

**THE AMERICAN  
LEGION  
CLINTON POST 259**



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*FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.....*  
Larry G. Hall, Commander

**February**

**Charles Lewis, Editor**

**2012**

**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

Well, we've gotten through the month of January. Or was it June? This weather is really interesting. I hope we don't have to pay for it later. I mean, washing your car outside this time of the year. Probably will have a heavy frost on Memorial Day!!

At the General Membership meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, the chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws committee read proposed changes to our Constitution and By-Laws. These changes must then be sent to all members (they are elsewhere in this Newsletter) and will be discussed at the General Membership in February (the 27<sup>th</sup>) and voted on by all members present. A majority vote of those present is required for approval/disapproval. Please review these changes and come to the meeting to vote on your choice.

We (The American Legion Department of Maryland) are supporting 3 bills in the State Legislature this year. They are 1) allowing slot machines in Veterans Organizations through the State Lottery, 2) Granting an additional reduction of state income tax of \$5000.00 for military retirees and 3) Renewal of the legislation allowing state tax free status to Veterans Service Organizations. There will be meetings in the House and Senate by the applicable committees to discuss these bills. The first of these will be on Wednesday, February 1 at 3:00 in Annapolis. Numbers are important to the committee members. A large showing of VSO members, including Legionnaires is needed to be present. Please try to get to the meetings to help show our support. Wear your cap or hat or anything showing your Legion or VFW or DAV or any other VSO membership. Park at the Naval Academy Football Stadium and take the shuttle bus into town.

Remember that at the General Membership meeting in March we will have the first call for nominations for new Post officers and executive committee members. If you are interested in running for any office, please let me know. I will be appointing a nominating committee in the

next few days and will let them know of your desires. There will be a second and final call at the April meeting. The election will take place on May 28.

Finally, check the calendar for upcoming activities. Don't forget about Saint Patrick's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. We also have some Legion official functions coming up that anyone can attend. Please check the calendar or come to the Post Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Also don't forget that Diane has been putting together some delicious lunches on Thursdays. Call the Post on Wednesdays and check the menu for Thursday. Also, don't forget Shrimp night on Wednesday and BINGO on Friday. Stop by and have some fun.

Yours in Legion Service

Larry G. Hall  
Commander

<b>Post Officers 2011 – 2012</b>		<b>Annual Events(In Order by Legion Year)</b>	
		<b>Event</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Commander	Larry Hall	Joint Installation - June 2012- Outgoing Commander	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Gary Gifford	S.A.L. 259 Golf Tournament – Sept 2012 – S.A.L.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Matthews Garofalo	Veteran’s Day Service – Nov 2012 – Auxiliary Unit	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	George Martin	Adult Christmas Party – Dec 2012 - Legion	
Adjutant	Robert A. Wilson	Children Christmas Party – Dec 2012 – Legion	
Vice Adjutant		Super Bowl Party – Feb 2012 - Legion	
Judge Advocate	Elbert “ED” White	St. Patrick Day Dinner – Mar 2012 – Legion	
Service Officer	James Woodland	Children Easter Egg Hunt – April 2012 – Auxiliary Unit	
Finance Officer	Richard Switzer	JBA Joint Service Open House – May 2012 - Legion	
Historian	Charles Lewis	Memorial Day – May 2012 - Legion	
Chaplain	Thomas Treichel	Flag Day – June 2012 - Legion	
Sgt At Arms	Haywood Moss	AL Golf Tournament – June 2012 - Legion	
Sgt Major	John Jackson	Crab Feast – September 2012 - Legion	
		Thanksgiving Feast – November 2012 - Legion	
Executive Committee E.I. Day Joseph DeCenzo Joseph Morgan James Panor Vacant			
<p>The American Legion Clinton Post 259 9122 Piscataway Road Clinton, Maryland 20735</p> <p>Phone: 301 – 868-2550 Website: <a href="http://www.post259.org">www.post259.org</a></p> <p>Clinton Post 259 Newsletter is published monthly on Post 259 website</p> <p>We welcome your news, ideas, suggestions, comments, or question for future issues of the Clinton Post 259 Newsletter. Drop them off at the Post – Attention Newsletter Editor</p>		<p><b>We need your assistance, let us know of any our members who are sick or in the hospital</b></p> <p><b>Please call 301 868-2550</b></p> <p><b>If you have moved, please contact the Post with your new address</b></p>	



### **Auxiliary Officers**

### **S.A.L. Officers**

President	Glenda Morgan	Commander	Richard A. Walsh Jr.
Vice President	Rose Butler	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice	Dave Hutchinson
Secretary	Freida Skaggs	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice	Todd Harding
Treasurer	Toni Carr	Finance Officer	
Historian		Sgt At Arms	Dave Desmaris
Chaplain	Sharon Franklin	Historian	Red Aliff
Sgt At Arms	Barbara Theesen	Chaplain	Lou Montgomery
Advisor	Liz White Cookie King	Advisor	Jim Cox George Bucklew

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2012 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**

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**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

# CHARLOTTE HALL

## CHARLOTTE HALL

Post 259 held their monthly BINGO program at the home on 11 January 2012. Bob Levendusky and Al Elmond were the post 259 volunteers with much appreciated help from the Chopticon High School ROTC students and their chaperones. These ROTC students were Heath Scott and Dalton Whitworth. Thanks to the Auxiliary for providing the snacks for the evening. The next BINGO will be 8 February 2012. The pictures this month feature some of the most regular resident bingo players. The four residents pictured are Bill Salter, ninety year old Jesse Pal, "Lefty" Morton, and Homer Aiber; Elizabeth Wallace is pictured in the blue sweater; the picture of the other lady is Margaret Beaver; and James Dawkins is pictured in his wheel chair.

Helping hands are always welcome. The rewards are priceless from a very grateful group of heroes.

Al Elmond



**Pre-Super Bowl Dance on February 4<sup>th</sup>  
Admission \$5.00**

## February Activity Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <sup>st</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Call the Post for Special Meal Menu	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	4 <sup>th</sup> S.A.L. Super Bowl Dance
5 <sup>th</sup> Super Bowl Party	6 <sup>th</sup> S.A.L. Meeting 7:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> Corn-Hole Night 6:30PM	8 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	9 <sup>th</sup> Call the Post for Special Meal Menu	10 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	11 <sup>th</sup>
12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Meeting 7:30PM	14 <sup>th</sup> Corn-Hole Night 6:30PM	15 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	16 <sup>th</sup> Call the Post for Special Meal Menu	17 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	18 <sup>th</sup>
19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Exec Comm Meeting 6:30PM	21 <sup>st</sup> Corn-Hole Night 6:30PM	22 <sup>nd</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle	23 <sup>rd</sup> Call the Post for Special Meal Menu	24 <sup>th</sup> Bingo Early Bird 7:15PM	25 <sup>th</sup> 2012 SMD Oyster Bowl Tickets \$25.00 Contact: Robert Wilson
26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting Dinner at 6:30PM Meeting at 7:30PM	28 <sup>th</sup> Corn-Hole Night 6:30PM	29 <sup>th</sup> Shrimp Night 5:30PM until 7:30PM  Pinochle			

### Legionnaires

ON 16 February 2011 the House of Representatives in Annapolis will hold its annual Fallen Hero's Program. The House will go into session at 10AM with the Fallen Hero's program to follow. I have been asked by our supporting Delegates to Please have a lot of Legion Caps in the Gallery that day. Pass the word and let's pack the House Gallery that morning. After all we keep asking them for support so let's show support for their program. So pass the word along to everyone.

Park at the stadium and catch the bus down to the state house. Once in the State House go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to gain entrance to the gallery. Leave all knives, fingernail clippers and anything else that could be used as a weapon in your vehicle. If you have any of these items on you they will send you back to your vehicle with it.

**Please Bring Your Legion Cap**



## Post 259 2012 Golf Tournament

Legionnaires, as we enter the New Year 2012 I call your attention to the upcoming Post Golf Tournament:

Where: Marlton Golf Course – Shot Gun Start at 9:00AM

When: Wednesday June 13, 2012

Cost: \$260.00 per foursome

1. We need your assistance in finding “hole” sponsors at \$100.00 per hole
2. We need you as players at \$260.00 per foursome

You can start paying for your foursome now

You can also turn “hole” sponsors funds to the American Legion Post 259 – earmarked as Golf Tournament



## 2012 SMD OYSTER BOWL

Event: Southern Maryland Oyster District Bowl

When: February 25, 2012

Where: Harry White Wilmer Post 82

6330 N. Crain Hwy.

LaPlata, MD 20646

Cost: \$25.00

Cut off for ticket sales is February 18, 2012

## Proposed Changes to Constitution and By-Laws To be voted on at the

February 27, 2012 Meeting

The wording with a strikethrough will be deleted and wording in parenthesis will be added

### CONSTITUTION ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

**SECTION 1.** The administrative affairs of this Post of The American Legion shall, except as otherwise provided by the By-Laws, be under the supervision of an Executive Committee which shall consist of one member for every 200 (300) members of the Post not to exceed ~~six (6)~~ four (4), in addition to the officers of the Post. The term of office of the members of the Executive Committee shall be for one year. The Post, by its By-Laws, may provide for such other standing committees as the business of the organization may require.

**SECTION 2.** The officers of this Post shall be a Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Third Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Assistant Finance Officer, Historian, Chaplain, Service Officer, Judge Advocate, Sergeant Major, Sergeant -At-Arms, Adjutant, Assistant Adjutant, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary by this organization

### BY-LAWS ARTICLE II - MANAGEMENT

**SECTION 2.** The Executive Committee shall consist of one member for every 200 (300) members of the Post to be known as Executive Committeemen, the Immediate Past Commander, Commander, First, Second, and Third Vice Commanders, Finance Officer, Assistant Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, Historian, Chaplain, ~~Sergeant Major~~, Sergeant-At-Arms, Adjutant, and Assistant Adjutant.

### ARTICLE 111 -DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**SECTION 10.** Duties of the Sergeant Major (At-Arms). The duties of the Sergeant Major (At-Arms) shall be to preserve order at all meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Post (Commander and the) Executive Committee.

~~**SECTION 11.** Duties of the Sergeant -At-Arms. The duties of the Sergeant-At Arms are to assist in the performance of all duties of the Sergeant Major.~~

All sections of the Constitution and By-Laws will be renumbered accordingly.

Elbert D White, Judge Advocate

Chairman Constitution and By-Laws Committee



## *LADIES AUXILIARY EASTER RAFFLE*

Tickets on sale at the bar

### *EASTER BASKET DINNER*

\$50.00 Gift Card from Honeybaked Hams

And

The Trimming for Your Easter Dinner

Drawing will be held on March 30, 2012 at Bingo

Tickets are \$1.00 each or six (6) for \$5.00



## **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER**

**WHEN: SATURDAY – MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

**WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION POST 259**

**TIME: 4:00PM to 7:00PM**

### **MENU**

**HAM – CORNED BEEF**

**CABBAGE – POTATOES – CARROTS – CORNBREAD**

**COST: \$10.00 per person**

## THESE COLORS DON'T RUN



It's the Soldier, not the reporter

Who has given us the freedom of the press.

It's the Soldier, not the poet,

Who has given us the freedom of speech.

It's the Soldier, not the politicians

That ensures our right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness..

It's the Soldier who salutes the flag,

Who serves beneath the flag,

And whose coffin is draped by the flag.

WE LIVE IN THE LAND OF THE FREE, ONLY  
BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE!

Author Unknown~