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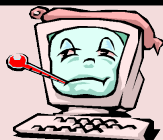
OUR NEXT MEETING

April 20 at 7:30 PM is slated for our next tele-meeting using [ooVoo](#) . Click on [robertgreen00109](#).

Our tele-meeting is provided for you to learn about and have input regarding your cyber Post.

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

OUR HELP DESK STANDS READY TO ASSIST VETERANS WITH FREE



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BEARS REPUBLISHING

Remember, when calling and having to press numbers, saying "Representative" can often short-circuit the process and get a human, faster.

BTW, your TV/Phone/TV/Internet provider may have promotions, but only if you call about them and often redo it each time period.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you need to renew your membership, send your \$35.00 check to:



Chuck Goetz
675 Washboard Road
Cleveland, GA 30528

COMMANDER'S CORNER

It's fast approaching the first of the month again, and my deadline to write the Commander's message. I'm personally glad March is coming to an end and hopefully taking the winter weather with it! Pat and I escaped two weeks of the cold by celebrating our 48th wedding anniversary on a cruise out of Houston. We chose Houston for the PRICE, date, and we have some good friends in San Antonio that we visited. Our son called us and advised us to stay a little longer as the weather was still bad here and it didn't take much encouragement. It was in the 50's along the coast a couple of days but better than the 30's.



Now down to business. As we go into our 3rd year, we are at the low 40's on membership, counting everyone. I am doing much better and will recruit all year this year barring any disasters like last year. At our last meeting, we elected Les as Sr. Vice and I'm very confident Les will do an excellent job.

Also, it is getting close to election time again to choose officers. We have a great compliment of elected and appointed officers and staff. I want to thank each and every one of you for taking up the slack when I was out of pocket. We have a few appointed positions to fill for next term and jobs available for the Executive Committee to get into as well. We look forward to accomplishing much more with our primary goal of **'vets helping vets,** those still serving especially, their families if deployed and those having hardships of any kind!"

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Simon Buren

Tara Richards



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As some of you know, we have started an emergency fund within our ePost and are starting it off with whatever we can spare, and several of us are approaching benefactors for grants and large donations to enhance those funds. No one person will control those funds, but either a committee of an odd number or the entire executive committee will do so.

We have already helped one of our charter members who fell on hard times through no fault of his own. In my opinion, this is what we should do for our fellow veterans. That member is a Vietnam Vet and we sure did not get much help from anybody when we returned to the real world, including prior vets.

As always, we step up and help ourselves and as the Vietnam Vets motto is "Never will one generation of Veterans abandon another generation". For this reason, we should all be extending our hand to our younger vets and the trials they are going through. Please do so to both active and veterans showing Iraq and Afghanistan as well as other conflict ribbons etc. They will appreciate it as we do.

By the time you read this we will have had another get together on March 28 at the Golden Corral Buford, GA. I hope you all made it but that is almost impossible to get everyone together. We truly missed you if you weren't there.

On our funds, we received \$41.62 from Kroger, just for signing up and shopping with their Kroger Plus card. If you can please shop at Kroger or check out your grocery store and see if they offer a similar program. Perhaps you can get the Post enrolled or send me info and we'll take care of it. It's easy money, although not going to send the Post on a vacation. Every little bit helps.

I've had some interest from some Posts that want to know more about our operation and possibly paying us to be Web host to some degree to cater to their members from the Legion, VFW, and VVA. We could very possibly gain membership as well. My contact insisted on payment at least to the Post and Bob said let's do it on the Internet to show them [great idea Bob].

I can foresee more improvements like the above coming this year. Perhaps we can explore starting an Auxiliary and/or SAL Boy Scouts. I am not as familiar with SAL as I am with Boy Scouts [having 3 Eagle Scouts and 2 on the way]. All of these require hurdles, but didn't we overcome hurdles in the military and what's one or two more with our experience. Anyway, more discussion to come on these topics later this year.

I remember something about a moving wall and more in Conyers coming up soon [May I think]. that would be great to visit for all who can. We will get more info and broadcast it for you perusal. I apologize for not having the flyer handy but it must be still packed. At least that's my story and I'm sticking to it HA HA. It was in last month's newsletter and perhaps Bob can remind us again, this month as well.

Duty-Honor-Country



Ed McMillan

Editor is going on vacation, so this edition of your newsletter is going out early (versus late).

OUR OFFICER CADRE

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|--------------------|---|
| Commander | ED MCMILLAN 770-757-6136 |
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| Junior Vice Cmdr . | PAUL AUST 770-258-5043 |
| Junior Vice Cmdr. | MARK FENLEY 678-661-1031 |
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| Exec Committee | ROBERT GREEN 770-786-8702 |
| Exec Committee | RICK SCHIRMER 678-687-7270 |

HIGHER EDUCATION INFO

90% of Georgia's universities and technical colleges have a military outreach center. Georgia allows veterans to receive in-state tuition as well as HOPE. Our military liaisons reach out to veterans the very first time they call, keeping a life-line of support as they navigate through a completely different environment. "Veterans know what it is to serve," said award winning Mark Eister of Georgia State, "but they feel disconnected from the camaraderie of military life." Veterans leave the extremely structured life of the military and enter the incredibly unstructured life of college life, a transformation that often leads to early drop-outs. "The first semester is the most critical time.

Once you give a soldier a direction, he knows how to accomplish the mission." Military liaisons, counselors, and peer advisors help find that soldier's direction. Veterans also enjoy the Post 911 GI Bill scholarship, but getting the benefits is an incredibly cumbersome process that requires a great deal of help from these military advisors.

As most soldiers do not receive help from their parents, these advisors also help these veterans find part-time jobs, accommodations, and methods to cope with their disabilities (most veterans leave the military with a disability – physical or psychological). Georgia is a very military-friendly college state.



Quite often, our ability as an American Legion Post, requires money, apart from our meager dues.

We will be undertaking a fundraising operation, providing the public with red poppies to commemorate those who lost their lives in service to our country.

Have you considered donating to our cyber American Legion Post? Yes, donations to our Post are tax-deductible, but more than that, the infusion of your money allows us to better-serve those in need.

We can operate on dues, alone (we get \$10.00 of your \$35 dues), but we exist to help our fellow service members and their families.

We also exist to bolster the efforts of our lobbyists in Washington who work in our behalf, but our local funding benefits those in need in our local communities.

All that is said to set the stage for asking you for a donation to help support our Post. <grin>

Yes, our Post can run on just dues alone, but that only supports the basic maintenance, not any real efforts to aid those in distress or to participate in the various American Legion projects and activities.

Most of our members are passive members (probably you) who have served our nation and joined the American Legion in support of service members and their families, but take no active part in the Post.

One way to improve your participation would be to make an annual donation. Another way might be to become involved in our Poppy efforts. Yet another ploy might be to ask others to add our Post to their annual donations, even though they may not be service personnel or relatives of service personnel.

Anyway, thanks for being a member of our American Legion family and for your service.

Editor *Bob*

SOME USEFUL LINKS ?

The challenges American veterans face are complex and varied, whether it's readjusting to civilian life after serving, buying their very first home, or saying goodbye to a fallen comrade.

And while [hundreds of thousands](#) of veterans seek mental health support each year, it is only half — *half* — of those afflicted. Those who suffer in silence may feel too embarrassed or ashamed to pursue the help they need. As someone who's battled anxiety and depression for years, I can't stand that thought.

In an effort to show my support for the courageous men and women who fought for our freedom, I'd like to offer these resources in the hopes you'll consider posting them here: <http://www.hubertnc.com/about.html>.

[Veterans Crisis Line - Call, Text, or Chat](#)

[Female Veterans and Drug Addiction: 15 Ways to Support their Ongoing Battle](#)

[Coming Home From Deployment: The New "Normal"](#)

[The Veteran's Complete Guide to Relocation](#)

[Surviving PTSD: Helping Your Military Loved Ones Get the Help They Need](#)

[How and When to Hang the American Flag](#)

[Depression and Military Families](#)

I think these resources could be really helpful to a lot of veterans, so I hope you'll consider sharing them with your audience. I'd even be happy to write you a (no-cost) guest article if you think it would be a better fit for your site — I'm passionate and driven to do whatever I can to provide support!

Thanks in advance,

Jennifer Scott

LEGION MEMBERSHIP DATES

Below, are the eligibility dates for those veterans seeking membership in the American Legion:

WWI: 4/6/17 TO 11/11/18

WWII: 12/7/41 TO 12/31/46

KOREA: 6/25/50 TO 1/31/55

VIETNAM: 2/28/61 TO 5/7/75

LEBANON/GRENADA: 8/24/82 TO 7/31/84

PANAMA: 12/20/89 TO 1/31/90

GULF WAR /WAR ON TERRORISM: 8/2/90 TO THE PRESENT

If you have questions about eligibility, please contact Adjutant, [Ted Richards](#).

MYHEALTH.VA.GOV

Have you subscribed (free) to

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/> ?

There might be some things of benefit to you and yours!

NATIONAL V.I.P. VISIT

At Post 32 Covington, Ga with National Auxiliary President Mary Davis and Chaplain Valerie Brown - Debro .

Post 32 hosts the National Auxiliary President's visit.



Bob Green provided three pans of ooey gooey brownies for her reception.

AMERICAN LEGION EPOST2100 (CYBER POST) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES! I'll help my fellow veterans by becoming a member of The American Legion. I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked below and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

epost 2100 mailing address ----> Chuck Goetz
675 Washboard Road
Cleveland, GA 30528

Application may be made in any of the following methods:

1. Complete this application and mail it to Ted Richards, epost 2100 Adjutant along with a check in the amount of \$35.00 (payable to American Legion) and a copy of DD214
2. Simply call and make application telephonically (less than 5 minutes).
3. Visit our website at epost 2100.org and make application there

Please check applicable "Dates of Service" and "Branch of Service":

| DATES OF SERVICE | BRANCH OF SERVICE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG. 2, 1990 – OPEN | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. ARMY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEC. 20, 1989 – JAN. 31, 1990 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. NAVY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AUG. 24, 1982 – JUL. 31, 1984 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. AIR FORCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FEB. 28, 1963 – MAY 7, 1975 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. MARINES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUNE 25, 1950 – JAN. 31, 1955 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. COAST GUARD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEC. 7, 1941 – DEC. 31, 1946 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APR. 6, 1917 – NOV. 11, 1918 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. MERCHANT MARINE — DEC. 7, 1941 – DEC. 31, 1946 | |

NAME

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CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

BIRTH DATE

SIGNATURE

Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From _____

\$ _____ for 20____ Post # _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

You can pay the annual dues of \$35.00 now or we will bill you later.

Make Checks payable to: "The American Legion ePost 2100"

If mailed send to:
Charles Goetz, Post Finance Officer
675 Washboard Rd
Cleveland, GA 30528

**TO JOIN
THE AMERICAN LEGION,
SUBMIT THE
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION,
A COPY OF YOUR DD-214 ,
AND A CHECK FOR \$35.00
TO:
Chuck Goetz
675 Washboard Road
Cleveland, GA 30528**

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James Renwick designed the Smithsonian Institution's first building (1855) as a twelfth century Norman-style castle constructed of red Maryland sandstone. (Photograph by David Luria)

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APRIL 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  | This plaque honors the Rush-Bagot Pact where it was signed on 28 April 1817, at the site of the British Legation on L St., NW, Washington, DC. | | | | | April Fool's Day 1 |
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| 1817: Architect B. Henry Latrobe ordered to cover the House and Senate chambers with wooden domes. | 1817: <i>Daily National Intelligencer</i> (DC) reports Pres. Monroe's commitment to completing the Capitol. | 1817: Antonio Capellano, an Italian sculptor at the Capitol, plans to sculpt Madison and Jefferson. | 1817: <i>London Times</i> warns about US's growing military power. | 1817: The Madisons depart Washington, DC to return to their Virginia plantation, "Montpelier." | 1817: J.Q. Adams attends mass in the chapel adjoining the Portuguese embassy in London. | 1817: Jefferson advises President Monroe where to get the best wine in the DC area. |
| Palm Sunday Passover Begins at Sunset 9 | Passover 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 1817: <i>Connecticut Gazette</i> publishes recent returns confirming the election of Gov. Oliver Wolcott, Jr. | 1817: Troops ordered to erect fortifications and construct a military road from Detroit to Ohio. | 1817: Norfolk, VA's federal collector requests details about Spanish ships being harassed off Florida. | 1817: Explorer and spy John H. Robinson reports to Pres. Monroe about Mexican pirates off Texas. | 1817: Jefferson invites James Madison to meeting to help decide location of the future U. of VA. | 1817: Sen. Rufus King (NY) writes Pres. Monroe that the US Mint should function more to aid the economy. | 1817: NY legislature authorizes \$7 million for construction of the 363-mile-long Erie Canal. |
| Easter 16 | Tax Day Last Day of Passover 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 1817: J.Q. Adams receives president's letter informing him of his appointment as secretary of state. | 1817: J.Q. Adams dismisses public speculation that he would be opposed to president's policies. | 1817: <i>Daily National Intelligencer</i> (DC) prints controversial list of which "Federalist Papers" were authored by Madison. | 1817: Spanish ambassador sends State Dept. evidence for Spain's claims that pirates were using US ports. | 1817: Ohio's chief justice is fined \$1.50 for failing to attend a militia muster as a private soldier. | 1817: J.Q. Adams informs British ministry that US will resume negotiations over the North Atlantic fisheries. | 1817: Gen. Andrew Jackson orders his officers to pass all War Department orders through him. |
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| 1817: Spain's ambassador complains that pirates intercepted his instructions for treaty negotiations. | | | | | | |
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| 1817: Navy Dept. is ordered to reduce forces on the Great Lakes to comply with the Rush-Bagot Pact. | 1817: State Dept. informs President Monroe that France intended to reclaim Spanish America. | 1817: Poet and diplomat David Humphreys assures president his tour will help unify the nation. | 1817: <i>Boston Patriot</i> reports that presidential tour would inspect federal fortifications on the northern frontiers. | 1817: J.Q. Adams is warned that US risked getting embroiled in the South American revolutions. | 1817: Representatives for Britain and US exchange notes known as the Rush-Bagot Pact. | 1817: Pres. Monroe writes Sen. Rufus King (NY) that he has instructed the Mint to increase the production of coins. |

INTERNET PROTECTION



Phishing (attempt to get your security/account information) can often be detected if email sent to you does not mention you by name, have the last four numbers of your account, and if the link is suspect.

Though official logos, BBB, Twitter, Facebook, etc. might be used, be suspicious. Sometimes poor grammar and/or incorrect capitalization is used.

Often, you can move your mouse pointer over the link and the bogus URL will appear.

If here is ANY doubt, telephone the firm in question or use their real address.

Not much can be done about this illegal practice, but try to report it, anyway, by contacting the real organization.

"The Wall That Heals" is a 250-foot replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It will be in Johns Creek GA from March 30 through April 2nd.

HOUSE PASSES THREE BILLS TO SUPPORT AMERICA'S VETERANS

The House passed three bills aimed at improving the lives of American veterans that were crafted by listening to their concerns. A number of veterans were having their Second Amendment rights revoked due to unrelated VA processes.

For instance, if it is determined that a veteran needs a fiduciary to help manage his or her benefits, the FBI could strip that veteran of the right to purchase or own a firearm—even when the veteran poses no threat to anyone.

The bill, [H.R. 1181](#), ensures that this policy will only apply to individuals who are legitimate threats to themselves or others, and even then, only after the individual in question has an opportunity to make his or her case before a judge or magistrate.

As the bill's author noted, we should not force our veterans to choose between the benefits they've earned and the constitutional rights they have sacrificed so much to protect.

Two other important bills, [H.R. 1259](#) and [H.R. 1367](#), are designed to improve the VA's service to our veterans.

These bills will make it easier to fire the bad employees at the VA, reward the good employees, and make sure we are recruiting the best and brightest to serve our nation's veterans for many years to come.

The early days of this new Administration have been focused on streamlining and fixing the many bloated and broken Federal agencies.

The Hill. [House votes to make it easier to fire VA employees for misconduct](#)

National Rifle Association. [House passes veterans 2nd Amendment protection act](#)