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## OUR NEXT MEETING

March 16th, 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](mailto: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](#)  
770-786-8702

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

Each month, our American Legion Post meetings include the recitation of our Preamble to our Constitution:



FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- To maintain law and order;
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
- To make right the master of might;
- To promote peace and goodwill on Earth;
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

## LIVING HISTORY

We veterans have had experiences about which almost 99% of our nation have not.

You can provide an invaluable service to our youth by visiting schools and sharing with the children (and incidental staff) your experiences in our armed forces.

You might speak with other veterans about doing the same things. You can add reality to lessons taught in books, or maybe not covered in lesson plans. Maybe you can get something from it, too?

## UPCOMING DATES

### Department Spring Conference

23-25 March 2023

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### District Convention & Election

Saturday, May 4, 2023—Post 127

[6196 Suwanee Dam Rd, Sugar Hill, GA 30518](#)

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### Department Convention & Election

June 23-25, 2023

1775 Pleasant Hill Dr., Duluth, GA

This can become trite, if allowed to, but it is the core of reason for being. We may not have committed it to memory, so we post it on the agenda for each of our monthly meetings. Read over it, but in reverse phrases (bottom to top) and consider how it is and should be a part of you, not just words.

*Bob*

[Email](#)

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Greetings everyone I woke up this morning and was greeted very rudely to temperatures 30 degrees colder than yesterday morning. The day is expected to rebound into the upper 40's but again 30 degrees colder than the high from yesterday. At least Oklahoma weather keeps us on our toes.

We all joined the military for various reasons. Some entered through the academies and came out officers, other were drafted, and there were a those who enlisted. One thing we all have in common is that we put on the uniform of our country and swore an oath. For those who were injured during their time in service, the country in turn is obliged to take care of them and their families, and that goes the same for those gave their entire career and retired.

Hence, we have the Department of Veterans Affairs and VA medical system. For some of our brothers and sisters, VA is/has not an easy hurdle to navigate. I know a 22-year retiree from the Air Force (two years to retire while the Air Force resolved his medical issues) and at his VA examinations the examiner kept making comments about how there were no records of the issues being looked at. Chances are likely that his claim will be all or mostly denied even though everything is clearly in the record, but because they refuse to look.

This is not a problem that will go away with privatization. The VA operates on processing of claims and the greater the number of claims that get processed, the larger the bonus at the end of the year. It is much faster to not look at the evidence and deny the claim unless the claim is very simple, hence the small number of approved claims on first application.

This brings me back to my initial train of thought, To Foster and Perpetuate a 100 Percent Americanism: Our Legion lobby is working hard in Washington to overcome and change some rules and make life better for us Veterans. I have done what I can at the local level to assist this Veteran in helping to guide him to the quickest resolution if the VA rules against him, including getting a power of attorney from a Service organization. (Yes, I recommended the American Legion).

There is something else that has been on my mind. We have heard the terms liberal and conservative and socialist thrown around entirely too much. There are liberal and conservative members of both Parties. But socialist really got to me. Socialism: any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods.

I'm going to close with, we are all different, and have served at during different times. We have led unique lives leading to our present moment in time. We are currently interacting within the sphere of our online Post. Oh God, there is so much going on and so much to accomplish. Be with our lobby group as they speak with our legislators and allow for the legislators to have open minds.

Father, be with the families of those who are still missing, lending them comfort and may someday find closure. May we continue to be willing to listen and work with open hearts to complete our mission of the Legion. In this I Pray, Amen.

Blessings to all

*Bob Teeter*

Post Chaplain

## A Brief History of The American Legion



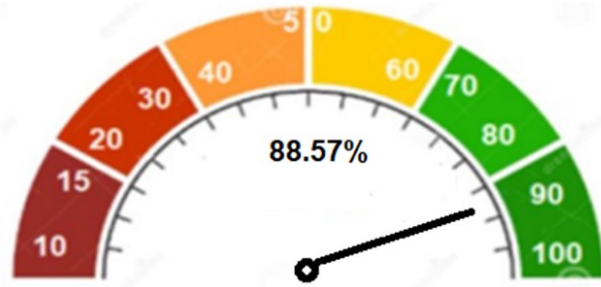
THE AMERICAN LEGION  
A BRIEF HISTORY

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The American Legion was founded March 15-17, 1919 by members of the American Expeditionary Forces still stationed in Europe awaiting passage home from World War II. Their experiences in what was called the “war to end all wars” would shape an enduring agenda for what became the nation’s largest organization of veterans.

## 2023 RENEWAL STATUS As Of: 15 February 2023

Our membership goal is 70 and 62 have renewed to date.



To renew by mail, send to:

Mail to: American Legion Post 2100

115 W 3rd St., Manchester, GA 31816

OR

Renew online at [MyLegion.Org](http://MyLegion.Org)

## HOW TO USE MYLEGION.ORG

[Account Registration](#)—Please read before registering an account

[My Account](#)—For all registered users of MyLegion.org

[Known Issues](#)—A list of known issues and their status

## VFO takes veterans fishing in East Alabama & West Georgia

[Veterans Fishing Organization, Inc](#) is a not for profit 501c3 organization. They provide military Veterans, including but not limited to those with physical disabilities and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), with an opportunity for recreation and renewal through guided fresh water fishing and wildlife observation on lakes in Georgia and Alabama.

At VFO, their goal is to make a difference in the lives of Veterans - physically and emotionally - one at a time. They start by removing them from the isolation of their home and engage them from beginning to end with conversation, connection and a freedom from their disabilities. We begin this process with a day of fishing, followed by ongoing connection with phone calls, visits and emails. They are grateful to our Veterans for their service to our country. It is their sacrifice that allows the rest of us to live our lives in freedom and prosperity. They hope you'll take a few moments to tour their site, email them with questions, and if you're inclined, make a donation. If you are a Veteran who can get to their locations in Georgia or Alabama, you are invited to complete the application to get scheduled for your day of fishing. [Application | vfohome](#) / [www.vfohome.org/application](http://www.vfohome.org/application)

NOTE: Two members of AL Post 2100 has taken advantage of this opportunity and highly recommend others to also give it a go.

## Blood Donations

Blood donations are needed daily in every community throughout the country. Over 95 percent of all Americans reaching 72 will need blood, or one of the products that can be derived from blood, in their lifetimes. About 75 percent of all people over 30 know someone who has had a blood transfusion. A fragile product, blood is a liquid living tissue that must be used within 21-41 days (5 days for blood platelets) of its donation. While people often ‘tune in’ and respond to emergency appeals, daily needs can only be met by volunteer donors on an ongoing basis throughout the year. **Note:** Post 2100 hosted a blood donation event February 9, 2023 and acquired 27 pints blood.



# MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FEBRUARY</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	<b>APRIL</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10 <small>1945: Japanese resistance in Manila ends</small>	11
12 <small>Daylight Savings Time begins</small>	13	14	15	16	17 <small>St. Patrick's Day</small>	18 <small>1942: War Relocation Authority established to intern Japanese-Americans.</small>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <small>1945: General Kuribayashi commits suicide after defeat on Iwo Jima.</small>	27	28	29	30	31	

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE PACIFIC WAR – FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS

### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Forward application and \$35.00 to: American Legion Post 2100, 115 W 3rd Street, Manchester, GA 31816

# FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

## Federal Taxes

- Military retirement pay is taxable as federal income tax and is not considered earned income for Social Security tax purposes.

Premiums for the [Survivor Benefit Plan](#) are excluded from taxable income.

[Veterans education benefit payments](#) received through VA for education and training are tax-free.

Disability benefits received from VA, such as disability compensation, pension payments and grants for home modifications, are not taxable.

## Money from VA that is not taxed

- Interest from VA life insurance policies.
- Benefits under a dependent-care assistance program.
- Money paid to a survivor of a member of the armed forces who died after Sept. 10, 2001.
- Payments made under the compensated work therapy program.

Any bonus pay from a state, county, city or town because of service in a combat zone.

Note that if you had a recent increase in your disability rating or were granted [combat-related special compensation](#), you may be eligible for a tax refund, but this can only be applied to the year VA reassessed your disability level.

## State Taxes

- States typically offer tax benefits only to Veterans who were honorably discharged or released from active duty under honorable circumstances.
- State benefits usually include exemptions on property taxes, according to value.
- Benefits are often transferred to a spouse or surviving spouse of honorably discharged Veterans.
- Many states offer property tax exemptions and other benefits for disabled Veterans.
- Military retirement pay may be taxed differently in different states.

Every state's revenue website outlines state benefits for Veterans and how to apply for them.

Disabled Veterans can qualify for property tax exemptions at the state level. These breaks, which are usually tied to a [specific disability rating](#), can help a Veteran save thousands of dollars. You can view a list of all property tax exemptions by state and disability percentage [here](#).