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TO OPT OUT OF OUR NEWSLETTERS, E-MAIL [MARIA KLENHARD](mailto:MARIA.KLENHARD)

OUR NEXT MEETING

December 16th at 7:30 PM, is slated for our next tele-meeting, by invitation, using GoToMeeting. E-mail me if you want an invitation:
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 HELP DESK STANDS READY TO ASSIST U.S. VETERANS WITH FREE COMPUTER-RELATED AID.

[Commander](#)
770-786-8702

9TH DISTRICT MEETING DATES

- * Sugar Hill 127 - February 5th
- * Gainesville 7 - May 1st

VA BENEFITS SITE

VA benefits:
<https://choose.va.gov/>

LEST WE FORGET



At American Legion meetings, a special table setting is provided with symbols reminding us of those who cannot be with us,...lest we forget.

YOUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

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Sergeant-at-Arms.....	DAVID GREEN	
Service Officer.....	ED MCMILLAN	770-757-6136
Chaplain.....	ROBERT TEETER	918-781-9328

COMMANDER'S CORNER

While giving some advice/suggestion to my grandson and his wife, I thought it might also be good to share with our own members/families.



You may already do this, but if not, consider using your word processor as a diary.

Besides serving as a possible memory aid, you can use the diary to list events, addresses, phone numbers, people, URL's email addresses, and past (captured) photos for later reference.

Your word processor can then be searched for something that happened time ago, and items can be accurately copied, pasted, printed, emailed, etc.

You could then tell someone who you spoke with (employee ID and even the time), date, data such as Vin #, model, phone number, FAX, maybe login and password, installation date, company, etc.

You would have handy contact via Web address and mailing address, if needed.

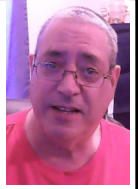
You might think of other uses for your diary, but this is perhaps a useful start. It may take time, at first, but well worth it.

—*Bob* [Email](#)

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OUR CHAPLAIN'S PAGE

Here we are with another month going by in a blur. I hope everyone had a nice Veteran's Day and you will each get to spend time with family or friends for Thanksgiving. Let us not forget that this time of year can be difficult for individuals as well. It can be hard to be thankful for an empty seat at the table. Therefore, let us remember to keep in prayer and thoughts those who may be dealing with loss at this time.



I, for one, first of all need to apologize, as I have been remiss in my duties as Chaplain. I have missed out on the meeting, and some phone calls. My personal issues aside are not an excuse to not be there for you. A wise sage offered, prayer, exercise, and meditation to deal with my stuff. And amazingly for me, it is usually the easy things like this that seem to work the best. Believe it or not, even Chaplains can get in their own way and create havoc in their heads.

I did take advantage of the nice weather this Saturday and put up the Christmas lights outside on the porch. Over the Christmas break from school, I will be cleaning out the spare bedroom and turning it into an actual office (I hope), big project. School requires a bigger space than a large closet and quieter than the opposite wall of the television. (very distracting).

The first semester is nearly over and I have already learned a great deal. 51 hours or 6 semesters to graduation, OH MY. This letter is going to be short as I just finished my final paper for one class and am exhausted. I will try and get phone calls out to all those whom I know are ill, before Thanksgiving.

As for words of encouragement, this is a time that traditionally we give thanks. For some, it is harder than others, and that is understandable. We cannot know the pain one feels, as it is your pain. It is up to those in pain to help us to understand if that is your wish, we will be here to help, or listen.

My prayer: Lord, during this time of year when gathering to give thanks, please be with us and watch over us. We thank you Lord, for the bounty You provide to nourish our soul and body. Lord, watch over those with empty chairs and remind them they are not alone; their loved ones are with them in spirit and are taken care of with You. In this I pray, Amen.

Until next month, and I will have some new pictures to add.

Bob Teeter

FROM OUR ADJUTANT



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

A Cyber squadron is coming back our way. The organizing team is focused. More details forthcoming. *Stay Tuned!*



80th National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration

Each year in the United States, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day honors all those who lost their lives when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. More than 3,500 Americans lost their lives or were wounded on that solemn day.

HONOLULU— Pearl Harbor National Memorial, Navy Region Hawai'i, and Pacific Historic Parks have announced the theme for this year's National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Commemoration: Valor, Sacrifice, and Peace. This year marks the 80th commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and the subsequent entry of the United States into World War II.

The goal of the commemoration and supplemental events is to ensure that future generations will understand the valor and legacy of those who perished and those who fought throughout the war. The commemoration also highlights the importance of the peace that brought a reconciliation that continues to create a better future for all.

American Flags are flown at half staff until sunset, December 7, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIISsZYm1SA>

Presidential Memorial Certificate

- For *honorably* discharged Veterans
- Inscribed with the Veteran's name
- Bears the President's signature



A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of deceased Veterans who are eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

[Presidential Memorial Certificates - National Cemetery Administration \(va.gov\)](https://www.va.gov/cemetary-administration/)

Fillable request form:

[VA Form 40-0247, PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM](#)

REQUESTS

Family and friends of the deceased, or someone acting on their behalf, may request a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

A request for (VA-40-0247) is available on the National Cemetery Administration website www.cem.va.gov.

A military discharge document must be submitted with the request

Requests may be submitted:

By Mail to:

Presidential Memorial Certificate
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

By Toll-free Fax to:

(800) 455-7143 or in person at any VA Regional Office

THE FLAG

I get upset watching football games where parachutists land, dragging our flag along the ground. Our finance officer, John (Mac) McMillan sent this item, sort of along the same lines:

On Thursday, November 11, 2021, 12:06 PM, NEWSFOIA <newsfoia@comcast.net> wrote:

I served in the Army (I volunteered, not drafted) from 1968 until 1971, and served as an Army medic in-country in Vietnam for all of 1970. Following college, I then served in the Navy from 1975 until 1998. I enjoy seeing all the American Flags that fly in The Georgia Club neighborhoods. I'm sure I'm like other veterans who appreciate and respect the Flag etiquette that is given from sunrise to sunset. Unfortunately, even the American Flag at our post office isn't provided the respect the Flag deserves after sunset. "According to the [U.S. Flag Code](#), Section 6a: "It is universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The [American Legion](#) interprets 'proper illumination' as a light specifically placed to illuminate the flag (preferred) or having a light source sufficient to illuminate the flag so it is recognizable as such by the casual observer." Ambient light from a porch light, street light, or moonlight, is not considered proper illumination because the intent is not to shine light on a flag. Maybe this Veteran's Day at least the post office American Flag should be directly illuminated to respect our country and all Americans. And it would be a nice gesture to bring American Flags inside at sunset if they are not illuminated. After dark and in darkness the flag looks as forlorn as just a piece of forgotten laundry. Happy Veterans Day America!

FROM ED, A SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.
The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear.
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the
sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.

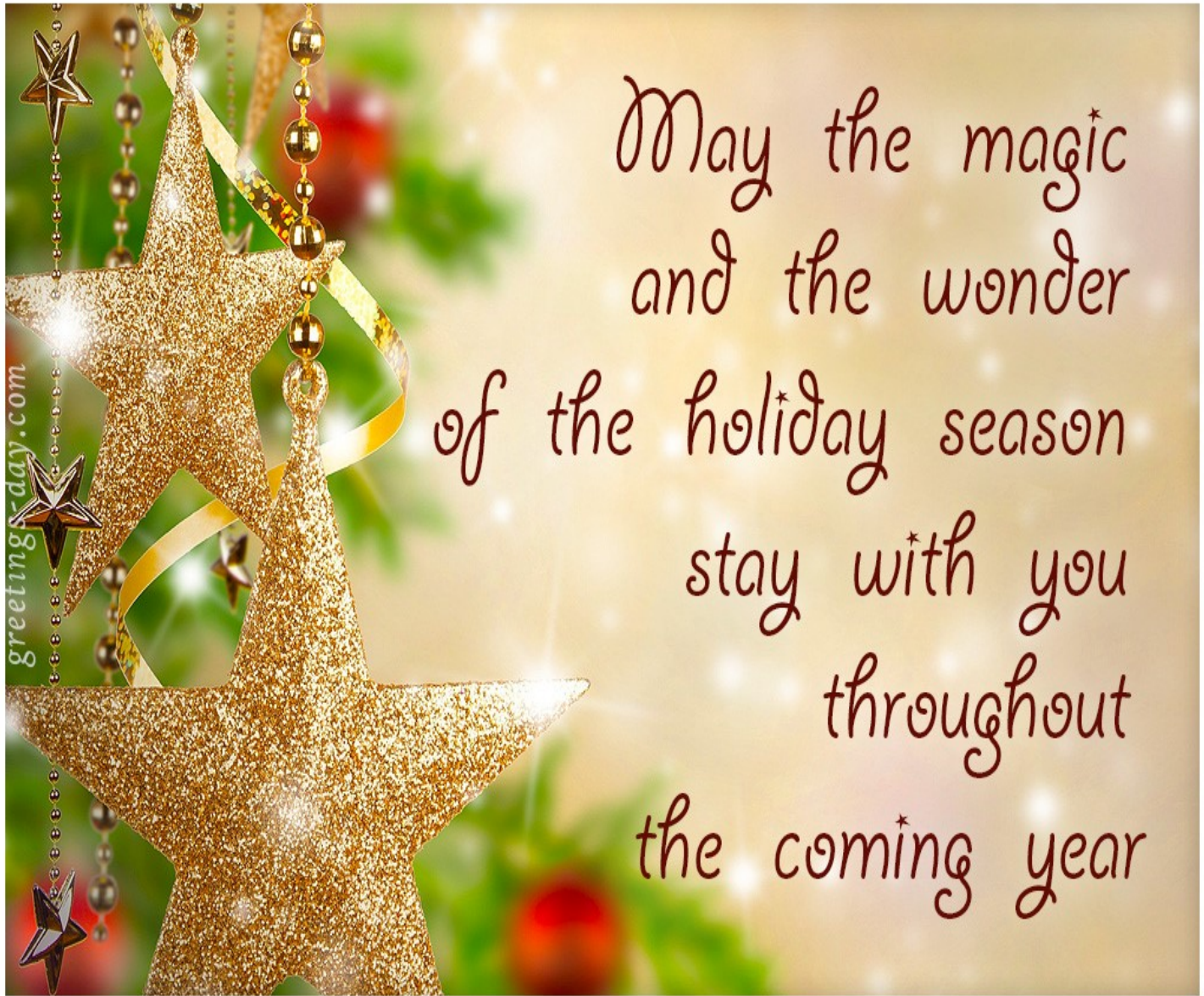
My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.
Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.
A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.
"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..
To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."

"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of times.
No one had to ask or beg or implore me,

I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.

My Gramps died at 'Pearl on a day in December,"
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers."
My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam',
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.
I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile.
Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue... an American flag.
I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.
I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..
Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."
"So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right."
"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,
"Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son."
Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.
For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."



May the magic
and the wonder
of the holiday season
stay with you
throughout
the coming year

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Date of Birth)

(Mailing Address) _____ (Phone Number)

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #)

(E-mail) _____ Male Female _____ (Dues)

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.
Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Space Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	



Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter

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Receipt of Dues

(Please Print)

From _____ \$ _____ for 20 _____ Post # _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____