

THE CLINTON POST 259 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Greetings Post 259 American Legion Family

September was a good month for membership renewals and new members that continue to join our American Legion post. Our 2020 year membership goal is 876 members. We have surpassed the 500member goal as of September. As 1st Vice Commander Willie Evans has said on numerous occasions, "If each current member renews their dues we will meet and exceed our 2020year membership goal." Once we reach our goal, we should continue to grow our membership. Last year our membership was over 950 members. We had over 100 members that did not renew their membership this past year. Our goal is to meet and exceed our membership goal by December 31, 2019. If you have not renewed your membership, please do so.

Each year The American Legion sponsors an Oratorical Contest. The contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. The program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Clinton Post 259 has hosted the Southern Maryland District Oratorical contest each year. In the past three years, Prince George's County has not had a participant in the contest. Post 259 Assistant Adjutant, Glenda Sturdivant has volunteered to be our post contact for recruiting students in the surrounding Clinton school area to participate in this contest. If you would like to assist her in this process, you can email her at glendabrown403@gmail.com . You can go to the site Oratorical@legion.org for information on contest rules.

Our post will host the TRICARE seminar again this year. It is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15 from 12-2 pm. A representative from DPHS will be at the post to discuss changes to TRICARE. Don't miss this opportunity to have your questions answered.

Our post Bingo program is doing good with player attendance. I would like to thank the new volunteers that have joined the Bingo team and we can use additional help.

The next general membership meeting is October 28th with dinner at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm.

Yours in service,

For God and Country

Murray S. Hall

Commander AL Post 259

POST OFFICERS

| | |
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| Commander | Murray S. Hall |
| 1 st Vice Commander | Willie Evans |
| 2 nd Vice Commander | Raymond Butts |
| 3 rd Vice Commander | George Martin |
| Adjutant | Robert A Wilson |
| Asst. Adjutant | Glenda Sturdivant |
| Judge Advocate | Elbert "Ed" White |
| Service Officer | James Woodland |
| Finance Officer | Lamont Gibson |
| Asst. Finance Officer | Vacant |
| Historian | ShaWanda Brown |
| Chaplain | James Burrows |
| Asst. Chaplain | Vacant |
| Sgt At Arm | John Jackson |
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Auxiliary Officers

Legion Rider Officers

S.A.L. Officers

President: Maria Miller

Director: Darryl Fielder

Commander: David Hutchinson

Vice President: Freida Skaggs

Asst. Director: Murray Hall

1st Vice: Vacant

Secretary: Brie O'Neal

Treasurer: Vacant

2nd Vice: Kenny Hendrix

Treasurer: Brie O'Neal

Chaplain: James Burrows

Finance Officer: Dave Desmarais

Historian: Chauncia Jones

Sgt At Arms: Michael Thomas

Chaplain: Marilyn Thomas

Adjutant: Rich A. Walsh Jr.

Sgt At Arm: Cheryl Batie

Historian: Vacant

Executive Advisory Board
Donna Queen
Pam Streeter
Judith Woodland

Chaplain: Gary "GJ" Shafer
Advisor: Eugene Murray

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Veterans Day Service – Nov. 11, 2019 – Auxiliary |
| Children’s Christmas Party – December 2019 – Legion |
| Adult Christmas Party/Shotgun Raffle Drawing – December 2019 - Legion |
| Department Christmas Party – December 15, 2019 – Post 223 |
| Super Bowl Party – February 2020 – Legion |
| Oratorical Contest – February 16, 2020 – Legion |
| Southern Maryland District Oyster Bowl – February 2020 – Legion |
| American Legion Birthday – March 15, 2020 |
| Palm Sunday Brunch – April 14, 2019 – Auxiliary |
| Memorial Day/Voting of Post 259 Officers 2020 – Legion |
| Flag Day – June 14, 2020 – Legion |
| AL Golf Tournament – June 2020 – Legion |
| Installation of Post 259 Officers – June 2020 – Legion |
| Ocean City Conference – July 2020 |
| Gary A. Castleman Golf Tournament – September 2020 |

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR



VENDORS
(FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY & COMMUNITY)
PROVIDING *FREE* RESOURCES

**CONNECTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO SERVICES AND
STRENGTHENING VETERAN SUPPORT WITHIN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

19 SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2019

10 AM
2 PM



OXON HILL BRANCH LIBRARY
6200 OXON HILL ROAD, OXON HILL, MD

WHO? VETERANS, MILITARY MEMBERS, FAMILIES, CAREGIVERS,
VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDERS.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks will provide welcoming remarks



Sons of The American Legion
Clinton Squadron 259
Bull, Oyster & Shrimp Feast

9122 Piscataway Rd.

Clinton, MD 20735

301-868-2550

Saturday November 2, 2019

2 PM – 6 PM

“Tickets for sale October 2nd”

\$40.00 Per Person

First 150 tickets only

NO DOOR SALES

THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY!!!



Messages from 1st Vice Commander Willie Evans

Membership:

What's in your Wallet! **Go For The GOAL** and help your Post reach 100% of its membership goal by renewing your membership by 12/1/19! Don't put it off, renew now!

Welcome to the following New Members:

Joe E. Alston - Navy
J.S. Dixon - Army
Michael A. Griffin - Navy
William A. Farmer, Jr. - Army
William Jenkins - Army
Miguel Maldonado - Army
Stanley A. Mitchell - Navy
Renee Mosley - Army

Legion updates Auxiliary eligibility criteria from 'wives' to 'spouses'

By [Henry Howard](#)

AUG 31, 2019

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During The American Legion's 101st National Convention, delegates approved changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to replace the word "wife" with "spouse," related to the membership criteria for the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA).

The American Legion, which was chartered by Congress, created the ALA. For that reason, the ALA operates as a separate corporation and does not need congressional approval for an eligibility change. The American Legion's bylaws have always set the eligibility requirements of the ALA.

"We are happy to welcome eligible male spouses of veterans and servicemembers to the American Legion Family," ALA National President Nicole Clapp said. "This is consistent with our longstanding legacy of embracing military families and supporting them any way we can."

The ALA expects to begin taking applications for new potential members Sept. 1.

The change to Article XIII now reads as such:

The American Legion recognizes an auxiliary organization, known as The American Legion Auxiliary.

Membership in The American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the:

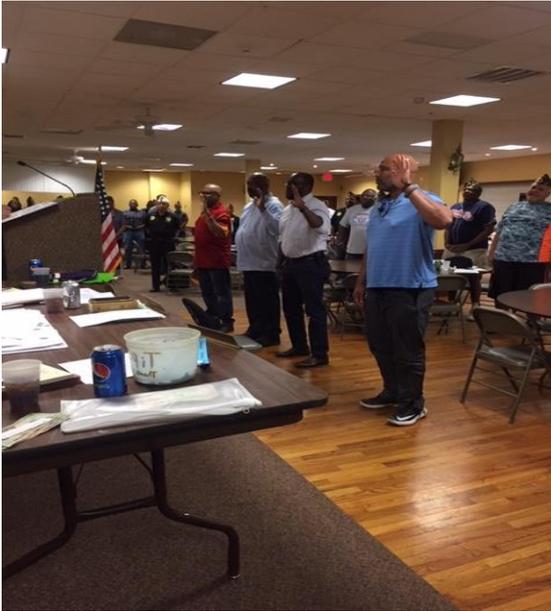
(1) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of members of The American Legion; and

(2) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who served in either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, and any time after December 7, 1941, who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge;

(3) grandmothers, mothers, sisters, spouses, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following periods: April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941 who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility periods and died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge; and

(4) to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

New Legionnaires Taking the Oath (September 23, 2019)





Update from The Sons of the American Legion

Hello all! I hope everyone had a great summer.... It's time to update our members and the entire American Legion family on the things we have done in the 1st quarter of FY 20'.

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that our Annual Gary "Slimmy" Castleman Memorial Golf Tournament was a GREAT success! I think he would be proud of the effort and support that we showed this past September 11th. This year's winners and will return in 2020 to defend their title was Billy Werbowitski, George Nairn, Scott Kidd and Jay Dove. Congratulations guys and we look forward to September 9th of next year.

The SAL would also like to thank the many workers that helped put this AWESOME Memorial Tournament together. There are too many to name but hopefully our members will get a chance to thank you in person throughout the remainder of this year.

A very special thanks goes out to the following hole sponsor.

Dr. Bernard Bedon. Your generosity was above and beyond our imagination. A special thank you surely isn't enough to show our gratitude.

We would also like to thank our other hole sponsors for supporting this wonderful event. Please reach out and support them, as they have supported us. Without their support along with the many volunteers, we couldn't get this done. Thank you all!

As we all know, time waits for no one. The SAL is off to our next planned event. Our Annual Bull and Oyster Roast is scheduled for November 2, 2019. That's less than a month away! Tickets are available at the post. THESE TICKETS WILL SELL OUT so please inquire quickly. Looking forward to another great turnout. Hope to see you there.

Our monthly meetings are on the 1st Monday of every month. Participation is vital to our continued success. The SAL thanks you all and we'll talk again next month!

The SAL Squadron 259 would like to thank the following sponsors for their unwavering support!

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| Dr. Bernard Bedon | King Services | GS Proctor & Associates |
| Empire Graphics | United Security | Accokeek Seafood |
| Mister's Handyman Service | Texas Ribs of Clinton | Mama Stella's |
| Hideaway | B.K Miller | Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr |
| Metro Golf Cart Rentals | Hunnicut Glass | Roy's Painting |
| Macleay Law | Comfort Control | Prime Bowling Pro Shop |
| Webster University | Central Michigan | PG Community College |
| Marlboro Moose 1856 | Weather Control | Lorenzi, Dodd & Gunnill |
| Heart Center of So. Md | Brennan Title | Food Sanitation Cert. |
| Tri State Hunt Club | Residential Plus | Bayview Title |
| VFW Suitland | Charles Lewis | April Black |
| | Louis Montgomery | |

And a very special thanks to Anne Richards Castleman and Lori Castleman Rickett! We love you guys and are honored to carry on "Slimmy's" legacy...

Please extend appreciation to the above mentioned supporters, when you get the opportunity. They are critical to our continued push to take care of our Veterans.

Lastly, we would like to thank The American Legion Family for their continued support! That includes but is not limited to the members of American Legion Post 259, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Son's of the American Legion and The American Legion Riders.

Respectfully,

SAL Commander

Dave Hutchinson

Salpost259@outlook.com

The Glamour...



The Glitz...



Frank and Gwen Rollins Celebrate a Night to Remember with a Gala Affair!



Clinton Post 259 Legionnaire Frank Rollins and lovely wife Gwen presented their love for each other and with family and friends on their theme "It's a Night of Glamour and Glitz!" The September 21st event celebrated their birthdays, their 30th wedding anniversary, and Gwen's retirement.

Over 100 guests were present in the Ed White Hall, socializing, eating to a catered dinner with an available cash bar, and music from a DJ playing tthrowbacks and today's tunes. The atmosphere was club-like dark, perfect for dancing.

After five attire was evident; Frank wore a white tuxedo with a black tie, while Gwen looked dazzling in a long silver gown. Gwen also gets credit in the event's décor, where the stage background was in silver, along with black tablecloths, silver dinnerware, and chairs decorated in silver and black.

Guests gave comments and homage to the Rollins couple, while they did the same to their guests. All had a wonderful time!



ORATORICAL CONTEST

From Will Trotter, Second Vice President
of the American Legion Department of Maryland at the January 28 General Meeting

“The one thing I am passionate about is the High School Oratorical Contest,” said Trotter.

Trotter directs the event and has been in his role for 13 years. Grades nine thru twelve are eligible.

“The student has to prepare, fine-tune, and memorize five separate features,” Trotter said. “The first feature is the prepared oration, which is the creation of the student’s work. It must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, (with the time to speak) to be eight to 10 minutes.”

Trotter’s statements still hold true today.

Legionnaires, do you know a promising young student who has an interest in government, or politics, or one who loves to talk and give an opinion?

Commander Hall in this month’s address talks about the contest. Reread what was said, this contest is extremely important. The goal for 2020 is to have a representative(s) from Prince Georges County.

The Free State Warrior (recent Fall 2019) on Page 15 gives a good article on the Oratorical Contest by Anita Trotter, Committee Chairperson and Facilitator. She gives suggestions on where to start, how to get the word out, and steps to take in making contacts.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

American Legion Scholarship Achievement Awards Program

Clinton American Legion, Post 259, Inc., is pleased to announce its 2019 Scholastic Achievement Program. The membership has approved \$5,000 for the program for this year which will be available for awards in two competitive categories of graduating high school seniors.

The first category is for students graduating from Surrattsville High School and the second for children, grandchildren, and descendants of Post 259 members that may be graduating from any high school. The awards will be selected in each category and presented to selected students in both categories. Clinton Post 259 reserves the right to determine the amount and make distribution of the prizes for each category of winners. The anticipated amount of each winner in each category is expected to be \$1,000. In the event of a small number of qualified applicants is received in either category, Clinton Post 259 reserves the right to determine the final distribution of prize money for each award.

Scholarship applicants will be judged and winners selected by an impartial panel of judges with a member of Clinton Post 259 serving as chairperson. All applicants must indicate the category under which they are applying (note: students graduating from Surrattsville High School that are also eligible because of their relationship to a Post 259 member can apply in either category, but not both).

Eligibility:

All Applicants must:

1. Be an American citizen.
2. Be a responsible high school senior (2019 graduate) of Surrattsville High School or a legal child, grandchild, or descendant of a Post 259 active or deceased member that may be graduating from any high school who plans to attend a professional school, junior college, trade/technical school or university in the fall of 2019 (note: If the Post 259 sponsor for an applicant is deceased, he/she must have been an active member at the time of death).
3. Have an overall grade point average of “B” or better with records showing college level abilities and S

Veteran News

1. AMVETS Elects First Female National Commander

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2019/08/26/amvets-elects-first-female-national-commander.html>

2. Exclusive – Suicides on George H.W. Bush Aircraft Carrier

<https://www.newsweek.com/exclusive-uss-george-h-w-bush-ship-that-lost-crew-suicide-stress-comes-top-down-1461875>

3. World War II Era Bomber Kills Seven

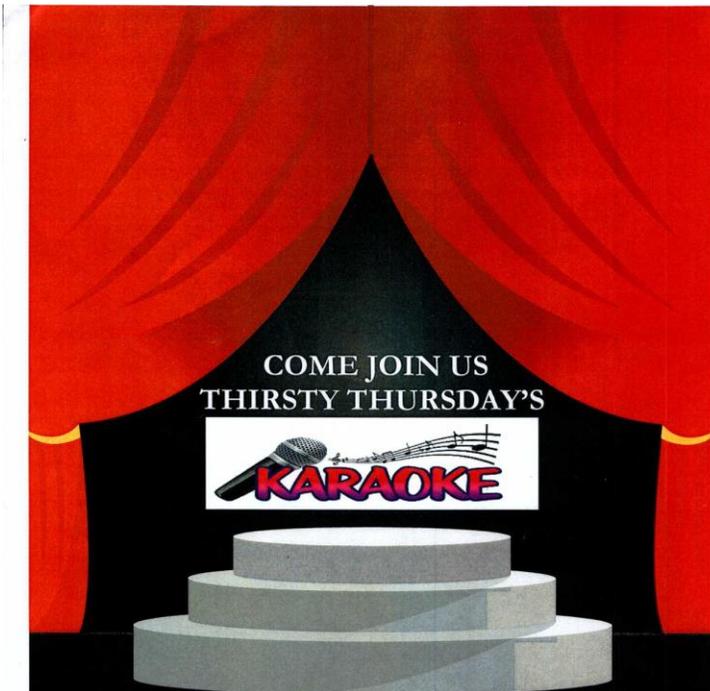
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Clinton Post 259 is “The Place To Be” on Thursday Nights!

6:30 – 8:30 Learn Hand Dancing (so the results will be like this)

<https://youtu.be/u25M2tyrHmc>

7 – 11 Karaoke



8:30 – 11:30 THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL continues to be as a success! Come and join us for drinks and a meal – chicken wings, fries, hot dogs and half smokes!

This week – Giants vs Patriots, 8:30 on FOX

Fridays @ 7:15

BINGO

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| 7 | 25 | 44 | 57 | 62 |
| 15 | 22 | 40 | 50 | 70 |
| 11 | 30 | FREE SPACE | 46 | 74 |
| 2 | 28 | 37 | 55 | 68 |
| 10 | 27 | 39 | 59 | 75 |

HELP WANTED

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:15 AT THE CLINTON AMERICAN LEGION

\$23 MINIMUM GUARENTEED JACKPOT \$500

CONTACT TONYA FORD @ (301) 661-6149



You're invited to The American Legion Family



CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 - 1PM - 5 PM

HOSTED BY:

Sykesville Memorial Post 223
7327 Slacks Road
Sykesville, Maryland 21784-7107



Holiday Attire / Ugly Sweater Contest / Dancing / 50/50 Raffles

Department Officers Trivia

Appetizers / Dessert / Cash Bar

TICKETS: \$8.00 Per Person (Adults 21 and Older)

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:

2ND Vice Commander Ronald Holcombe | Sykesville Memorial Post 223
(443) 854-0990 (410) 7995-7242



RSVP By: December 2, 2019

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Sykesville Memorial Post 223, 7327 Slacks Rd, Sykesville, MD 21784-7107

C/O: Commander John Ridgley

I Will Attend _____ How Many People _____ Amount Paid: \$ _____

(Please attached a list of NAMES who will be attending)

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**We welcome your news, ideas,
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