

AMERICAN LEGION
CLINTON POST 259



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

October Charles Lewis - Editor 2016

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

THUNDERCLAP FOR VETERANS: Our new American Legion National Commander has the highest priority for our future:” **MEMBERSHIP.**” Our Post faces membership challenges.

I ask that you to “Take a pledge to encourage all our members in the post to join me, and Gary Gifford in recruiting one new member.”

What's Thunderclap? Thunderclap is a tool that allows thousands of people to share the same message, at exactly the same time. Become a part of the National Commander's **Thunderclap.** “One Veteran can make a difference, but a “Legion’ working together is a force to be reckoned with.”

Auxiliary President, Brie O’Neal established a POW-MIA memorial in the post canteen. She as always, did an excellent job. The memorial was long overdue. We extend our thanks, and gratitude to the Auxiliary President.” We can look forward to great things this year, from President O’Neal.”

FLU SHOT CLINIC: Our Service Officer, James Woodland has been working on a project which will allow Flu Shots to be given at our post. The program is sponsored by Walgreen Drug Stores. The following information is how you, your neighbors, and other people who qualify can obtain their shots. The shots will be given on October 14, 2016. Time: Friday, 11:am – 4:00pm. Location: American Legion Post 259. (SEE THE FLYER IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.)

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND: NEF has provided nearly 9 million in grants to post, and Legion Family members recovering from the aftermath of natural disaster, such as a tornado, hurricane or flood. The fund provides up to \$10,000 for post and \$3,000 for qualified Legion Family members, to help with out of pocket expenses, such as temporary housing, food

and clothing. Donations are always needed, and one hundred percent of donated funds go to the grants.

TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: The TFA program benefits hundreds of families with minor children in financial distress. They receive emergency funds for shelter, utilities food, clothing and medical expenses. The National Commander would like to raise one million dollars to support this important program. Contributions may be mailed to Commander's Charity Fund, American Legion Charities, 5745 Lee Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46216

REMEMBER TO VOTE. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

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Commander : Haywood Moss

Adjutant : Robert Wilson

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**FLU SHOT CLINIC
October 14, 2016
Time: Friday, 11: am – 4:00pm**

Note: PLEASE READ FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Walgreens Pharmacy has partnered with the American Legion to provide free Flu shots to veterans with VA health benefits. We are also able to provide free flu shots to members with other plans including but not limited to, Medicare, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Cigna, Federal, most Medicare plans, etc. Unfortunately, we are not contracted to accept TRICARE or family Members with VA benefits at this time.

Note: These rules are set by the Walgreen Pharmacy Corporation

There are sign-up sheets in and around the post

Post Officers 2015 - 2016		Upcoming Events Event
Commander	Haywood V. Moss	Super Bowl Party – Feb 2017 - Legion
1 st Vice Commander	Gary W. Gifford	Oratorical Contest – Feb 2017 - Legion
2 nd Vice Commander	Matthew Garofalo	St. Patrick Day Dinner – March 17, 2017
3 rd Vice Commander	George Martin	Palm Sunday Brunch – March 2017
Adjutant	Robert A. Wilson	Memorial Day – May 29, 2017 - Legion
Asst. Adjutant	Vacant	Election of Post Officers – May 22, 2017
Judge Advocate	Elbert “Ed” White	AL Golf Tournament – June 2017 - Legion
Service Officer	James Woodland	Flag Day – June 14, 2017 - Legion
Finance Officer	Richard Switzer	S.A.L. Golf Tournament – September 2017 – S.A.L.
Asst. Finance Officer	Donna Coleman	Veteran’s Day Service – Nov. 11, 2016 - Auxiliary
Historian	Charles Lewis	Thanksgiving Feast – November 2016 - Legion
Chaplain	Thomas Treichel	Children Christmas Party – Dec. 2016 - Legion
Asst. Chaplain	Charles Jackson	Adult Christmas Party – Dec. 2016 - Legion
Sgt At Arm	John Jackson	
Executive Committee		DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND TRESURER
		Gary W. Gifford – Department of MD Treasurer
Richard J. Barb		
Murray Hall		
Joseph Morgan		
<p>The American Legion Clinton Post 259 9122 Piscataway Road Clinton, Maryland 20735 Phone: 301-868-2550 Website: www.post259.org</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</p> <p>Or forward to Clewis4544@aol.com</p>		<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: Brie O'Neal	Director: Larry "Doc" McBean	Commander: Gary Castleman
Vice President: Ginger Latimer	Asst. Director: Murray Hall	1 st Vice: Dave Desmarais
Secretary :	Secretary: Michael Quander	2 nd Vice: Kenny Hendrix
Treasurer: Peggye McBean	Treasurer: Peggye McBean	Finance Officer: David Hutchinson
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: Michelle Davis Terry Tolson Judith Woodland		Advisor: Jim Cox George Bucklew

Have You Paid Your 2017 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: jwood@comcast.net

OCTOBER 2016 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 st
2 nd	3 rd SAL Meeting 7:00PM	4 th	5 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	6 th	7 th Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	8 th
9 th	10 th Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm	11 th	12 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	13 th	14 th Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	15 th
16 th	17 th Exec Comm Meeting 6:30pm	18 th	19 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	20 th	21 st Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	22 nd
23 rd	24 th Dinner 6:30pm General Membership Meeting at 7:30pm	25 th	26 th Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM Pinochle	27 th Legion Riders Meeting 7:00pm	28 th Bingo Early Bird – 7:15PM	29 th
30 th	31 st 					



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 259

Bull, Oyster & Shrimp Feast

Saturday November 5th

2 PM – 6 PM

\$35.00 Per Person

First 140 tickets only

NO Door Sales



2016 CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Children Christmas Party will be held on December 11, 2016 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 not later than November 25, 2016.

NOTE: When filling out the 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: ____

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First & Last Name of Child: _____ Sex: ____ Age: ____

First & Last Name of Child: _____ Sex: ____ Age: ____

Membership Card Number MD 259: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

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2016 ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Adult Christmas Party will be held on December 17, 2016 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, 2016.

As usual, seating arrangements will be assigned according to the first 175 names 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 ____ Guest ____

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



New Members September 2016

Name	Service	War Era
Lewis A. Braithwaite	U.S. Navy	Persian Gulf
Michael T. Gonzalez	U.S. Navy	Vietnam
Reginal Ray	U.S. Army	Lebanon/Grenada
Frank W. Wilkes	U.S. Air Force	Vietnam
Diedra C. Ware-Padgett	U. S. Navy	Lebanon/Grenada



WELCOME TO BINGO AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 259

Come Join Us on Friday at 7:15pm

Bring your family, friend and neighbors for an evening of Bingo fun, sandwiches and comradery.

ATM Available

Do You Have Old Glasses at Home?



Why not help the Clinton American Legion Post 259 and the Silver Hill Lions Club help improve the vision of an individual within our community?

Bring those old glasses to the Post and let's improve the vision of someone within our community. Thanks – See You Later.



Post 259 Legionnaires can you lend a hand and support the Post Bingo Program held every Friday?

Some of the tasks performed are:

Pay-out Person – Pay out winning

Floor Person – Verification of winning bingo card(s)

Pull Tab Person – Sell pull tabs

Cashier – Collect funds for sale of bingo cards

Table person – assist the cashier

Bar person – sells foods and other snacks

Kitchen person – prepare foods

Kitchen setup person – Works on Thursday prepping for Friday

Why not stop by on any Friday and see what's you can do to help the Post



***AMERICAN LEGION POST 259 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING
DINNER***

MENU IS TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING FARE

**TURKEY
HAM
SIDE DISHES
DESSERTS
AND MUCH MORE**

**PLEASE PAY IN ADVANCE NLT NOVEMBER 14, 2016
THE SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE CANTEEN**

**COST FOR DINNER IS:
\$12.00 PERSON
\$5.00 FOR CHILDREN 10 YEARS AND UNDER
FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5**

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

Please call (301) 868-2550 for additional information



Sons of The American Legion Squadron 259

The annual golf tournament was held on Sept. 14th and it turned out to be a huge success again this year. Thanks to all our members and officers that helped put the tournament together.

This tournament could not have been successful without the help of all the workers on the course, workers in the kitchen, the players and our sponsor's.

I would like to thank the following people for working the golf tournament:

Charles Lewis – Eugene Murray – Frank Hendrix – Richard Howard – Moe Moroney – Jerry Cones – Richard Coppage – Lee White – Wayne Berbig – Rich Walsh – Gary "GJ" Shafer – Robert "Reds" Aliff – Jimmy Gilmartin – Kenny Hendrix – Sara Bucklew – Stacy Whelan – Dawn Gheen – Dominique Wingfield – Freida Skaggs – Toni Carr – Ginger Latimer, Terry Tolson – Barbara Reed – Brie O'Neal – Jimmy Blume – Anne Richards – Dave Desmarais – Diane Miller – Steven Miller

We would like to thank our sponsor's:

VFW 9376 * VFW 9376 Men's Auxiliary * Marlboro Moose Lodge 1856 * Hideaway Bar * Dr. Cox and Dr. Greenstein D.D.S. * Bayview Title Company * Tri State Sports Club * Brennan Title Company * Electronic Security Services Inc. * Hovermale's Tastes Best * PG Community College * D G & E HAVC * Past Presidents Unit 259 * Webster University * Central Michigan University Global Campus * Texas Ribs & BBQ * Mama Stella's * B K Millers * American Legion Post 259 * Auxiliary Unit 259 * Senator T.V. "Mike" Miller * Accokeek Seafood Restaurant * Salon Couture Full Service Salon * American Legion Riders Post 259 * Curb Appeal Total Service LLC * Charlie's Family Restaurant * Jim Panor * Old Dog * United Security & Communications Inc. * Food Sanitation Certification * G. S. Proctor & Associates * Electrical Automation Services Inc. * Cosmos Air Purification * E.C. Ernst Inc. * Strachan Insurance Co. * American legion Post 238

We would also like to thank everyone that donated door prizes for the tournament:

Al Fenstomocher – Bozick Distributors (Reita Ward) – Buck Distributing (Tim Wilson) – Central Michigan University Global Campus – Charlie's Family Restaurant – Maryland Lottery (Sara Proctor) – Mama Stella's – Paul Poteat – Anne Richards – US Army – Fort Washington Harley Davidson

I apologize in advance if I missed anyone.

Gary Castleman

2016 – 2017 S.A.L. Commander



You can vote at your convenience!!



**Early Voting: October 27, 2016 through November 3, 2016
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Voting is convenient, accessible and on your schedule.

Baden Community Center

13601 Baden-Westwood Road, Brandywine, MD 20613

Bowie Gymnasium (NEW)

4100 Northview Drive, Bowie, MD 20716

College Park Community Center

5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park, MD 20740

Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center

7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD 20707

Suitland Community Park School Center

5600 Regency Lane, Forestville, MD 20747

**Southern Regional Technology and
Recreation Complex**

7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Upper Marlboro Community Center

5400 Marlboro Race Track Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Center

8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785

Early Voting locations are subject to change

Important Deadlines:

Voter Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 - 9:00 p.m.

***Absentee Ballot Application Deadline: Tuesday, November 1, 2016
8:00 p.m. (mail) or 11:59 p.m. (fax/email)***

**For more information, contact the Prince George's County
Board of Elections at (301) 341-7300**



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Brie O'Neal, President ALA Unit 259

National Security Representative, ALA Southern Maryland District

ALA Unit 259 Clinton, MD

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Importance of POW/MIA Issue is Missing In Action

On Thursday, September 15, President Barack Obama signed the Presidential Proclamation concerning the National POW/MIA Recognition Day observance on Friday, September 16, 2016. There was no highlighted media attention, no broadcasted public ceremonies, no interviews with courageous former POWs, no mention at all on local and national networks – zip, zilch, nada. Should we be surprised? Probably not. We live in a society more impressed with the cesspool of reality TV and the personalities it breeds than our heroic servicemembers held captive and subjected to unspeakable pain and torture. No one wants to hear their stories according to the TV networks. We'd rather be bombarded with the drivel of who is marrying or divorcing who in Hollywood if you believe the talking heads. Maybe they're right. As I drove back from Williamsburg, VA on September 16 I took note of which buildings were flying the POW/MIA flag and those that weren't from Bowling Green, VA to Montgomery County, MD. I was surprised and saddened by what I saw. Not one U.S. Post Office in those areas was flying the flag and not one county building in PG County that I passed. The Executive County Office building in Montgomery County displayed the flag above the eternal flame designed to pay tribute to former POWs and those servicemembers Missing in Action.

There are those in the veteran and defense communities that believe it is possible that a few POWs from previous wars still exist. Whatever the case, we owe these extraordinary Americans and their families a debt of gratitude we can never repay. Is it too much to ask that a journalist, anchor, or reporter do a human interest story on this issue to re-educate the public and create more awareness? I'm proud to say that every American Legion Post I rode by on 9/16 flew both the American flag and the POW/MIA flag, but there were too many municipal buildings that had no trace of it. What is astonishing about Prince George's and Montgomery Counties is they are both led by county executives and veterans that know all too well the importance of the POW/MIA issue and the symbolism of the black and white flag depicting the soldier in front of the barb wire and enemy watch tower. I expected more from them on this issue. Surprisingly, the flag was displayed prominently in Charles County – above county government buildings including police departments. They set a fine example for other counties to follow. The families of existing POWs, former POWs, and the Missing in Action deserve better and it's up to those of us within the veteran service community to make sure that the importance of the POW/ MIA issue does not succumb to irrelevance and disinterest. There are tens of

thousands of U.S. family members waiting for answers while they desperately hold on to memories of loved ones that left home to serve our nation. For them there is no such thing as closure, there are only questions and hopefully along with that the continued support of grateful Americans. For them the words, *"Never Forget"* have real meaning. **Special Acknowledgment** Commander Moss authorized Unit 259 to acknowledge the 15-year commemoration of 9/11 as well as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The Unit displayed a banner depicting the World Trade Center and the American Flag in front of the Post on September 11. For National POW/Recognition Day, we arranged and set up the POW/MIA remembrance table with signage of the American Flag, POW/MIA flag and a message of thanks to veterans on the wall in the canteen. A special thank you to Gary "Slimmy" Castleman and Gene Murray for assistance with the 9/11 banner and Helen Smith for her assistance with the POW/ MIA display. Originally the POW/MIA display was to stay up only for National POW/MIA Recognition Day and the following weekend, however Commander Moss requested that it remain on display. Needless to say we were honored to comply with that request. **Unit 259 Volunteer Appreciation** - We cannot be successful in the execution of our ALA programs without the support and sacrifice of

our members: **Joint Base Anacostia/Bolling Family Day-Volunteers** Angela Henson, Vivian Boyd, and Theresa Price; **9/11 Stair Climb – Volunteers** Freida Skaggs, Ginger Latimer, Barbara Reed, Marilyn Thomas, Helen Smith, Pam Streeter, Carol Gray and Vivian Boyd who made our participation possible. **SAL Golf Tournament – Volunteers** Ginger Latimer, Toni Carr, Terry Tolson, Freida Skaggs, Barbara Reid. I want to express sincere gratitude to SAL Squadron Commander Gary "Slimmy" Castleman for the opportunity to serve and the generous amount we received in tips from tournament participants. I also thank the SAL members that looked out for us during the golf tournament. We enjoyed working with you. **Wedding Reception Rental – Volunteers** Ginger Latimer, Marilyn Thomas, Maria Miller, Helen Smith, and Post 259 Business Manager, Diane Miller for the opportunity be a part of and benefit from the occasion. To Unit members buying/selling tickets to our Fall Dance and Casino Bus Trip -**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**



Reminder: - Dues are now \$25.00.
Please pay them as soon as you can. Thank you!

Brie

Yours in Faith and Freedom... for God
and Country,



~Important Dates and Deadlines~

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Saturday, October 1 Wedding Reception Rental at Post 259 1-7pm

Wednesday, October 5 Money and Unused Tickets for Fall Dance Due

Thursday, October 13 Unit 259 Fall Dance 6-10pm

Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16 ALA Department of MD Fall Conference

Saturday, October 29, Unit 259 Casino Bus Trip Delaware Park

