

# LARRY A. HOFF ePOST 2100



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

## **OUR NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, September 21st 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.

> **Tech Support** 770-786-8702

# What to know if you get care outside of VA

From My HealthVet:

**Emergency Medical Care Coverage - My** 

HealtheVet - My HealtheVet (va.gov)

## LIVE TOWN HALL



On August 2nd, I listened to an informative live telephonebased town

hall hosted by GA Senator Jon Ossiff and retired General Thomas F. Grabowski re The PACT Act And Your VA Benefits | Veterans Affairs.

Besides providing PACT information and responding to callers, it was made clear that Senator Ossoff's office was interested in assisting military personnel and veterans. -Bob

# **OUR CYBER POST OFFICERS**

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## **COMMANDER'S CORNER**



The American Legion National Convention was conducted the last week of August in Charlotte, NC. Among the activities that took place were workshops, committee meetings and competitions such

as: Concert Band won by Illinois and Color Guard (multiple categories) won by Newport Harbor Post 291, California.

Comradery and networking were in full swing. Georgia shared hotel space with Departments of Indiana and Alaska.

Newly elected American Legion National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer touted a "transformational year" for the American Legion Family, a continued legislative advocacy program and a focus on fundraising for the Legion's Veterans & Children Foundation during his Aug. 31 acceptance speech.

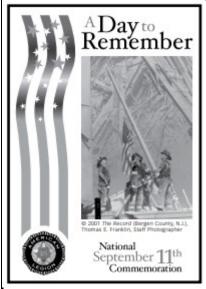
But he also said the organization's top priority will be a continuation of the Legion's focus for over a year the Be the One suicide-prevention initiative.

## 2024 RENEWAL STATUS As Of: 31 August 2023

Our membership goal is 70 and 46 have renewed to date. To renew by mail, send to: American Legion Post 2100, 115 W 3rd St., Manchester, GA 31816

Or: Renew online at MyLegion.Org The Post gained 4 new members in Aug from GA, AL & NY

# **National POW/MIA Recognition Day**



As a free people, we must NEVER FORGET that the innocent victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on America did not die in vain. • We stand united as a nation and are committed to wiping out terrorism and those who plot the murders of innocent civilians throughout the world. • The American Legion asks all

Americans to honor the ultimate sacrifice of U.S. military personnel who gave their lives on and after Sept. 11 by contributing to The American Legacy Scholarship Fund to provide their children with an education. We must remain committed to supporting the young men and women of our armed forces who go in harm's way on our behalf. Write them, pray for them and thank God they serve America with honor, courage and commitment. The men and women serving in the U.S. military today in the war against terrorism are our nation's newest veterans. Full article: Patriot Day

# Million Veteran Program (MVP)



What is the Million Veteran Program?

<u>VA's Million Veteran Program (MVP)</u> is a national research program looking at how genes, lifestyle, military experiences, and exposures affect health and wellness in Veterans.

Since launching in 2011, more than 950,000 Veterans have joined MVP. It's the largest research effort at VA to improve health care for Veterans and one of the largest research programs in the world studying genes and health

https://youtu.be/ZPftNsGVFu0?feature=shared

# National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 15, 2023

Recognizes the sacrifice and loss of service members who are or have been prisoners of war or missing in action during the course of recent U.S. conflicts.

In the modern era, over 83,000 American servicemembers—most from World War II—are still considered missing in action.

Our full article: National POW/MIA



## **Veteran's Voices**

The Mission of the Veterans Voices Writing Project is to enable military veterans to experience solace and satisfaction through our writing program. Our Vision is a world where people appreciate that writing can both heal and entertain.



https://veteransvoices.org

#### **Incarcerated PTSD**

By John Tidwell—Conneaut, OH

Your lockup PTSD behind walls and fences, There appears to be no adequate defenses. The life must demand to be endlessly paid: What is forgotten, man's life you have made. Politics doesn't want to openly publish or say How many heroes' lives they let waste away (Veterans' Voices magazine, Summer 2023)

# **Sons of The American Legion**

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2023 @ 7:30 Eastern.

Meeting Link will be forthcoming.

Annual Dues of \$20 is due now.

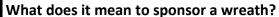
Send dues to:

SQDN 2100, P.O. Box 221, Meansville, GA 30256

## **Wreaths Across America**

# **MWM** Register





It means you are supporting a yearlong mission to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. Your sponsorship will support the new and existing programs developed to share the mission. And, it will place a wreath to honor an American hero at one of more than 3,700 participating locations this year on National Wreaths Across America Day – a day set aside to lay gathers as Americans with the same goal.

Should you wish to sponsor a wreath at \$17.00 each send cheque to:

AL Post 2100, 115 W 3rd St., Manchester, GA 31816 or directly to <u>Home - Wreaths Across America</u>



#### What is the MWM Register?

The MWM *Register* is a one-of-a-kind interactive database that records and preserves the names, service information, photographs and memorable experiences of each registered servicewoman. The *Register* records and preserves the history of the powerful women who have defended this country—both past and present.

From the earliest days of the nation, women have been serving alongside men to gain and preserve liberty, but it was difficult to find them in our history books. There was no repository of women's service to the United States. That all changed in April 1987.

The Memorial is located at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

Home - Military Women's Memorial (womensmemorial.org)

# Take the Basic Training Course

The course covers five topics: history and organization; Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation; National Security; Americanism; and Children & Youth. Each topic offers ways in which American Legion Family members can advance the organization's values and services in their local communities.

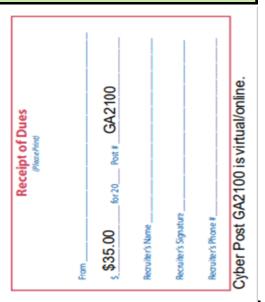
Following a Course Conclusion step in the training program, a 40-question exam is provided. Graduates can download and print a certificate of completion and order a Basic Training Graduate pin from Emblem Sales. Take the Basic Training course online at <a href="https://www.legion.org/training">www.legion.org/training</a>.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Department Fall Conference Duluth, GA Sat, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- District 9 Quarterly Meeting— Post 202 Snellville, GA Sat November 4, 2023.
- District 9 Quarterly Meeting—Post 45, Canton, GA Sat February 3, 2024.
- National AUX President's Visit Date TBD
- National LGN Commander's Visit Date TBD
- Department Spring Conference Duluth, GA Fri/Sat, Mar 22-23, 2024
- District 9 Convention (Elections)—Post 127 Sugar Hill, GA Sat, May 4, 2024
- Department Convention Duluth, GA Sat, Jun 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

## THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION





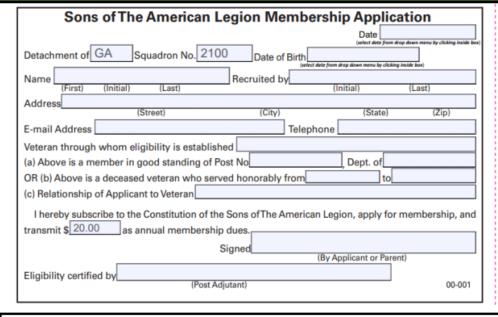
Forward membership application and \$35.00 to: American Legion Post 2100, 115 W 3rd Street, Manchester, GA 31816

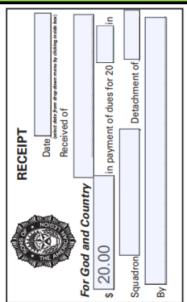
#### YOU CAN BE A MEMBER OF BOTH THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE SAL

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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