



# LARRY A. HOFF ePOST 2100



Issue #61 APRIL, 2018 *COMMUNICATION IS POWER*

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

April 19th, 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](mailto:commander@epost2100.org).

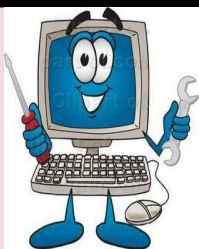
Our tele-meetings are provided for you to learn about and have input regarding your cyber Post. BTW, have you visited [Our Web site](#), lately?

## OUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

Post Commander..... [ROBERT GREEN](#) 770-786-8702  
 Senior Vice Commander..... [LES GREEN](#) 770-596-5635  
 Junior Vice Commander .....[PAUL AUST](#) 770-315-2189  
 Junior Vice Commander..... [MARK FENLEY](#) 678-661-1031  
 Finance Officer..... [CHUCK GOETZ](#) 706-219-4209  
 Judge Advocate..... [TED RICHARDS](#) 404-754-0415  
 Exec. Committee..... [RICK SCHIRMER](#) 678-687-7270  
 Exec. Committee..... [ED MCMILLAN](#) 770-757-6136

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

OUR HELP DESK STANDS  
 READY TO ASSIST US  
 VETERANS WITH FREE  
 COMPUTER-RELATED AID.  
 LES GREEN 770-596-5635



As members of a cyber Post, we have no practical way for our loved ones to participate in our auxiliary organizations, but that does not preclude them from joining with other American Legion Posts in the [Auxiliary](#), [Legion Riders](#) or [Sons of the American Legion](#). Another option for those who enjoy short wave radio (hams), is our American Legion's [TELARC](#).



## VOTING?



We veterans have put our lives on hold and on the line, for one major reason, giving American citizens the right to vote for or against our leaders.

You may have heard people urging folks to get out and vote, but for whom and for what policies?

Some will vote a straight Party ticket, preferring a "yellow dog" to a qualified candidate from the opposing Party.

Yes, it is important to get out and vote (and to urge others to vote), but it is also important to become an *educated* voter, knowing the issues and candidate stances on them.

Remember, there are early voting and absentee voting options if the dates and locations for regular voting dates are not possible for you.

If you have not given some thought to the above, please do consider some of them. My wife is a member of Post 32's Auxiliary (elder son is a member of our cyber Post).

Membership can be a two-way-street, in that some Legionnaires you know might benefit from joining our own organization.

### =====PROGRAMS=====

[BASEBALL](#)

[BOYS STATE / NATION](#)

[LEGION RIDERS](#)

[NATIONAL CONVENTION](#)

[NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND](#)

[OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS](#)

[ORATORICAL CONTEST](#)

*Bob*

[commander@epost2100.org](mailto:commander@epost2100.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**National Commander's Georgia Visit** Apr 19--22 2018 100th  
**Annual Department Convention** Jun 20- 24 Duluth, GA Arrive 19  
Jun 2018  
**100th Annual National Convention** Aug 24-30 Minneapolis, MN  
**2018 National Fall Meetings** Oct 15 - 18 Indianapolis, IN 2018  
**Department Fall Conference** Oct 27- 28 Duluth, GA (Arrive 26 Oct)  
**2019 101st Annual National Convention,**  
Indianapolis, IN Aug 23- 29 2020  
**102nd Annual National Convention,**  
Louisville, KY Aug 28 - Sep 3  
**2021 103rd Annual National Convention,**  
Phoenix, AZ Aug 27- Sep 2

**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](#).

## COMPOUND INTEREST

Compound interest is one of the most powerful forces on our planet.

Used in savings and investments, it is a powerful for financial good.

Used in loans, it can be a powerful force for financial concern.

Keep this in mind as you work with others.

## IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Besides executing and updating a valid Living Will, consider also getting a Limited Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive.

The reasons for the last two documents is that you or a loved one may become incapacitated and/or unable to either sign legal papers or request Do Not Resuscitate efforts.

Keep notarized copies of these documents which may be requested by a hospital or others.

## EMAIL REMINDER

When forwarding email, please erase all addresses from previous recipients to cut down on spam.

## USPS INFORMED DELIVERY

Want to know what mail is supposed to be delivered to you each day (including package notifications)?

Click on the link, below, to see if this is something which might be useful to you:

<https://informeddelivery.usps.com/box/pages/intro/start.action>

The USPS Informed Delivery allows you to view greyscale images of the exterior, address side of letter-sized mail pieces and track packages in one convenient location .



## COURAGE

From Chuck:

An 18 year-old just out of high school was trained to take pictures of damage done to German targets by B-17s. He flew in a British Spitfire fitted with extra fuel tanks where the guns were. In other words, he flew over Germany unarmed...



### WWII American Spitfire Pilot

This is probably one of the best WWII film clips out there. Stored for 61 years in two suitcases of 16mm home movies that were inherited by filmmaker William Lorton from his great uncle who served as a Flight Surgeon. Those suitcases contained 3 hours of war footage that included a compelling crash landing of a Spitfire in 1944.

Filmed in a 2005 interview with the now 83 year old pilot and seeing the expression on his face when he realizes it is him in the cockpit, is something you won't soon forget.

At 18 years old, he was all alone, behind enemy lines, with no guns, no escort, and he gladly did it. They just don't make them like that anymore. It was truly the greatest generation and we owe them so much.

Click this link: [American Spitfire Pilot in WWII](#)

## HOMES FOR HEROES

Ed says this non-profit organization, Homes for Heroes, can be of real assistance to our veteran home-buyers.

<https://www.homesforheroes.com/>



## NUISANCE CALLS

Each of us gets those irritating nuisance calls and we probably handle them in different ways.

1. Answer each one, wait for the end, and opt to opt out for future calls (which may be a ploy to find active numbers).
2. Ignore all calls and which you do not recognize (but you may miss a few important calls).
3. Try to screen calls as they come in.
4. Use the Federal free and never-expiring [Do Not Call Registry](#) 1-888-382-1222 , but that does not always work.
5. Do not list your number in the phone directories, but scammers use software to call almost every possible combination of phone numbers.
6. Land lines usually get more nuisance calls, so many only use cell phones.
7. Many scammers use phones , so do not knee-jerk react to them. Investigate before doing anything.
8. Do not engage in prolonged conversations with unrecognized callers...just hang up.
9. Changing your phone number may not be a good ploy (see #5, above).
10. Try [reporting](#) some callers .

Some of us just smile, some get angry, but realize that there is really not much you can do to stop them all.

**Hope you do not fall for any April Fools hijinks!**

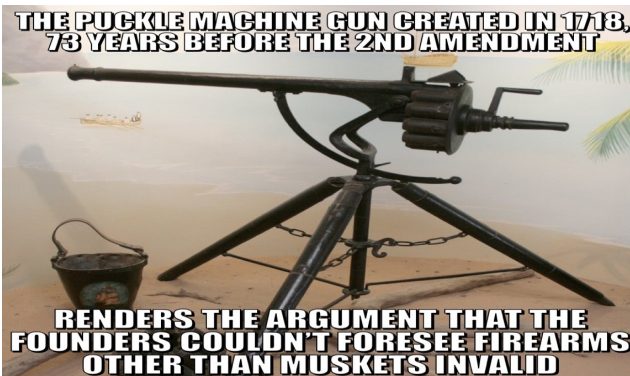


## TRIVIA, TRIVIAL OR ?

You may like to further validate this by searching sites such as:

<https://www.google.com/search?q=puckle+machine+gun&oq=puckle+machine+gun&aq=s=chrome..69i57j69i60j0l4.4012j0j4&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>.

It kinda puts a different spin on what the musket-bearing Founding Fathers might have known, regarding semi-automatic weapons?



## FREE? TAX PREPARATION

Each year, millions of people have their taxes prepared for free by IRS-certified volunteers. [The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs](#) have helped people for more than 40 years.

1. The IRS works with local community groups to **train and certify** VITA and TCE volunteers.
2. **VITA** generally offers free tax return preparation to those who qualify.
3. **TCE** is mainly for people age 60 or older. The program focuses on tax issues unique to seniors. AARP participates in the TCE program through AARP Tax-Aide.

VITA and TCE provide **free electronic filing**. E-filing is the safest, most accurate way to file your tax return.

If you combine e-file with [direct deposit](#), you can get your refund faster.

## 2018 NATIONAL COMMANDER ESCORT ITINERARY FROM PAUL

<http://dogalr.org/index.php?id=127>

### National Commander/National President Escort Registration Forms.

Form you need to register for the ride and Ride Waiver are included here. Registration is \$20 per person and includes a ride T-shirt and year tab. A patch will also be provided if you do not already have one. [Click here](#).

**National Commander/National President Itinerary.** Information here includes stops, hotels and Post information. Contact the Department for Headquarters Hotel reservations. Rider hotels are for information only. Please contact hotels directly for best rate. [Click here](#).

Thursday, April 19th	Dinner at Post 13, Valdosta
Friday, April 20th	Lunch at Post 335, Sylvester Dinner at Post 172, Warner Robins
Saturday, April 21st	Lunch at Post 66, Decatur (Avondale Estates) Dinner at Post 233, Loganville

## VETERAN FREE BURIAL BENEFITS

Just in case you can use this information, sometime: [https://www.cem.va.gov/burial\\_benefits/](https://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/)

# CALENDAR IS COMPLIMENTS OF CONGRESSMAN PETER KING

MARCH						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

*Noted landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted prudently incorporated this Summerhouse into the slope of the West Front Lawn, providing drinking water and shaded seating for visitors since 1881. (Photograph by Carol M. Highsmith)*

MAY						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> April Fool's Day Easter 1818: Speaker Henry Clay signs bill establishing permanent design of US flag.	<b>2</b> 1818: Dr. William Thornton petitions House for pay increase as superintendent of patents.	<b>3</b> 1818: Objecting to the cost, House tables bill subscribing to a published history of Congress.	<b>4</b> 1818: President Monroe disapproves of sending congressmen on diplomatic missions.	<b>5</b> 1818: Birth of Philip Barton Key, victim of famous murder by Rep. Daniel Sickles in 1859.	<b>6</b> 1818: House engrosses bill for Illinois statehood.	<b>7</b> Last Day of Passover 1818: Gen. Andrew Jackson occupies St. Mark's in Spanish Florida.
<b>8</b> 1818: Pres. Monroe opposes sending Gen. Andrew Jackson on diplomatic mission to Russia.	<b>9</b> 1818: Thomas Jefferson predicts republican tide in "recreant state" of Massachusetts.	<b>10</b> 1818: Speaker Henry Clay urges reciprocal trade policy against United Kingdom.	<b>11</b> 1818: Speaker Henry Clay informs constituent that he won a Baltimore lottery.	<b>12</b> 1818: Newspapers report mass imprisonments of patriots in South America.	<b>13</b> 1818: Official US flag flies over the Capitol for the first time.	<b>14</b> 1818: Congress appropriates funds for extending the Cumberland Road (the "National Road").
<b>15</b> 1818: Sen. Robert Goldsborough (MD) moves that the President name "useless" customs officials.	<b>16</b> Tax Day 1818: Senate votes for 3rd reading of bill to fund central portion of Capitol.	<b>17</b> 1818: Pres. Monroe appoints commissioners for treaties with Chickasaws.	<b>18</b> 1818: Rep. Charles Mercer (VA) reports in favor of recolonization of blacks to Africa.	<b>19</b> 1818: B. Tyler advertises first-ever facsimile copy of Declaration of Independence.	<b>20</b> 1818: Pres. Monroe requests department heads accompany him to Capitol to sign bills.	<b>21</b> 1818: Speaker Henry Clay expresses support for private "turnpiking" in Kentucky.
<b>22</b> Earth Day 1818: Newspapers begin advertising the "highest wages" for Capitol laborers.	<b>23</b> 1818: J.Q. Adams calls "Plaster of Paris Proclamation," signed this day, one of the most important since 4 July 1776.	<b>24</b> 1818: South American commissioners leave Buenos Aires to return to US.	<b>25</b> 1818: Virginia paper reports plans to make Texas an asylum for European emigrants.	<b>26</b> 1818: Col. George Armistead, hero of Ft. Mifflin, is buried in Baltimore.	<b>27</b> 1818: J.Q. Adams sends thanks for his election to American Philosophical Society.	<b>28</b> 1818: Pres. Monroe complains to James Madison of "very querulous spirit" in Congress.
<b>29</b> 1818: Speaker Henry Clay writes constituent about possible patent infringement.	<b>30</b> 1818: Diplomats warn Sec. of State J.Q. Adams that Bonapartists are preparing to colonize Texas.			John Rubens Smith's watercolor of the West Front shows both Bullfinch's signature portico and his gatehouses. (Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress)		

## A BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Our American Legion celebrated the 99th anniversary of the [birth date](#) this past March 15.

March 15th was the date, in 1919, when the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the [American Expeditionary Force](#), convened in Paris, France.



## WILL YOU SPREAD THE WORD ?

We are always looking to help veterans and their families by asking them to join The American Legion.

Their membership contributes to the political power of our organization to promote veteran benefits. Their membership provides personal benefits you and I enjoy.

Page 9 of this newsletter has all the information needed for enrollment in our cyber Post (providing the potential member has and can use a computer).

Why join the American Legion? <http://dogalr.org/index.php?id=3>.



# DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT'S

## NEWSLETTER

### March 2018

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#### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Target date:** March 14, 2018. If you have membership (any amount) send to the Department prior to Noon March 13, 2018. The New Membership Roster for 2018-2019 will be run after the posting of membership received on March 14, 2018 at National.

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#### **Spring Conference**

**March 23 – 25, 2018**

If you have not purchased your banquet ticket, please do so immediately and mail to the Department prior to March 21, 2018.

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#### **Annual Post Data Forms - Due April**

Annual Post Data Forms were mailed to each Post Adjutant on February 14, 2018. Post Commander's, it is your **responsibility** to see that the completed form is returned to Department Headquarters prior to April 13, 2018. This document sets the Annual Dues for 2018-2019 Legion year and the address where your renewal notices are to be mailed.

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#### **100<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Convention, Duluth, GA**

**June 21 - 24, 2018**

#### **100<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention, Minneapolis, MN**

**August 24 – 30, 2018**

Information will be available at the Spring Conference and mailed to each Post in April.

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#### **Annual Reports**

##### **Commanders / Adjutants –**

**The report letter with attachments will be mailed to each Post and District Adjutants on April 2, 2018.**

**Please ensure all reports are submitted in a timely manner**

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**National Commander's Visit:**

**April 19 – 22, 2018**

Our National Commander, Denise H. Rohan of Wisconsin will visit our Department during the period of April 19 -22, 2018. We have enclosed information pertaining to her visit and ask that you pass this important information to the Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S. A. L. members and Legion Riders of your Post. Please encourage your members to attend at least one of the scheduled meetings.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Also, call the Post Commander and let them know the number of Legionnaires, Auxiliary and S. A. L. and Legion Riders that will be attending from your Post.

If you are planning to travel with the National Commander, please notify the Department.

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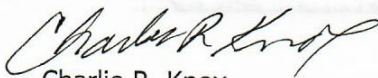
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

2018 Department Spring Conference	Mar 23 – 25	Duluth, GA Arrive Mar 22
2018 National Commander's visit	Apr 19 – 22	
2018 National Spring Meetings	May 7 – 10	Indianapolis, IN
2018 Department Convention	Jun 22 – 24	Duluth, GA Arrive Jun 21
<b>2018 100<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention</b>	<b>Aug 24 – 30</b>	<b>Minneapolis, MN</b>
2018 National Fall Meetings	Oct 15 -18	Indianapolis, IN
2018 Department Fall Conference	Oct 26 – 27	Duluth, GA Arrive Oct 25

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See you at the Spring Conference.

For God and Country,



Charlie R. Knox  
Department Adjutant

**National Commander's Itinerary and  
Post Point of Contact visit to Georgia  
2018**

<b>Thursday, April 19</b>	<b>Post 13, Valdosta</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
		<b>Cost: \$6.00</b>	
<b>1301 Williams Street Valdosta, GA 31601 229-242-7616</b>	<b>Point of Contact: Commander Richard Brown 229-563-7263</b>		

<b>Friday, April 20</b>	<b>Post 335, Sylvester</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
		<b>Cost: No charge</b>	
<b>Worth County Community Center 1212 North Monroe St Sylvester, GA 31791 229-776-0957</b>	<b>Point of Contact: Commander Curtis R. Humphrey, Jr 229-343-6470</b>		

<b>Friday, April 20</b>	<b>Post 172, Warner Robins</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
		<b>Cost: \$5.00</b>	
<b>1345 Radio Loop Road Warner Robins, GA 31093 478-923-9238</b>	<b>Point of Contact: e-mail - <a href="mailto:alpost172@gmail.com">alpost172@gmail.com</a> 478-542-4468 478-396-5858</b>		

<b>Saturday, April 21</b>	<b>Post 66, Avondale Estates</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
		<b>Cost: No charge</b>	
<b>30 Covington Road Avondale Estates, GA 404-292-2352</b>	<b>Point of Contact: Commander Ralph Kirkland 404-452-7811</b>		

<b>Saturday, April 21</b>	<b>Post 233, Loganville</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
		<b>Cost: No charge</b>	
<b>4635 Atlanta Hwy Loganville, GA 30052 770-466-4728</b>	<b>Point of Contact: Commander Marion Stanley Mauldin 404-922-2457</b>		

**Please furnish the number of persons attending from your  
Post/Auxiliary/Squadron/Riders to the Point of Contact and if motel/hotel  
reservations are required, please call the Department. (678-289-8883)**



**PAUL BRINGS US THIS SHOT FROM HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE 2018 DOG SPRING CONFERENCE**



**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
<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

ADDRESS

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**