

**AMERICAN LEGION
CLINTON POST 259**



9122 Piscataway Road
Clinton, Maryland 20735

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

December Charles Lewis - Editor 2015

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 19, 2015. As always, everyone who attended last year had a fantastic time. Submit your application for the party at 259 Post Home no later than December 10, 2015. Hope to see, and greet you there.

On November 14, 2015, Post 259 presented over 26 luggage bags to Scout Collin Brown's Eagle Service Project. Collin Brown volunteered with Prince George's County Social Services to collect new carry-on suitcases for foster children. This was an excellent project. Foster care parents have found children at their doorstep with their belongings in garbage bags. Thanks to Diane Miller, Liz White, Brie O'Neal, Cynthia Henderson, SAL, Legion Ryders, Auxiliary, and others who donated, and participated to make this project a success!

NEC, Ed. White, chairman of the 65th Anniversary Gala, is asking the membership for any pictures, or information pertaining to Post 259 history. This affair is going to be a grand gala.

Congratulation to the Early Bird winners. "It pays to renew your membership early." The lucky Legionnaires will have their 2017 dues paid for them.

My sincere thanks to the volunteer Bingo workers of Clinton Post 259. Because of you, the Post was able to meet our goal of helping veterans, and their programs. The chairman of the Bingo Committee, Gary Gifford, would like to sign more workers to the committee. If you can work Bingo one Friday each month, please contact Gary.

Greetings from my wife, and I. May you receive Christmas Blessings, and enjoy the holiday season.

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Haywood V. Moss

Commander

HELP

American Legion Post No. 259 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



MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL INCREASE ON JANUARY 1, 2016

We have been notified by National that there will be a \$5.00 increase in dues effective January 1, 2016. Please renew your dues now to avoid the increase for 2016. Go to <http://www.legion.org/renew> to renew online, bring your dues to the Post or mail them to 922 Piscataway Road; Clinton, MD 20735

Post Officers 2015 – 2016		Upcoming Events	
		Event	Leader
Commander	Haywood V. Moss	Installation - June 2016 - Outgoing Commander	
1 st Vice Commander	Gary W. Gifford	S.A.L. 259 Golf Tournaments – September 2016 – S.A.L.	
2 nd Vice Commander	Vacant	Veteran’s Day Service – Nov. 11, 2016 – Auxiliary Unit	
3 rd 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	Donna Coleman	AL Golf Tournament – June 8, 2016 - Legion	
Historian	Charles Lewis	Crab Feast – TBA - Legion	
Chaplain	Thomas Treichel	Thanksgiving Feast – November 2015 - Legion	
Assistant Chaplain	Charles Williams	Oratorical Contest – February 13, 2016 - Legion	
Sgt At Arms	John Jackson		
Executive Committee Murray Hall Elgin Reid Joseph Morgan		National Executive Committee Elbert D. White – National Executive Committeeman Department of Maryland Treasurer Gary W. Gifford	
The American Legion Clinton Post 259 9122 Piscataway Road Clinton, Maryland 20735 Phone: 301-868-2550 Website: www.post259.org 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 Clewis4544@aol.com		<p>We need your assistance, let us know of any our members who are sick or in the hospital</p> <p>Please call (301) 868-2550</p> <p>If you have moved, please contact the Post with your new address</p>	

		
Auxiliary Officers	Legion Rider Officers	S.A.L. Officers
President: Freida Skaggs	Director: Larry "Doc" McBean	Commander: David Hutchinson
Vice President: Ginger Latimer	Asst. Director: Murray Hall	1 st Vice: Dave Desmarais
Secretary :Brie O'Neal	Secretary: Michael Quander	2 nd 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

You are not alone

Membership Renewal

All Legion members may renew their membership on-line through 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](http://myLegionPost.com) 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 15th of each new membership year. Just go to www.legion.org/renew click “Renew Now” and follow the directions.



New Members December 2015

Name	Service	War Era
Freddie L. James	U.S. Air Force	Lebanon/Grenada
Wonzie L. Gardner	U.S. Air Force	Lebanon/Grenada
Travor P. Benjamin	U. S. Navy	Panama
William H. Mack	U. S. Army	WW II
Pedro Saenz	U.S. Air Force	Vietnam
Tyler Ketelhut	U.S. Air Force	Persian Gulf
Harris Y. Gomez	U.S. Air Force	Persian Gulf
Gary R. Silva	U.S. Air Force	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.***

DECEMBER 2015 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 st	2 nd Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	3 rd	4 th Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	5 th
6 th	7 th SAL Meeting 7:00PM 	8 th	9 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	10 th	11 th Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	12 th
13 th	14 th Auxiliary Meeting Is cancel for December 2015	15 th	16 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	17 th	18 th Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	19 th General Membership Meeting Prior To Adult Christmas Party
20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	24 th Legion Riders Meeting 7:00pm	25 th 	26 th
27 th	28 th No General Membership Meeting	29 th	30 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	31 st		

SPECIAL DATES

December 7, 2015
December 25, 2015
January 1, 2016

Pearl Harbor Day
Christmas
New Year's Day



Freida Skaggs

President

Unit 259

Clinton, Maryland

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Hello Members

I hope everyone has a good Thanksgiving spending time with family and friends.

I would like to thank all of the Auxiliary members who participated in making this year's Veterans Day program a great success. If you did not attend, you missed hearing our guest speaker, Senator Douglas J. J. Peters – District 23, Maryland, who gave a very informational speech to the veterans concerning his sponsored bills improving veteran's benefits.

While attending the DEC meeting in Lusby on November 22, I picked up ten (10) of the Department of Maryland Drawdown tickets for the event being held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at Steadman-Keenan Post 96 in Brunswick, MD. The tickets are \$10.00 each so please see me if you would like to purchase a ticket. Top prize is \$2500.00 and you need not be present to win.

The Charlotte Hall gift wrap will be Saturday, December 13 and the Ice CREAM Social will be held on Saturday December 19. Please support the programs by coming out to too volunteer. Please contact Toni Carr for additional information at (301) 868-7960.

Remember we will not have a meeting in December but will convene again on January 11, 2015 at 7:00pm.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Years.

Yours in Service

Freida Skaggs
President

2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 13, 2015; 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, 2015.

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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First & Last Name of Child: _____ Sex: ____ AGE: ____
Membership Card Number MD 259: _____

Phone Number: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

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2015 ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 19, 2015 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, 2015.

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

Welcome Auxiliary New Members

Angela Henson

Theresa Price

Gail Lanier

Lula Thornton



POST 259 SHOTGUN RAFFLE

Question One: Did you receive your shotgun raffle tickets?

Question Two: Have you returned the stubs along with payment?

Question Three? Have you paid your 2016 dues?

Question Four? Do you plan to attend or support the Post Children's Christmas Party?

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 19, 2015



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 259

The Sons of the American Legion hosted their annual Bull, Oyster & Shrimp feast on November 7th and it was a huge success. I would like to thank everyone that came out to show their support. I would like to say thank you to everyone that helped.

David Hutchinson, Eddie Rice, Kenny Hendrix, Catherine Hendrix, Dawn Gheen, Robert "Reds" Aliff, Rich Walsh, Dave Demarias, Wayne Berbig, Gary "GJ" Shafer, George Bucklew, Eunice Hendrix, Frank Hendrix, Roy Ridgeway, Dave Lobas, Darin Aley, Brenden Aley, Anne Richards, Diane Miller & Dave Hutchinson.

Do not forget that we have a cooler of cheer raffle going on now. Drawing will be on St. Patrick's Day.

I apologize in advance if I forgot anyone.

Gary Castleman

2016 Southern Maryland District Oyster Bowl

Will take place on February 27, 2016 at Jameson-Harrison American Legion Post 238 located at 6265 Brandywine Road, Hughesville, MD 20637 from 5:00 – until

Ticket Price is \$30.00 – Contact the Post at 301 274-3522

Ticket cutoff is February 19, 2015

Menu



Raw, Steamed and Fries Oysters

Oyster Stew

Roast Beef, Parsley Potatoes

Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Dessert

Draft Beer Included

Cocktails and Wine Available

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
UNIT 259**



**NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO HOST
A KITCHEN SHOWER
FOR FISHER HOUSE at JOINT BASE ANDREWS
COLLECTION PERIOD OCTOBER 19 through FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

We Need the Following Items

*Plastic Storage Containers
Plastic Sandwich Bags
Plastic Wrap*

*Plastic Plates, Cups, & Utensils
Paper Products
Dishwashing Liquid
Dish Cloths
Dish Towels*

*Aluminum Foil
Aluminum Pans
Small Appliances*



**LIZ WHITE - CHAIRMAN
(301) 868-1612**





**The American Legion Department of Maryland
Proudly Presents the
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET
Saturday March 19th, 2016**



National Commander Dale Barnett

**Hosted by Kent Island American Legion Post 278
800 Romancoke Road
Stevensville, Maryland 21666
(410) 643-2728
Kialpost278@verizon.net**

**Reservations are required. Tickets must be purchased or reserved by March 1, 2016
Ticket Price: \$35.00 per person
Checks should be made payable to KIAL POST 278
Event tickets will be mailed out within 7 days of receipt of payment**

**Accommodations – Kent Narrows Holiday Inn Express
1020 Kent Narrow Road
Grasonville, Maryland 21638
(410) 827-4454
Rate: \$115.00 plus taxes
Discount Code: AML
Cutoff Date: February 20th, 2016
Free shuttle from Hotel to Legion
Starting at 5 PM thru 11 PM on
March 19th.**

**Menu
(contact the legion for special dietary
needs or vegetarian needs)
Appetizers
Sweet and Sour Meatballs
Spinach and artichoke Dip
Fruit & Cheese
Salad
Chicken Chesapeake
Green Beans – Roasted Potatoes
Dessert**



2017 Early Bird Winners

Congratulations to the following names Legionnaires for being selected as winners.

Travis Daniels	Paul Gavel	Roy Gilliam	James Goodbee
Thomas O'Connell	William Porter	Vincent Scola	Charles Smith
Fredrick Tsinnie	Phillip Wallace		

Veteran Designation for Driver's License & Identification Card

Have you ever asked for a veteran discount and you failed to bring a copy of your DD Form 214 with you to prove that you served?

Case in point – Lowes offer a 10% discount to veterans

How It Works

MVA offers a VETERAN designation printed on the driver's license or identification card for qualifying veterans. The designation will be place a "W" code on the front of the license or ID with the word veteran on the back indicating that you are a United States Veteran. You can add the "W" designation when are processed for a license or ID card renewal, correction or new product.*

Eligibility

To be eligible for the veteran designation, an individual must present documentation to verify that he / she served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, other than for training, and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

For this purpose, a veteran is someone who served in the:

U.S. Army – Navy – Air Force – Coast Guard – Marine Corp – National Guard

Verification of Veteran and Discharge Status

Veterans must visit a MVA branch office and present their DD-214 Military Discharge Certificate or Honorable Discharge Certificate or Letter from the U.S. Military Center in St. Louis, Missouri or Letter from the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) Service Office to obtain documentation verifying your status as a veteran. You may call 1-800-446-4926 or visit the MDVA website at: veterans.maryland.gov for information and assistance.

*The veteran designation is free-of-charge when applying for an original/renewal driver license or when making a change to a license. Veterans who are only adding a designation must pay the required fee for a duplicate license or ID.