

# THE CLINTON POST 259 APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER



Greetings Post 259 American Legion Family

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe during this serious coronavirus pandemic. While it may be frustrating to self-quarantine, it may save your life and many others. Remember, wash your hands regularly, cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze, don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands, maintain social distance and stay at home and self-isolate when you are not feeling well. The post is closed and will remain closed until Maryland Governor Larry Hogan allows restaurants, bars and non-essential businesses to reopen. When the governor lifts the State of Emergency to allow these establishments to reopen, there may be restrictions on operating hours and patron capacity. All of that will have to be taken into consideration when we establish a date for the post to reopen. An email will be sent out to the American Legion Post 259 family with this information.

March and April are months for nomination of officers. The nomination of officers will be based on when the post will reopen. If we don't have a membership meeting in April, everything will move to May or the next month, depending on when the State of Emergency is lifted.

The nomination process and elections will happen hopefully prior to the July American Legion Department of Maryland Convention in Ocean City. Based on the current health pandemic, nothing is guaranteed to take place as scheduled, so decisions will be made in the coming weeks or months.

American Legion National Commander, Bill Oxford and Department of Maryland Commander, Philip Dorsey sent out emails informing the posts to conduct Buddy Checks on their members. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Willie Evans provided the Executive Committee a list of names of our elderly members to call and check on to see how they were doing during this crisis. Many of the members were glad to hear from us and to know that we cared about their welfare. In times like these, many of the elderly members who can't come out to shop or go to appointments, are glad to know that members of The American Legion are thinking about them. If there is an elderly veteran in your neighborhood, reach out to them to see if there is anything that you can do to assist them during this time. This is what The American Legion is all about, veterans looking out for other veterans.

The Super Season Football Pool will be rescheduled when the post reopens. The refund checks for March Madness, bus trip, Oyster Bowl and National Commanders Banquet will be distributed when we reopen for business. We currently stand at 99% for renewal of our membership goal of 876 members. Recruit a new member and pay your dues if you have not done so.

The April general membership meeting is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> with dinner served at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm, however this may change.

Yours in service,

For God and Country,

Murray S. Hall

Commander AL Post 259

## POST OFFICERS

Commander	Murray S. Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Willie Evans
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Raymond Butts
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	Shay Brown
Chaplain	James Burrows
Asst. Chaplain	Vacant
Sgt At Arm	John Jackson
<b>Executive Committee</b> Helen L. Smith Joseph Morgan Marie Vannes	<b>Treasurer</b> <b>Department of Maryland</b>  Gary W. Gifford



**Auxiliary Officers**

**Legion Rider Officers**

**S.A.L. Officers**

President: Maria Miller

Director: Darryl Fielder

Commander: David Hutchinson

Vice President: Jan Blackwell

Asst. Director: Murray Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Vacant

Secretary: Chancie Jones

Secretary: Brie O’Neal

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Kenny Hendrix

Treasurer: Helen L. Smith

Treasurer: Brie O’Neal

Finance Officer: Dave Desmarais

Historian: Chauncia Jones

Chaplain: James Burrows

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

Palm Sunday Brunch – April 2020 – Auxiliary (CANCELLED)
<b>Nomination of Officers – To Be Determined – Legion</b>
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 13-17, 2020
Gary A. Castleman Golf Tournament – September 2020
Veterans Day Service – Nov. 11, 2020 – Auxiliary
Children’s Christmas Party – December 2020 – Legion
Adult Christmas Party/Shotgun Raffle Drawing – December 2020 – Legion
Super Bowl Party – February 2021 – Legion
Oratorical Contest – February 2021 – Legion
American Legion Birthday – March 15, 2021
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner – March 17, 2021 – Post 259

## **Message from Commander Murray Hall**

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a new virus.

The disease causes respiratory illness (like the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever, and in more severe cases, difficulty breathing. You can protect yourself by washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your face, and avoiding close contact (1 meter or 3 feet) with people who are unwell.

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### **HOW IT SPREADS**

Coronavirus disease spreads primarily through contact with an infected person when they cough or sneeze. It also spreads when a person touches a surface or object that has the virus on it, then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.

You can protect yourself and help prevent spreading the virus to others if you:

#### **Do**

- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
- Cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue or flexed elbow when you cough or sneeze
- Avoid close contact (1 meter or 3 feet) with people who are unwell
- Stay home and self-isolate from others in the household if you feel unwell

#### **Don't**

- Touch your eyes, nose, or mouth if your hands are not clean

### **What happens when you get the coronavirus disease?**

People with COVID-19 generally develop signs and symptoms, including mild respiratory symptoms and fever, on an average of 5-6 days after infection (mean incubation period 5-6 days, range 1-14 days). Most people infected with COVID-19 virus have mild disease and recover.

### **What is the recovery time for the coronavirus disease?**

Using available preliminary data, the median time from onset to clinical recovery for mild cases is approximately 2 weeks and is 3-6 weeks for patients with severe or critical disease.

### **Who is most at risk for the coronavirus disease?**

People of all ages can be infected by the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV). Older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.

The World Health Organization (WHO) advises people of all ages to take steps to protect themselves from the virus, for example by following good hand hygiene and good respiratory hygiene.

## Message from 1st Vice Commander Willie Evans

### **Membership Status:**

The Post's membership count is currently at 872 which is four (4) short of our 2020 membership goal of 876. We are currently in some unprecedented times and I want to thank those that have made the effort to renew their membership. For those that are waiting to renew their dues, you can pay online on the National website at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) or you can mail your payment made out to Clinton Post 259 to American Legion Post 259, P. O. Box 44, Clinton, MD 20735. Continue to stay patient, safe, and healthy as the country does its best to get us through this current health crisis.

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### **POST 259 BRIEFS**

#### **REMINDER -**

### **Message from Adjutant and Scholarship Committee Chairman Robert A. Wilson**

Scholarship Committee no later than April The Executive Committee has approved six thousand (\$6,000.) dollars for Post scholarship for the year 2020. This program is for 2020 graduates of Surrattsville Senior High School, and the children and grandchildren of our members graduating from any high school.

Applications and the requirements are in our lounge and available to all our members. They must be filled out and returned by April 15, 2020.

### **Post Everlasting for James F. Delpire**

The memorial service for James Delpire scheduled for Friday April 3 is postponed until further notice.

### **April Calendar**

From Commander Hall: "The calendar page will be updated when the Post reopens."

### **Editor's News Briefs on the Coronavirus**

- Breaking News: Stay-At-Home Order from Maryland Governor Larry Hogan

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/coronavirus/bs-md-stay-at-home-hogan-covid-19-20200330-pmid22rvirdwbppx4xpgjadoim-story.html>The

- VA Secretary Robert Wilkie Speaks to the American Legion on the Coronavirus

<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/72594/veteran-safety-from-coronavirus-va-priority/>

- New York Times Briefs on the Coronavirus

[https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/29/world/coronavirus-live-news-updates.html?campaign\\_id=60&emc=edit\\_na\\_20200329&instance\\_id=0&nl=breaking-news&ref=cta%c2%aei\\_id=67712018&segment\\_id=23254&user\\_id=63e7776582ff1f2f10292b619541f2d9](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/29/world/coronavirus-live-news-updates.html?campaign_id=60&emc=edit_na_20200329&instance_id=0&nl=breaking-news&ref=cta%c2%aei_id=67712018&segment_id=23254&user_id=63e7776582ff1f2f10292b619541f2d9)

- Are You Stressed Over COVID-19?

<https://youtu.be/kL0MmlMII6A>

- Navy Hospital Ship USNS Comfort arrives in New York Harbor

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/03/30/823826987/hospital-ship-usns-comfort-arrives-in-new-york-to-ease-coronavirus-pressure>

Department of Veterans Affairs Coronavirus Update

received by text message March 30:

**Stay Home-Stay Safe-Stay Connected**

# AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

July 12-17, 2020

Special Legion Rate

\$139.00/Night + Tax (Standard Room) - Weekday

\$229.00/Night + Tax (Standard Room) – Weekend

Pre & Post

\$179.00/Night + Tax (Deluxe Efficiency Room) - Weekday

\$299.00/Night + Tax (Deluxe Efficiency Room) – Weekend

Pre & Post

\$209.00/Night + Tax (Bayfront Efficiency Room) - Weekday

\$329.00/Night + Tax (Bayfront Efficiency Room) - Weekend

\* Advance reservation required /\*

***Cutoff Date is May 13, 2020***

Just seven blocks from the Roland E. Powell Convention Center  
& next door to Seacrets, USA

\* Indoor Pool \* Rooftop Pool \* Microwaves  
\* In-room Refrigerators \* Coffee Makers \* Efficiencies  
Free Wi-Fi

Finnigan's Pub and Eatery (Serving Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner)

Call 1-800-854-9785  
to Make Reservations

Ask for the American Legion group rate when making reservations

Princess Bayside Hotel and Golf Center

4801 Coastal Highway ♦ Ocean City, MD 21842 ♦ 410-723-2900 phone ♦ 410-723-5079 fax

1-800-854-9785 ♦ [www.princessbayside.com](http://www.princessbayside.com)

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