

**AMERICAN LEGION  
CLINTON POST 259**



9122 Piscataway Road  
Clinton, Maryland 20735

(301) 868-2550  
*Web Site: [post259.org](http://post259.org)*

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

**September Charles Lewis - Editor 2015**

**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the rest of their summer. Fall will soon be here, so will the beginning of a great deal of Post activities. Come out, and join us. Enjoy, and remain safe for the rest of the summer.

I was honored at the last Southern Maryland District meeting to receive, and share the County Commander of the year award. This would not have been possible without the support of Post 259 members.

Our Executive Committee voted to allow AMVETS Post 1988 to meet in the Fox Hall, every third Wednesday. Post 259 believe we should help, and assist our fellow veterans. We are grateful for the opportunity to welcome them to our Post.

Congress finally approved plans to offer new veteran ID cards to honorably discharged service members. This is an effort to easily prove their military service. Supporters called it a simple move to honor the sacrifice, and service of veterans. On July 20, President Barack Obama signed into law P.L. 114-31. It creates a new identification card (ID) for a requesting veteran, who is neither entitled to military retirement pay, nor enrolled in the health-care system.

At the August 9, 2015, Southern Maryland District meeting, Commander Trotter reported that, "Anita Trotter is the chairwomen of the District Oratorical Committee."

The National website has information on the Oratorical program. It includes videos of orations that may be intimidating to young people exploring the programs. The District Oratorical Contest will be held at our Post, February 13, 2016. Let us encourage our young men, and women to participate in the great program.

The Post is looking for volunteers to assist our Bingo Chairman Gary Gifford. This committee has worked extremely hard to keep the Post in the black. Due to their efforts, "We are now in the Black." Hopefully we will remain there. We need your help to do so. I ask you to, "Volunteer one Friday a month." This would be a great help. It would give some of the current workers a much needed break. Contact Gary Gifford at 240-298-7859, to volunteer.

Effective January 20, 2016, we are expecting the National American Legion to increase our dues by \$5.00. At the last Executive Meeting we voted to increase our Post dues to \$5.00. Post 259 dues will be \$35.00 a year, effective January 1, 2016. You can avoid the \$5.00 increase by paying your dues before January 1, 2016.

For God and Country

Haywood V. Moss

Commander

## **HELP**

American Legion Post No. 250 membership goal for the  
2015/2016 Legion Year is 1,005 (One Thousand Five)  
Members

If you as a member recruit just one (1) new member will meet  
this goal

Do you have a membership form in your wallet or purse?

Let's Recruit and make this goal – Ask a VET

## **HELP**

<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 Tournaments – September 9, 2015 – S.A.L.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Ronald Dickens	Veteran’s Day Service – Nov. 11, 2015 – Auxiliary Unit	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	George Martin	Adult Christmas Party – Dec. 19, 2015 - Legion	
Adjutant	Robert A. Wilson	Children Christmas Party – Dec 13, 2015 – Legion	
Assistant Adjutant	Vacant	Super Bowl Party – Feb 2016 - Legion	
Judge Advocate	Elbert “ED” White	St. Patrick Day Dinner – March 17, 2016 – Legion	
Service Officer	James Woodland	Memorial Day – May 23, 2016 - Legion	
Finance Officer	Richard Switzer	Flag Day – June 14, 2016 - Legion	
Assistant Finance Officer	Vacant	AL Golf Tournament – June 8, 2016 - Legion	
Historian	Charles Lewis	Crab Feast – TBA - Legion	
Chaplain	Thomas Treichel	Thanksgiving Feast – November 24, 2015 - Legion	
Sgt At Arms	John Jackson	Oratorical Contest – February 13, 2016 - Legion	
Executive Committee Murray Hall Elgin Reid Joseph Morgan		<div><b>National Executive Committee</b></div> Elbert D. White – National Executive Committeeman	
The American Legion Clinton Post 259 9122 Piscataway Road Clinton, Maryland 20735  Phone: 301-868-2550 Website: <a href="http://www.post259.org">www.post259.org</a>  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><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>
<b>President:</b> Freida Skaggs	<b>Director:</b> Larry "Doc" McBean	<b>Commander:</b> David Hutchinson
<b>Vice President:</b> Ginger Latimer	<b>Asst. Director:</b> Murray Hall	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice:</b> Dave Desmarais
<b>Secretary :</b> Brie O'Neal	<b>Secretary:</b> Michael Quander	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:</b> Kenny Hendrix
<b>Treasurer:</b> Antoinette Carr	<b>Treasurer:</b> Peggye McBean	<b>Finance Officer:</b> Gary Castleman
<b>Historian:</b> Vivian Boyd	<b>Chaplain:</b> James Burrows	<b>Sgt At Arms:</b> Wayne "Elvis" Berbig
<b>Chaplain:</b> Marilyn Thomas	<b>Web Administer:</b> Crystal Turner	<b>Adjutant:</b> Rich A. Walsh Jr.
<b>Sgt At Arm:</b> Irma Moss	<b>Safety Officer:</b> SGM Mike Eason	<b>Historian:</b> Robert "Reds" Aliff
<b>Gold Star:</b> Mickey McKitrick		<b>Chaplain:</b> Gary "GJ" Shafer
<b>Executive Committee:</b> Elizabeth White Terry Tolson Judith Woodland		<b>Advisor:</b> 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 September 2015

### Name

Jeffrey T. Koscho  
Reginald J. Nelson  
Norita E. Ross

### Service

US Air Force  
US Navy  
US Army

### War Era

Panama  
Persian Gulf  
Panama

***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.***

# SEPTEMBER 2015 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	5 <sup>th</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>  SAL Meeting Cancelled	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night Cancel  Golf Tournament Dinner	10 <sup>TH</sup> Wild Wild Western Style Social 6:00pm – 10:00pm \$5.00 per ticket	11 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	12 <sup>th</sup>
13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	19 <sup>th</sup>
20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Exec Comm Meeting 6:30PM	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	24 <sup>th</sup> Legion Riders Meeting 7:00pm	25 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	26 <sup>th</sup>
27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> Dinner at 6:30PM General Membership Meeting at 7:30PM	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle			

## **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).

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will conduct a one-day event to raise awareness and celebrate the stories of women. The event will provide an overview of services and benefits available to women Veterans. Veterans. Experts will be available to answer Veterans questions and exhibitors will share information on their many resources. **As space is limited, please register by September 8, 2015.** Please note that registration may close prior to this date in the event that there are no more seats available.

**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**



**Freida Skaggs**  
**President**  
**Unit 259**  
**Clinton, Maryland**

***SEPTEMBER 2015***

**Members,**

Well we are about to see the last of summer 2015. I have noticed that the leaves are already turning, which I have heard means that the winter will be pretty harsh. However, we were tested last winter and got through it, so if it is not any worse, we will get through it again. I hope everyone is having a great summer; unfortunately it is coming to an end far too fast and soon.

**CASINO TRIP:**

In my last newsletter I forgot to comment on the Auxiliary's very successful casino trip to Delaware Park in June. The trip turned out to be a great fund raiser for the Auxiliary and I hope it was as enjoyable to those who attended as it was for me. I would like to thank all of the Auxiliary for their time, donations and service in making our first off-site fund raiser such a major success. I would like also to thank those who supported us by traveling with us. A special thanks you to Ginger for keeping the records straight. Now the only question we have left to answer concerning the trip which has been consistently repeated by those who went with us is, "When Is The Next Trip"? Our answer is "We'll Let You Know".

**AUXILIARY AWARDS**

I am so proud to advise that the Auxiliary was presented with a 1<sup>st</sup> Place award for All Around Community Service and 3rd Place in Legislation. Thanks to all of you for your contributions that made these awards possible.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee met on Thursday, August 13, 2015 to discuss strategies for the coming year. I introduced a new welcome/orientation package that I developed to use for all members. I plan to present a copy to each member at our next meeting on September 14, 2015 at our new time of 7:00pm.

**CHARLOTTE HALL**

The Charlotte Hall carnival will be on Saturday, September 12, 2015 in Charlotte, MD. The theme this year is the military. Please contact Toni Carr if you are interested in volunteering at the Carnival at 1 – 301 – 868-7960 or for more information/details.

See you at the September 14 meeting at 7:00pm





**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
CLINTON UNIT 259**

**Post Office Box 54 – Clinton, Maryland 20735**

**Auxiliary 2016 Membership Renewal**

Even though your 2015 membership card is active until December 2015, we are starting to collect 2016 dues. National Headquarters will be mailing renewal notices in September. If you pay before receiving the notice please fill out a blue card that is available at the Post. Remember 2016 dues must be paid by January 31, 2016 or you will be delinquent and will lose all Auxiliary privileges. This is a National rule. Any questions please don't hesitate to call me.

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

**Auxiliary New Members August 2015**

**Tonia M. Hawkins Sr. Member**  
**Michaela D. Thomas Jr. Member**

**Danielle Y. Mathis-Lee Sr. Member**



# **PINOCHLE**

The jack of diamonds and the queen of spaces are the “pinochle” meld of pinochle

**Why not come out and join the pinochle players at the Post every Wednesday at 3:00pm. Bring a friend, strategy, social skills plus your counting ability. Yes 80 cards. Seventy-nine plus one.**

**Bring your Cribbage Friends**  
**Chinese Checkers**



# Sons of The American Legion Squadron 259

## Bull, Oyster & Shrimp Feast

Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>

2 PM – 6 PM

\$35.00 Per Person

First 120 tickets only

NO Door Sales



**Tickets available at the Bar**

American Legion Post 259

9122 Piscataway Road

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301-868-2550



## *Sons of the American Legion Squadron 259* *Annual Golf Tournament*

*Format: Scramble*

*Where: Marlton Golf Course*

*9413 Midland Turn – Upper Marlboro, MD*

*Wednesday: Sept. 9, 2015*

*9:00 AM Shot Gun Start*

*\$300.00 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 Sons of the American Legion Squadron 259*

*Anyone interested please contact*

*American Legion Post 259*

*9122 Piscataway Road Clinton, Maryland 20735 301-868-2550*

*Gary Castleman, Golf Chairman*

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

*Foursome:*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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



*Friends and Neighbors:*

*The Sons of the American Legion Clinton Squadron 259 will be hosting their annual golf tournament on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015 at Marlton Golf Course.*

*Once again we are asking for your help. 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. The newsletter is now on line @ [www.post259.org](http://www.post259.org)*

*The proceeds from the annual tournament will help fund the various programs of the S.A.L. Squadron 259.*

*Anyone interested please fill out the form and return it to the following:*

*Clinton American Legion Post 259  
9122 Piscataway Road  
Clinton, Maryland 20735  
Earmarked - S.A.L. Tournament*

*Any questions please feel free to call the American Legion Post 259 @ 301-868-2550 or S.A.L. Golf Chairman Gary Castleman @ 240-678-8844*

*We will also accept items to give out as door prizes.*

*Foursomes are welcome at an additional cost of \$300.00 per foursome.*

*Thank you,*

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

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

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

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

*Please make check payable to the American Legion Post 259 – earmarked : S.A.L. Tournament*



**American Legion Post 259**

***PRESENTS***

***THE "WILD WILD WESTERN" STYLE SOCIAL***

**When:** Thursday, September 10, 2015  
6:00pm-10:00pm

**Where:** 9122 Piscataway Road Clinton, MD 20537

**Admission: \$5.00**

**Music by DJ Gary** 

***PUT ON YOUR BAD BOOTS***



***WEAR YOUR MEAN JEANS***



***AND GET YOUR GROOVE ON!!!!!!!!!!!!***

***SEE Y'ALL THERE***

**For More Information Contact:**  
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