

**AMERICAN LEGION
CLINTON POST 259**



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

January Charles Lewis - Editor 2016

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Thanks to everyone who supported the Prince George's County Council raffle. A member of our Post won the two Redskin/ Dallas football tickets. Congratulation to Tony Miller.

This year will prove to be a busy one. We have a full agenda. In 2016 we will celebrate our 65th Anniversary. A committee is planning renovations to the Post Home. With your help this year will be full of exciting new events. Join some of the aforementioned committees to be a part of this endeavor.

Congratulation to Mrs. Liz White for the excellent Children's Party. As always the children had fun. There were presents for all. Mrs. White work extremely hard every year to make this event successful.

Post 259 Adult Christmas Party was a total success. There was large participation. Everyone stated they had a fantastic time. Thanks to the house manager Diane Miller, along with Anne Richards, Gary Castleman, and Eugene Murry for preparing an outstanding meal. Thanks to Mathew Gorofalo friends for an enjoyable evening of music. The music provided by the band was enjoyed by everyone. We were thrilled to see Past Commander, Jerald Thompson and is wife Verna. He seems to be recovering from his illness. The event is one of our annual affairs, and should be on your agenda for next year.

Comrades, let us give some thought to the great heritage that has been bequeathed to us by our Founding Legionnaires. Let's resolve, that as we journey down the pathway of a new year, "We will rededicate ourselves to the task of reflecting the beauty of our great organization." The purpose of our goals is making the world a better place for our veterans, and their families.

May God bless you and your families in this coming year!

In Service of God and Country

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 INCREASED ON JANUARY 1, 2016 to \$35.00

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

2015 Adult Christmas Party



Past Commander Jerald H. Thompson and Mrs. Verna Thompson enjoying the 2015 Christmas Party

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. 2016 - Legion	
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 – 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 2016 - 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		We need your assistance, let us know of any our members who are sick or in the hospital Please call (301) 868-2550 If you have moved, please contact the Post with your new address	

		
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 \$35.00

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
Jose D. Hunter	U.S. Air Force	Panama
David Jernigan	U.S. Air Force	Vietnam
Sherman R. Hardy	U.S. Air Force	Persian Gulf



. The winner of the 2015 Drawing for the Shotgun was PUFL Calvin J. McMillian. Mr. McMillian chose to take the money instead of the shotgun. We wish to thank all of those who participated in the raffle and support for our Children’s Christmas Party.

JANUARY 2016 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 th No Bingo 	2 nd
3 rd	4 th SAL Meeting 7:00PM	5 th	6 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	7 th	8 th Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	9 th
10 th	11 th Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	12 th	13 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	14 th	15 th Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	16 th
17 th	18 th Martin Luther King Day 	19 th	20 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	21 st	22 nd Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	23 rd
24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	28 th Legion Riders Meeting 7:00pm	29 th Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	30 th
31 th						

SPECIAL DATES

January 1, 2016
January 18, 2015

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Day



Freida Skaggs

President

Unit 259

Clinton, Maryland

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Hello Members

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday enjoying time with family and friends.

Our next meeting will be held on January 11, 2016 at 7:00pm.

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Yours in Service

Freida Skaggs

President

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**



**It's Time To Start Preparing for the Super Bowl
Party – Drawings – Food – Fellowship
January 3, 2016 All Super Bowl Pools Must Be Paid**

Super Bowl Drawing

January 16, 2016

Post Open as 11:00AM or 1100 hours

You Must Have A Block To Enjoy the Fellowship

**Special Super Bowl Packages are available at
\$50.00**