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TO OPT OUT OF OUR NEWSLETTERS, E-MAIL cgoetz@myemc.net

OUR NEXT MEETING

June 20th, 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?

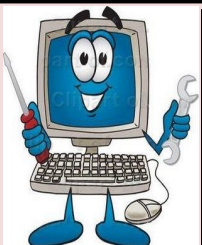
YOUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander..... [ROBERT GREEN](#) 770-786-8702
- Senior Vice Commander..... [LES GREEN](#) 770-596-5635
- Junior Vice Commander[PAUL AUST](#) 770-315-2189
- Junior Vice Commander..... [MARK FENLEY](#) 678-661-1031
- Finance Officer..... [CHUCK GOETZ](#) 706-219-4209
- Judge Advocate..... [TED RICHARDS](#) 404-754-0415
- Exec. Committee..... [RICK SCHIRMER](#) 678-687-7270
- Exec. Committee..... [ED MCMILLAN](#) 770-757-6136

COMMANDER'S CORNER

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

[ROBERT MCTUREOUS](#)
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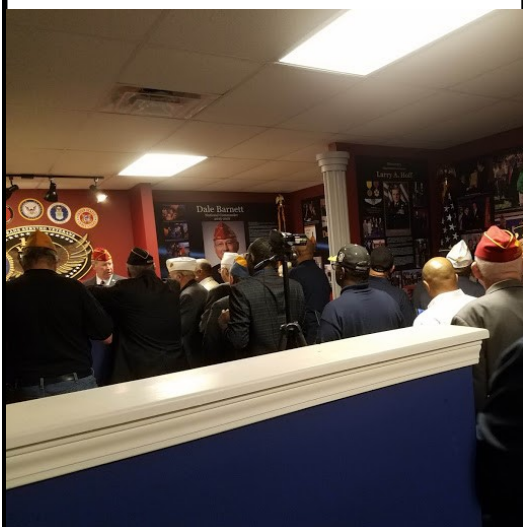
Our Executive Committee will soon be setting up a slate of officers for our cyber ePost 2100.



This is always a challenging task as we seek new blood to come into the organization and yet, not want to alienate current officers, but that is a part of our democratic election process.

RIBBON CUTTING

At Department of GA HQ yesterday, Paul was at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the "NEW" history room. In the picture below (can be enlarged), you will see the current National CDR for The American Legion (left) and the Larry Hoff display (to the right).



As with most organizations, few step forward to assume the mantle of leadership. Luckily, for us, serving as one of our officers consumes very little time, save for our monthly meetings and some activities.

Give some thought as to seeking out a position and contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns. We can always use a few good men or women!

We have been fortunate in being served by a strong officer corps and hope to continue in that vein.

In the past, there has only been one contentious position, so the proposed slates have always been accepted without any real competition.

Even if you don't or cannot run for an office, just by being a member of The American Legion, you help other veterans and families by adding to our numbers to influence congressional legislation. One might even say it is patriotic!

Bob Green

770-786-8702

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL VA PAYMENTS?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Veterans and survivors who are eligible for a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pension and require the aid and attendance of another person, or are housebound, may be eligible for additional monetary payment.

These benefits are paid in addition to a veteran's monthly pension.

Since aid and attendance and housebound allowances increase the pension amount, people who are not eligible for a basic pension due to excessive income may be eligible for pension at these increased rates.

A veteran or surviving spouse may not receive aid and attendance benefits and housebound benefits at the same time.

If this applies to you or others, check it out.

JUNE 28-30, 2019

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION, VALDOSTA

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](#).

SOME JUNE EVENTS

June	
D-Day	June 6
Army Birthday	June 14
U.S. Flag Day	June 14
National Flag Week	The week that includes June 14th
Father's Day	Third Sunday in June
Warrior Games	June 21 (begins), June 30 (ends)
Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday	June 23
PTSD Awareness Day	June 27

EXTEND YOUR WI-FI ?

If you find your Wi-Fi signal grows weaker the farther you are from your gateway/router/modem, consider using an extender to boost the signal. For example:

The AT&T Smart Wi-Fi Extender utilizes state-of-the-art mesh technology to expand your home Wi-Fi and cover locations with a weak Wi-Fi signal. Adding a Smart Extender to your AT&T Wi-Fi network can increase your coverage by up to 1,000 sq. ft. and helps to reduce network congestion.

A REMINDER?

A provision of the [2009 Defense Authorization Act](#) changed federal law to allow U.S. veterans and military personnel, not in uniform, to render the military hand-salute when the national anthem is played.



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.

TIME-SENSITIVE FREE DENTAL SERVICE

Aspen Dental dentists and teams will once again be providing free dental care to veterans nationwide on June 8.

For the sixth year, nearly 500 Aspen Dental offices nationwide will open their doors to serve veterans in their local communities as part of their community giving initiative, the [Healthy Mouth Movement](#).

As of May 1, veterans can call 844-277-3646 to find a participating Aspen Dental office in their community and schedule an appointment for June 8.

Related: [Military retirees Federal Dental and Vision Program](#).

Advance appointments are required.

Dentists and teams will treat the most urgent needs of each veteran to ensure any dental pain is relieved, including anything from fillings and extractions to basic denture repairs.

FOUR WAYS TO PAY VA BILL

You must pay your balance in full by the due date on the initial billing statement to avoid late charges and/or collection actions.

In an effort to make paying your VA bills as easy as possible, VA offers several ways to pay your VA bill:

- **In Person:** At your local Veteran Affairs Medical Center's Agent Cashier's Office
- **By Phone:** Contact VA at 1-888-827-4817
- **Online:** Pay by ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card at www.pay.gov
- **By Mail:** Make check or money order payable to "VA" and include account number and payment stub. Submit to: Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 3978, Portland, OR 97208-3978

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to utilize the Internet to serve those veterans and their families who are unable to attend a local Post.

ONE-RING SCAM

Ever get a one-ring call on your (cell) 'phone?

If you call back, chances are that you will be connected to an overseas account which will send you a huge bill.

Yes, this is another of those 'phone scams which take advantage of the unwary.

If the caller was legit, they would have probably have called you back.

The [no-call](#) programs cannot always protect you from scams, so remain alert to avoid needless aggravation.

Follow the VA on RallyPoint - the world's largest military network

1.6 million servicemembers, Veterans, family members, government civilians, caregivers, and survivors are engaging on this social network, and VA recently signed a [MOU with RallyPoint](#).

There are more than 425K Veteran-centric discussions on the platform. It's a great place to ask (or answer!) questions like "How do I get my Army Medical Records to submit a [VA claim?](#)" "When does the [VA pay out](#) travel pay?" and "When can I expect my [first disability check?](#)"



VETERAN'S CREED



I am a Veteran. I have seen and done things that many will not understand.
 I am a warrior and member of a team spanning the world
 I have served my country proudly and now stand by to serve my brothers
 and sisters in arms
 I will never accept defeat
 I will never quit
 I will never leave a fallen brother or sister. If they are hurt, I will carry them.
 If I can't carry them, I will drag them
 I will help them face their enemies, to include the demons from within
 They are my brothers and they are my sisters
I AM A VETERAN!!

2019 COLA BILL PASSED

Congresswoman Elaine Luria participated in her first full-committee bill markup as a member of the House Committee on [Veterans' Affairs](#) on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

The committee passed 18 bills during the markup, including two sponsored by Rep. Luria. Markup is when congressional committees and subcommittees debate, amend, and rewrite proposed legislation before passing them to the full Senate or House of Representatives.

The Bill H.R. 1200, or the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2019, would provide cost-of-living increases for [veterans](#) on a host of items like wartime [disability compensation](#), [compensation](#) for dependents, clothing allowance, dependency and indemnity [compensation](#) to surviving spouses, and dependency and indemnity [compensation](#) to children.

Bill H.R. 1200 headed to the President for approval.
 Rate to be determined.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Because our members are separated by distances and mainly connect via the Internet, we often are unaware of those times when illness, death and other tragedies affect our members.

If you would like to apprise our members of such instances as those above, please notify me if you would like us to offer our thoughts and prayers and maybe other tangible assistance.

We often hear the phrase, "keeping them in our thoughts and prayers", but it is not a trite expression of concern. We are as a family.

—*Bob*

New VA Benefits Web site: <https://www.va.gov/>

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.

Make Checks payable to: "The American Legion ePost 2100"

If mailed send to:
Charles Goetz, Post Finance Officer
675 Washboard Rd
Cleveland, GA 30528

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 SUBMIT THE
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