

LARRY A. HOFF ePOST 2100



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COMMUNICATION IS POWER

TO OPT OUT OF OUR NEWSLETTERS, E-MAIL MARIA KLENHARD

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 18th, at 7:30 PM, is slated for our next tele-meeting, by invitation, using GoTo. You can join the meeting using the following:

https://www.goto.com/meeting/join

Enter Meeting ID: 666710421

Our tele-meetings are provided for you to learn about and have input regarding our cyber Post. BTW, have you visited Our Web site, lately?

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

Commander

770-786-8702

Election Reminder

As a member of Post 2100 you may nominate a fellow member or yourself for any Officer position.

The following Post Officer positions are subject to the election process: *Commander, Sr. Vice CDR*, & 3 *Jr. Vice CDRs*.

There are appointed positions of **Adjutant**, **Finance**, **Service Officer**, **and Judge Advocate** who will be appointed by incoming commander

Send your Nominations to Post Adjutant at meklenhard@aol.com

Upcoming Dates

District Convention & Election

Saturday, May 4, 2023—Post 127 6196 Suwanee Dam Rd, Sugar Hill, GA 30518

Department Convention & Election

June 23-25, 2023 1775 Pleasant Hill Dr., Duluth, GA

YOUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Our monthly agendas give the easy-to-follow log-in for our monthly meetings, but few non-officers attend the one-hour online meetings.

Attendance is not mandatory, but it does affect our Post. Our actions rely on approved motions and attendee plurality voting. The more members who attend, the more ideas and actions can be expected. We have had members from Oklahoma, Indiana, Paris, and even attending aboard ship in the Atlantic.

The higher the attendance, the more chances to benefit from upcoming officers/leaders, of which most are designated by the commander.

We will soon be holding elections and I am reminded of the saying that you only get out of something what you put in it, and attendance is one of those instances.

We only meet for about an hour every month, so maybe some members can select one month in which to attend a meeting.

Another way in which membership can contribute to the Post is to seek out new members. We veterans are a one-percent minority in our nation's population, but our political voice needs amplification apart from Legion lobbying efforts. The larger the membership, the more likely that helpful legislation will be passed.

A ballot will be sent to you but there will not be several names vying for each office. Maybe in the future?

Bob <u>Email</u> 770-786-8702

FROM MY HEALTH VET

Today, you need to go to many different online places to manage VA-related tasks. The new My HealtheVet portal on VA.gov will provide a single place for you to manage your health care needs in the same location where you manage your other VA benefits and services.

We're building a new health home that's easy to find, understand, and use—with your feedback guiding us at every step. The new My HealtheVet on VA.gov will combine tools and health data from My HealtheVet and My VA Health (Oracle Cerner) into one unified patient portal.

What to expect

We're building the new My HealtheVet on VA.gov over 2 years. The current My HealtheVet and My VA Health will still be available until My HealtheVet on VA.gov is complete. You can expect these changes during that time:

- One by one, we'll build the new versions of tools on My HealtheVet on VA.gov—starting with Secure Messaging in spring 2023. You'll have time to try out each tool in its new home and share your feedback before we move it permanently.
- Starting in spring 2023, when you sign in to manage your health on VA.gov, you may get the new My HealtheVet on VA.gov landing page. Over the rest of 2023, we'll offer this page as the starting place for managing health needs on VA.gov to more and more Veterans. This page will have links to all of the same health tools you use today.

2023 RENEWAL STATUS As Of: 25 March 2023

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Our membership goal is 70 and 63 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

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 29TH



MILITARY PASS BENEFIT

On Veterans Day 2022, the National Park Service unveiled a lifetime pass providing free entrance to <u>national parks</u> for Veterans and their families. The Interagency Military Lifetime Pass waives entrance fees for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and standard amenity recreation fees for the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sites for current military service members and their dependents, Veterans and Gold Star Families.

The Military Pass has been expanded to include a pass that does not expire for Veterans and Gold Star Family members. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2022 authorized a free lifetime pass to national parks and other federal recreational lands for eligible Veterans and Gold Star Families. In recent years, they were able to receive annual passes.

Calendar by permission of the National Museum of the Pacific War

MAY 2023

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY									
SUNDAY	SUNDAY MONDAY 1		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
			3	4	5	6 Military Spouse Appreciation Day			
_		1945: Allies liberate Rangoon				1942: Corregidor Island fell to the Japanese Imperial Army			
7	8 1942: Battle of the Coral Sea marks the first air-sea battle	9	10	11	12	13			
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Veterans Fishing Organization, Inc.—VFO



Eric Parsons



Asa Thurmon

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.

VFO hosted a "*Take a Soldier Fishing Tournament*" Saturday, April 29, 2023. Two of our members took advantage of the event where **Jr. Vice Asa Thurmond** placed 2nd in two categories: Bass and Crappie. Sadly, **Finance Officer Eric Parsons**, 8 lbs. Catfish didn't make the grade. First place was taken by a 22 lbs. Catfish. Fun was had by all.

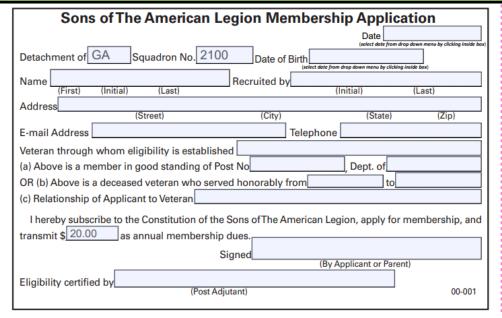
American Legion Membership Application

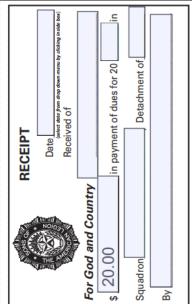




Forward membership application and \$35.00 to: American Legion Post 2100, 115 W 3rd Street, Manchester, GA 31816

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application





Forward SAL membership application and \$20.00 to: SQDN 2100, P.O. Box 221, Meansville, GA 30256







ZESTE C DEBRO JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CAMP

APPLICATION FOR THE 2023 PROGRAM: SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY # Post/unit/Squadron: _____ LOCATION: _____

THIS IS A 2 PAGE DOCUMENT (with 3 Sections): Sponsors — see *NOTE at bottom of page 31

THIS APPLICATION MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHOTO ATTACHED

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Address:		City/State & Zip Code				
Parent/Gu	uardian Name:	Parents Cell Phone:				
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SECTION 2:	RELEASE FOR TREATMENT & INSURANCE INFORMATION COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN							
 As the Depar 	 As the parent/guardian of, I release the American Legion Family Department of Georgia and Junior SAL /ALA Leadership Camp, from any responsibility connected to the conditions above. 							
exami deemi exami treatr	I also authorize the Director of Junior SAL/ALA Leadership Camp or any of his designated representatives, to consent to an x-ray, examination, anesthesia, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment (too include surgery or hospital care) to the delegate if necessary if deemed to be medically prudent by a duly licensed physician and when efforts to contact me are unsuccessful. I further consent to the examination of the minor child by a duly licensed physician without contacting me for the purpose of ascertaining whether grant any treatment or care may be required, and what, if any, activities or limitations thereon, may be appropriate of and for my child during The American Legion Family Leadership Program.							
	d injury or illness occur during this event The Sons of The American Legion/American Legion, or The American Legion Auxiliary and embers shall not be held responsible.							
Signature of Paren	nt/Guardian: Date:							
Printed Name of P	arent/Guardian + Contact Phone #:							
Alternate Adult Co	ontact (Name & Phone π):							
	 Insurance is with Sentry and is excess coverage of any other plan. If the student is covered under a group plan, please furnish the following jnformation and ATTACH A COPY OF THE FRONT AND BACK OF THE INSURANCE CARD. 							
Name of Insured:								
Name of Insurance	e:Policy #:							
Name & Phone #	of Company and Agent:							
Are You Tak	king any Medications Yes No Do you have any Allergies Yes No							
SECTION 3:	TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY							
Post/Unit/ <u>Sq</u>	uadron Name and Number							
The Junior SAL/A	ALA membership must be current for 2023, for the application to be processed.							
 Additionally my American Legion Post/ Unit understands that it is responsible for arranging transportation to and from Junior SAL/ALA Leadership Camp. It is also understood that a check for nament must be included with the application, before it will be processed and the Junior SAL/ALA geometral 								
Name and Title of Pos	z Official: Signature:							
Contact Phone #:	Contact e-mail address:							

*NOTE: FOR SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY POSTS / UNITS / SQUADRONS

- PAGES 1 2 OF THIS DOCUMENT! (with all 3 Sections completed)
 - CURRENT PHOTO!
 - COPIES OF INSURANCE CARD(S)! (if applicable)
- CHECK! (\$25.00, per Junior : payable to Sons of The American Legion-Detachment of Georgia – must be with application prior to Junior being accepted or application being processed)

Mail Application and Payment to:

Clifford E Hall

PO Box 371

Lakeland GA 31635

508-944-0680

OUR WEB SITE STATS

Summary by Month										
Nr4		Daily Avg			Monthly Totals					
Month	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	kB F	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Apr 2023	1	1	1	0	2	18	2	3	4	5
Mar 2023	1	1	0	0	17	3089	7	8	19	20
Feb 2023	180	87	101	29	809	572298	836	2841	2463	5041
Jan 2023	212	128	119	42	1255	1421907	1302	3689	3977	6596
Dec 2022	192	116	115	40	1164	957163	1270	3574	3610	5959
Nov 2022	209	124	121	42	1133	905897	1270	3636	3723	6276
Oct 2022	237	127	132	48	1184	983636	1496	4105	3958	7352
Sep 2022	226	121	138	43	1041	907799	1293	4144	3647	6789
Aug 2022	237	132	130	44	1130	1363774	1377	4048	4110	7372
Jul 2022	220	133	124	49	881	1885422	1191	2987	3193	5295
Jun 2022	96	50	72	25	34	13711	25	72	50	96
May 2022	245	154	143	62	1124	1237682	1930	4449	4777	7597
Totals						10252396	11999	33556	33531	58398

FROM OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER

Dear American Legion Family Members and Friends,

As the nation's largest veterans service organization, The American Legion wields significant influence on Capitol Hill. That is why it is so critical that our membership is not only strong in numbers but active in advocacy.

Regardless of whether you live in Washington, D.C, Washington County in Illinois or Walla Walla in Washington state, your participation matters. And it's easy to make your voice heard, too. Join our grassroots advocacy via The American Legion's Grassroots Action Center. It offers information to stay informed on the issues and tools to communicate online with lawmakers and the media about our legislative priorities.

Throughout this legislative session, we will ask you to contact your members of Congress to encourage them to pass bills that our among the Legion's priorities. Last summer, when Senate passage of the PACT Act was in doubt, American Legion members responded. More than 34,000 emails were sent, calling on senators approve the legislation. Thanks to that advocacy effort, millions of veterans — from the Vietnam era trough the Global War on Terrorism — are being compensated for their service-connected toxic exposure.

Now is a great time to sign up for the Grassroots Action Center as the legislative sessions are in full swing. Just last week, American Legion representatives testified three times on Capitol Hill.

Thank you for what you do every day to improve the lives of our fellow veterans, servicemembers and their families.