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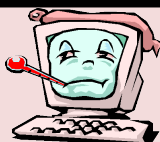
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OUR NEXT MEETING

January 18th, 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.

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 US VETERANS WITH FREE COMPUTER-RELATED AID.



LES GREEN 770-596-5635
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THIS IS US

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization.

Focusing on service to veterans, service-members and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country.

Today, membership stands at over 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has influenced considerable social change in America, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth.

For a chronology of our accomplishments, go to: <https://www.legion.org/history>.

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OUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

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- Junior Vice Commander..... [MARK FENLEY](#) 678-661-1031
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- Exec. Committee..... [ED MCMILLAN](#) 770-757-6136

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please contact me at 770-786-8702 or commander@epost2100.org.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hope this newsletter finds you well-prepared to enjoy and/or endure another year, 2018!

A new year provides the opportunity for self-examination and for writing upon a clean slate for the upcoming year...or more.

As a member of Georgia's first and only American Legion cyber Post, you hold a singular significance and are thanked for your making an appreciated contribution to the Department of Georgia's national reputation and political influence.

On a cautionary note, be cognizant of [the holiday dangers](#) and govern yourselves, accordingly. This can be a time of real concern for not only your welfare, but the safety and welfare of others.

On a happier note, you probably do not have to be encouraged to ring in the new year by participating in the [traditional festivities](#).

This is normally a time for making (seldom-kept?) new year's resolutions, so I trust your list is short and easily accomplished.

The past year has been quite challenging for most of us, so my hopes and prayers are for a better time for us all.

Our cadre, my family and I wish the very best for you and yours in this coming new year.



Bob

770-786-8702

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Washington Conference Feb 25 - 28 Washington, DC 2018
Department Spring Conference Mar 22 - 24 Duluth, GA & Legion College (Arrive 21 Mar) 2018
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)

OUR NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

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

Remember, when referencing items in your outgoing E-mails, you can create a link for recipient's easy access. Also, try avoiding attachments, the #1 way viruses are sneaked into systems.

SMOKE ALARMS

Maybe this is a good time to check smoke/fire/ carbon monoxide, etc. alarms and replace batteries, if needed. You DO have an exit plan, right?

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](#).

Remember, you can **enlarge** and **copy/print/forward** items found in our newsletters!

NEW ONLINE SCHEDULING

Veterans at more than 100 VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) across the country are now able to request or schedule certain types of appointments online through My HealtheVet.

If you have VA health care benefits, you can schedule or request some of your VA health appointments online if:

You have one of these two types of free VA accounts: [My HealtheVet Premium Account](#) or [DS Logon Premium Account](#)

BALL CAPS

Have you seen veterans wearing ball caps advertising their branch of service and/or theaters of operations?

Do you have and wear one or more of such caps?

When folks see the caps, most are reminded of the importance of what we have done, so maybe you might...?

You are scheduling your appointment with a VA medical facility that accepts online scheduling. [Check to see if your VA Medical Center offers online scheduling.](#)

You can schedule a **primary care** appointment at a participating VA facility where you have had a primary care appointment in the **last two years**.



DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT'S NEWSLETTER

December 2017

National By-Laws of The American Legion

Article IV, Discipline of Post and Post Members states:

Section 4. A member whose dues for the current year have not been paid by one January shall be classed as **delinquent**. If his dues are paid on or before one February, he shall be automatically reinstated. If he is still delinquent after one February, **he shall be suspended from all privileges**. If he is still under such suspension on thirtieth June of such year, his membership in THE AMERICAN LEGION shall be **forfeited**. A member so suspended or whose membership has been so forfeited may be reinstated to active membership in good standing by vote of the Post and payment of current dues for the year in which the reinstatement occurs. Provided, however, that the Posts, Departments and the National Organization may waive the provisions hereof, upon payment of dues for the year in which reinstatement occurs, with reference to former members who have been prevented from the payment of dues by reason of active military service.

Spring Conference / College - 2018

March 23 - 24 - 25, 2018

Information pertaining to the Department Commander's Homecoming is enclosed. Make plans to attend and thank the Commander for the outstanding job he has done representing our Department. Send in your reservations early as there will be no tickets available at the Conference.

The housing reservation form is enclosed for the Spring Conference in Duluth. Send in your reservation prior to March 1, 2018.

The Committee meeting agenda is enclosed. Each Legionnaire should attend at least two or more training sessions about The American Legion programs. This is where new Legionnaires learn about The American Legion programs.

If you did not have your photo taken at the Fall Conference for the Department Convention program book, please see Tommy Hatton. He will make you look good in the program book.

Annual Georgia American Legion College

March 23 - 24, 2018

A significant amount of the time we spent in the military involved training. From basic training, where we learned how to march, shoot, wear the uniform properly and work as a team, to advance training where we honed our specialty skills, learning was integral to professional development.

Training, in a nutshell, made us better at what we do.

It will also make Legionnaires better at what we do today. Training ensures that The American Legion will be able to better serve our communities. It is the lifeblood of mentoring new members to develop their expertise that will enable them to become the future leaders of The American Legion. The tentative schedule for the College is enclosed.

Make plans to attend the college.

The American Legion National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (NLEOY) Award

The American Legion National Firefighter of the Year (NFY) Award

The application forms for the above awards are on the National website. The Department nominee to National must be completed and received by January 15, 2018 at Department Headquarters.

The Department Headquarters will close for the Christmas Holiday at noon on December 22 and open on December 27, 2018; and close for the New Year's Holiday at noon December 29, 2017 and open on January 3, 2018.

On behalf of our Department Commander, Department Officers and Headquarter Staff, we wish for you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday Season.

For God and Country,

Charles R. Knox
 Charles R. Knox
 Department Adjutant



YOUR TREASURE

Imagine there is a bank account that credits your account each morning with £86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day.

Every evening the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every penny, of course?

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds.

Every night it writes off as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to a good purpose.

It carries over no balance. It allows no over draft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day.

If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against "tomorrow."

You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success!

The clock is running!! Make the most of today.

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who just missed a train.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask someone who just avoided an accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal at the Olympics.

Treasure every moment that you have! And treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with. And remember time waits for no one.

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present.





**SPRING CONFERENCE and
GEORGIA AMERICAN LEGION COLLEGE
March 23 – 27, 2018**

**Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta
1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096
770-923-1775**

Guest Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Hotel Information: The Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta Hotel is a NON-SMOKING HOTEL!

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ Number of People in Room: _____

Please Check One: King (one bed) \$112.83 Double: (two beds) \$112.83

Do you require a handicap accessible room? _____ Yes _____ No

Name(s) of other(s) sharing room: _____

Payment Information (Checks must be made out to the Hotel)

Check enclosed: (payable to: Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta Hotel for one-night deposit of \$112.83) OR

Guarantee by credit card: Visa MasterCard Amex Other

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ MO/YR

(Credit card will not be billed until you have checked in)

Please complete this form in full and return to: The American Legion, Department of Georgia
3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281

DEADLINE: March 1, 2018

SPRING CONFERENCE
Friday, March 23, 2018
Duluth, Georgia

GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 4-5 (350)

8:30 – 10:00 AM	OPENING SESSION	Commander Pizzo
10:00 – Noon	MEMBERSHIP/NEW POSTS/ RECONNECT	SR Vice John Franklin

GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 4 (125)

1:00 - 1:30 PM	AMERICAN LEGION FEMALE ACCESS	Vickie Dikes
1:30 - - 2:30	COMMUNICATION/PR GEORGIA PRESS ASSOCIATION	Charles Dowick Charles Dowick
2:30 - 3:30 PM	HISTORIAN	Tommy Hatton

GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 5 (150)

1:00 – 3:00 PM	VA/REHAB	Philip Hillesheim/Ed Kent/Veda Brooks
3:00 – 4:00 PM	JUDGE ADVOCATE/ADJUTANT	Joe Sims/Charles Knox

GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 7-8 (50)

1:00 – 1:30 PM	RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS	Dan Cravey
1:30 - 2:00 PM	CHILDREN AND YOUTH	Hazel Taylor
2:00 - 3:00 PM	ORATORICAL	Tina Burney
3:00 – 4:00 PM	POW/MIA	Thomas Cannon

GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 3 (30)

1:00 – 1:30 PM	SCHOOL AWARDS	Carmen Streit-Smith
1:30 – 2:00 PM	ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE	Bill Payton
2:00 - 2:30 PM	BLOOD DONOR	Ken Buechel
2:30 - 3:30 PM	BASEBALL	Richard McCown

GEORGIA BALLROOM SALON 2 (50)

1:00 - 1:30 PM	LEGISLATIVE	Roger Tingler
1:30 – 2:00 PM	MEDICAL RESEARCH	Mark Shreve
2:00 – 3:00 PM	BOYS STATE	Phil Youngblood

CENTENNIAL ROOM A-B * (100)

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION	Commander Abrokn
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ATHENS BALLROOM * (50)

1:00 – 1:30 PM	NATL /HOMELAND SECURITY	Larry Diehl
1:30 --2:00 PM	EMPLOYMENT	Sam Perry
2:00 – 2:30 PM	SCOUTING	Deana Rowe
2:30 - 3:00 PM	SHOOTING SPORTS	Richard Wyckstandt

INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM (275)

10:00 – 4:00 PM	AUXILIARY	Anitia Owens/Patty Hawkins
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SATURDAY, 24 MARCH 2018

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM	LEGION COLLEGE	
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	AUXILIARY COLLEGE	
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	SAL COLLEGE	
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	JR. AUXILIARY	(30)
1:30 AM – 3:00 PM	AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS	
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM	HOMECOMING	

(Sweepstakes Drawing 10:00 pm)

Georgia Ballroom
Independence Ballroom
Centennial Room
Athens
Centennial Room
Georgia Ballroom

SUNDAY, 26 MARCH 2017 (300)

INDEPENDENCE BALLROOM

8:30 – 8:45 AM	MEMORIAL SERVICE	Dan Cravey
9:00 – NOON	COLLEGE RECONVENES	Commander Pizzo



H O M E C O M I N G

Department Commander, Auxiliary President,
S. A. L. Detachment Commander and
Legion Riders Director
Saturday, March 24, 2018

Place: Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta
1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096
Time: 7:00 pm
Cost: \$41.00 per person - Make check payable to
The American Legion, Department of Georgia

Registration for Spring Conference is \$5.00 per person,
please include this in your check and furnish names.

RSVP: Reservations must be made NO LATER than March 16, 2018
Reserve tables for 10 or more. Banquet tickets will not be
available at the Conference.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S, AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S, & S.A.L DETACHMENT
COMMANDER'S and LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR'S HOMECOMING

Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Post / Unit / SQD: _____

Others in your party: _____

TO: American Legion, Department of GA

NUMBER IN PARTY _____

3035 Mt. Zion Road
Stockbridge, GA 30281

COST \$41.00 EACH _____
AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

By **Bill Callen**: *Top Right News*

Chick-fil-A, the same fast-food outlet has once again proved a positive to the world. This time it did so by unveiling an amazing Veterans Day tribute that left Georgia resident Eric Comfort in complete shock.

According to a Facebook post he published on Monday, when he walked into a local Chick-fil-A, Comfort discovered a "**Missing Man Table**" that contained a single rose, a Bible & a folded American flag, as well as a plaque w/in which was the following explanation:

"This table is reserved to honor our missing comrades in arms.

The tablecloth is white — symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call of duty.

The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of the missing and their loved ones and friends of these Americans who keep the faith, awaiting answers. The vase is tied with a red ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God. The glass is inverted — to symbolize their inability to share this evening's toast. The chair is empty — they are missing"



After the story went viral, the store manager, Alex Korchan, explained to WSB that his team members had set up the table because they "wanted to honor veterans." Furthermore, he offered free meals to all veterans and their family members on Veterans Day. Korchan also put up a poster so that customers could write in the names of loved ones who they have lost. "We've had a lot of people who have come in and seen it and been touched by it," Korchan continued. "It's been special to see."

CALENDAR IS COMPLIMENTS OF CONGRESSMAN PETER KING

DECEMBER 2017

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The Capitol Dome, seen here through an opening of trees blanketed with snow, was begun in 1855 and capped by the Statue of Freedom in 1863—although the last interior scaffolding was not removed until 1866. (Photograph by Gary Silverstein)

FEBRUARY

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JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	5	6
	1818: Pres. Monroe hosts reception officially reopening the White House.	1818: Sen. George Troup (GA) warns against "entangling alliances" with other nations to suppress the slave trade.	1818: Pres. Monroe subpoenaed for evidence in naval court martial.	1818: Ex-Pres. Madison agrees to lend his private papers for a History of the War of 1812.	1818: House committee report proposes the current design of U.S. flag.	1818: Gen. Andrew Jackson writes Pres. Monroe offering to seize Spanish Florida.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1818: Rep. Lewis Williams (NC) notifies House of Col. John Anderson's effort to bribe him.	1818: Pres. Monroe appoints Charles Bulfinch 3rd Architect of the Capitol.	1818: Rep. William Henry Harrison (OH) proposes federal government train state militias.	1818: Sec. of State J.Q. Adams enquires about Spain selling Florida to US.	1818: Gen. Andrew Jackson secretly seeks to enlist 1000 Tennesseans to fight in Florida.	1818: Senate committee instructed to consider stronger anti-slave trade laws.	1818: Attorney General Wm. Wirt believes president can provide subpoenaed testimony in writing.
14	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 15	16	17	18	19	20
1818: Pres. Monroe limits height of wooden houses in DC to 12 feet.	1818: Gen. Andrew Jackson informed of poor defenses against Choctaw Indians.	1818: Territorial Del. Nathaniel Pope (IL) submits petition to House for Illinois statehood.	1818: House reprimands Col. John Anderson for attempted bribery.	1818: A meteor "of uncommon brilliance" was seen over NYC, around 10 pm.	1818: First legislature of Alabama Territory convenes in Old St. Stephens.	1818: Rep. William Henry Harrison (OH) proposes committee to honor Rev. War hero, Gen. Thaddeus Kosciuszko.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1818: Pres. Monroe assures court martial he is willing to provide written testimony.	1818: Act approved to compensate members of Congress \$8 per day for attendance.	1818: Pres. Monroe reports to Congress on construction of Natchez Trace.	1818: Gen. Andrew Jackson informed that peace with Seminoles is unlikely.	1818: Sermon at Baltimore's St. Peter's Church raises funds for free school next door.	1818: House committee recommends additional buildings for executive departments.	1818: United Kingdom offers to mediate disputes pending between Spain and US.
28	29	30	31	 <p>Enrico Causici's "Landing of the Pilgrims" was installed in the Rotunda under Bulfinch's direction. It and the other reliefs there reflect America's pre-Revolutionary War history. (Photo courtesy of the Architect of the Capitol)</p>		
1818: Senate committee instructed to consider altering federal judiciary.	1818: Pres. Monroe reports to House on Spain's seizure of US citizen.	1818: Sec. of Navy informs House of court martial proceedings against Oliver Hazard Perry.	1818: Cabinet votes unanimously against British offer to mediate with Spain.			



Certificate of Completion

Paul O Aust

has successfully completed the requirements of the

Basic Training

course of

The American Legion Education Institute

as prescribed and is thereby entitled to this certificate. A grateful American Legion recognizes your continued service and commitment to God & country, your community, state and nation, and to your fellow veterans.

In witness whereof, this testimonial of personal gratitude is given under the hand of the national commander, and duly attested by the national adjutant, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

December 23, 2017

Attest

Denise H. Rohan
National Commander
Denise H. Rohan

Samuel P. Wheeler
National Adjutant
Daniel S. Wheeler

PAUL SHARES HIS LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT—A GOOD REVIEW, HE SAYS

The American Legion Education Institute offers courses which can enrollees better understand our organization.

Paul completed the entire course, before, but took it again, as a refresher.

He hopes others might take the course.

[Click here for the link to the Education Institute, Basic Training.](#)

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

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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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 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**