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

OUR NEXT MEETING

December 15th, at 7:30 PM, is slated for our next tele-meeting, by invitation, using GoToMeeting. E-mail me if you want an invitation:

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

[Commander](#)

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

A neighbor posted this on the neighborhood Internet platform:



'Tis the season. You can sign up at the USPS website for "Informed Delivery." This is a service USPS provides. They scan images of your mail and you can check daily to see your expected delivery, including tracking of packages sent via USPS. USPS scans all mail regardless of whether you sign up for this service or not. It's free and a great way to keep track of your mail.

<https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>

I've used this free service for some time and it can be useful in several ways.

Australia's Northern Territory's government has listed the ten most common scams and they apply to America, also:

<https://nt.gov.au/law/crime/scams/ten-most-common-types-of-scams#:~:text=Ten%20most%20common%20types%20of%20scams%201%201.,8.%20Job%20and%20employment%20scams%20...%20More%20items>

For your personal safety, it is a good practice not to leave items of value in plain sight in your vehicle and not to leave the engine running while you exit for just a short while.

Bob

[Email](#)

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OUR DONATIONS

At November's meeting, we voted to use some of our funds to provide Boys State fees for a couple Posts who needed some help and to donate to the American Legion's Child Welfare Foundation efforts.

We also donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, February 4, 2023 – Post 45

[160 McClure St, Canton, GA 30114](#)

- American Legion Riders - 9:30AM
- Sons of the American Legion - 10:15AM
- Registration - 10:15AM
- District Executive Committee - 11:00AM
- Joint Session—11:30AM
- American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary Business Session -1:00

Saturday, May 6, 2023—Sugar Hill Post 127

District Convention & Elections

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Happy Holidays to all!! This is the time of year when we typically try and spend time with family and friends. For some the pain of the holidays is at its worst and this time of year is when it is a terrible struggle to make it to the next day. Then there are the homeless, who for various reasons live without the security of that place so many people take for granted.

People, (me included) used to ask why does someone live this way? What is it that makes them walk away from their home and live in the tent community under a bridge, or in the woods? For Veterans, the issues are many: PTSD, drugs, mental health issues, for others it could be mental disease, financial, and what are we going to do about it?

I know, actually I don't know, as this is a problem that is felt in every State in the country. No one has a solution other than to build another shelter to keep the homeless warm in the winter. Sounds fairly grim.

As we work our way through the Holiday seasons, how about we as the American Legion look at ways to help the homeless Veterans? If you are unaware, there is a large population of homeless Veterans on any given day throughout the year.

On a personal note, I am about to finish semester number 4 at the University of Oklahoma and have 3 semesters remaining. I'm a late bloomer and getting closer to finishing the Master of Social Work. Probably the reason for the discussion over the many homeless.

Everywhere one looks, the holiday lights are going up, survived Black Friday by staying home and avoiding it all together. We are having rain, and next week temps in the 70's. What a strange way to bring in December.

My prayer: Oh God, thank you for family and friends and all you have provided. We have families who still have no answers to the missing service men and women of wars past. Please continue to provide what comfort they need. We continue to send service men and women around the globe. Please keep them safe. We have many who have nothing but a tent and the clothes on their backs. Please guide them to safety and warmth in the cold. Let our hearts and minds come together and work towards a more permanent solution to help those who are homeless. In this I pray, Amen.

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Date of Birth)

(Mailing Address) _____ (Phone Number)

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

(E-mail) _____ Male Female _____
(Gender) _____ (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	



Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter

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Receipt of Dues

(Please Print)

From _____ \$ _____ for 20 _____ Post # _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

Free Entrance to National Parks for Gold Star Families and Veterans

The National Park Service in partnership with Operation Live Well would like to thank military personnel and their families for their service and invite them to enjoy their national parks.

The free Military Pass is a way to thank current US military members and their dependents, Gold Star Families, and US military veterans for their support of our country and to encourage them to explore recreational opportunities on their public lands and waters.

A free lifetime Military Pass is available for Gold Star Families and US military veterans. A free annual Military Pass is available for current US military members and their dependents.

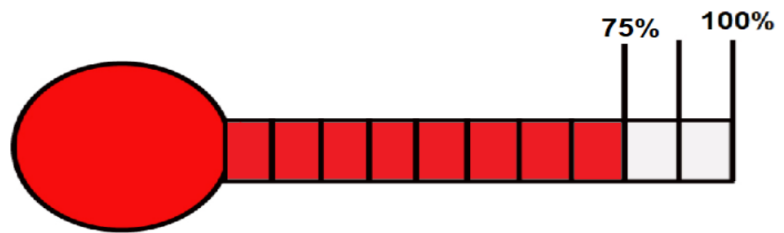
The passes provide free access to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests.

Check the link below

[Places to Get Interagency Passes \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/interagency-passes)

Rick Conn, Ga State Coordinator MSANA HVP VAMC

2023 Membership Renewal Status



Our goal is to reach 100% membership renewal for year 2023 by December 31, 2022. Post 2100 Membership Goal is 70 members. You can renew through www.MyLegion.org, or Mail to: American Legion Post 2100, 115 W 3rd St., Manchester, GA 31816 Membership Dues: \$35.00

The Navy version of "In Flanders Field" I hope all enjoy.
LEST WE FORGET, LEST WE FORGET

In Waters Deep

In ocean wastes no poppies blow,
No crosses stand in ordered row,
There young hearts sleep...beneath the wave...

The spirited, the good, the brave,
But stars a constant vigil keep,
For them who lie beneath the deep.

'Tis true you cannot kneel in prayer
On certain spot and think, "He's there."
But you can to the ocean go...

See whitecaps marching row on row;
Know one for him will always ride...
In and out...with every tide.

And when your span of life is passed,
He'll meet you at the "Captain's Mast."
And they who mourn on distant shore

For sailors who'll come home no more,
Can dry their tears and pray for these
Who rest beneath the heaving seas...

For stars that shine and winds that blow
And white caps marching row on row.
And they can never lonely be
For when they lived...they chose the sea.

The poem 'In Waters Deep' was written by Eileen Mahoney

Submitted by Navy veteran, our Chaplain, *Robert Teeter*.

OUR CYBER POST AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN IT



Ours is Georgia's first and only cyber American Legion. It was founded to honor a remarkable veteran, [Colonel Larry A. Hoff](#) as a homage to his widow..

You probably never heard a presentation by Colonel Hoff, but from his wheel chair he would provide informative, inspiring and memorable speeches around the State.

Your membership in this Post is supportive of his service and was appreciated by his widow.

Our successes have encouraged some others to start up their own cyber Posts.

Sent to me from a friend:

Interesting Veterans Statistics Off the Vietnam Memorial Wall:

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were just 19 years old.

The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.

One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam ..

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam ..

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.

Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia . I wonder why so many from one school.

8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.

A mother from Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation.

There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam.

In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.

The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created.

We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.