

LARRY A. HOFF ePOST 2100



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TO OPT OUT OF OUR NEWSLETTERS, E-MAIL MARIA KLENHARD

OUR NEXT MEETING

AUGUST 19th 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?

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

ROBERT McTUREOUS 404-304-1772

9TH DISTRICT MEETING DATES

The 9th District meeting dates and location posted below.

- Dahlonega -239 August 1st
- * Canton 45 November 7th
- * Sugar Hill 127 February 6th
- * Gainesville 7 May 1st

EASY TEST

A basic test for Americans See how well you do.

<u>Click Here: Country</u> Knowledge

YOUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

Post Commander	ROBERT GREEN	770-786-8702
Senior Vice Commander	MARIA KLENHARD	916-952-7691
Junior Vice Commander	.OPEN	
Adjutant	MARIA KLENHARD	916-952-7691
Finance Officer	MAC MCMILLAN	404-277-4280
Judge Advocate	TED RICHARDS	404-754-0415
Exec. Committee	ED MCMILLAN	770-757-6136
Sergeant-at-Arms	DAVID GREEN	
Service Officer	. <u>ED MCMILLAN</u>	770-757-6136
Chaplain	.ROBERT TEETER	918-781-9328

COMMANDER'S CORNER

This is our Post's 100th edition, so it seems like some sort of milestone or maybe just persistence.



Our newsletters are a departure from the normal Legion bulletins, and they serve as a vital nexus to our Internet members.

We have no Letters to the Editor column or page(s), so use my <a href="mailto:emailto:

This is our newsletter, so we can make improvements as needed, but only if they are pointed out.

Apart from changes, are there current portions you particularly like?

As good as our cadre is, eventually, volunteers get worn out and might appreciate others taking up the position. I am grateful for our current officers serving another term, but new blood is often appositive.

Our election of officers and appointments of other staff have been able to survive another year, with two other members being nominated for positions.

This year has seen the acquisition of a Chaplain, Robert Teeter and a Junior Vice Commander, Eric J. Parsons, Jr. These two men help bolster our cadre.

Maybe we can look forward to yet another 100 editions?

— Bol (770) 786-8702 commander@epost2100.org

FREE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND U. S. CONSTITUTION

For years, <u>Hillsdale College</u> has been sending out a complimentary pocket edition of *The Declaration of Independence* and *Constitution* upon request.

https://lp.hillsdale.edu/free-pocket-constitution/





The American Legion Membership Application (Date of Birth) (Name) (Phone Number) (Mailing Address) (State) (Zip) (Post #) (City) ☐ Male ☐ Female (E-mail) (Gender) ☐ 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 ☐ Global War on Terror U.S. Army ☐ Gulf War ☐ U.S. Navy ☐ Panama ☐ U.S. Air Force ☐ Lebanon/Grenada ☐ U.S. Marines ☐ Vietnam ☐ U.S. Coast Guard ☐ Merchant Marines (WWII only) ☐ Korea ☐ WWII ☐ Other Conflicts Signature of applicant Name of recruiter Date 30-009



DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY

THE DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY MISSION IS TO PROVIDE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING FOR OUR MISSING PERSONNEL TO THEIR FAMILIES AND THE NATION.

DPAA Agency Video, Fulfilling our Nation's Promise https://youtu.be/9wQR1lepeFl (09:15)

Recently Accounted For:

<u>Defense POW/MIA Accounting</u>

<u>Agency ></u>

Our Missing > Recently Accounted For (dpaa.mil)

(Submitted by Maria)

Chaplain's column to be submitted later in August.



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9th District Meeting August 1st, 2021 – Dahlonega Post 239:
Please be sure to have representatives from your post attend the 9th
District Meeting. Post 239 phone number 678-591-8140
132 Legion Rd Dahlonega, Ga 30533
(The host Post can invite 10 Veterans to our General Session / Service meeting and Lunch paid by District Commander)

9:30 am Registration and SAL Meeting 10:00 am ALR Meeting 11:00 am Opening General Session and Service 11:30 pm Lunch 12:15 pm Business Session

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MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

The 2021 American Legion National Membership Workshop will be presented virtually during the last week of July. The workshop will be conducted through Microsoft Teams.

2021 – 2022 National Membership Target Dates

- Early Bird /NEF Kickoff September 9, 2021 = 50%
- Fall Meeting October 14, 2021 = 55%
- Veterans Day November 10, <u>2021</u> = 65%
- Pearl Harbor Day December 8, 2021 = 75%

CHILD WELFARE FUND:

The CWF ended the 2020-21 program year with \$435,312 in donations. Of those donations, more than \$317,000 came from the Sons of The American Legion – the single largest contributor to CWF, donating nearly \$9 million since 1988. And together, The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary donated over \$88,260. The Child Welfare Foundation, cwf-inc.org, provides grants to nonprofits that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through programs, research and resources. One hundred percent of all



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money raised for the foundation is used exclusively for grants. Your support of CWF is providing children a forever home.

MyLegion.org

As elections for the 2021-2022 membership year are underway, newly elected adjutants and commanders at the post, squadron, county and district level will have access to the administrative side of www.Mylegion.org through their individual account. This access occurs as soon as officers are reported and entered into The American Legion national membership database. Reporting of officers is done through the department using the department's officer certification form.

If you have a MyLegion.org account, there is nothing more that you will need to do upon your elected officer position. If you have not registered for a MyLegion.org account, please do so ASAP.

Mission Blue Post Assistance Grants:

Since the Mission Blue Post Assistance Program went into effect following the approval of Resolution No. 36 by the National Executive Committee in October 2020, more than \$400,000 in financial grants have been provided to posts that have been negatively impacted from COVID-19.

The program provides up to \$1,000 in grants to posts that are in good standing with their respective department and meet the qualifying criteria. These funds must be used exclusively to pay current or past due rent, mortgage, utilities and insurance premiums. The Mission Blue Post Eligible posts are able to apply for this one-time grant up to July 1, 2022.

You can also get a lot of information along with forms and applications for The American Legion programs off the Department website address: www.galegion.org

Still Serving God and Country

Craig Lutz 9th District Adjutant



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WASHINGTON

Dear Veteran:

June 21, 2021

Thank you for your service to our Nation. Your commitment to our country's long legacy of service has protected us, and our Nation owes you a debt of gratitude we can never repay.

We must once again ask you to volunteer to serve. COVID-19 has affected all of us in unique ways. We have lost far too many former brothers and sisters in arms, family members and friends over the last year. It is time for this pandemic to be over and I ask for your help in protecting this Nation and completing the last part of this journey. Our greatest hope in defeating this deadly virus is for each of us to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The three vaccines available in the United States have been extensively studied and are proven to be safe and effective. Each of us is safer as more of our community is vaccinated.

Vaccination is essential to our return to normalcy. We hope that you will choose to be vaccinated to protect yourself, your families and friends and our health care workers. While vaccines are widely available, people are still falling ill and needing treatment due to COVID-19. Studies show that if you are vaccinated, it is less likely that you will become severely ill, require hospitalization or become at risk of dying. In fact, a recent Cleveland Clinic study showed that over 99% of those hospitalized due to COVID-19 were not fully vaccinated.

For your convenience, enclosed is a brochure that provides more information about the COVID-19 vaccine. If you have additional questions or concerns about the vaccines, please reach out to your health care team to discuss with them or go to https://www.va.gov/covid-vaccinequestions. VA is accepting all Veterans, regardless of whether they are enrolled or eligible to enroll in VHA health care, spouses and caregivers of Veterans, and CHAMPVA beneficiaries to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. We are offering walk-in clinics without an appointment to any Veteran, their spouse, and caregiver and we encourage you to come get your shot today. To schedule an appointment, you can sign up at https://www.va.gov/covidvaccine. Your local VA facility will contact you with scheduling details. You may also call 1-800-698-2411 or go to https://www.va.gov/find-locations to check your local facility's schedule.

If you have received your COVID-19 vaccination outside of the VA system, please tell us so we can keep your health record up to date. You can either bring your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card to your next appointment, call your primary care team, or share with your primary care team by uploading an image of your vaccine card to your My HealtheVet account.

The Department of Veterans Affairs appreciates your service to our Nation and defense of our freedoms. Getting the vaccine and ensuring others do the same is one way you can continue to protect those with whom you served, your family and your community. You can protect them from this terrible disease that has already claimed too many lives.

Sincerely.

Enclosure

Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Richard A. Stone, M.D.

Acting Under Secretary for Health