



LARRY A. HOFF ePOST 2100



Issue #98 JUNE, 2021 *COMMUNICATION IS POWER*

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

OUR NEXT MEETING

MAY 17th 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

UH-OH

If your router gateway ever stops working, turn it off for twenty seconds, then turn it back on.

If that does not work:

1. Press the router/gateway's reset button for ten seconds.
2. If still not working, unplug it from the AC outlet or back of unit for ten seconds.
3. If still not working, call your ISP for them to do a remote reset and/or tell you if there is an outage.

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.....	ED MCMILLAN	770-757-6136
Chaplain.....	ROBERT TEETER	918-781-9328

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Our cadre is filling up with great volunteers, but elections are coming up and we can always use fresh blood, new faces, unselfish volunteers to keep our American Legion Post operating smoothly.



In the past, a slate of officers would be sent to our members in good standing and they were offered the opportunity to run for one of the offices, even if currently filled.

Burn-out is an unfortunate malady affecting many organizations, so it would be nice if we had members standing in the wings to step up and fill a slot that might be unexpectedly vacated.

As a cyber Post, we do not currently have many opportunities for group efforts, projects, and services to veterans and their families, so most cadre positions do not require much time and effort to fulfill.

However, we always need good officers, so when you receive the next slate of officers, consider volunteering for a position.

I am grateful for our members who are members of our Legion, but each year we look for those who want to do more.

Our present Post leaders serve without pay and put in time and effort to preserve our unique organization.

Maybe look over the positions as listed in our monthly agenda and ongoing Web site. If you have questions, please contact me.

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

OUR CHAPLAIN'S PAGE

Mother's Day just went by and Father's Day is fast approaching. Two days set aside to honor mom's and dad's. We like to believe that this is a time of celebration and fond memories. But please be mindful as there are children who do not have one or both parents and good fond childhood memories.



There are also adults who have lost children at a young age. These two days can be exceedingly difficult days that bring out a great deal of depression and suffering for individuals, they feel there is nothing to celebrate.

I will monthly have one clause to highlight and remind us about the importance of our preamble. It is easy to recite a short sentence once a month in a meeting. It is also just as easy to forge what the meaning is behind those words. Here is the second clause.



TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA...The Constitution of the United States is the written bulwark of our free way of life and representative government. It is our guarantee of liberty, freedom, justice, and democracy.



The Wildlife in our yard is amazing. From the smallest hummingbird to these graceful deer.

Members of The American Legion bore arms - went to wars—to defend and uphold this document of freedom.

As I sit here writing this article I am thinking about the adventure/journey. Life is full of opportunities, and as for myself I have had my fair share come and go. Some slipped by of my own

choosing and others were beyond my control. Here I am with yet another opportunity of which I have chosen to undertake in the fall of this year.

One thing of which I am certain is we are never too old to learn something new. I will be able to continue the bicycle riding which has been such a big part of why I am able to start this new path of my life story.

As you have read from previous newsletters, Faith is noticeably big in my beliefs. In Hebrews Ch 11:1-2, we read “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the Ancients were commended for”. (NIV) The rest of the chapter goes on to give examples of blind faith.

What does any of the information shared above have to do with this passage and faith? I cannot answer for anyone but myself. I grew up in a single parent home, due to divorce, so mom was also dad, and she did the best she could.



There was a lot of faith, hope and prayer to just to survive. Enlisting was not only about something bigger than myself, but it was also hope that it would lead to security and career for myself and family as I was married and had a daughter. Now I am enrolled in classes for a master’s in social work. I believe that God has led me to each of these steps in my life and it was me that needed to have that faith/hope to step forward, as it for each of us.

My prayer to close; God help us to be open to hear You. May we be receptive, even when doubts and fears cloud the way for faith to lead us to You. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Bob Feeter

REMEMBER, MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 31ST

BUDDY CHECKERS IS NOT A GAME

We veterans use Buddy Checking as a contact ploy for our own Post veterans, but the concept is also valid for use in contacting friends, neighbors, relatives from whom we have not heard in some (worrisome?) time.

Periods of isolation can be harmful to some folks and just a confirming and supportive contact might not only be appreciated, but possibly life-saving. Couldn't hurt?

NOT REALLY A JOKE

You may have heard that the toothbrush was invented in (name a state). Otherwise, it would have called a teethbrush.

Regular dental checkups may not be fun, but they are important for maintaining relatively good health

[Periodontal disease](#) is no joke.

Four times a year, I have to visit the dentist for [dental prophylaxis treatments](#) to deal with my periodontal disease or suffer the consequences of which tooth loss is the least concern. No joke.
—Bob

The American Legion Membership Application

LEGION Act

(Name) (Date of Birth)

(Mailing Address) (Phone Number)

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

(E-mail) (Gender) (Dues)

Male Female

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. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts | |



30-009 Signature of applicant Date Name of recruiter

A REMINDER

This is just a reminder that there are very few free lunches, but many bad actors out there who want to take advantage of others.

Never respond to unsolicited emails, calls or mailings which ask for your personal information. Even your email address has value to them. Beware!

ROBO CALLS

Registering with the [National Do Not Call Registry](#) is no guarantee of not receiving unwanted calls, but it can't hurt.

You might purchase [call-blocking devices](#), but they, also, offer no guarantees and you might have blocked a call you did want. Some callers change the numbers after one-time use.

The above options are only mentioned to try and give you some relief from robo calls.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

Call for helpful information on:

- COVID-19 general information and updates
- Health care eligibility and enrollment
- VA benefits, such as disability, compensation and pension, education programs, caregiver support, insurance, home loans, and burial headstones and markers, among others
- The nearest VA medical centers, benefits offices, or cemeteries to Veterans
- Directory assistance and connection to all VA contact centers and VA Medical Centers

Technical support for [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov)

- Debt and payment options

Immediate transfer to the Veterans Crisis Line or the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

Will I be able to speak to a live agent? Yes!

When you call **1-800-MyVA411** and **press 0**, you will reach a live agent for immediate assistance or connection to the right VA experts.

The VA Welcome Kit

Inside you will find an overview of VA benefits and services, important phone numbers and resources, and "[Quick Start Guides](#)" on specific programs, services, and topics.

Quick Start Guides "[Quick Start Guides](#)" will help you navigate your VA benefits and services, with checklists to keep you organized and on track to apply for them.

[Apply for VA health care](#)

[Get started with mental health services](#)

[Get started with health services for women Veterans](#)

[Understanding community care](#)

[Accessing urgent care](#)

[Apply for a disability rating](#)

[Apply for education benefits](#)

[Apply for burial in a VA national cemetery and for memorial products](#)

[Understanding the modernized decision review process](#)

[Get started with services for Veterans ages 65+](#)

[Get started with Veteran state benefits and services](#)

[Get started with Vet Center services](#)

[Get started with caregiver benefits](#)

[Apply for survivor benefits](#)

[Explore VA.gov to learn about your benefits](#)

FUND RAISING

A report from the field.

As Legionnaires, our mission is to support our fellow Veterans, youth, and community.

A few weeks back I received a phone call from the Senior Naval Science Instructor at Cairo High School asking for some assistance. For reasons unknown, the local AL Post had failed to offer support this year and he asked if I could get some support for awarding the American Legion Military Excellence and Military Scholastic Excellence Awards and present them at Awards Ceremony which would be held on May 11th. It only took a few phone calls to come up with over \$300.00 and medals and certificates were quickly on order. I also decided that as a member of Larry A. Hoff ePost 2100, that the medals and certificates should come from the post. That only took a few moments to get approval from Commander Green.

I then arranged for two retired Naval Officers, Captain Charles R. Parker and Commander Edward J. DeMartini (also a member of ePost2100) to present these awards. The Military Excellence Award was presented to Cadet Captain Caylyn Norton and the Military Scholastic Excellence Award to Cadet Lieutenant Jodi Lopez. The ceremony, which for the most part, was done by the cadets and was very impressive. This NJROTC Unit has excelled in all areas and received the Distinguished Unit Award, making it one of the top 30 units in the District.

In ongoing discussions with the Commander of the JROTC Unit and with \$250.00 on hand I then decided to get other Veterans involved in fund raising with a goal of \$500.00, which will sponsor five cadets for the Leadership Training program in June. The first \$250.00 will be given in the name of Larry A. Hoff ePost 2100.

All over that will be from the Grady County Veterans Honor Guard. We do not intend to stop at \$500.00! Programs of this nature offer unique opportunities for our youth. The Cairo High School NJROTC Program has produced its first Cadet destined to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and has been instrumental in producing high quality recruits for the U.S. Military. I believe that everyone would be proud of these young people.

Jesse L. Hobby

Commander

Grady County Veterans Honor Guard

OUR ADJUTANT RAN ACROSS THIS



ACTIVITIES FROM JESSE HOBBY

The Honor Guard actually had a slow month, which is a good thing. We only provided Military Honors for one deceased veteran, Jerry Ray Sullenburger.

The service was at the National Cemetery in Tallahassee, FL on March 8, 2021. We provided full honors with thirteen members present for duty - Detail Commander, eight man firing party, three-man flag detail, bugler. Seventy-five-mile round trip in three vehicles.

Our other activity for the month was the purchase and presentation of ten flag cases to the families of veterans who died since the first of the year. Each case had a plaque with the veteran's name, date of birth, date of death, branch of service, and dates of service. We have an individual who makes the cases at a very reasonable price, following in his father's footsteps.

The total for all cases was \$300.00. The plaques are done by another person who is strongly pro-military and will not accept payment for her service.

You had asked, earlier, about the make-up of the Honor Guard. We have twenty members from four AL Posts (2100, 544, 265, and 122) and a VFW Post (8433). Our bugler comes from Bugles Across America. I will get pictures of Post 2100 members at our next meeting and forward to you.

We will be providing Military Honors for two deceased veterans on Saturday, April 17.

Best regards,
Jesse Hobby