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**COMMUNICATION IS POWER** 

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

#### **OUR NEXT MEETING**

September 23rd, 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.

**ROBERT McTUREOUS** 404-304-1772

# 9TH DISTRICT MEETING DATES

The 9th District meeting dates and locations are posted below.

- \* Canton 45 November 7th
- \* Sugar Hill 127 February 6th
- \* Gainesville 7 May 1st

# MILITARY BADGES

I was sent this link:

https://wizardpins.com/blogs/education/military-insignia-history

from a teacher who wanted to promote one child's project. Seemed genuine and interesting.

#### YOUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

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Chaplain	ROBERT TEETER	918-781-9328

### **COMMANDER'S CORNER**

"And now stays faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. " — *King James Bible*.

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In Judaism, there is no word for charity, but the closest word is *tsedaka*, meaning justice, for it is only just to help those in need.

Most religions include a charitable aspect, and most Americans are charitable.

In the past it was easy to tell which cause, organization or person was a valid recipient for charity (usually money).

However, today, it can be difficult to discern what is valid and what is not valid.

The Internet, besides phones and mail, has brought another dimension into the picture, the scammers, such as a Nigerian prince, a banker, a *widow* In need, police and even *veteran* charities.

Some legit charities have highly-paid officers and marketers.

The safest bets are the local organizations, though our own <u>American Legion</u> has several possible recipients for your funds.

You may know of other good sources of charitable contributions, including use of your time, food, skills, used goods, etc.

It has been said that the highest charitable level is when the giver volunteers and the recipient no longer needs charity. I hope you are a giver and not a receiver, but...!

—*Bol* (770) 786-8702 <u>commander@epost2100.org</u>

# **OUR CHAPLAIN'S PAGE**

So here it is the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, and I am just getting started on my newsletter input for August. We spent 3 weeks of July traveling back east visiting family, and I must tell you in all honesty, we had a very hard time leaving Cleveland, OH. The high temperatures while there were only in the upper 70's and low 80's. Then as luck would have



it, my I-pad decided to cease functioning and I was unable to work on the newsletter. Upon arriving home, the cool temps were gone and replaced with upper 90's and excessive heat warnings with heat indexes in of 105 to 115, knee high grass, and a ton of work around the house. Therefore, I begged and pleaded with our commander for an extension to this week.

Staying with my plan this month takes us to the fourth clause of the American Legion Preamble:

TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A 100 PERCENT AMERICANISM...Americanism is the gist of the American ideals of freedom, justice, individual rights and unfenced-in opportunities. It embraces all the freedoms we cherish and all the rights that are guaranteed to us. It is the very opposite of hatred, bigotry and intolerance. Americanism is the creed that has blazed the world-wide trail for justice, fair play, decency, belief in God, private enterprise, universal education, and progress in all human endeavors. It puts a premium on the virtues of loyalty, patriotism, hard work and thrift.

I'm going to go in a completely different direction this month, no soap box rants, or tirades. Instead, this month is just about "Be Still and Know". There is a musician I love listening to by the name of Steven Curtis Chapman. One of his Worship songs is titled "Be Still and Know" from his Speechless CD of 1999. The song is very easy to find on You-tube. The thing is we are all from different backgrounds, faiths, ages. The deal is we can't tell each other what to think or believe, Hence the title for the month "Be Still and Know". I would like to put out a challenge to each of you to read the Fourth Clause, listen to the song, and then reread the Clause.

Psalm 46:10 "He says, "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." NIV.

My prayer for this month is that we find a way to truly find a way to be still and know. Father, help us to still our mind so we may find our way to you. For truly Lord, it is not only through deeds that we find a path to you. Let our minds be open to the words that make this organization what it is and what it represents. In your Name Oh God, Amen.

**Bob Teeter** 

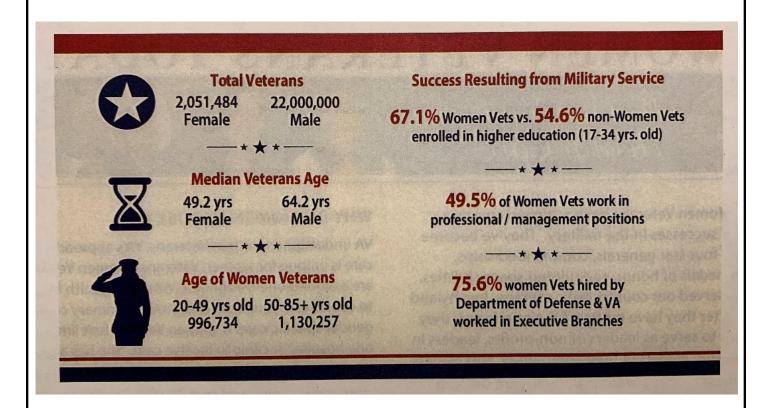
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## **WOMEN VETERANS TODAY- - PER MARIA**

Women Veterans have achieved amazing successes in the military they've become four-star generals, commanded ships, earned medals of honor and piloted space shuttles. They've served our country with courage, loyalty, and pride.

After they have taken off their uniforms, they continue to serve as leaders of non-profits, leaders in government, leaders in their community, and leaders in business. Today's women Veterans are shaping the future. VA is committed to providing women Veterans the access to gender-specific care they have earned and deserve.



VA is expanding health care services to meet the growing needs of women Veterans. The most common medical conditions for women Veterans are, and VA offer the best treatment for these conditions:

\* Muscle and joint pain

- \* Mental health issues
- \* Readjustment difficulties
- \* Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

More information available online about VA benefits (<u>www.vba.gov</u>) and eligibility (<u>www.va.gov/healtheligibility</u>). Women Veterans Call Center: 1.855.VA.WOMEN.

# **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Our newsletter differs from a bulletin in that it is the major outreach and communication with our members. I encourage submissions for our newsletters to make them more germane and to provide feedback.

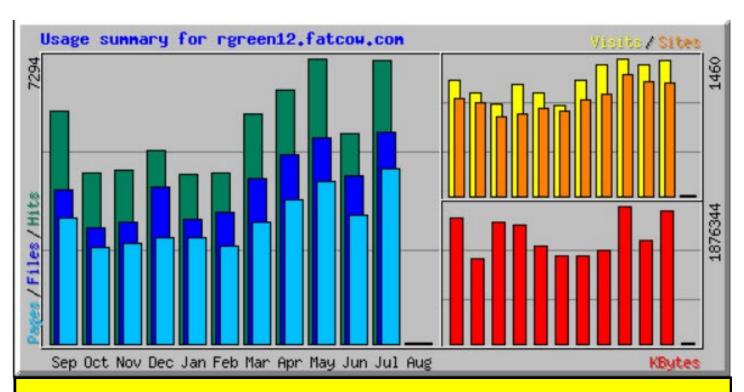
Of course all items sent will be checked for spelling, grammar and not violating any copyrights.

You might also have some items you would like to have on our Web site, particularly in our <u>VAC</u> resources pages.

The American Legion Membership Application								
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# **OUR WEB SITE STATISTICS REPORT**

Summary by Month										
Month		Daily Avg			Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Aug 2021	19	17	14	4	8	3604	4	14	17	19
Jul 2021	233	174	144	46	1193	1804935	1442	4465	5418	7248
Jun 2021	178	142	109	46	1207	1406391	1394	3293	4278	5363
May 2021	235	169	133	47	1294	1876344	1460	4137	5253	7294
<u>Apr 2021</u>	216	161	123	46	1082	1265683	1392	3695	4830	6490
Mar 2021	189	136	99	39	1022	1192345	1224	3092	4220	5874
Feb 2021	156	119	89	34	894	1191078	966	2498	3357	4370
Jan 2021	139	102	87	35	925	1322657	1099	2716	3191	4319
Dec 2020	159	128	87	38	870	1617711	1179	2716	3991	4934
Nov 2020	148	103	86	32	836	1654366	972	2580	3095	4440
Oct 2020	141	96	79	35	988	1155612	1093	2460	2980	4381
<u>Sep 2020</u>	198	130	107	40	1036	1707600	1223	3229	3922	5952
Totals						16198326	13448	34895	44552	60684



VETERANS CRISIS LINE 1-800-273-8255

<u>VETERANSCRISISLINE.NET</u>

#### NEW BURN PIT SMOKE COMPENSATION

<u>Veterans</u> exposed to harmful burn pit smoke while serving in certain overseas war zones will for the first time get presumptive disability benefits status under a new announcement by the <u>Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)</u>.

Initially, the new move will cover only <u>veterans</u> suffering from three illnesses: asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis, and only if the illnesses manifested within 10 years of a <u>veteran's</u> overseas service. In many cases, presumptive benefits status allows <u>veterans</u> applying for disability benefits to forgo certain paperwork and medical exams used to prove their injuries and illnesses are directly connected to their time in the military.

Areas and time periods covered include the Southwest Asia theater of operations (Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar and more) from August 1990 to the present and Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria or Djibouti from September 19, 2001 to the present.

To apply for the new benefits see an accredited Veterans Service Officer (VSO) asap.

#### PUFL MEMBERSHIP CARD REPLACEMENT

If your need a replacement card or know of another Paid Up For Life American Legion member who needs one, call 1-800-433-3318 or write to:

The American Legion
PUFL Processing
P.O. Box 1954
Indianapolis, IN 46206

# PERHAPS REDUCE AUTO PREMIUMS?

Some automobile insurance companies offer electronic checking on driving habits with a possible reduction in insurance premiums. The programs also hope to improve driving and reduce accidents.

USAA: USAA SafePilot - Apps on Google Play

ALLSTATE: Allstate Drivewise App. Review - Bing video

Maybe check your company to see if they offer such inducements.



#### MORE THAN JUST A BUDDY CHECK

If you know of people living alone and who use the Internet, you might see if they would OK your sending them a "Hi" or "Hello" email or text each day for them to respond to to let you know everything is OK and they are alive.

You might also get the number of a relative or other person to contact if you get no response to your email/text.