



**AMERICAN LEGION  
CLINTON POST 259**



9122 Piscataway Road  
Clinton, Maryland 20735

(301) 868-2550  
*Web Site: post259.org*

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

**April Charles Lewis - Editor 2013**

**COMMANDER MESSAGE**

**AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER VISIT:** The Post had the distinct honor of hosting a luncheon for National Commander James E. Koutz. The Commander Koutz stated the crab soup was the best he has ever had. I would like to thank 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Matt Garofalo, Dick Switzer and House Manager Diane Miller for preparing a wonderful lunch. Thanks to Auxiliary President Rose Butler for her assistance with cleaning affair. "Seemingly the National Commander and his entourage enjoyed their visit with us." Later members of the Post attended the National Commander's Banquet at Post 82 located in LaPlata, Maryland.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The first round of nomination of Post Officers and Executive Committee for the 2013-2014 Legion Year was held at the General Membership Meeting on March 25. The second and final nominations will be held on April 22, 2013 at the General Membership Meeting. Voting for the Post Officers will take place on May 27, 2013 prior to the General Membership Meeting.

**NOMINATION OF DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND ANNUAL CONVENTION DELEGATES:** Nominations for delegates to the 2013 Department of Maryland Annual convention to be held in Ocean City, Maryland are currently open. If you are interested in attending please come to the April 22, 2013 meeting.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulation to the following officers of Clinton Post 259. Chaplin Tom Treichel, Historian Charles Lewis, Service Officer James Woodland, Sgt At Arms John Jackson and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander George Martin were awarded a certificate of appreciation for outstanding dedication service to the Legion. My sincere thanks to all.

**DUES PAYMENT:** in order to operate the financial business and meet the charitable interest of the Post, all Legionnaires are asked to pay their dues. I encourage all to pay their dues so that we can meet our financial obligations. I mention this in every newsletter in hopes that this great Post will reach its goal of 100% plus 1.

In the coming months due to sequestration, "We can expect more requests for veteran's assistance." While the VA is exempted from the budgetary ax "Housing and mental health is subject to cuts." We recognize this is tough economic times, but "Our obligations to our Veteran's must endure."

**VETERANS JOBS:** Remember a new list of VETERAN'S JOBS IS POSTED EVERY WEEK ON THE Post Canteen bulletin board, "Pass this information to our veterans, friends, and relatives." Veteran's jobs are a high priority for the American Legion

**COMMENTS:** I attended the SAL's and Auxiliary fund raiser's held in March. In both occasions, I was disappointed in the participation of the Post membership. I hope in the future, you will support Post 259 Legion family and their functions.

In Legion Service for God and Country,

Haywood V. Moss

Commander

## NATIONAL COMMANDERS VISITATION



Commander Haywood V. Moss – Nat. Commander James E. Koutz



Nat. Commander James E. Koutz – Alt NEC Elbert D. White



(Left to Right) Rose Butler Auxiliary President Clinton Post 259, Matthews Garofalo Second Vice Commander Clinton Post 259 – Haywood V. Moss  
Commander Clinton Post 259 – James E. Koutz National Commander – Jan D. Larson Commander Department of Maryland – Bill Hill Detachment  
Commander SAL – Richard Switzer





Left to Right: Bill Hill Detachment Commander SAL, (Red Jacket) Russell W. Myers Jr. Department Adjutant, (Rear) Lewis E. Trott Dept. Third Vice Commander, Carolynn G. Baker Dept. Second Vice Commander, James E. Koutz National Commander, Gary B. Vogt, Department First Vice Commander (Rear) Thomas P. Gillman Dept. Sergeant-At-Arms, Elbert D. White ANEC, (Rear) David E. Winpigler NEC, Patricia McCoy District Commander SMD, Ruth A Higgins Dept. Historian



Jan D. Larson Commander Dept. of MD – Haywood V. Moss Commander Post 259 – James E. Koutz National Commander – Elbert D. White ANEC

Post Officers 2012 – 2013		Upcoming Events	
		Event	Leader
Commander	Haywood V. Moss	Installation - June 2013 - Outgoing Commander	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Gary Gifford	S.A.L. 259 Golf Tournament – Sept 2013 – S.A.L.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Matthews Garofalo	Veteran's Day Service – Nov 2013 – Auxiliary Unit	
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 2014 – 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 <b>This event is held every two (2) years</b>	
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		<div style="background-color: red; color: black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>National Executive Committee</b>  <b>Elbert D. White – Alternate National Executive Committeeman</b> </div>	
<p style="text-align: center;">The American Legion Clinton Post 259 9122 Piscataway Road Clinton, Maryland 20735</p> <p>Phone: 301-868-2550 Website: <a href="http://www.post259.org">www.post259.org</a></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 <a href="mailto:Clewis4544@aol.com">Clewis4544@aol.com</a></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>We need your assistance, let us know of any our members who are sick or in the hospital</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Please call (301) 868-2550</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>If you have moved, please contact the Post with your new address</b></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 <sup>st</sup> Vice: Dave Hutchinson
Secretary: Freida Skaggs	Secretary: Michael Quander	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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**

**CONTACT**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 259**

**SERVICE OFFICER**

**JAMES R. WOODLAND**

**HOME: 301 283-6451**

**CELL: 301 283-5047**

**E-MAIL: [JAMESR.WOODLAND@YAHOO.COM](mailto:JAMESR.WOODLAND@YAHOO.COM)**

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**



## CHARLOTTE HALL

Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 13 March 2013. 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 Rick Nodland, Dalton Whitworth, and Mitzy Hines.

Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 10 April 2013. Pictures this month feature the plaque wall at Charlotte Hall; the plaque presented to Charlotte Hall by the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge; ROTC student Mitzi Hines and resident Bill Olsen (large bingo card); volunteer Suzie Jones and resident Hazel Meyers; volunteer great niece Donna House and resident Norwood Allston (blue shirt); visitor Joyce Moroney and resident Bill Moroney (WWII Veteran hat).

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

Al Elmond



# APRIL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <sup>st</sup> SAL Meeting 7:30PM	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	4 <sup>th</sup> Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	5 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	6 <sup>th</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Meeting 6:30PM	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	11 <sup>th</sup> Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	12 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	13 <sup>th</sup>
14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Exec Comm Meeting 6:30PM	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	18 <sup>th</sup> Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	19 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	20 <sup>th</sup>
21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> General Membership Dinner at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:30PM	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	25 <sup>th</sup> Call the Post for Special Meal Menu 301 868-2550	26 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	27 <sup>th</sup>
28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Legion Riders Meeting at 7:00pm				



## New Members

### Name

Herbert A. Brown Jr.  
Murray S. Hall  
Graham R. Dixon  
Clifton G. Douglas

### Service

US Army  
USAF  
US Army  
USAF

### Name

Dwight D. Rowland  
Harold Wright  
Andrew P. Jakubowski

### Service

US Army  
US Army  
US Navy



*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 12, 2013 at "Potomac Ridge 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. i.e.: 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: Matt Garofalo*

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

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*Company Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Contact Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Phone Number:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Check #:* \_\_\_\_\_

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





*American Legion Post 259*  
*Mike Hunnicutt Memorial Golf Tournament*

*Format: Scramble*  
*Where: Potomac Ridge Golf Club*  
*Wednesday: June 12, 2013*

*9:00 AM Shot Gun Start*

*\$280.00 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*

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*Please pay for foursome all at one time, Thanks*

*Foursome:*

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*Paid to: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_*

# P.G. County "Christmas – In – April

Saturday April 27, 2013



Join the American Legion Post 259  
Family and Friend Christmas – In – April Team  
We need Skilled and Unskilled Labors  
Neighbors' Helping Neighbors ... People Helping People

Lunch, water and soft drinks will be provided  
If you have question leave a message at the Post for  
Gary Castleman – House Captain

## Cooler of Cheer Raffle

On behalf of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 259, I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Cooler- of –Cheer raffle. A big thanks to you and everyone that purchased tickets. A big thanks to you and everyone that sold tickets and to Mr. Richard Coppage for providing the tickets.

The Cooler of Cheer Raffle was a huge success thanks to all!

A special thanks to Brain for showing his support to the S.A.L., Brain sold over 600 tickets on the Cooler-of Cher.

The winning ticket was drawn on March 17, 2013 at the St. Patrick's Day dinner. The winner was Mr. Chris White and the ticket was sold by Mr. Brian Miller.

Thanks you all  
Gary Castleman

Don't forget that the S.A.L. will be having their Mother's Day  
Breakfast on Sunday, May 12, 2013. The breakfast will be from  
9:00AM – 1:00PM



## **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**

**[lvmcbean@gmail.com](mailto:lvmcbean@gmail.com)**



## **American Legion Riders 259 Scholarship Lunch/Dinners**

**Come and support the Clinton Post American Legion Riders Scholarship Program as they sponsor lunch/dinners on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. The meals cost \$8.00 which includes deserts**





# Clinton Post Auxiliary Unit 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

### Mission Statement

*"In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security".*



April has moved in rapidly with day light saving time. We look forward to another busy month. But first, let me highlight last month's activities. It was a pleasure to meet the American Legion National Commander James E. Koutz here at Post 259 on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Auxiliary members attended "For God & Country" on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We joined with other Auxiliary Units in welcoming our National Auxiliary President Peggy Thomas on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We had the pleasure of touring Charlotte Hall with National President Peggy Thomas and later that evening attended a banquet in her honor at the Greenbelt Post 136. Also, on March 20<sup>th</sup> Toni Carr and I visited with many of the 40 female veterans at Charlotte Hall and delivered each an Easter Gift. Their smiling faces made our day.



President Unit 221 Marian Murdock, President Unit 136 Rusty Beeg, Department President Ivy Christoffers, National President Peggy Thomas, Past National President Linda Newsome, Past District President Toni Carr, President Unit 82 Anna Mae Sackie, So. Md. VA & R Rep Diane Clemons, President Unit 259 Rose Butler

Banquet & greetings from Unit 259 to our National President Freida Skaggs, Rose Butler, National President Peggy Thomas, Toni Carr, Barbara Theesen

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please review the upcoming events and remember, next month we will be electing new officers. Please consider holding a position. If you would like to nominate someone or interested in a position, please contact the Chairperson Liz White 301-868-1612, or Judith Woodland 301-283-6451.

April 6 – Department Walk-A-Thon at Ft. Howard Park, Edgemere, Md. 11 am to 3 pm

May 4 – DEC meeting-College park Post #217 (RSVP by April 28<sup>th</sup>)

May 11- SMD District Reception 4:00 p.m. Greenbelt Post 136

June 16-21- Maryland Girls State-Salisbury University

July 15-19- 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Department Convention, Ocean City, Maryland (Delegation fee \$15)

July 15-Fish Fry, July 16-DEC Meeting, July 17-Opening Ceremony

### Welcome to Unit 259

#### New Members

Clarice Myers  
Michele Dallas

#### Auxiliary 2013 Membership

**Reach out and recruit a member today.** "Your membership in the

American legion Auxiliary increases our power to serve our veterans and military families across the country and in your local community".

**Dues for 2013- Senior \$20 - Junior \$4**

Please call the Membership Chairperson,  
**Liz White, 301-868-1612**

### Lending your time to Service

If you can volunteer a few hours one or more Fridays a month, please contact me at 301-526-7111 or Freida Skaggs at 301-868-5130.

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

### A Special Thank You to each of you

For your dedication, support and time in helping to make Palm Sunday Breakfast and the Easter Basket Raffle super special and successful. Also, thank you so much for assisting the Post with the gift of time. Each of you is incredibly special to the Auxiliary and you are so graciously appreciated.