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OUR NEXT MEETING

April 18th, at 7:30 PM is slated for our next tele-meeting, by invitation, using GoToMeeting. E-mail me if you want an invite:

commander@epost2100.org.

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

YOUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

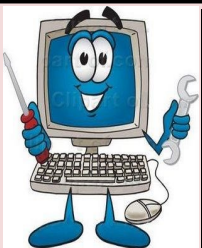
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

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

[ROBERT MCTUREOUS](#)

404-304-1772



My computer "died"! Not exactly like losing a family member or a pet, but it did hinder E-mails, ePost 2100's Web site updates and next Newsletter.



Chuck, our cyber Post's finance officer, suffered a similar situation and it should have been a warning to me. Yeah.

IRS REFUND

Some of us may be getting back Federal Income Tax refunds.

Check out The [app: IRS2Go](#).



Go to your system's (play)store to search for and download this free-app.

My ploy is to always owe, not get a refund, keeping my money until it has to be paid.

Yes, I should have made a start-up disk or thumb drive. I should have made an external copy of my income tax file from software. I do have a back-up computer, but did not copy files for it...naturally!

Should-a, would-a, could-a. Hopefully, you have not been in a similar situation and will not face one in the future, but it did cause me to take a good look at my computer file and program security.

Luckily, a local repair shop had the computer up and running, but many programs and files were not on the hard drive. Only now, do I finally have my system running as it should.

So now I am wondering about my smart-phone and what steps should be taken to assure security of apps, programs, files, contacts, etc.

The computer company sent me five disks to use if or when the computer fails to start, again. Maybe lesson learned.

Bob Green

770-786-8702

STATE WEB SITES

One of our members, David Green, yes my son, is reworking our State's American Legion Web site and though it is a work in progress right now, it is looking pretty good, even if I am biased.

The State's current Web site is at <http://www.galegion.org/>.

The new site is up and running, <https://georgialegion.org/>, Chuck has sent out a notice as to this URL. It kinda feels warm and fuzzy when we can rely on our own members for assistance.

Unfortunately, due to tending almost 24/7 to my wife's medical conditions, I have been unable to maintain the State's

Auxiliary Web site:

<http://www.galegionaux.org/>.

—Bob

PURPLE HEART BENEFITS

This from [U. S. Veterans Compensation Programs](#):

Effective in April 2019, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will provide priority disability benefits claims processing for initial claims from discharged combat veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal.

Purple Heart recipients are treated on a priority basis at VA hospitals and are exempt from co-payments for their medical care. The Purple Heart is the oldest U.S. military decoration and is awarded to U.S. service members for wounds suffered at the hands of the enemy. Gen. George Washington awarded the first purple-colored heart-shaped badges to soldiers who fought in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. In 1932, regulations outlining eligibility for the medal were revived to commemorate Washington's 200th birthday.

EVEN ONE LIFE MATTERS

This is a speech you will appreciate, remember, and be motivated, by:

Gen Ritchie flew over 800 combat hours in the F4 Phantom during 339 missions. He is the only Air Force pilot "Ace" of Vietnam war. He is a captivating speaker and I assure you that the minutes spent watching this video will leave you feeling rewarded.

<http://www.pilotsofamerica.com/forum/showthread.php?t=42816>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APRIL 29-May 1, 2018

NATIONAL COMMANDER'S VISIT

MAY 5, 2019

9TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

JUNE 28-30, 2019

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION, DULUTH

AUGUST 23-29, 2019

NATIONAL CONVENTION, INDIANAPOLIS

ELIGIBLE MEMBERSHIP DATES

Below, are the eligibility dates for those veterans seeking membership in the American Legion:

WWI: 4/6/17 TO 11/11/18

WWII: 12/7/41 TO 12/31/46

KOREA: 6/25/50 TO 1/31/55

VIETNAM: 2/28/61 TO 5/7/75

LEBANON/GRENADA: 8/24/82 TO 7/31/84

PANAMA: 12/20/89 TO 1/31/90

GULF WAR /WAR ON TERRORISM: 8/2/90

TO THE PRESENT

If you have questions about eligibility, please contact Adjutant, [Ted Richards](#).

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

Yes, it should go without saying, but it pays to keep your American Legion ePost 2100 membership card in your wallet. The card can validate your veteran status and possibly save you money on several occasions. **Always ask about veteran discounts.**

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Please SAVE our Post's FaceBook page:

https://www.facebook.com/epost2100.org/?modal=admin_todo_tour.

We will lose the page if it is not visited soon!

From Chuck:

The most unforgivable oversight of TV is that her shows were not taped.

I was unaware of her credentials or where she is buried.

Somehow I just can't see Brittany Spears, Paris Hilton, or Jessica Simpson doing what this woman and the other USO women did for our troops in past wars.

Most of the old time entertainers were made of a lot sterner stuff than today's crop of activist bland whiners.

The following is from an Army Aviator who takes a trip down memory lane:

"It was just before Thanksgiving '67 and we were ferrying dead and wounded from a large GRF west of Pleiku.

We had run out of body bags by noon, so the Hook (CH-47 CHINOOK) was pretty rough in the back.

All of a sudden, we heard a 'take-charge' woman's voice in the rear.

There was the singer and actress, Martha Raye, with a Special Forces beret and jungle fatigues, with subdued markings, helping the wounded into the Chinook, and carrying the dead aboard. Maggie had been visiting her Special Forces (SF) 'heroes' out 'west'.

We took off, short of fuel, and headed to the USAF hospital pad at Pleiku.

As we all started unloading our sad pax's, a USAF Captain said to Martha.... "Ms Raye, with all these dead and wounded to process, there would not be time for your show!"

To all of our surprise, she pulled on her right collar and said "Captain, see this eagle? I am a full 'Bird' in the US Army Reserve, and on this is a 'Caduceus' which means I am a Nurse, with a surgical specialty.... now, take me to your wounded!"

He said, "Yes ma'am.... follow me."

Several times at the Army Field Hospital in Pleiku, she would 'cover' a surgical shift, giving a nurse a well-deserved break.

Martha is the only woman buried in the SF (Special Forces) cemetery at Ft Bragg.

STROKE ALERT

As we age, it behooves us to remain vigilant regarding changes in health (ours and others).

Please read/review the following tips for noticing a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (or i.e. Chicken Soup)

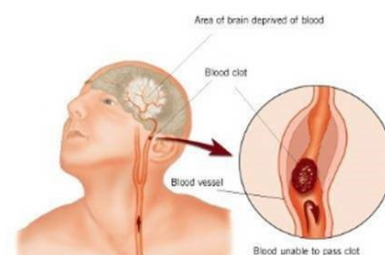
R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke -----

Stick out Your Tongue!

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his/her tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke.



WHAT TO TELL PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

What The American Legion does:

- Delivers, free of charge, all U. S. flags for the graves of American military personnel laid to rest at overseas cemeteries.
- Provides cash assistance to needy military and veteran families with children at home.
- Purchases comfort items and recreational opportunities, from loose-fitting sweat suits for burn victims to amusement park tickets for families of hospitalized military personnel recovering from wounds and illnesses.
- Provides volunteer hours and services at VA medical facilities at an estimated annual value of \$20 million.
- Fulfills needs and provides firsthand support for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury through a variety of therapeutic programs that are not dependent on prescription drugs.
- Awards college scholarships to the children of U. S. military personnel who have lost their lives while on active duty since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.
- Distributes urgent cash assistance to veterans whose homes have been badly damaged or destroyed by natural disasters.
- Distributes more the \$500,000 a year in grants to organizations that provide support for children in deed.
- Sponsors and supports hundreds of your youth programs, including more than 3,000 Scouting units, nearly 4,000 American Legion Baseball teams, dozens of Junior Shooting Sports clubs, junior ROTC and Junior Law Cadet programs.
- Provides relief, support, shelter, training and compassion for homeless veterans.
- Supports and demands a full accounting and repatriation, when possible, of all U. S. military personnel listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action.

New Look Benefits Eligibility Matrix

March 2, 2018

USVCP Staff

Take a look at the eligibility matrix below to see what benefits you are eligible for based on your disability rating:

Rating of 0% - 20%

- Certification of Eligibility for home loan guaranty.
- Home loan guaranty fee exemption.
- VA Priority medical treatment card.
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling under Title 38 USC Chapter 31 (must be at least 10%).
- Service Disabled Veterans Insurance (Maximum of \$10,000 coverage) must file within 2 years from the date of new service connection.
- 10-point Civil Service preference (10 points added to Civil Service test score).
- Clothing allowance for veterans who use or wear a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance (artificial limb, braces, wheelchair) or use prescribed medications for skin condition, which tend to wear, tear or soil clothing.
- Temporary total evaluation (100%) based on hospitalization for a service connected disability in excess of 21 days; or surgical treatment for a service connected disability necessitating at least 1 month of convalescence or immobilization by cast, without surgery of more major joints.
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Rating of 30%

- Additional allowance for dependent (spouse, child(ren), step child(ren), helpless child (ren), full-time students between the ages of 18 and 23 and parent(s).
- Additional allowances for a spouse who is a patient in a nursing home or helpless or blind or so nearly helpless or blind as to require the regular aid and attendance of another person.
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Rating of 40%

- Automobile grant and/or special adaptive equipment for an automobile provided there is loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet, loss or permanent loss of one or both hands or permanent impaired vision in both eyes with central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in better eye.
- Special adaptive equipment may also be applied for if there is ankylosis of one or both knees or one or both hips.

Rating of 50%

- VA Medical outpatient treatment for any condition except dental.
- Preventative health care services.
- Hospital care and medical services in non-VA facilities under an authorized fee basis agreement.
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Rating of 60% - 80%

- Increased compensation (100%) based on Individual Unemployability (IU) (applies to veterans who are unable to obtain or maintain substantially gainful employment due to service connected disability).
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Rating of 100%

- Dental treatment.
- Department of Defense Commissary privileges.
- Veteran's employment preference for spouse.
- Waiver of National Service Life Insurance premiums.
- National Service Life Insurance total disability income provisions.
- Specially adapted housing for veterans who have loss or permanent loss of use of both lower extremities or the loss of blindness in both eyes having light perception only plus loss of use of one lower extremity or the loss or permanent loss of use of one lower extremity with loss or permanent loss of use of one upper extremity or the loss or permanent loss of use of one extremity together with an organic disease which affects the functions of balance and propulsion as to preclude locomotion without the aid of braces, crutches, canes or wheelchair.
- Special home adaptation grant (for veterans who don't qualify for Specially Adapted Housing) may be applied for if the veteran is permanently and totally disabled due to blindness in both eyes with visual acuity of 5/200 or less or loss or permanent loss of use of both hands.
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Rating of 100% (Permanent and Total)

In Addition to the Above:

- Civilian Health and Medical Program for Dependents and Survivors (CHAMPVA).

INTERACTIVE VIETNAM WALL MEMORIAL

Click on the link and find the city where you went to high school and look at the names.

Click on a name and it will give details of the death.

Vietnam Wall

First click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear.

Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least their bio and medals.

The link below is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam war with the names, bio's and other information of our lost heroes. Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family, can look them up on this site.

Pass the link on to others, as many knew wonderful people whose names are listed.

[**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall - The Virtual Wall \(TM\)**](#)

AMERICAN LEGION EPOST2100 (CYBER POST) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES! I'll help my fellow veterans by becoming a member of The American Legion. I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked below and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

epost 2100 mailing address ----> Chuck Goetz
675 Washboard Road
Cleveland, GA 30528

Application may be made in any of the following methods:

1. Complete this application and mail it to Ted Richards, epost 2100 Adjutant along with a check in the amount of \$35.00 (payable to American Legion) and a copy of DD214
2. Simply call and make application telephonically (less than 5 minutes).
3. Visit our website at epost 2100.org and make application there

Please check applicable "Dates of Service" and "Branch of Service":

DATES OF SERVICE	BRANCH OF SERVICE
<input type="checkbox"/> AUG. 2, 1990 - OPEN	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. ARMY
<input type="checkbox"/> DEC. 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. NAVY
<input type="checkbox"/> AUG. 24, 1982 - JUL. 31, 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. AIR FORCE
<input type="checkbox"/> FEB. 28, 1963 - MAY 7, 1975	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. MARINES
<input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 25, 1950 - JAN. 31, 1955	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. COAST GUARD
<input type="checkbox"/> DEC. 7, 1941 - DEC. 31, 1946	
<input type="checkbox"/> APR. 6, 1917 - NOV. 11, 1918	
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. MERCHANT MARINE - DEC. 7, 1941 - DEC. 31, 1946	

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

BIRTH DATE

SIGNATURE

Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From _____

\$ _____ for 20____ Post # _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

You can pay the annual dues of \$35.00 now or we will bill you later.

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