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

OUR NEXT MEETING

MAY 20th 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.

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TELL YOUR STORIES?

Pete Mecca is a veteran author who interviewed our past commander, Ed McMillan.

He sent me this email to solicit WW II veterans who would help preserve history by being interviewed .

From: **Pete Mecca** <petemecca@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Mar 28, 2021 at 9:14 PM

Subject: WWII VETERANS

To: Pete Mecca <petemecca@gmail.com>

I have a long list, but still need more WWII veterans capable of interviewing for a Canadian professor teaching American History and WWII history to his students. Anyone knowing a WWII veteran willing to talk, let me know.

You might be interested in browsing his [Web site](#) which also touts his several books and news articles.

New generations of Americans seem to be lacking knowledge and appreciation of our armed service contributions which have allowed them to live the lives that they do.

—*Bob*

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Membership. It sometimes seems the American Legion is preoccupied with membership.

Why is this? Our organization continually seeks governmental help in providing the best of opportunities and services for us veterans and our families.

Therefore it behooves us to deal from a position of strength, and this means strength in numbers. The larger the interest group, the more likely our elected officials are to respond in positive actions which benefit us.

Each month, our newsletters provides a membership application form which can serve to be printed and handed out to prospective members.

An other option would be to give them the [email address](#) of our adjutant Maria Klenhard or call (916-952-7691) so she can help them apply.

Maria is doing a great job in recruiting members, but when you see a veteran, ask about their joining the Legion, maybe give our [Web address epost2100.org](#), and help them help themselves.

Our past commander, Ed McMillan, is also active in seeking out new Legion members.

So that is the long and short of it, why we place an emphasis on membership. The larger our organization, the more likely we are to influence governmental help.

—*Bob*

OUR CHAPLAIN'S PAGE



My shirt finally arrived, and as you can see from the few photos, I have included I do try to stay



busy. What does a Veteran of my age do these days? Well to complete the 100 Miles of hope I not only ride this fancy bicycle pictured, but I spend a couple of mornings in the physical rehab facility at the hospital. In the evenings I Knit, Yes, I



knit, and it is very relaxing. The current blanket project is going to be raffled off to raise money for the Muskogee Veterans Cycling Club, of which I am responsible for the communications.



This article will be a little different, or a great deal different from my earlier ones. It is still dealing with faith. It is easy to have faith when life is going well, or for that matter when there are small bumps in the road. Let me use bicycling for an instance, while doing a long ride it is common for a flat tire to happen. When this does occur, it is inconvenient, but the rider stops and fixes the flat or puts in a new tube. Now, the same rider has two more flats and shreds two tires (it has happened). This rider is fuming mad, and cursing God. But why? Was God the cause of all this mayhem? Did God single out this rider and let mayhem befall him/her? For that matter, why does the rider not believe it could be the result of an improperly maintained bike, or perhaps an even worse case scenario in which Satan is involved?

Why on earth would I dare to go here one might ask? In answer to this question, I will direct you to the [Book of Job](#). Here is a man who through his faith, trust and obedience has found great favor with God. So much so that God has Blessed his household, children, herds, and crops many times over. But, on two occasions with God's permission as a test, Satan greatly set upon Job. The first time, even after raids, and winds, that took his children, damaged his crops, and left him with no herds, Job was steadfast in his Love of God. The second time, Satan

afflicted Job with a wasting disease, sores, and boils, but his body would not die. Job finally cracked under the pressure. He cursed the day he was born, could not understand why God would do this, and even demanded to confront God. In the end, Job gets his meeting, gathers new understanding and all is returned to him.

Was it really that simple? Not in the least! Job thought he knew the answers and kept coming back to how he led a life devoted to the Lord. Like us, we go through our lives striving to live well and live a life that will keep us in good graces. The problem is, we have no clue as to what

God's expectations or plan is for us. We have the Written word which varies by faith and I do not speak other languages other than English so I cannot tell how much the translation has changed from the original. Then there is the issue of none of us were around when God created the Earth.



What I am really focusing on, once again, is still faith, but more than that! Why when something goes wrong in life, whether it is a lost job, illness, or the death of a loved one, do we blame God. My brother still has not forgiven God for the loss of his wife to cancer.

I have heard many people say that a Loving God would not allow bad things to happen to good people. I believe that God prepares us for the afterlife and, fearing death, is closing the eyes and heart to the possibilities and beauty around us every day.

The pine tree we planted 15 years ago, and it was 6' tall, now it stands over 50' and besides the natural crosses that form each year around Easter I just love listing to the wind as it blows through the needles. This is the first blanket that I made, and it was my mother's Christmas gift to keep her warm on those cold Cleveland days.

Grace and Peace,

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FLAGS & BANNERS

Consider buying flags, emblems, etc. from the American Legion?

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



THE DOLLAR BILL

This is not new, but maybe still important enough to recall and maybe share:

http://epost2100.org/DOLLAR_BILL.pps1111.pdf



The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) (Date of Birth)

(Mailing Address) (Phone Number)

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

(E-mail) (Gender) (Dues)

Male Female

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. Coast Guard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts | |



30-009 Signature of applicant Date Name of recruiter

SPACE FORCE

Our Adjutant, Maria, noticed that the new Membership Application Form, on the left, did not list the newest armed forces service branch, the Space Force.

If you are a veteran in the Space Force, you can print a similar box to check and the words, U.S. Space Force on your application.

ARP WAIVES THE CO-PAYMENTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2021

VA copayments received between April 6, 2020 and September 30, 2021, will be waived, refunded, or forgiven under the American Recovery Plan.

[Find out what this means for you.](#)

[How to pay your VA copay bill.](#)

America, the Beautiful

Most, if not all of us, have sung, *America the Beautiful*, but how many of us are familiar with all the lyrics, written in 1895 by [Katharine Lee Bates](#)?

1. Oh, beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

2. Oh, beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

3. Oh, beautiful for heroes
proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country
loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!

May God thy gold re-
fine,

Till all success be no-
bleness,

And ev'ry gain divine.

4. Oh, beautiful for patriot
dream

That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!

God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with
brotherhood

From sea to shining sea.

So now you know, if not al-
ready known, all the lyrics of
her anthem.

BTW, the church music was
previously composed by
Samuel A. Ward, 1883.



—Bob

THE MISSING MAN TABLE

I have been questioned a few times on the proper way to set up the Missing Man Table so I thought I would give you the proper way per the American Legion that we set the table.

A Missing Man Table, also known as a Fallen Comrade Table is a ceremony and memorial that is set up in military dining facilities of the United States Armed Forces and during official dining functions, in honor of fallen, missing, or imprisoned military service members. The table serves as a focal point of ceremonial remembrance, originally growing out of US concerns of the Vietnam War POW/MIA Issue.

Observance

The Missing Man Table may be a permanent display in dining facilities, and is also traditionally part of military dining-in ceremonies and service balls. The ceremony may also be performed in conjunction with Veterans Day and Memorial Day services. It is also used in veterans organizations i.e. American Legion, VFW, etc.

Description

The Missing Man Table consists of the following elements.

- A small table set for one, symbolising the isolation of the absent service member. The table is usually set close to, or within sight of, the entrance to the dining room/meeting hall. For large events, the missing man table may be set for six places representing each of the five armed forces with the sixth symbolizing the civilians who died during armed conflict. The table is round (**NOT SQUARE OR ANY OTHER SHAPE**) to represent the everlasting concern the survivors have for the missing.
- One or more head covers may be placed upon the table to represent the armed service of the missing persons (**THESE SHALL BE SERVICE HATS AND ONE BASEBALL TYPE CAP FOR THE CIVILIAN**)
- A white tablecloth to symbolise the pure intentions of the service members who responded

to the country's call to arms.

- A single red rose in the vase symbolising the blood that service members have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of the United States of America. This rose also represents the family and friends who keep the faith while awaiting the return of the missing service members.
- The red ribbon represents the love of country that inspired the service members to serve the country.
- A slice (**NOT A WEDGE**) on the plate represents the bitter fate of the missing.
- Salt sprinkled on the plate that symbolises the tears shed by waiting families (**NO SALT SHAKER ON TABLE**) and (**ONLY ONE PLATE ON THE TABLE**).
- An inverted wine glass to represent the fact the missing service member cannot partake
- A Bible represents the spiritual strength and faith to sustain the lost.
- A lit candle symbolises a light of hope that lives in hearts to illuminate the missing's way home.
- An empty chair to represent the absence of the missing. (**MUST HAVE POW/MIA CHAIR COVERING AND SITTING UPRIGHT NOT LEANING AGAINST TABLE**)
- A small US flag in its own small stand on table (**NO OTHER FLAGS ALLOWED UPON THE TABLE OR AROUND THE TABLE**) **NO FOLDED US FLAG IS TO BE USED**)
- Area of the table should be cordoned off to discourage the sitting in the chair or use of the table for other purposes.

During the actual ceremony head covers should be removed due to the fact this is memorial service ceremony.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. Hope this clears up a lot of misunderstanding of the purpose and use of the Missing Man Table.

Thomas HineLine, [9th District Commander](#)
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1. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.
2. Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.
3. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
4. I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.
5. Old age is coming at a really bad time.
6. When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.
7. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
8. I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.
9. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees
10. Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.
11. Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?
12. Of course I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.
13. At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.
14. Actually I'm not complaining because I am a Senager. (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. And I don't have acne. Life is great
15. I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. Now, I'm wondering: did I send this to you, or did you send it to me?



OUR ADJUTANT RAN ACROSS THIS



Maria - Sorry I haven't gotten back sooner but I have been out of town for the last five weeks.

The Honor Guard actually had a slow month, which is a good thing. We only provided Military Honors for one deceased veteran, Jerry Ray Sullenburger. The service was at the National Cemetery in Tallahassee, FL on March 8, 2021. We provided full honors with thirteen members present for duty - Detail Commander, eight man firing party, three-man flag detail, bugler. Seventy-five-mile round trip in three vehicles.

Our other activity for the month was the purchase and presentation of ten flag cases to the families of veterans who died since the first of the year. Each case had a plaque with the veteran's name, date of birth, date of death, branch of service, and dates of service. We have an individual who makes the cases at a very reasonable price, following in his father's footsteps. The total for all cases was \$300.00. The plaques are done by another person who is strongly pro-military and will not accept payment for her service.

You had asked, earlier, about the make-up of the Honor Guard. We have twenty members from four AL Posts (2100, 544, 265, and 122) and a VFW Post (8433). Our bugler comes from Bugles Across America. I will get pictures of Post 2100 members at our next meeting and forward to you.

We will be providing Military Honors for two deceased veterans on Saturday, April 17.

Best regards,

Jesse Hobby