

**AMERICAN LEGION  
CLINTON POST 259**



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Clinton, Maryland 20735

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Web Site: [post259.org](http://post259.org)

*FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.....*  
Lamont Gibson Commander

**November Charles Lewis - Editor 2014**

**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

**THE NOVEMBER NEW LETTER**

*As your Post Commander, I would like to remind you that the American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.*

***THESE ARE SOME OF THE PROGRAMS OF THAT THE AMERICAN LEGION OFFERS:***

**NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST AND SCHOLERSHIP**

Scholarships are awarded to the three finalists. First place receives \$18,000, second gets \$16,000 and third takes \$14,000. Each individual state winner certified into and participating in the first round of the national contest receives a \$1,500 scholarship. Each first-round winner who advances but does not qualify for the finals receives an additional \$1,500 scholarship. Scholarships may be used to attend any college or university in the United States. Funding comes from The American Legion Life Insurance Fund. <http://www.legion.org/scholarships/oratorical>

**EDUCATION ASSISTANCE**

At the national, state and local levels, The American Legion provides access to dozens of scholarships and education programs. For more information about Legion-affiliated scholarships and application materials, you should visit the Legion website. [www.legion.org/scholarships](http://www.legion.org/scholarships)

**BOYS/GIRLS STATE SCHOLARSHIP**

There are Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State programs. Young men and woman learn firsthand how government works during American Legion Boys and Girls State and American Legion Nation programs. From the Boys and Girls State program, two delegates are selected to attend Nation in Washington, D.C., where they form a mock federal Senate and meet with top officials in the nation's capital.

<http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org>

**LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP**

Opportunities to attend college should not be out of reach for children left behind because a parent died on active duty. This is why The American Legion established The American Legion Legacy Scholarship, which provides funds for the children of military personnel who lost their lives on duty after 9/11. [www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy](http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy)

## **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

American Legion posts nationwide sponsor more than 2,500 Scouting units and provide thousands of dollars in scholarships. The Legion offers a national scholarship for Eagle Scout of the Year, and the Square Knot Award for Legionnaires who work for the Scouting programs in their communities. [www.legion.org/scouting](http://www.legion.org/scouting)

## **JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS**

American Legion youth air-rifle teams compete throughout the country for a possible berth in the National Junior Shooting Sports championships at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, each year. [www.legion.org/shooting](http://www.legion.org/shooting)

## **LEGION RIDERS**

The Legion Riders, with more than 1,200 chapters, have raised more than \$3.3 million for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, making them the single biggest contributors. The Riders also perform a number of services for Legion-supported causes and provide support at military funerals. [www.legion.org/riders](http://www.legion.org/riders)

## **U.S. FLAG PROTECTION AND EDUCATION**

The American Legion is the nation's leading supporter of a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from desecration. Since a 5-4 Supreme Court decision in 1989 defined flag burning as free speech, The American Legion has lobbied alongside members of Congress, the Citizens Flag Alliance and the majority of the American people to return to the states the right to enact flag-protection laws. The Legion is also the nation's foremost authority on the proper disposal of unserviceable U.S. flags. [www.legion.org/flag](http://www.legion.org/flag)

## **ROTC**

The American Legion is actively involved in the support, organization and coordination of high school Junior ROTC and college ROTC programs throughout the country. [www.legion.org/rotc](http://www.legion.org/rotc)

## **VOTER PARTICIPATION**

Many American Legion posts serve as polling places, political debate venues and forums during campaigns. The Legion is a nonpartisan organization but takes an active role in the political process. [www.legion.org/vote](http://www.legion.org/vote)

*The success of the American Legion depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. This organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives. We ask you to volunteer to help American Legion Post 259 serve our members and our community.*

*Help us to get new members. We need to hear your voice and see you attend our membership meeting in the banquet room at the Post on the fourth Monday of each month. The meeting is starts at 7:30 p.m.*

*It is my privilege to serve you.*

Lamont Gibson

Lt Col, USAF Retired

Commander

American Legion Post 259

Cell Phone Number: 301 325-2077

## Legion Rules

**Please remember that all guests must be properly signed into the Canteen and the guest must leave when the member leaves. Additionally, guests cannot sign other guests in or let other guests into the Canteen area. Lastly, the member signing the guest in is responsible for the guest's actions.**



## **New Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>War Era</b>
<b>Robert Dotson Sr.</b>	<b>USAF</b>	<b>Vietnam</b>
<b>Larry Sterling</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>Vietnam</b>
<b>Carlos E. Ocon-Centeno</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>Persian Gulf</b>
<b>Archie Ragland</b>	<b>USN</b>	<b>Persian Gulf</b>
<b>Cargie L. Vaughn Jr.</b>	<b>USAF</b>	<b>Lebanon/Grenada</b>
<b>Eugene Bellamy</b>	<b>USA</b>	<b>Vietnam</b>
<b>Martin G. Valles</b>	<b>USAF</b>	<b>Persian Gulf</b>
<b>Roy E. Gilliam Jr.</b>	<b>USCG</b>	<b>Lebanon/Grenada</b>

**Veteran's Day Celebration**

**At**

**Post 259 at 1100hr**

<b>Post Officers 2014 – 2015</b>		<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
		<b>Event</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Commander	Lamont Gibson	Installation - June 2015 - Outgoing Commander	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Gary Gifford	S.A.L. 259 Golf Tournament – Sept 2014 – S.A.L.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Matthew Garofalo	Veteran’s Day Service – Nov 2014 – Auxiliary Unit	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	Charles Robinson	Adult Christmas Party – Dec 2014 - Legion	
Adjutant	Robert A. Wilson	Children Christmas Party – Dec 2014 – Legion	
Assistant Adjutant	Vacant	Super Bowl Party – Feb 2015 - Legion	
Judge Advocate	Elbert “ED” White	St. Patrick Day Dinner – Mar 2015 – Legion	
Service Officer	James Woodland	Memorial Day – May 2015 - Legion	
Finance Officer	Vacant	Flag Day – June 2015 - Legion	
Assistant Finance Officer	Richard Switzer	AL Golf Tournament – June 2015 - Legion	
Historian	Charles Lewis	Crab Feast – has been cancelled for 2014	
Chaplain	Thomas Treichel	Thanksgiving Feast – November 2014 - Legion	
Sgt At Arms	John Jackson		
Executive Committee Murray Hall Elgin Reid Joseph Morgan		<b>National Executive Committee</b> <b>Elbert D. White – National Executive Committeeman</b>	
<p>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><b>We need your assistance, let us know of any our members who are sick or in the hospital</b></p> <p><b>Please call (301) 868-2550</b></p> <p><b>If you have moved, please contact the Post with your new address</b></p>	

		
<b>Auxiliary Officers</b>	<b>Legion Rider Officers</b>	<b>S.A.L. Officers</b>
President: Freida Skaggs	Director: Larry "Doc" McBean	Commander: Gary Castleman
Vice President: Verna Thompson	Asst. Director: Donald Ennis	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice: Dave Desmarais
Secretary :Brie O'Neal	Secretary: Brie O'Neal	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice: David Hutchinson
Treasurer: Antoinette Carr	Treasurer: Peggye McBean	Finance Officer:
Historian: Vivian Boyd	Chaplain: James Burrows	Sgt At Arms: Wayne "Elvis" Berbig
Chaplain: Marilyn Thomas	Road Captain:Murray Hall	Adjutant: Rich A. Walsh Jr.
Sgt At Arm:Ruth King	Safety Officer: Robin Lindsey	Historian: Robert "Reds" Aliff
Gold Star: Mickey McKitrick		Chaplain: Gary "GJ" Shafer
Advisor: Elizabeth White Ginger Latimer Judith Woodland		Advisor: Jim Cox George Bucklew

**Have You Paid Your 2015 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 8 October 2014. Al Elmond was the post 259 volunteer with much appreciated help from volunteers Rozanne Whitworth, Chuck Whitworth, and Kevin Woodward. The next BINGO will be 12 November 2014.

Pictures this month feature the court yard bar; benches in the court yard; resident Miss Elizabeth; resident James Banks and volunteer Kevin Woodward; resident Eugene Adney; and our very loyal volunteer Rozanne Whitworth with resident WWII Navy Veteran, 99 year old Conrad "Babe" Lederer. .

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



# NOVEMBER 2014 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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

## Sons of The American

### Legion Squadron 259 Thank You

**The S.A.L. held their annual golf tournament on Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 and again it was a huge success. We would like to thank all of our sponsors that continue to show their support.**

VFW 9376 \* VFW 9376 Men's Auxiliary \* Marlboro Moose Lodge 1856 \* Roxie's Myrtle Beach Rentals  
Harley Davidson of Washington DC \* Sunnybrook Tavern \* Silesia Liquors \* John Hakim MD & Associates  
Dr. Cox & Dr. Greenstein D.D.S. \* Hideaway Bar \* Bayview Title Company \* Tri-State Sportsman's Club  
La Plata S.A.L. Squadron 82 \* Brennan Title Company \* Columbia Moose Lodge 126 \* Texas Ribs  
Electrical Automation Services Inc. \* Cosmos Air Purification \* Electronic Security Services Inc.  
Hovermale's Tastes Best \* Herbalife \* University of Maryland \* Exceed Carpet & Upholstery Care  
Past Presidents Unit 259 \* Webster University \* DG & E HVAC \* S2 Financial Partners  
Central Michigan University Global Campus \* Mama Stella's \* Senator Thomas V. "Mike" Miller  
All Year Lawn \* Foodscooter \* Mamma Roma \* B.K. Millers \* Cedarville Grocery  
American Legion Unit 259 \* American Legion Post 259

**We would also like to thank all the people that worked on the course, in the kitchen and at the post during the awards.**

Rose Butler \* Freida Skaggs \* Brie O'Neil \* Richard Coppage \* Paul Poteat \* Richard Howard  
Frank Hendrix \* Moe Moroney \* Jerry Cones \* Rich Walsh \* Gary "GJ" Shafer \* Kenny Hendrix  
Robert "Reds" Allif \* Charles Lewis \* Sara Bucklew \* Sheri Tuma \* Kim Lazorcak \* Dawn Gheen  
Eugene Murray \* Wayne Berbig \* Anne Richards \* Diane Miller \* David Hutchinson

**The S.A.L. would like to give a big thanks to all of the people that donated door prizes.**

Al Fenstomocher \* Donna Dove \* Anne Richards \* Moe Trembley \* Bozisk Distributor \*  
Buck Distributing \* Central Michigan University Global Campus \* Maryland Lottery \* Froster's Grill \*  
Grill 13 \* US Army \* Pepsi \* Hideaway Bar

If not for our wonderful sponsor's, gifts donated and the great volunteer's we would not be able to host this annual golf tournament. As the commander of the S.A.L. my heart goes out to all of them!

I will apologize in advance if I missed anyone.

I would like to remind everyone that we have a cooler of cheer raffle going and will be drawn at the Bull, Oyster & Shrimp Feast on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

We also have the tickets for the Bull, Oyster & Shrimp feast on sale at the A.L. post.

For God and Country

S.A.L. Commander

Gary Castleman



# 2014 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 14, 2014; it will run from 1:00PM until 4:00PM. 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 28, 2014.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
First & Last Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Membership Card Number MD 259: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2014 ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 20, 2014 from 5:00PM until. 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 affair you must be a paid up member of Post 259 and have submitted this application to the Post home not later than December 10, 2014.

As usual, seating arrangements will be assigned according to the first 175 names are received by the cutoff date. A charge of \$10.00 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. P. Post 259

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



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
CLINTON UNIT 259  
Post Office Box 54 – Clinton, Maryland 20735**

**Auxiliary 2015 Membership Renewal**

Even though your 2014 membership card is active until December 2014, we are starting to collect 2015 dues. National Headquarters will be mailing renewal notices this month. If you decide to pay at the Post, Please put your renewal notice and check in an envelope, (Mark: ATTN Liz White and give to the bartender on duty. If you do have a renewal notice and still wish to pay at the Post, please fill out a “blue” card and follow the above instructions. Please make your check payable to the A.L. A. Unit 259.

**Senior Dues are \$20.00      Junior Dues are \$6.00**

If you pay with cash you can still put it and your renewal notice/”blue” card in an envelope. Any questions please call me. Also if you are having financial difficulties please call.

New Post Key Cards will be issued in January, only to those members showing their 2015 membership card.

**Liz White  
Membership Chairwomen  
1 (301) 868-1612**

**New Members**

**Ocie L. Potts**

**Regina A. Buckley**



**Washington Redskins vs Dallas Cowboys**

The Prince George’s County Council is holding a fund raiser. County Commander Haywood Moss has generously donated two (2) box seat tickets, two(2) tailgate buffet tickets along with a parking pass to the Washington Redskins versus Dallas Cowboys game on Sunday December 28, 2014 at FedEx Field in Landover, MD. Ticket donations are \$5.00 each and are available from Stan Shaw [shaws@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:shaws@law.georgetown.edu) , (202) 262-7950 and Frank Porter [faporter@co.pg.md.us](mailto:faporter@co.pg.md.us) , (301) 613-3692. The drawing will be held at 8:00pm, Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at American Legion Clinton Post 259

## **On-Line Membership Renewal**

All Legion members may renew their membership on-line through

[www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)

Members can renew using credit card and print a temporary card. Members are instructed to mail or take their receipt to the post to receive their new card at no additional cost

Posts will continue to have all cards sent with their roster. Notification of on-line renewals can be obtained directly from the [myLegion Post](#) site.

### **Automatic Renewal**

Members now have the option of setting their online-account for automatic renewal.

Once you establish your account, your dues will automatically be charged to your debit card on or about July 15<sup>th</sup> of each new membership year. Just go to

[www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew) click “**Renew Now**” and follow the directions.



## **Post 259 Thanksgiving Dinner**

Date: November 27, 2014

Time: 3:00pm until 6:00pm

Cost: \$12.00 per person

10 years and under \$5.00

Children under 5 are free

Groups of six (6) or more can reserve a table

Remember you must sign up at the Canteen not later than November 18, 2014



## **POST 259 SHOTGUN RAFFLE**

**Question One: Did you receive your shotgun raffle tickets?**

**Question Two: Have you returned them along with payment?**

**Question Three: Do you support the Post Children's Christmas Party?**

**Question Four: Have you paid your 2015 dues?**

**Thanks if you answered "yes" to question 1, question 2, question 3 and question 4 we thank you.**

**Remember the drawing for the shotgun will take place at the Adult Christmas Party on December 20, 2014.**



## **Post 259 Legion Riders Bike Show & Silent Auction**

**The Legion Rider Bike Show and Silent Auction will be held at Post 259 on May 30, 2015 from 12:00pm until 4:00pm. Food, beverages and music (DJ) will be available for the event. All Department of Maryland Legion Riders Chapters are invited along with motorcycle associations and club.**

**This event is in support of the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Run**



## AUXILIARY UNIT 259 PRESIDENT'S PAGE

November 2014

Ladies, we will host our Veterans Day program on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to pay tribute to all the military men and women serving this great country, the United States of America. Our program will be held at the post home at 11:00am, and doors will open at 10:30am. Final preparations will be discussed at our next meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. I am requesting that you come prepared to finish up any last minute kitchen preparations if needed.

The Auxiliary is collecting can goods and donations for Thanksgiving Day baskets. Consider making a Donation. Please contact our Chaplain, Marilyn Thomas, 301-877-9445 or leave a donation at the post with a note for the Auxiliary. HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING DAY.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- I will be planning an Executive Board meeting sometime in January. Attendance of all officers, Past Presidents and committee chairmen are required. I will notify you of the date and time as soon as known. Your input is important to our Programs
- At the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting a motion was passed to cancel the membership meetings for December and January. Our first membership meeting in 2015 will be February 9, 2015.

At our meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> a motion was passed to participate in preparing food at an American Legion event being held on Thursdays of each month. The preparation of the food will be alternated between the Auxiliary, SAL, and Legion Riders. These events are still in the planning process, but we have been notified that they would like for the Auxiliary to kick it off with a Pre-holiday oldies but goodies party. If approved, the first event will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2014, 6pm until 10pm. Since we will be providing the food, all proceeds will go to the Auxiliary. We will discuss details at our November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Hall Gift Wrap, Charlotte Hall, MD
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Hall Ice Cream Social, Charlotte Hall, MD
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Southern Maryland District Meeting 9805 Old Laurel Bowie Road Bowie, MD 20720-3255

**REMEMBER OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Yours in Service

Freida Skaggs, President (240) 441-7571