabrina Burroughs (Assistant Troop Leader and Teen Advisor).

Beautiful, warm fleece blankets were given to each bingo player by a group of "Southern Maryland Women". These gifts were well received by the veterans. These women were Clar Kelly, Rose Billman, Joan Vogel, Laura Conner, Donna Stevenson, Amber Kellell, and Jana Kellell.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 9 January 2013. Pictures this month include the Charlotte Hall entrance; Dalton Whitworth ROTC student assisting Charles Lemon a blind resident in the chow hall; Boy Scout Miguel Perez helping resident Margaret Beaver play bingo; resident Ray Lockett with Marine Veteran Hat and his gifted blanket; Girl Scout Jazmin Burroughs helping resident Robert Owens (Maryland Hat) play bingo; and a group picture of Boy Scout Troop 1572 and Girl Scout Troop 535 with their supporters.

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

Al Elmond





SUPER BOWL XLVII PARTY

TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY AT AL POST 259 ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE BAR

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED – THE LAST COUNT WAS TWENTY-FIVE
GET YOURS WHILE THEY LAST**

SEE YOU AT THE PARTY

January 2013 Activity Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1st  Happy New Year!	2th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	3rd Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	4th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	5th
6th	7th SAL Meeting 7:30PM	8th	9th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	10th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	11th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	12th
13th	14th No Aux Meeting until Feb. 11, 2013	15th	16th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	17th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	18th Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	19th
20th	21st Exec Comm Meeting 6:30PM	22nd	23rd Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	24th Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	25st Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	26th
28th	29th General Membership Dinner at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:30PM	30th Legion Riders Meeting at 7:00pm	31st Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle			

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.

Veteran Designation on Maryland Driver's Licenses



Attention Maryland Veterans:

Effective January 1, 2013, you will be able to have a veteran designation placed on your driver's license. This was authorized by a bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly, and signed into law by Governor O'Malley in May, 2012.

If you would like to have the veteran designation placed on your driver's license, you have two options:

- 1) Request it the next time your license is up for renewal (no cost to you), or:
- 2) Request it before your license is up for renewal (\$20 fee)

Instructions

Bring one of the following documents to your local Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) Branch Office:

- DD214
- Honorable Discharge Certificate
- Letter from the Personnel Center in St. Louis confirming veteran status

If you do not have any one of these documents and you are a veteran with a discharge that is other than dishonorable, you will need to visit your nearest Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) Service Office to obtain a letter verifying your status as a veteran. To find the location of the MDVA Service Office closest to you, you can call 1-800-446-4926 ext. 6450 or visit the website at <http://www.mdva.state.md.us/about/serviceProgram.html>

Once you obtain this letter, you can then bring it to your local MVA Branch Office to request the veteran designation on your driver's license.

Questions: Call Jerry Boden, MDVA, at 410-260-3841



President's Page Auxiliary Unit 259

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2013. Let's take on this year with renewed energy to continue our programs and services to the military men and women who sacrifice their lives to preserve our safety and freedom.

The Auxiliary was very busy in December. Let's check out the pictures below. Sharon Franklin, Auxiliary Chaplin heads the Community Service program at St. John's Food Pantry. Through money and food donations, she delivered two large boxes of food for those in need. Past District President Toni Carr, heads the American Legion Charlotte Hall Veterans Home programs. The December Gift Wrap program was a huge success. Past District President Glenda Morgan, Auxiliary Secretary Freida Skaggs, Post 259 member Eloiza Paz wrapped gifts, assisted veterans with the selection of gifts or escorted veterans. On December 8, at the Christmas Ice Cream Social, Freida and I assisted Toni with serving lots of Ice Cream to the veterans and their families. Junior member Sereniti Williams attended. The Veterans truly had a great time. On December 27, Toni and I delivered 36 Mary Kay gift bags to the Charlotte Hall women veterans. The gift bags were donated by Auxiliary member Parnice Green. There is always a need for volunteers, so if you are considering or need more information, please call Toni Carr at 301-868-7960.



Saying thanks is not enough, So, Thank you again,

To all Auxiliary members, you are so deeply appreciated. Your membership, time, energy, suggestions, support and expertise are important components in making our programs effective. To Post 259, you are most important to us. Thank you for your bravery and thank you for serving.

Auxiliary 2013 Membership

Did you miss the Deadline on December 31, 2012?

Please get your Dues in now. Senior dues \$20 and junior dues \$4. It would be phenomenal if the auxiliary can achieve 100% participation in the next few weeks. Please call the Membership Chairperson, Liz White, 301-868-1612.

***Very Important Meeting Notice ***

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.**

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



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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 9, 2012. Fifty-nine (59) children signed up. Santa presented them with gifts, candy canes and ballons. Before the arrival of Santa, Cha Cha The Clown performed magic and dancing with the children. She wa great and the children loved her. Refreshments served included hot dogs, cake, ice cream, juice and soda for everyone. It took many hours of volunteering to prepare for this party but it is always well worth it all. A big thanks you to Ed White, Bob Wilson, Connie Puryear, Diane Miller, Jacie Stirling and "Santa Claus" aka Drew Stirling. Thank you all very much and thank you Comander Moss for allowing me to chair this function.

Liz White, Chairman



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
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**Membership Chairperson
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

CLINTON SQUADRON 259

SUPER BOWL RALLY DANCE

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 2, 2013

8:00PM – 12:00AM

DONATION: \$5.00

COOLER OF CHEER RAFFLE

TICKETS ARE \$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2013

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CANTEEN