

**AMERICAN LEGION  
CLINTON POST 259**



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Clinton, Maryland 20735

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

**July Charles Lewis - Editor 2015**

**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you and serve as Commander of the American Legion Post 259. It has been a great journey! It is truly hard to step down from the position that you bestowed upon me.

With grateful regards, I thank you all, Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Legion Riders, Sons of the American Legion and friends for the great opportunity to share my services with you. I wish you all the best and thank you for your cherished friendship and support.

It is my privilege to serve you.

Lamont Gibson

Commander

American Legion Post 259

Cell Phone Number: 301 325-2077

**POST 259 2014-15 Legionnaire of the Year: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Gary Gifford**

<b>Post Officers 2015 – 2016</b>		<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
		<b>Event</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Commander	Haywood V. Moss	Installation - June 2016 - Outgoing Commander	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Gary Gifford	S.A.L. 259 Golf Tournament – Sept 2015 – S.A.L.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Ronald Dickens	Veteran’s Day Service – Nov 2015 – Auxiliary Unit	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	George Martin	Adult Christmas Party – Dec 2016 - Legion	
Robinson			
Adjutant	Robert A. Wilson	Children Christmas Party – Dec 2016 – Legion	
Assistant Adjutant	Vacant	Super Bowl Party – Feb 2016 - Legion	
Judge Advocate	Elbert “ED” White	St. Patrick Day Dinner – Mar 2016 – Legion	
Service Officer	James Woodland	Memorial Day – May 2016 - Legion	
Finance Officer	Richard Switzer	Flag Day – June 2016 - Legion	
Assistant Finance Officer	Vacant	AL Golf Tournament – June 2016 - Legion	
Historian	Charles Lewis	Crab Feast –	
Chaplain	Thomas Treichel	Thanksgiving Feast – November 2015 - Legion	
Sgt At Arms	John Jackson		
Executive Committee Murray Hall Elgin Reid Joseph Morgan		<b>National Executive Committee</b> Elbert D. White – National Executive Committeeman	
<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: David Hutchinson
Vice President: Ginger Latimer	Asst. Director: Murray Hall	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice: Dave Desmarais
Secretary :Brie O'Neal	Secretary: Michael Quander	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice: Kenny Hendrix
Treasurer: Antoinette Carr	Treasurer: Peggye McBean	Finance Officer: Gary Castleman
Historian: Vivian Boyd	Chaplain: James Burrows	Sgt At Arms: Wayne "Elvis" Berbig
Chaplain: Marilyn Thomas	Web Administer: Crystal Turner	Adjutant: Rich A. Walsh Jr.
Sgt At Arm: Irma Moss	Safety Officer: SGM Mike Eason	Historian: Robert "Reds" Aliff
Gold Star: Mickey McKitrick		Chaplain: Gary "GJ" Shafer
Executive Committee: Elizabeth White Terry Tolson Judith Woodland		Advisor: Jim Cox George Bucklew

**Have You Paid Your 2016 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**

## 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.



## New Members July 2015

Name	Service	War Era
LeRoy McKinney Jr.	USN	Persian Gulf
Anthony M. Reed	USAF	Lebanon/Grenada
William Greenwood	USA	Vietnam
James I. Turner Jr.	USA	Vietnam
Scott Snider	USA	Persian Gulf
Willie A. Graham	USA	Lebanon/Grenada
Terry Little	USAF	Persian Gulf
Marjon M. Robertson	USAF	Persian Gulf
Jesse W. McDaniel	USA	WW II
Bidge Froe		

# JULY 2015 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <sup>st</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bingo Has Been Cancel	4 <sup>th</sup> 
5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> SAL Meeting 7:00pm	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	9 <sup>th</sup> "Let The Good Times Roll" Cancelled For Summer	10 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	11 <sup>th</sup>
12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> No Auxiliary Meeting	14 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	18 <sup>th</sup>
19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Exec Comm Meeting 6:30PM	21 <sup>st</sup>  Red Cross Blood Drive 12:30-6PM	22 <sup>nd</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	23 <sup>rd</sup> Legion Riders Meeting 7:00pm	24 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	25 <sup>th</sup>
26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> Dinner at 6:30PM General Membership Meeting at 7:30PM	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	

***IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED YOUR 2016 MEMBERSHIP,  
PLEASE DO SO ASAP, THE 2016 DUES will increase BY  
\$5.00 if not paid by January 20, 2016.***

The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.



**American  
Red Cross**



## **Clinton American Legion**

And the Silver Hill Lions Club

**July 21, 2015**

**Noon until 6pm**

Save the date. Plan to donate. Registration info to follow

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS

**[Click here to make an appointment](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive/driveSearchList.jsp?zipSponsor=05312765)**

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Walk-ins are welcome or call [1-800-RED CROSS](tel:1-800-733-2767) (1-800-733-2767) for availability.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

## **VA to Conduct Nationwide Series of Events to Celebrate Women Veterans**

Experts to Discuss Benefits and Answer Women Veterans' Questions WASHINGTON –

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will conduct a series of one-day events to raise awareness and celebrate the stories of women Veterans. The events, to be held in five locations across the country, will provide an overview of services and benefits available to women Veterans. Experts will be available to answer Veterans' questions, and exhibitors will share information on their many resources.

“We have found that our women Veterans often put the needs of others' first,” said Elisa Basnight, Director of VA's Center for Women Veterans (CWV). “We encourage them to make themselves a priority, to learn about the benefits and services which they've earned through their dedicated service. We are bringing our experts to them, where they are.”

VA staff, as well as local community supporters and agencies that assist women Veterans, will be available for face-to-face interaction. All VA facilities are encouraged to participate in activities to celebrate and honor the women who answered the nation's call.

The scheduled events and local activities are part of a new national VA campaign, Women Veterans: Celebrating Our Stories of Service, which launched in late March 2015. The vision for the national VA campaign was born out of the realization that when our women Veterans from all eras and generations surrender the uniform, they retain the intangible—that combination of resolute resilience and the unbeatable skills they will incorporate into their reintegration and readjustment process. Through this campaign, CWV will be engaged in going to these women Veterans to raise the awareness of VA's commitment to them, and to facilitate the conversation around what more needs to be done in serving the unique needs of women Veterans.

The sessions for women Veterans will be held between June and September at the following locations:

St. Petersburg, FL – June 12, 2015 San Diego (Oceanside), CA – July 10, 2015 Houston, TX – August 7, 2015  
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN – September 14, 2015 Washington, DC – September 22, 2015

Women Veterans represent one of the fastest growing segments of the Veterans population—about 9.2 percent of the total Veterans population. Today there are an estimated 2 million women Veterans nationwide. VA continues to improve benefits and services for women Veterans and is diligently transforming its culture to embrace this growing population, through other collaborative initiatives with Federal/state/local governmental and non-governmental stakeholders. For more information about VA's Women Veterans Campaign and VA's commitment to women Veterans, visit [www.va.gov/womenvet](http://www.va.gov/womenvet).

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**The event will take place at  
VA Medical Center  
Washington, DC  
50 Irving Street NE  
Washington, DC 20422**

**Tuesday, September 11, 2015  
From 12:00PM to 3:00PM**



**Thank you to all of the golfers who participated in the 2015 Clinton American Legion Post 259 Golf Tournament - It was a great day and a lot of fun!**

### **Winners**

#### **First Place**

**Kevin Bobish, Gary Hurst, Frank D'Angelo, Bill Burgess**

#### **Second Place**

**Jimmy Connors, Mel Hale, Nate Boyd, Will Scales**

#### **Third Place**

**Jim Cox, James Cox, Jeremy Cox, Jimmy Simon**

#### **Closest to the line:**

**Closest to the line: Phil Welch**

#### **Closest to the pin:**

**Guy Andes and Jimmy Simon**

**We would like to thank our hole sponsors - Please support them!**

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(ATM)**

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**Special thanks to our businesses and friends who provided gifts and prizes for our tournament:**

**Charlie's Family Restaurant**

12760 Old Fort Road  
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**Ed White**

Golf bag donation

**Harley-Davidson Washington, DC**

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Toll free 888-HD-FEVER

**Thanks to our beer distributors for supporting the event:**

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**Special thanks to:**

**Al Fenstomocker**

For many prizes including tickets to a pre-season Washington Redskins football game! 😊

**We thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to help with the golf tournament:**

**Rich Barb**

**Nathalie Bullock**

**George Martin**

**Cheryl Garofalo**  
(Auxiliary Member)

**Anne Richards**

**Ann Marie Gebauer**  
(Auxiliary Member)

**Bob Striegel**

**Kristal Thomas**

**Sheri Tume**

**Tom Treichel** (Post Chaplin)

**Please send comments and suggestions for the 2016 golf tournament to Matt Garofalo at: [mjshirlgarf@aol.com](mailto:mjshirlgarf@aol.com)**