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COMMUNICATION IS POWER

TO OPT OUT OF OUR NEWSLETTERS, E-MAIL cgoetz@myemc.net

OUR NEXT MEETING

August 17 at 7:30 PM is slated for our next tele-meeting using updated [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?

THESE ARE OUR OFFICERS

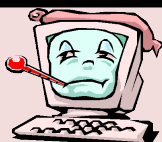
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OUR HELP DESK STANDS

READY TO ASSIST US

VETERANS WITH FREE

COMPUTER-RELATED AID.



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commander@greenunicorn.com

The 2017-2018 dues are due and payable, so if this applies to you...

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Thank you for electing me, again, as commander. Was anyone else running for that office? In fact, was anyone else running for any of our offices?



A CHAPLAIN IS NEEDED

We are in need of a chaplain.

The regular duties are to attend our once-a-month meetings and intone a nondenominational prayer at the starting and ending of our meetings.

Though seemingly ceremonial, communing with our Creator on our behalf is anything but trite.

The Legion provides a standard set of prayers, so original prayers would not be required, though probably appreciated by our attendees.

Please contact me if interested.

— Bob

770-786-8702

Our organization is not unique, in that few members want to spend their time and emotions, maybe money, serving as an officer.

However, we DO want a cadre composed of willing volunteers, as none of us gets paid and can easily resign from office (hopefully not).

When our next year's elections comes around, I am asking you to seriously consider running for an office, for at least a two-year period of time.

Our cyber Post does not require a great deal from our officers, with the adjutant, commander and finance officer carrying the brunt of responsibilities.

As your Webmaster and newsletter editor, I sort of have extra duties, but those are voluntary and not a part of the actual commander's obligations.

So, thank you for electing our 2017-2018 officers and thanks to those officers for willingly stepping up to the plate.

Bob

OUR PR PRO

Pat posted this on Facebook. Hope we get some positive responses, such as new members, donations, etc.

This sort of free publicity can be a unique boost to our present public relations efforts. Regardless of our need for more members, the American public needs to become more aware of what our American Legion is and what we stand for and promote.

Ed was interviewed by radio station in Eatonton, GA by John Yates. We toured the station and Ed talked about E-Post 2100 of the American Legion. Ed has been the Commander for over three years. He also gave some comments about his tour in Vietnam in 1967. What a cool thing to do!! Wonderful day!!



Remember, we can enlarge items in our newsletter !

SAFETY FIRST

Have you attended and/or hosted an outdoor BBQ? Did your fire easily start by igniting propane, charcoal lighter fuel, or maybe lump charcoal starter or electric element starter?

Hopefully, all went well, but do be careful and safe, especially if there are young children or pets around.



YOUR LIGHT

Some of us might remember the admonition about not hiding our light under a basket, so this is just a reminder for us to not only seek ways to help folks, especially fellow vets, but to also publicize our actions so other might better appreciate our American Legion (and our cyber Post).

Our Post has no physical location, but as we find the opportunities to help others, that is not a hindrance.

Here is a shot of me and our local Elk (B.P.O.E.) Veterans Committee Head with one of the patients at a nursing home. We made up and delivered baskets of goodies/gratitude to the veterans at that facility.



One of the fellows broke down and sobbed as he related to us his regret over killing children in Korea. He explained that the children were wired with explosives to kill and maim his squad.

As you, too, carryout good deeds, maybe let me know so our newsletter might encourage others to follow suit.

Yes, war is Hell, but we endeavor to persevere.

Bob webmaster@epost2100.org

HUNTING SEASON IS COMING

[Hunting seasons and dates and bag limits](#)
[Major changes to regulations this year](#)
[Deer either-sex days \(increase in most areas\)](#)
[Buy a License](#)



Public Land Opportunities this year

[WMA Dates - use the control key + F to search for a WMA](#)
[All Available Quota Hunts](#)
[Apply for Quota Hunts \(alligator deadline is July 31st\)](#)
[Youth Opportunities](#)

YOU PROBABLY KNEW THIS, BUT...

Did You Know?

- If a veteran has a service-connected rating of 60% - 90% that causes unemployability, the veteran may be eligible for compensation at 100%.
- If a veteran is hospitalized for 21 days or more, or in convalescent care for one month or more for service-connected disabilities, the veteran will be compensated at 100% during the time period.
- Any veteran rated 10% or more for a service-connected disability is eligible to receive training from Vocational Rehabilitation Training program.

Any veteran rated 10% or more for service-connected disabilities may have the Home Loan fee waived.

THE INTERACTIVE WALL

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

First, click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear.

Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least a bio and medals.

This really is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it. I hope that everyone who receives this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our Country.

The [above link](#) is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam war with the names, bio's and other information on our lost heroes. Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family, can look them up on this site.

Pass the link on to others, as many have known wonderful people whose names are listed.

EMAIL WARNING?

For those who may not be aware of emails from supposedly "valid" people on your contact list, before opening, check the "actual" address of the sender in parentheses, (it follows the @ sign to the right of the sender).



Some bogus emails can be avoided this way, if they use a real contact name but followed by a parenthetical address shown otherwise).

You may want to alert the real compromised sender.

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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 99th Annual National Convention will be Aug 18-24 in Reno, NV 2017 .

Fall Meetings will be Oct 9 - 12 in Indianapolis, IN.

Our 2017 Department Fall Conference is scheduled for Oct 21 - 22 in Duluth.

Paul

AMERICAN LEGION ONLINE

Are you receiving *The American Legion Online Update* <https://www.legion.org/join> ?

This can be a valuable source of information and monetary savings.

As a current recipient, you might want to delve more deeply into the many offerings.

If you are not currently receiving this online publication, consider joining and benefitting.

FROM CHATTAHOOCHEE POST 251 IN DULUTH, GA

The Army, Air Force and Navy exchange will start allowing all honorably discharged veterans to shop online, (think Amazon, but only cheaper with no taxes.) The target start date is Veterans Day, November 11, 2017 but, you must register first. Registration begins June 1, 2017. You must call 1-844-868-8672 after June 1 to register. **Before you do read the following:**

NOTE: Prior to calling the 1-844-868-8672 go online to VETVERIFY.ORG there are several questions, fill out the form. If the screen reappears with the message; "Your Information Cannot be Found" you may be given the option to retry. The Social Security Number filled out the first time with your last four, will now require your whole Social Security number. If the second attempt results in failure, it can be for the following reason. The system will get another update of military personnel the first week of September 2017. The site is loading up the information of fifteen million Veterans, the updating is taking longer than expected.

NOTE: In the event your record is not found after the September update, the next course of action is to get a **DS LOGON Level 2** this will serve as proof of eligibility for access to the Military Exchange Service, then call the 844 number, they will work with you. The two sites use two different databases, DS Logon Level 2 application uses to Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System ([DEERS](#))

The following link explains DS Logon Level 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szbYUKhbB7A>

[Copy and paste the above link in your web browser]

The next section explains how to get a DS LOGON LEVEL 2 account. **NOTE:** Should problems be encountered in upgrading to/or creating a DS LOGON Level 2 account, in the second paragraph is an 800 number, they can assist you in this effort.

A: For help with:

- Remote DS Logon identity proofing over the phone to upgrade to a Premium (Level 2) Account (requires receipt of VA compensation through a direct deposit or Electronic Fund Transfer).

Add Veteran to Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System ([DEERS](#)) requests for people who qualify for phone proofing Call the Veterans Affairs Benefits & Services—Telephone Assistance Service to speak with an eBenefits Specialist

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-8:00 pm Eastern Time 1.800.827.1000, option 1, option 7, option 0

For help with:

- eBenefits General Questions & Technical Issues

DS Logon eligibility for VA affiliated people

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-8:00 pm Eastern Time 1.800.983.0937, option 2

For help with:

Problems or questions about the VA's Inquiry Routing & Information System (IRIS)

Please visit the VA's Inquiry Routing & Information System (IRIS) FAQs at <https://iris.custhelp.com/app/answers/list>.

FROM OUR NATIONAL COMMANDER RE LEGION COIN ACT

Dear Legion Family Members and Friends,

In the June issue of The American Legion Magazine, I discussed an historic opportunity for our organization. The U.S. Congress only authorizes the minting of two commemorative coins per year. We are counting on your support of legislation -- H.R. 2519 and S. 1182 – that would bestow this honor upon the greatest veterans organization the world has ever seen.

With your help, we can encourage Congress to mark The American Legion's 2019 Centennial with these limited edition, exquisitely crafted commemorative coins. Not only would these coins raise public awareness about the most influential veterans organization in the world, but proceeds from their sale would raise funds for our programs that assist veterans, servicemembers and their families.

A centennial coin would generate millions of dollars to pay for programs that fall under our four founding pillars of veterans affairs and rehabilitation, strong national defense, children and youth, and Americanism. From service officer training to Operation Comfort Warriors to American Legion Baseball, these programs enrich our communities, states and nation.

A bipartisan group in Congress is gathering support for The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act. Please ask your representative and senators to join sponsors Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind.; Sen Joe Donnelly, D-Ind.; Rep Phil Roe, R-Tenn.; and Rep. Tim Walz, D-Minn.; and co-sponsor this important legislation. You can call or write to their district offices or call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224--3121. The easiest way to spread this message is through our Legislative Action Center which you can reach [BY CLICKING HERE](#) and allow us to help you compose and draft a message.

There is already strong competition from other groups seeking their own commemorative coin. We must let Congress know that H.R. 2519 and S. 1182 are extremely important to The American Legion and anybody who supports veterans and our enriching programs.

After all, there are only two commemorative coins authorized by Congress each year. Already scheduled for 2019 is the minting of a coin to honor the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing.

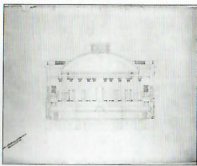
Many of the astronauts and support personnel who made that mission possible were Legionnaires. Some were even educated through the GI Bill, made possible by The American Legion. I truly believe that most of those Apollo 11 heroes would approve of this pairing. With your help, we can make this happen. [Contact your members of Congress today.](#)

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A billowing roofline like a dove's wings distinguishes the headquarters of the U.S. Institute of Peace, completed in 2011.
(Photograph by David Luria)

SEPTEMBER						
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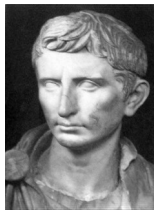
AUGUST 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	B. Henry Latrobe's son drew this section of the House chamber looking south in 1817, with its original smooth wooden dome. <i>(Library of Congress)</i>	1	2	3	4	5
		1817: War Dept. assures Gen. Andrew Jackson that Senate would approve Cherokee removal.	1817: Henry Clay convinces president of the Second Bank of the US to open branch in Louisville, KY.	1817: Jefferson solicits designs for U. of VA from Architect of the Capitol B. Henry Latrobe.	1817: US Navy captain begins using convoys to protect American ships from pirates in Gulf of Mexico.	1817: Pres. Monroe writes son-in-law that his national tour should unify Republicans and Federalists.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1817: Secretary of State-Elect J.Q. Adams arrives in New York City, after an eight years' absence.	1817: Southern states reported to be resenting northerners' royalist reception of presidential tour.	1817: British ambassador agrees to investigate recent seizure of American fishing vessel off Nova Scotia.	1817: Worst rainfall in memory (9.5 inches in five hours) will halt mail delivery between Baltimore and DC.	1817: B. Henry Latrobe criticizes changes to his design for St. Paul's Church in Alexandria, VA.	1817: <i>Baltimore Patriot</i> (MD) prints letter by an American ransomed from Arab slavers in Africa.	1817: B. Henry Latrobe writes of House chamber, "I have never seen anything so beautifully magnificent."
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1817: Stone cutter Thomas Towson is promised payment of \$1,200 for Capitol's marble steps.	1817: J.Q. Adams is surprised to find that trip from NYC to Boston is shortened to forty hours.	1817: Delegates in Washington, Mississippi sign the state's first constitution.	1817: Son of the late VP Elbridge Gerry solicits appointment as surveyor of port of Boston.	1817: A Florida source reports that Seminoles anticipate forming an alliance with the British.	1817: Henry Clay criticizes New Englanders' welcoming Pres. Monroe with "ostentatious parade."	1817: <i>New Hampshire Patriot</i> reports that Napoleon's younger brother Lucien is not allowed to settle in US.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1817: Diplomat from Brazil's revolutionary government requests Pres. Monroe's support against Portugal.	1817: "General" Gregor MacGregor proclaims a blockade of the entire Florida peninsula.	1817: Jefferson laments threatened end of the highly influential political magazine, <i>Niles' Weekly Register</i> .	1817: NY's <i>Suffolk County Recorder</i> reports that the British Navy was dismantling its Great Lakes fleet.	1817: Jefferson declines the loan of a volume of ancient history, claiming no interest in "Oriental literature."	1817: Gen. Edmund Gaines protests protecting illegal settlers in Alabama from Creek Indians.	1817: Alexander Arbuthnot, attorney for Creek Indians, seeks support of British military authorities.
27	28	29	30	31		
	1817: During Monroe's tour	1817: <i>Suffolk County (MA)</i>	1817: <i>Times</i> (London)			

LIKE , WE REALLY CARE?

August comes to us from the Latin word, *augustus*, meaning "consecrated" or "venerable," which in turn is related to the Latin *augur*, meaning "consecrated by augury or "auspicious."

In 8 B.C., the Roman Senate honored Augustus Caesar, the first Roman emperor, by changing the name of their month "[Sextilis](#)" to "Augustus." So, no, sextilis had nothing to do with what some of you might have been thinking!



Middle English speakers inherited the name of the month of August, but it wasn't until the mid-1600s that "august" came to be used generically in English, more or less as "augustus" was in Latin, to refer to someone with imperial qualities.

YOUR VA HEALTH ID CARD

If you are looking to obtain your VA health care or lost your card, etc., try going to:

<https://www.vets.gov/health-care/apply/>.

It will probably require your having your photo made (again?), so call 1-877-222-8387, open Mondays through Fridays, 8 AM to 8 PM, for information.

The card may also be used to validate your being a veteran, if your ePost 2100 VA membership card is not sufficient.

BTW, keep one or more notarized copies of your DD-214 around, maybe in a safe deposit box?

Bob

CYBER POST 2100



RECOGNITION

EDWARD T. ODMARK

In recognition of 30 years of exemplary service
to the American Legion

Robert Green

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Post Commander

7/25/2017

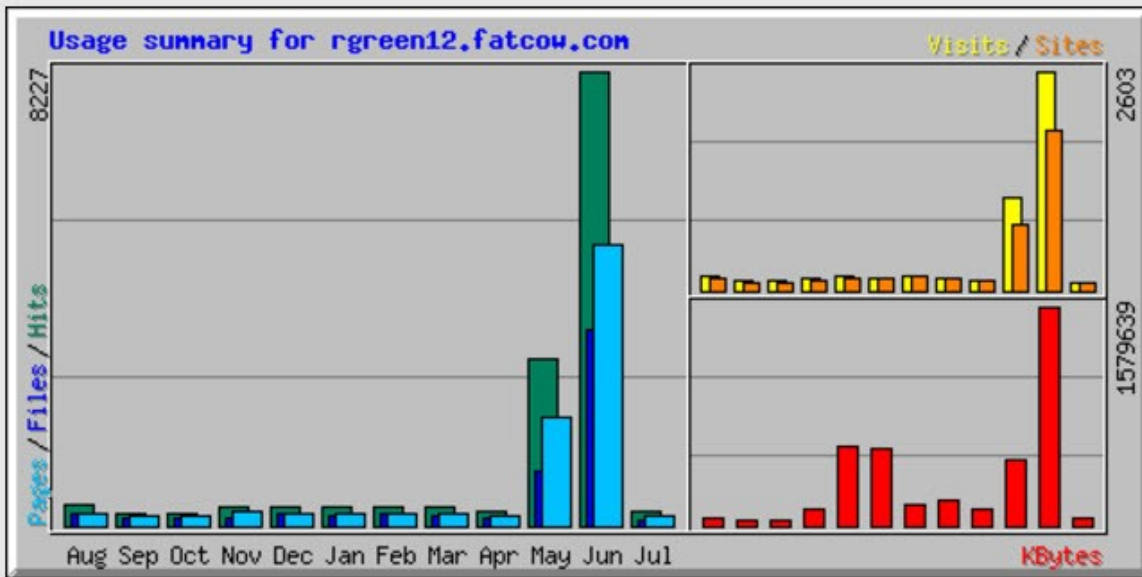
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STATISTICS FROM OUR NEW WEB SITE

Mark, our former Webmaster, has passed the baton, so our current Web site is not as sophisticated as his was and is under new hosting, but it does serve our purpose of veterans helping veterans.

However, your input on improving our site would be appreciated. The site is mainly static, providing information, but it does change, from time to time.

Our monthly newsletters and this site are our main ways to keep you updated and informed, along with the State and National publications you should be receiving.



Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Jul 2017	127	58	83	40	84	56804	81	166	116	254
Jun 2017	274	117	169	86	1908	1579639	2603	5096	3539	8227
May 2017	96	31	62	35	783	476054	1101	1948	980	3000
Apr 2017	8	4	6	3	124	120725	119	191	134	262
Mar 2017	10	6	6	5	154	184140	158	210	189	326
Feb 2017	11	8	8	6	164	160172	183	227	228	328
Jan 2017	11	6	7	5	140	558909	155	222	200	347
Dec 2016	11	7	7	5	152	579645	170	227	231	350
Nov 2016	11	4	8	4	108	115385	137	256	145	338
Oct 2016	7	3	5	3	89	35616	116	168	123	233
Sep 2016	7	4	5	3	88	39817	111	163	135	229
Aug 2016	12	7	7	5	143	62993	182	236	235	377
Totals						3969899	5116	9110	6255	14271

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

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