



# LARRY A. HOFF ePOST 2100



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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, February 15th at 7:30 PM Eastern**, is slated for our next tele-meeting, using GoTo. You can join the meeting using the following :

<https://www.goto.com/meeting/join>

Enter Meeting ID: 666710421

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

## OUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander..... [MARIA KLENHARD](#) 916-952-7691
- Senior Vice Commander..... [ERIC PARSONS](#) 706 325-4047
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OUR HELP DESK STANDS READY TO ASSIST US VETERANS WITH FREE COMPUTER-RELATED AID.

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER



.Yes, the new year has brought cold weather to many areas. It is heartwarming to welcome home Post 2100 member, Timothy Hanks, from his year-long deployment to the Arizona border with the Georgia National Guard. We thank him for his service and sacrifice.

As January being designated a National Blood Donor Month it is a crucial reminder of the ongoing need for blood donations. I myself is a Power RED doner (2 pints at a time). I encourage you to donate if you can or inform others of this ongoing need.

We are always looking to sponsor a senior to attend Georgia Boys State, a comprehensive one week course in state and local government and is a program of the American Legion Department Georgia of Georgia. The date for the program is June 9-15, 2024 and will be held at Valdosta State University in Valdosta. It is a "leadership action program" where qualified male high school rising seniors take part in a practical government course.

[Request to attend application](#) Enter Post: 2100 Location: Cyber

## 2024 RENEWAL STATUS

As of: 31 January 2024

# 85.7%

## [Multiyear Membership](#)

Multiyear membership sign-up is only available on the national American Legion website: ([legion.org/renew](http://legion.org/renew) and [legion.org/join](http://legion.org/join)).

Current or potential members cannot renew or join for a three-year membership at the post level or through MyLegion.org.

Payment for the three-year membership will be upfront.

There is not a discounted rate with the three-year membership.

Membership cards will still be sent annually by Legion posts.

Those who sign up for a multiyear membership will not receive a renewal notice during the time they have signed up for the multi-year membership.

## Sons of The American Legion



The next scheduled meeting for **eSquadron 2100** is **Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 8:00pm Eastern.**

The polar plunge was very successful with over \$1,300 being raised for our programs including the Junior Leadership Camp. Past National Vice Commander Ron Roberts presented valuable information about parliamentary procedure.

SAL Commander, Brandon Roberts

Send dues to: SQDN 2100, P.O. Box 221, Meansville, GA 30256



# United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve Anniversary



## The Four Chaplains,

also referred to as the **Immortal Chaplains** or the **Dorchester Chaplains**, were four [World War II chaplains](#) who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American troop ship [SS Dorchester](#) sank on **February 3, 1943**, in what has been referred to as the second-worst sea disaster of World War II. The *Dorchester* was a civilian [liner](#) converted for military service in World War II as a [War Shipping Administration troop transport](#). She was able to carry slightly more than 900 military passengers and crew.

## Free Lifetime Access to National Parks

With the Interagency Military Lifetime Pass, Veterans and their families can enjoy free access to approximately 2,000 public locations spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands

### Are you eligible?

For purposes of this program, a Veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserve, and is able to present one of the following forms of valid (unexpired) identification:

- Department of Defense Identification Card
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- Veteran ID Card
- Veterans designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card.

Gold Star Families are next of kin of a member of the United States Armed Forces who lost their life in a "qualifying situation," such as a war, an international terrorist attack, or a military operation outside of the United States while serving with the United States Armed Forces.

[Places to Get Interagency Passes \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed what would become Public Law 689 on 30 July 1942, it established a Women's Reserve (WR) as a branch of the Naval Reserve for the Navy and Marine Corps. The idea behind the law was to free up officers and men for combat, with women standing in for them at shore stations on the home front.

Women could now serve in the Reserve as an officer or at an enlisted level, with ranks or ratings consistent with those of men. Reserve volunteers could only serve for the duration of WWII, plus six months.

The Marine Corps delayed formation of the Reserve until 13 February 1943.

It was the last service branch to accept women into its ranks, and there was considerable unhappiness about making the Marine Corps anything but a club for white men. In fact, General Thomas Holcomb, [Commandant of the Marine Corps](#), was a well-known opponent of women serving in the corps.

By the end of 1943, however, he had reversed himself, saying, *"there's hardly any work at our Marine stations that women can't do as well as men. They do some work far better than men. ... What is more, they're real Marines. They don't have a nickname, and they don't need one.*

Holcomb rejected all acronyms or monikers for the Reserve; he did not believe they were compulsory. Despite Holcomb's dislike for nicknames, several of them surfaced for the Reserve, including: Femarines, WAMS, BAMS, Dainty Devil-Dogs, Glamarines, Women's Leather-neck-Aides, MARS, and Sub-Marines. By the summer of 1943, attempts to pressure the Reserve into a nickname had diminished. "WR" was as far as Holcomb would move in that direction.

Wikipedia

## More ...



February 2nd—[Army Nurse Corp, Est. 1901](#)

February 4th—[USO Incorporated 1941](#)



February 19—[Coast Guard Reserve Est. 1941](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Sat February 3, 2024 .**

District 9 Quarterly Meeting— Post 202 Snellville, GA

**Fri/Sat, Mar 22-23, 2024**

Department Spring Conference – Duluth, GA

**Sat, May 4, 2024**

District 9 Convention (Elections)—Post 127 Sugar Hill, GA

**Sat, June 22, 2024**

Department Convention – Duluth, GA

**August 23 - 29, 2024**

National Convention—New Orleans, Louisiana

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



### Greetings and welcome to the new year.

I remember as a kid wondering what the future would look like. I thought 2020 would be, well to be honest I didn't even think I would be here it just seemed too darn far in the future. (That was only 50 years ago)

I ran into a Veteran friend I know in town whom I haven't seen for several years months. He's a Vietnam era Veteran and we're exchanging pleasantries, and he tells me his wife passed away back in November.

The first time I met this guy was in anger management and let me say he has come a long way from the first day. He goes on to tell me he still hasn't cried and wants to know if something is wrong. I explained that grief will process and if he is talking with his Doc then keep it up.

We, as Veterans, have seen a great deal negative things in our lives, and we come home and the bad things happening around us in our communities, can trigger our own trauma.

It's how we respond to these triggers that make a difference. If you know of someone struggling, reach out to them. If you are the one struggling then please reach out to a friend, chaplain, 988, or call VA mental health clinic closest to you.

In closing, Father, I ask that you watch over, guide, and protect us and when necessary, even from ourselves. Father, lead us to better decisions so that we may live a full long life. In this I pray, Amen.

*Bob Teeter*

## Georgia Department of Veterans Services



Georgia's veterans have an opportunity to fly free of charge and visit war memorials in Washington, D.C., thanks to Middle Georgia Honor Flight.

The tours include trips the World War II memorial, Korean War memorial, and Vietnam War memorial. They also provide for veterans who are terminally ill and wish to honor the fallen.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, sponsors, and volunteers, veterans have been able to experience these memorials that pay tribute to their service.

In a recent broadcast on Macon's WMAZ—TV, Vietnam War veteran and Warner Robins native, Bill Carey, provided comments the closure this trip brought him. "It's really important that these veterans do this to get the healing from the inside. It was being able to touch their names, it was the spot where I was healed," said Carey. There is still time to make reservations for the coming months—visit [www.MiddleGAHonorFlight.org](http://www.MiddleGAHonorFlight.org) to register.

## Department of Georgia



The American Legion Department of Georgia has upgraded their web site. Please take a look. There is good information and is constantly being updated. <https://georgialeion.org>



## 2023 At A Glance

Georgia Department of Veterans Service Cultivating community connections – empowering Georgia's veterans



**678,000+**

Veterans living in Georgia



**130,639**

Veterans received help via phone calls, emails, and in office visits



**41,453**

Claims submitted for veterans benefits



**1,250+**

Veterans began a claim on-site at an event



**7,806**

Referrals to support services via Unite Us



**5,000+**

SSG Fox Grant Suicide Prevention screenings completed



**\$4.4 Billion**

Monies received by Georgia veterans and families



**115**

Employees serving veterans in 55 field offices



**7,748**

Veterans and spouses interred in a Veterans Memorial Cemetery



**261**

Veterans receiving care at a War Veterans Home

Find your local office and start working on your claim <https://veterans.georgia.gov/locations/veterans-field-service-office-near-you>



**15**

Veterans Benefit Enrollment Events

# THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**The American Legion Membership Application**

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_


(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) **GA2100**

(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female **\$35.00** (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	



30-009 Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

**Receipt of Dues**  
*(Please Print)*

From \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Post # **GA2100**

\$ **\$35.00**

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cyber Post GA2100 is virtual/online.

Forward membership application and \$35.00 to: American Legion Post 2100, 115 W 3rd Street, Manchester, GA 31816

## YOU CAN BE A MEMBER OF BOTH THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE SAL

Veterans who are eligible for membership in The American Legion are also eligible to join the SAL.

[The American Legion a U.S. Veterans Association](#)

# Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

**Sons of The American Legion Membership Application**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)*

Detachment of **GA** Squadron No. **2100** Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
*(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_  
*(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)*  
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ **20.00** as annual membership dues.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Post Adjutant)

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**RECEIPT**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)*


Received of \_\_\_\_\_

\$ **20.00** in payment of dues for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

For God and Country

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_



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