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OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 21st at 7:30 PM Eastern, is slated for our next tele-meeting, 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 CYBER POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander..... [MARIA KLENHARD](#) 916-952-7691
- Senior Vice Commander..... [ERIC PARSONS](#) 706 325-4047
- Junior Vice Commander [JOHN MCMILLAN](#) 404-277-4280
- Junior Vice Commander [ROBERT GREEN](#) 770-786-8702
- Adjutant..... [RICHARD KLENHARD](#) 916-952-7691
- Finance Officer..... [ERIC PARSONS](#) 706 325-4047
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- Sergeant-at-Arms..... DAVID GREEN

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



As spring unfolds and the weather fluctuates, it's important to remember to take care of yourself, especially when working in the garden or engaging in outdoor activities.

2024 RENEWAL STATUS

85.7%

Delinquency, resignation and transfer; American Legion membership is annual, the Legion year being from January 1 to December 31. Dues are payable in advance starting July 1st each year.

If dues are not paid by January 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. If dues have not been paid by February 1, the member is suspended, but nevertheless a member with no privilege except that of reinstatement by post vote and payment of dues.

Dues not being paid, such membership continues for five months, to June 30, at which time the member is dropped from the roll by constitutional mandate and membership forfeited.

March is designated Community Service Month, The American Legion emphasizes several key activities and priorities:

Boys State [Georgia Boys State](#) is a comprehensive one week course in state and local government and is a program of the American Legion Department of Georgia. Post 2100 has donated \$300 to sponsor 1 Individual.

Recognition of The American Legion's Founding: March 15-17 marks the anniversary of The American Legion's founding. The organization was formed on **March 15, 1919**, in Paris, France. The Legion ushered in the modern VA. The Legion drafted and drove home passage of the GI Bill and the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The Legion has brought into existence dozens of health-care benefits for veterans and programs designed to provide civilian careers after discharge.

Community Engagement and Representation: Posts 2100 members are active stakeholders in their communities, representing the values and mission of the national organization to local citizens.

Sons of The American Legion



The next scheduled meeting for **eSquadron 2100** is **Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 8:00pm EST.**

Meeting Link will be forthcoming.

SAL Commander, Brandon Roberts

Send dues to: SQDN 2100, P.O. Box 221, Meansville, GA 30256



K9 VETERANS DAY March 13, 2024

Joe White, a Vietnam War veteran from Jacksonville, Florida, started K-9 Veterans Day. White was a dog handler who saw firsthand how valiantly K-9s served in the conflict and was disturbed by the (now abolished) euthanasia of working dogs at the end of their military service. To help raise awareness and honor the sacrifices of military working dogs, he came up with the idea of a holiday commemorating them.

The Greeks and Romans used the earliest military working dogs, favoring the monstrous Cane Corso. The Corso served as a guard dog due to its fearsome appearance. The Persians utilized leaner, sleeker breeds like the Saluki — the ancestor of the Greyhound — for hunting wild game. Mongolians had canine sentries in their armies. These massive dogs were ancestors of the modern-day Tibetan Mastiff. Legend has it that Genghis Khan led 50,000 of his war hounds to Western Europe, where they devoured the enemy in an unstoppable march. While this account is probably military propaganda, it shows the importance of the martial role dogs occupied in ancient times.

During WWI, dogs were used as messengers by European forces. They also hauled supply carts and machine guns, located wounded soldiers, and carried medical kits. In WWII, dogs served in various branches, acting as scouts, guarding supply posts and camps, and rescuing downed pilots. The Vietnam War marked the largest deployment of dogs in U.S. military history. Canines proved invaluable in the jungle environment of Southeast Asia, with the military greatly refining techniques for handlers and K-9s alike. Unfortunately, less than 200 military working dogs made it back home from the original 20,000. Today working dogs detect explosives and narcotics, and they have much better welfare thanks to the military learning from its past mistakes.

MILITARY WORKING DOG ADOPTION

Dogs available for adoption are ones that do not meet the DoD criteria for government work. Generally, the younger dogs available for adoption to the public are those dogs that did not pass the rigorous training and certification process to become a Military Working Dog (MWD). There is also a selection of older dogs available that have served in the field or were utilized in the training of new military dog handlers. Some of the available dogs may have hip, back, or other medical issues that prevent them from working. Additionally, dogs with medical issues may require prescription medications for the remainder of their lives. The most common breeds we have for adoption include; German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois and the occasional Labrador Retriever or German Shorthaired Pointer. Applications are processed as they are received to determine suitability for adoption. Every effort is made to pair applicants who meet all requirements with dogs that suit their home, family and lifestyle .

Learn more about the program [here](#).

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY March 25, 2024



Medal of Honor Day, held annually on March 25, provides an opportunity for Medal of Honor Recipients and the public alike to pause and reflect on the importance of service and sacrifice. [National Medal of Honor Day](#) was first observed on March 25, 1991, when Congress declared it as a day to “foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor Recipients.” The selected date has an important place in Medal of Honor history, as March 25, 1863, was the date of the first Medal of Honor presentation.

On that day, [Private Jacob Parrott](#) became the first Recipient of the Medal of Honor. Parrott’s was one of six Medals of Honor presented that day to the [Andrew Raiders](#), a group who showed the values of courage, commitment, sacrifice, integrity, commitment and patriotism which are still important to Recipients of the Medal of Honor today.

This year, the Medal of Honor Recipients will spend several days participating in community outreach activities and events across the country, including a memorial service at the Medal of Honor Memorial in Indianapolis, IN, and a visit to Fort Belvoir in partnership with the USO. The activities will culminate on March 25 with celebrations in Washington, DC, and Charleston, SC.

[Congressional Medal of Honor Society](#)

Membership Dues Increase

The American Legion’s national per-capita dues will increase from \$18.50 to \$23.50 for the 2025 membership year. The \$5 increase will go into effect July 1, 2024.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri/Sat, Mar 22-23, 2024

Department Spring Conference – Duluth, GA

Sat, May 4, 2024

District 9 Convention (Elections)—Post 127 Sugar Hill, GA

Sat, June 22, 2024

Department Convention – Duluth, GA

August 23 - 29, 2024

National Convention—New Orleans, Louisiana

National Vietnam War Veteran's Day—March 29, 2024

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is celebrated on March 29th in the US and was recently made a recognized annual holiday in 2017 when it was signed into law by President Trump. March 29th is the day that the last of the troops were withdrawn in 1973.

This is a separate holiday from Veterans Day which is celebrated on November 11th, that marks the end of the First World War.

The war originally started as a civil war between North Vietnam and the South Vietnam Government. The North Vietnamese Army was supported by communist allies such as the Soviet Union and China and the South Vietnamese Army was supported by anti – communist Allies such as the US, Australia, and South Korea.

Citizens are encouraged to fly the US flag in honor of those who served in the Vietnam war to thank the veterans and all those who made sacrifices during one of the longest wars in US history lasting almost 20 years.

Some may wonder why it took 44 years for the troops to be celebrated, but due to the huge number of casualties and domestic controversy a large part of the US population became opposed to the war

TAL Depart of Georgia Website

During the election cycle for the Department of Georgia, Legion members who have put themselves forward as candidates have their resolutions posted to the [Georgia Department's website](#). This ensures transparency and allows members to review the proposed resolutions and understand the candidates' platforms and priorities. Posting resolutions online facilitates open communication and enables members to make informed decisions when casting their votes. Additionally, it promotes accountability and fosters democratic participation within The American Legion's organizational processes in Georgia.

[Resolutions | American Legion Department of Georgia \(georgialeion.org\)](#)

Post 2100 Election Cycle Begins

Interested?

It's essential to provide ample time for nominations and ensure that the process is inclusive and transparent. The 2024-2025 Post Officer positions are open for nominations. Elected positions are: Commander, Sr. & Jr. Vice Commanders, and Finance. Incumbents are encouraged to consider running again.

Voting will be by email ballot sent in May 2024.

Submit nominations to CommanderPost2100@gmail.com.

A Salute to Women Veterans

March is Women's History Month, a special shoutout to our sisters for their service, sacrifice and patriotism from

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THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Date of Birth) _____

(Mailing Address) _____ (Phone Number) _____


(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #) **GA2100**

(E-mail) _____ Male Female **\$35.00** (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	



30-009 Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From _____ for 20 _____ Post # **GA2100**

\$ **\$35.00**

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

Cyber Post GA2100 is virtual/online.

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

YOU CAN BE A MEMBER OF BOTH THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE SAL

Veterans who are eligible for membership in The American Legion are also eligible to join the SAL.

[The American Legion a U.S. Veterans Association](#)

Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

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Date _____
(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)

Detachment of **GA** Squadron No. **2100** Date of Birth _____
(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)

Name _____ Recruited by _____
(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address _____ Telephone _____

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Dept. of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ **20.00** as annual membership dues.

Signed _____
(By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by _____
(Post Adjutant)

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RECEIPT

Date _____
(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)


Received of _____

\$ **20.00** in payment of dues for 20 _____ in _____ Detachment of _____

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