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TO OPT OUT OF OUR NEWSLETTERS, E-MAIL [MARIA KLENHARD](#)

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 21th at 7:30 PM Eastern, is slated for our next tele-meeting, using GoTo. You can join the meeting using the following :

<https://www.goto.com/meeting/join>

Enter Meeting ID: 666710421

Our tele-meetings are provided for you to learn about and have input regarding our cyber Post. BTW, have you visited [Our Web site](#), lately?

OUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander..... [MARIA KLENHARD](#) 916-952-7691
- Senior Vice Commander..... [ERIC PARSONS](#) 706 325-4047
- Junior Vice Commander [JOHN MCMILLAN](#) 404-277-4280
- Junior Vice Commander [ROBERT GREEN](#) 770-786-8702
- Adjutant..... [RICHARD KLENHARD](#) 916-952-7691
- Finance Officer..... [ERIC PARSONS](#) 706 325-4047
- Judge Advocate..... [TED RICHARDS](#) 404-754-0415
- Sergeant-at-Arms..... DAVID GREEN

OUR HELP DESK STANDS READY TO ASSIST US VETERANS WITH FREE COMPUTER-RELATED AID.

[Tech Support](#)
770-786-8702

COMMANDER'S CORNER



As the year ends, it is a time for reflection and gratitude. It is essential to celebrate in our own ways, acknowledging the achievements, challenges, and personal growth we have experienced. At the same time, it is crucial to remember and honor the sacrifices made by our military, veterans, and their families.

The dedication and service of these individuals often involve significant personal sacrifices, and it is important to recognize and appreciate their contributions to our safety, security, and freedom. The pain of losing loved ones and the ultimate sacrifices they have made should never be forgotten.

As we move into a new year, let us carry with us the gratitude for their service and the responsibility to support and care for those who have given so much for the well-being of our communities and nation.

National Wreaths Across America Day is Saturday, December 16th, 2023



Post 2100 donated 10 wreaths for placement at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery—Milledgeville, Milledgeville, GA

2024 RENEWAL STATUS

As Of: 30 Nov 2023. Goal is 100% by 31 Dec 2023

Sons of The American Legion

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 14th, 2023 @ 7:30 Eastern. Meeting Link will be forthcoming.

Annual Dues of \$20 is due now. Send dues to: SQDN 2100, P.O. Box 221, Meansville, GA 30256



75.7%

The Reason Why This U.S. Navy Destroyer Flies a Pirate Flag

You usually don't see warships rocking the Jolly Roger.



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Ethan Soto

In early December 1941, Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd was the commander of Battleship Division One at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During the [Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor](#) on December 7, 1941, Kidd quickly went to the bridge of his flagship, USS *Arizona*, to take charge of his battleships. Kidd, along with 1,176 other sailors and Marines, was killed when the *Arizona* sank under multiple bomb and torpedo hits. His body was never found.

Admiral Kidd, the highest ranking officer killed at Pearl Harbor, was later awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. His [Medal of Honor citation](#) reads:

“...for conspicuous devotion to duty, extraordinary courage and complete disregard of his own life, during the attack on the Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, by Japanese forces on 7 December 1941. Rear Admiral Kidd immediately went to the bridge and, as Commander of Battleship Division ONE, courageously discharged his duties as Senior Officer Present Afloat until the U.S.S. ARIZONA (BB-39), his Flagship, blew up from magazine explosions and a direct bomb hit on the bridge which resulted in the loss of his life.”

According to *The War Zone*, the first USS *Kidd*, a *Fletcher*-class destroyer commissioned in 1943, adopted the skull and crossbones and overall pirate theme as a play on [18th century Scottish pirate William Kidd](#). Admiral Kidd's nickname at the US Naval Academy was “Cap,” a reference to the pirate Captain Kidd. The ship got the all-clear from Kidd's widow to associate itself with both the pirate and the captain, kicking off almost 80 years of tradition.

Today's USS *Kidd* is a guided missile destroyer of the *Arleigh Burke* class. The ship does regularly fly the Jolly Roger.

By Kyle Mizokami

Anniversary of the Founding of the U.S. Space Force



The U.S. Space Force was established Dec. 20, 2019.

The newest branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, the Space Force celebrates its birthday every Dec. 20.

The Founding of the U.S. Space Force

On Dec. 20, 2019, President Donald [Trump signed the 2020 Defense Authorization Bill](#), establishing the U.S. Space Force as the first new branch of the U.S. Military since the establishment of the U.S. Air Force in 1947.

The Space Force has Cold War origins

The Space Force takes over a mission once charged to the U.S. Air Force.

Space emerged as a potential theater of war with the Soviet Union at the beginning of the Cold War. Satellite and missile control and defense were critical in maintaining an edge over Soviet forces, but when the Cold War ended, the need to operate in space remained. U.S. dominance in space gave advancing U.S. and Coalition forces a significant edge against the Iraqi Military during the Persian Gulf War.

As peer nations rose to power and terrorism developed into an ever-present threat at the turn of the century, the need for a dedicated Space Force gained traction in Congress and the Department of Defense. Nearly 70 years after the Air Force first started exploring the possibility of space serving as an avenue of warfare, the U.S. Space Force was officially chartered.

Legacy of the U.S. Space Force

As military, political, and commercial interest in space continues to grow, the potential for future conflicts in this new theater increases. The U.S. Space Force stands ready to protect America's interests in space while assisting all other branches of the U.S. Military to carry out their respective missions.

WWI MOH



Alvin Cullum York

(December 13, 1887 –
September 2, 1964)

Known by his rank as **Sergeant York**, was an American soldier who was one of the most decorated [United States Army](#) soldiers of [World War I](#). He received the [Medal of Honor](#) for leading an attack on a [German machine gun nest](#), gathering 35 machine guns, killing at least 25 enemy soldiers and capturing 132 prisoners. York's Medal of Honor action occurred during the United States–led portion of the [Meuse–Argonne offensive](#) in [France](#), which was intended to breach the [Hindenburg line](#) and force the Germans to surrender. He earned decorations from several allied countries during WWI, including France, [Italy](#) and [Montenegro](#).

Continue reading: [Alvin York - Wikipedia](#)

World War II Veterans Now Eligible

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced that all World War II Veterans are now eligible for no-cost VA inpatient and outpatient health care.

Under this expansion, all WWII Veterans who served between Dec. 7, 1941, and Dec. 31, 1946, are now eligible for VA health care, regardless of their length of service or financial status. These Veterans will not have to pay inpatient or outpatient copays, enrollment fees, or monthly premiums.

VA is reaching out by phone and mail to encourage WWII Veterans who are not currently enrolled in VA care to apply today. Veterans who enroll may also keep their private providers, Medicare, and most other insurance to meet their health care needs.

All WWII Veterans are encouraged to enroll in VA health care – the best, most-affordable health care in America for Veterans. Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care are proven to have better health outcomes than non-enrolled Veterans, and VA hospitals have dramatically outperformed non-VA hospitals in [overall quality ratings](#) and [patient satisfaction ratings](#).

Full Article: [All WWII Veterans are now eligible for VA health care - VA News](#)

National Dues Adjustment for 2025 Membership Year

The American Legion's national per-capita dues will increase from \$18.50 to \$23.50 for the 2025 membership year. The \$5 increase will go into effect July 1, 2024.

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During Post 2100's meeting held November 16, 2023 it was voted upon, and approved to increase our annual dues by like amount in order to maintain current revenue stream.

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Current Dues Distribution: \$18.50 to National, \$6.50 to GA Department & \$10 to Post 2100 = \$35

Adjusted Dues Distribution: **\$23.50** to National, \$6.50 to GA Department & \$10 to Post 2100 = **\$40**

IMPORTANT DATES

- District 9 Quarterly Meeting— Post 202 Snellville, GA **Sat February 3, 2024 .**
- National AUX President's Visit – **Date TBD**
- Department Spring Conference – Duluth, GA **Fri/Sat, Mar 22-23, 2024**
- District 9 Convention (Elections)—Post 127 Sugar Hill, GA **Sat, May 4, 2024**
- Department Convention – Duluth, GA **Sat, June 22, 2024**
- National Convention—New Orleans, Louisiana **August 23 - 29, 2024**

THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Date of Birth) _____

(Mailing Address) _____ (Phone Number) _____


(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #) **GA2100**

(E-mail) _____ Male Female **\$35.00** (Dues)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	



30-009 Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From _____ for 20 _____ Post # **GA2100**

\$ **\$35.00**

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

Cyber Post GA2100 is virtual/online.

Forward membership application and \$35.00 to: American Legion Post 2100, 115 W 3rd Street, Manchester, GA 31816

YOU CAN BE A MEMBER OF BOTH THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE SAL

Veterans who are eligible for membership in The American Legion are also eligible to join the SAL.

[The American Legion a U.S. Veterans Association](#)

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

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Date _____
(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)

Detachment of **GA** Squadron No. **2100** Date of Birth _____
(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)

Name _____ Recruited by _____
(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Dept. of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ **20.00** as annual membership dues.

Signed _____
(By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____
(Post Adjutant)

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RECEIPT

Date _____
(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)


Received of _____

\$ **20.00** in payment of dues for 20 _____ in _____

For God and Country

Squadron _____ Detachment of _____

By _____



Forward SAL membership application and \$20.00 to: SQDN 2100, P.O. Box 221, Meansville, GA 30256