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COMMUNICATION IS POWER

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OUR NEXT MEETING

October 15th at 7:30, is slated for our next tele-meeting using [ooVoo](#) .

On ooVoo, I am **robertgreen00109**

Our tele-meeting is provided for you to learn about and have input regarding our ePost.

Have you visited [Our Web site](#), lately?

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

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DISTRICT 9'S WEB SITE

<http://gadistrict9americanlegion.weebly.com/>

DISTRICT MEETING



Ted, Bob and Ed attended Ninth District's quarterly meeting in Duluth, September 13th.

BOYS STATE LIAISON



Chuck has volunteered to be our liaison for the upcoming Boys State.

He has selected who he hopes will be our nominee for the event and will keep us informed.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

We have officially reached Fall, this year! As we get older, time seems to fly by, doesn't it! I can remember a long time ago when I was in elementary school how long it would be before I got out of high school or even elementary school and it seemed like forever! Now since I am on the downhill side, time seems to fly by and my children, and even grandchildren, are no longer small, but most are grown!



While we enjoy the great weather and scenery of Fall, let's remember our Legion goals and also our Fall conference, later this month at the Sonesta [old Marriott on Pleasant Hill Road in Duluth, GA]. Those of us going will probably stay at home and commute each day, but the choice is yours.

Personally, I am not a fan of Sonesta! The reason is that when our Post helped Ben out of his tough time and homeless period, I canvased all the hotels around for a free room for him for 1 night. The first question we asked was "do you have any vacancies?". The Sonesta proudly offered a room for \$84.00, even after my explaining the problem AND Ben with me showing them how clean cut he was. We went to several, with the Hampton offering to help, but having no rooms.

I knew the staff at the Hampton and they were very helpful. After a couple of other stops, we went to the Comfort Inn and found a room for free. We actually had polled some Legion Posts asking for help, but to no avail. Our ePost had very little cash on hand, but we secured Ben a free meal that night from a regular spot for Pat and me.

Ben was very humble and wanted to order a hamburger, but Fridays said to order a steak, which he did, and Fridays supplied a medium priced steak meal and dessert!

The Chick-Fil-A gave me 6 meal cards for Ben and a QT employee reached into her own pocketbook and gave me \$40 for gas money and I made it \$50.00! The world does have good people and willing to help Veterans, with a little work. This all happened within 3 hours! Ben has since made a comeback and has a better job! Our Post lived up to our mission of "Vets helping Vets" and the feeling was great, even though our out-of-pocket was \$10.00, personally, and some gasoline for taking Ben around!

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\$5.00 DUES INCREASE



Because National dues will be increased by \$5.00, we will have to raise ours by that same amount in order to remain financially solvent.

Dues have not been increased since 1972 and this is the smallest amount, so far.

Some young members may want to consider being a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member and avoid future increases and being asked to pay each year.

<http://www.legion.org/join/pufl>

I was explaining how being a member of a cyber Post was different, and maybe better, than a brick-and-mortar Post.



- ◆ Inclement weather is normally not a hindrance to our meetings.
- ◆ No dressing up and spending money on gasoline or braving dangers of the road.
- ◆ Easy access to our cadre and attendees.
- ◆ Unobtrusive communication with other members via E-mail.
- ◆ A monthly newsletter/bulletin.
- ◆ Our fact-filled Web site.
- ◆ Camaraderie with members not limited by geographic contiguity (one is in France).
- ◆ Access to meetings almost no matter where one's physical location.
- ◆ Continued receipt of *The American Legion Magazine* and Web site.
- ◆ Average meeting times are one hour, leaving more time for your personal use of time.
- ◆ Not excluded from attending other Posts and even encouraged to do so.
- ◆ Electronic access to meetings via computer, tablet or cell/smart 'phone.
- ◆ Current annual dues are \$25.00 (though they will be raised five dollars due to increase of five dollars by National).

Such a deal! How could many refuse, but the veteran did say he was not a joiner and still would get veteran benefits without joining the American Legion.

I tried to explain that the Legion promotes those and other benefits by political influence which is enhanced by increases in membership, but I was a voice crying in the wilderness.

He wished us luck and I at least got an article for this newsletter!

Bob

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FREE COLLEGE?

If you are Georgia resident aged 62 or older, you may be eligible to enroll in any of the 31 colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia tuition free. Enrollment is limited by available space. [Board of Regents Policy §4.2.1.5](#)

For more information, contact the [Office of Admissions](#) at the college or university of your choice.

[USG Colleges and Universities](#) Overviews of the University System of Georgia institutions.

Gacollege411.org A comprehensive web resource for students and all Georgia residents who want to research careers, choose a college, apply for college, and acquire financial aid.

[Degrees and Majors](#) Searchable database of all degrees and majors for each USG institution.

[Georgia ONmyLINE](#) Georgia ONmyLINE provides access to a full array of online and distance education offerings from the 31 colleges and universities in the University System of Georgia.

[Board of Regents Policy §4.2.1.5 – Persons Aged 62 or Over](#) Official policy concerning admissions for persons aged 62 or over.

A CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

My responsibilities as your editor is to receive articles/submissions, edit them, set up the newsletter/bulletin, have our commander review it, make changes, if any, then send to Chuck to E-mail, all within a time framework of our deadline.

Our deadline for submissions is five days before the end of each month.

When there is a paucity of submission, I try to find germane fillers, but we really benefit more, if members send me items they feel will interest our members.

Sometimes, submissions are not published, but that is seldom.

I am asking for your help in improving our newsletters.

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A NATIONAL DISGRACE

The IG Report: 300,000 Veterans died while waiting for health care at VA facilities and nearly twice as many are still waiting, according to a new Department of Veterans Affairs Inspector General report.

Fortunately, I do not use those services and rely on Medicare and PPO insurance from my former employer.

This is a tragic situation which is being addressed by our American Legion and other caring organizations.

Bob

DISTRICT 9 MEETINGS

2015-2016 9th District Meeting Schedule:

September 13, 2015 – Duluth Post 251

December 13, 2015 – Buford Post 127

February 14, 2016– Cleveland Post 16

May 15, 2016– Cumming Post 307

REMEMBER, UNDERLINED TEXT USUALLY LINKS TO OUTSIDE SOURCES, SO CLICK ON THOSE TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION.

COMMANDER

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To end this story, we reached out to the Gwinnett Daily News to credit the organizations that helped and were given a nice report, plus one from the writer on our ePost, separately.

Back to this month's calendar, beside the Convention on the 24th-25th, we have Navy's birthday 13th, Columbus Day 12th and Halloween 31st!

On November 3rd, we have election day! Remember to vote for a chance to elect a government WE want!

Also, remember our ePost meeting via [ooVoo](#) @7:30 October 15, 2015.

Thanks for your time!

Ed

NEW VETERAN ID

Recently, legislation was passed authorizing VA to issue a new Veterans ID to veterans who are not eligible to enroll in the VA health care system.

I received an email asking if a DD 256 would be an acceptable document to establish acceptable proof of service. I submitted the request to VHA Health Eligibility Center and would like to share their response.

Please make sure you share this information with veterans who may not have their DD214, but still has a copy of the DD 256. The new ID Card program has not been rolled out yet, and as soon as I hear anything, I will pass it along to everyone.

Roscoe Butler

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Our Post's Web site: <http://epost2100.org/>

Our Post's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ePost2100?fref=ts>

**SUBMIT THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, BELOW, DD-214 AND CHECK FOR
\$25.00**

TO: CHUCK GOETZ

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675 WASHBOARD ROAD, CLEVELAND, GA 30528

Your Name (required)

Email (valid email required)

Phone Number (required)

Mailing Address (required)

City (required)

State (required)

Zip Code (required)

\$25.00 Membership Fee

Please check the Appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service :

Aug 2, 1990 - Cessation of hostilities as determined by the U.S. Government
 Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990
 Aug.24 1982 to July 31, 1984
 Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975

June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955
 Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946
 April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918

U.S. Army
 U.S. Navy
 U.S. Air force
 U.S. Marines

U.S. Coast Guard
 Merchant Marines
12/7/41 - 8/15/45 (Only Eligibility)