

LARRY A. HOFF ePOST 2100



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

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. LES GREEN 770-596-5635



WHY JOIN US?

From our American Legion Web site:

https://www.legion.org/membership/ whyjoin

Free Subscription to The American Legion Magazine

Benefits Assistance

Career Assistance

Comfort for the Recovering

Education Assistance

Family and Community Support

Financial Services

Homeless Veteran Outreach

Honor and Remembrance

Member Discounts

Advocacy in Washington

Volunteer Opportunities

OUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

Post Commander...... ROBERT GREEN 770-786-8702 Senior Vice Commander...... LES GREEN 770-596-5635 Junior Vice CommanderPAUL AUST 770-315-2189 Junior Vice Commander...... MARK FENLEY 678-661-1031 Finance Officer...... CHUCK GOETZ 706-219-4209 Exec. Committee...... RICK SCHIRMER 678-687-7270 Exec. Committee..... ED MCMILLAN 770-757-6136

COMMANDER'S CORNER

As Internet users, we have many opportunities to enjoy the wonders of cyber space. One of those is the home assistant.

Google, Amazon (Alexa), and Apple (Siri) offer voice-activated devices which respond to a wide range of information via Wi-Fi.



I thought this sort of thing was just a gadget and not very useful, but now I have become a dependent convert and want you to consider such home assistants, if you have not already done so.

One advantage is that they can be "on" 24/7. They are easily relocated and unobtrusive. You need no keyboard (no typos) or reading small fonts.

Each morning, I ask mine about the weather, my schedule, and to play music during breakfast. It can tell me about businesses (restaurants), addresses, and even telephone them. They can also control some features of your home.

While watching TV, when I hear something unfamiliar, the device usually tells me what it is, though it is not perfect and needs to be asked in a proper format/wording. It is more readily available than my computers and cell 'phone (which is almost always at my side).

There are so many ways to use it, and I will not try covering them, now, but invite you to see if this "assistant" can be an assistant or a nuisance. My bet is that if you get/use one, you will find many ways to benefit from the 24/7 help that it offers.

On the dark side, there are those who feel such devices will snoop on you and are Orwellian, but I do not see that ... at this time!

It might pay for you to check into home assistants and see if one might be beneficial for you and/or for others.



Will you support the American Legion's Poppy Day, May 25th? Last year, some of us offered artificial poppies to the public, but accepted "donations" to the American Legion. We may do this

again, this year. Check out: https://www.alaforveterans.org/Poppy/ and Google page.

commander@epost2100.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Department Convention Jun 20- 24 Duluth, GA Arrive

Jun 2018

100th Annual National Convention Aug 24-30 Minneapolis, MN

2018 National Fall Meetings Oct 15 - 18 Indianapolis, IN 2018

Department Fall Conference Oct 27- 28 Duluth, GA (Arrive 26 Oct)

2019 101st Annual National Convention,

Indianapolis, IN Aug 23-29 2020

102nd Annual National Convention,

Louisville, KY Aug 28 - Sep 3

2021 103rd Annual National Convention,

Phoenix, AZ Aug 27- Sep 2

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, <u>Ted Richards</u>.

COMPOUND INTEREST

Compound interest is one of the most powerful forces on our planet.

Used in savings and investments, it is a powerful for financial good.

Used in loans, it can be a powerful force for financial concern.

Keep this in mind as you work with others.

THE SERVICE CAP

When we see and attend events where the American Legion service cap is worn, we can take comfort that it speaks to several important items:

- Promotes the Legion presence.
- Speaks well for the wearer who put life on line in defense of our nation.
- May encourage others to join the Legion.
- Sets us apart from other organization's service cap wearers.
- See Page 3 for order information.

AN EASY "SELL"

As members of The American Legion, we might feel some pressure to help spread the word and get other veterans to join (if not OUR cyber Post, then a brick-and-mortar).

Probably the easiest "sell" would be to speak to our relatives who are veterans and try to interest them in joining.

Coming from you, there is a good likelihood that some may actually join us.

You might even get them to contact Les Green 770-596-5635 (no relation to me) to help convey good reasons fort hem to become members.

In unity, there is strength, and the more veterans who band together for mutual help-fulness, the better for us all, and for America.

Our Adjutant got is daughter-in-law to join and I got my first-born, so...! — **Bol**

TO ORDER SERVICE CAP

DEPLOYED AID

Details on filling out forms:

Cap Style is Post "State"

Lining is Lined

Cap Model is Regular Crown

Left Side Lettering is **GEORGIA**

Right Side Lettering is 2100

Optional Right Side Lettering is LARRY A. HOFF EPOST

Cap price: \$40.95

Additional lettering is \$20.00

Shipping & Handling is \$9.95

Total is \$70.90 per cap

Mail to:

American Legion Emblem Sales

P. O. Box 36460

Indianapolis, IN 46236-0460

RECRUITMENT

As of January 31, there were close to 1.4 million people serving in the U.S. armed forces, according to the latest numbers from the Defense Manpower Data Center, a body of the Department of Defense. That means that **0.4 percent** of the American population is active military personnel.

—Mar 19, 2015

Our volunteer defense forces could use your help in recruiting qualified personnel to serve our nation.

Look about and see who you might influence to join one of the Services. Do you remember when there was something called, The Draft?

The American Legion recognizes that families of deployed and activated military personnel face special difficulties and hardships.

With the help of the Family Support Network, these families do not have to shoulder this burden alone.

Families can request assistance from local American Legion Family members by calling the toll-free number or filling out an online application.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 1-800-504-4098 | www.legion.org/fsn

The contact information of the veteran's family member and the reason for the FSN request is collected.

The request is referred to the local American Legion department.

The department refers the call to a local hometown post.

The local post contacts the family and provides the assistance, if resources are available, or refers the family to other local agencies.

In case of financial need, the post provides the necessary funds or assists the family in applying for Temporary Financial Assistance, if minor children are in the home.

Here is a link to the Request Form: https://www.legion.org/familysupport/ assistance

YOUR OLD UNIFORM

If you feel like it, check into organizations which display service uniforms and ask if they would like one of yours or know of places which could use yours.

Some of us cannot fit into our old uniforms.



TECH SUPPORT

We know how to short-circuit calls for tech or other support: ask for representative or agent.

While waiting on the line for tech support, you might try going to the firm's Web page to see if there is a CHAT option.

Sometimes, the chat sessions can expedite your concern; sometimes it cannot, either way, it may help pass the time waiting for tech support.

My wife and others have difficulty understanding some heavily-accented tech folks, so the CHAT option can possibly save some exasperation and frustration.

While on the Web site, there might be a link for selfhelp tech support and if it works, you could be on your way without waiting for an answer from tech support personnel. You can also request a person who speaks without the accent.

If you find the technician does not understand or is unable to help, ask to escalate the problem. You may have to ask more than once.

One last resort is to call back at a later time, sort of like getting a second opinion, but maybe better help.

Remember, you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar...but not always!

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day began as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in our Southern states honored their dead. After World War I, it was expanded to include all men and women who died in any war or any military action.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The present name for this day did not come into use until after World War II. Decoration Day, and then Memorial Day, used to be held on May 30, regardless of the day of the week on which it fell. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed as part of a move to use federal holidays to create three-day weekends.

That meant that that, from 1971, **Memorial Day holiday** has been officially observed on the last Monday in May.

How will you and yours commemorate this important holiday...or not?

FREE ID CARD

The Department of Veterans Affairs is offering veterans a <u>free ID card</u> which can be used to prove your veteran status when needed at businesses and other locations.

The <u>free ID card</u>, which originally rolled-out in late November, was ordered by Congress in 2015 as a way to give veterans proof of service at businesses without carrying a copy of their DD-214 forms. It is available for all honorably discharged veterans, regardless of era or time in service.

Veterans who are enrolled in the <u>VA</u>
<u>healthcare system</u> already have a VA issued ID card, but that leaves the majority of veterans without any valid proof of service that may be required to get special benefits from private firms.

Getting the card is actually pretty easy, at least as easy as dealing with the VA can be. It takes about 15 minutes to log on to <u>VETS.GOV</u>, create an account, enter your service data, and upload a selfie. The website will let you download and print out a paper copy of the card if you want to.

WE ENTERED A CONTEST

The Georgia American Legion Press Association

https://www.facebook.com/pg/

Georgia American Legion/posts/ and

https://www.facebook.com/The-Georgia-American-Legion-Press-Association-1864429297120797/

has asked us members to submit newsletters/ bulletins and Web sites in order to compete in a contest for the best in the state.

The submission deadline is Mat 1st and our submissions were sent out April 9th, so we will see if we win any awards.

CALENDAR IS COMPLIMENTS OF CONGRESSMAN PETER KING

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	Cinco de Mayo
		1818: Sec. of State J.Q. Adams warns Portuguese against European interference in South America.	1818: Beginning of first public land sale in Michigan Territory.	1818: Residents of Carlisle, PA turn out to ogle religious fanatics en route to Arkansas.	1818: Cabinet discusses Gen. Andrew Jackson's executions in Spanish Florida.	1818: Newspapers report new executive building begun at 15th and G streets, NW, DC.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
reports excavations started on the Pyramids.	1818: Sec. of State J.Q. Adams refuses to recognize David DeForest as diplomat from Buenos Aires.	1818: Diplomat David DeForest agrees to conduct only verbal communications with US government.	1818: New Haven, CT paper calculates the cost of Solomon's Temple at \$77,531,965,636.	1818: Paul Revere, hero of the American Revolution, dies in Boston.	1818: Baltimore paper announces Pres. Monroe's tour of Chesapeake region.	1818: Second Bank of the U.S. advertises competition for design of new building in Philadelphia.
Mother's Day 13	14	Ramadan Begins 15	16	17	18	Armed Forces Day 19
Monroe not to evacuate Spanish	1818: NYC paper announces plans to establish fort at mouth of Yellowstone River.	1818: Papers advertise for crew for first Atlantic steamboat crossing.	1818: Boston paper reports arrival of first Egyptian mummy in US.	1818: Thomas Jefferson writes John Adams predicting success of South American revolutions.	1818: Former Sec. of Treasury Oliver Wolcott elected governor of Connecticut.	1818: Thomas Jefferson writes former Capitol architect B. Henry Latrobe about plans for U. of Va.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
demands Spanish surrender	1818: Warship of revolutionary government in Buenos Aires arrives in Baltimore.	1818: USS <i>Hornet</i> arrives in Haiti to pay respects to deceased President Alexandre Pétion.	1818: Constituents in Kentucky invite Henry Clay to testimonial dinner for his services.	1818: Sec. of State J.Q. Adams insists foreign governments should not communicate with Congress.	1818: New stone workers sought at Capitol, to replace striking workmen.	1818: Hagerstown, MD is covered two inches deep in hail.
27	Memorial Day 28	29	30	31		One option for the dome had a walkway around the oculus to view the city. (Prints and
captures Pensacola, capital of	1818: First steamboat on Lake Erie, Walk-in-the-Water, launched from Buffalo, NY.	1818: John Adams writes Thomas Jefferson that the American Revolution began in 1607.	1818: Massachusetts legislature votes to archive historical records of Plymouth Colony.	1818: Baltimore paper prints itinerary of Pres. Monroe's tour of the South.		Photograph Division, Library of Congress)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

VIATICALS

Richard J. Barbay

Leslie A. Green

BEWARE!

Try to *confirm* well-meaning E-mails you receive **before** forwarding to unsuspecting others.

Check with <u>Google</u>, <u>SNOPES</u>, <u>Truth or Fiction</u>, <u>etc</u>.. You may have seen TV commercials about selling your life insurance. These deal with a ploy regarding <u>viaticals</u>, the sale of a policy owner's existing life insurance policy to a third party for more than its cash surrender value, but less than its net death benefit. Such a sale provides the policy owner with a lump sum.

If you find yourself interested in this quick money, be very careful and look before you leap, as with any financial venture.

Yes, there are pros and cons to viaticals. Remember Caveat emptor!

FROM DEPT. OF VETERAN AFFAIRS—PER ED

Veterans Health

Veterans Health

12 Apr

Video explains VA #healthcare copayments: why some #Veterans are charged copay, how to pay, and how to address debt... https://t.co/oF77YLw9e8

Veterans Health

Veterans Health

11 Apr

Here's one of the best resources for caregivers and their families, especially those caring for a Veteran or Service... https://t.co/Td4aciTbwk

VA

Veterans Health

11 Apr

Veterans Health

#Veterans, do you use both VA & community health care? "Connect Your Docs" w/ Vet Health Info Exchange and simplify... https://t.co/K1Jq3RKmXI

5 signs of a Heart ATTACK in Men and Women

https://www.cdc.gov/heartdisease/images/quiz 4.jpg



DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT'S

NEWSLETTER

March 2018

MEMBERSHIP

Target date: March 14, 2018. If you have membership (any amount) send to the Department prior to Noon March 13, 2018. The New Membership Roster for 2018-2019 will be run after the posting of membership received on March 14, 2018 at National.

Spring Conference

March 23 - 25, 2018

If you have not purchased your banquet ticket, please do so immediately and mail to the Department prior to March 21, 2018.

Annual Post Data Forms - Due April

Annual Post Data Forms were mailed to each Post Adjutant on February 14, 2018. Post Commander's, it is your **responsibility** to see that the completed form is returned to Department Headquarters prior to April 13, 2018. This document sets the Annual Dues for 2018-2019 Legion year and the address where your renewal notices are to be mailed.

100th Annual Department Convention, Duluth, GA

June 21 - 24, 2018

100th Annual National Convention, Minneapolis, MN

August 24 – 30, 2018

Information will be available at the Spring Conference and mailed to each Post in April.

Annual Reports

Commanders / Adjutants -

The report letter with attachments will be mailed to each Post and District Adjutants on April 2, 2018.

Please ensure all reports are submitted in a timely manner

National Commander's Visit:

April 19 - 22, 2018

Our National Commander, Denise H. Rohan of Wisconsin will visit our Department during the period of April 19 -22, 2018. We have enclosed information pertaining to her visit and ask that you pass this important information to the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S. A. L. members and Legion Riders of your Post. Please encourage your members to attend at least one of the scheduled meetings.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Also, call the Post Commander and let them know the number of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and S. A. L. and Legion Riders that will be attending from your Post.

If you are planning to <u>travel with the National Commander</u>, please notify the Department.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2018	Department Spring Conference	Mar 23 – 25	Duluth, GA Arrive Mar 22
2018	National Commander's visit	Apr 19 - 22	ATTIVE FIGHT ZZ
	National Spring Meetings	May 7 – 10	Indianapolis, IN
2018	Department Convention	Jun 22 – 24	Duluth, GA
			Arrive Jun 21
	100th Annual National Convention	Aug 24 – 30	Minneapolis, MN
	National Fall Meetings	Oct 15 -18	Indianapolis, IN
2018	Department Fall Conference	Oct 26 – 27	Duluth, GA
			Arrive Oct 25

See you at the Spring Conference.

For God and Country,

Charlie R. Knox
Department Adjutant

National Commander's Itinerary and Post Point of Contact visit to Georgia 2018

Thursday, April 19

Post 13, Valdosta

7:00 pm

Cost: \$6.00

Dinner

1301 Williams Street Valdosta, GA 31601

Point of Contact:

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Commander Richard Brown

229-242-7616

229-563-7263

Friday, April 20 Worth County Post 335, Sylvester

11:30 am Lunch Cost: No charge

Community Center

Point of Contact:

1212 North Monroe St

Commander Curtis R. Humphrey, Jr

Sylvester, GA 31791

229-343-6470

229-776-0957

Friday, April 20

Post 172, Warner Robins

7:00 pm Dinner

Cost: \$5.00

1345 Radio Loop Road

Point of Contact:

Warner Robins, GA 31093 e-mail - alpost172@gmail.com

478-923-9238

478-542-4468 478-396-5858

Saturday, April 21

Post 66, Avondale Estates

11:30 am Lunch Cost: No charge

30 Covington Road Avondale Estates, GA Point of Contact:

Commander Ralph Kirkland

404-292-2352

404-452-7811

Saturday, April 21

Post 233, Loganville

7:00 pm Dinner

Cost: No charge

4635 Atlanta Hwy Loganville, GA 30052

Point of Contact:

Commander Marion Stanley Mauldin

770-466-4728

404-922-2457

Please furnish the number of persons attending from your Post/Auxiliary/Squadron/Riders to the Point of Contact and if motel/hotel reservations are required, please call the Department. (678-289-8883)

Prepared for AMERICAN LEGION POST 2100 NPO #72481 (Cycle 5, Qtr 2)

Dear AMERICAN LEGION POST 2100.

The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Kroger. We are also committed to carefully protecting our custome personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal informatic Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well. As your neighborhood food retailer, we deeply value our ability to support local organizations like yours.

Your supporters (2 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between 11-26-2017 and 2-24-2018 (Cycle 5, Qtr 2) have contributed to your \$2.68 total donation. Because your total quarterly contribution is less than \$25, which is the minimum check amount, you will not be receiving a check at this time. This amount will be held and combined with your next quarter's contribution total until your contribution amount exceeds \$25. At the time you total contribution reaches \$25, or at the end of the next program term, your organization will then receive a check. If you have any questions, please email kcr11@kroger.com or visit our website at www.kroger.com to review the terms and conditions. Thank you for your continued support of your local Kroger store.

Don't forget to use your newsletter, website, and events to encourage your supporters to link to your organization. The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

HOW TO FIND A LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

To find a local American Legion Service Officer to help with concerns, go to:

https://www.legion.org/serviceofficers

PAUL'S REPORT

1. Oratorical: I was able to see all of the different levels and really helps me to reflect. The GA contestant was a semifinalist!

(The following nine headed to the semifinals to continue their oration on the U.S Constitution: Caleb V. Wilson of Tallahassee, Fla.; Mattilyn L. Winburn of Bainbrdge, Ga.; Nathan L. York of National City, Calif.; Emily M. Parker, Lino Lakes, Minn.; Griffin L. Smith, Spearfish, S.D.; Isaac Bock of Indianapolis; Britney N. McGloflin, of Cabot, Ark.; Renee D. Betterson of Berea, Ohio and Carlissa N. Frederich of Paducah, Ky (winner). Kentucky youth wins 81st American Legion Oratorical Contest)

2. Department Of Georgia Spring conference was 3/23-25/2018 in Duluth.

Mr. Reistad from Virginia is the leading candidate I had a chance to talk with him at the conference...

Brett Reistad for National Commander of The American Legion



A commemorative 100th anniversary coin for Georgia is in the works. DOG is waiting approval from National. Senior Vice Commander Franklin will make an announcement once it is established.

- 3, Looking forward to Friday's visit with The American Legion National Commander Rohan. If you can take time from you schedule, be a part of history.
- 4. DOG convention in Duluth vs Macon. date:6/21-24/2018. Voting should take place Saturday. Please consider attending if you haven't been to one.

Paul

BE SURE TO REPORT YOUR ACTIVITIES

Your community activities are useful for The American Legion to validate good works of our members.

As they occur, report your activities to our Adjutant, Ted Richards tkr1258@gmail.com, so he can compile and report them in his annual report to National, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

It may not seem like a big deal or a bother to report, but on a state and national scale, our member activities show the vibrant and value-laden good works of our American Legion to several important audiences.

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

Chuck Goetz 675 Washboard Road

Application may be made in any of the following methods:

Cleveland, GA 30528

 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

- 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	1	BRANCH OF SERVICE
MUG. 2, 1990 — OPEN DEC. 20, 1989 — JAN. 31, 1990 AUG. 24, 1982 — JUL. 31, 1984 FEB. 28, 1961 — MAY 7, 1975 JUNE 25, 1950 — JAN. 31, 1955 DEC. 7, 1941 — DEC. 31, 1946 APR. 6, 1917 — MOV. 11, 1918		U.S. ARMY U.S. NAWY U.S. ARR FORCE U.S. MARINES U.S. COAST GUARD

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E-MAIL ADDRESS	
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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 TO JOIN
THE AMERICAN LEGION,
SUBMIT THE
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION,
A COPY OF YOUR DD-214,
AND A CHECK FOR \$35.00
TO:

Chuck Goetz 675 Washboard Road Cleveland, GA 30528