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

OUR NEXT MEETING

September 21st 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 US VETERANS WITH FREE COMPUTER-RELATED AID.

[Commander](#)

770-786-8702

9TH DISTRICT MEETING DATES

The 9th District meeting dates and locations are posted below.

- * Canton 45 - November 7th
- * Sugar Hill 127 - February 6th
- * Gainesville 7 - May 1st

THE MASK MANDATE

Had to smile to myself regarding the uproar over wearing masks at meetings and the mask mandates.

At our cyber Post meetings, the issue has never come up, Yes, a non-issue! —*Bob*

YOUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

| | | |
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| Post Commander..... | ROBERT GREEN | 770-786-8702 |
| Senior Vice Commander..... | MARIA KLENHARD | 916-952-7691 |
| Junior Vice Commander | OPEN | |
| Adjutant..... | MARIA KLENHARD | 916-952-7691 |
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| Judge Advocate..... | TED RICHARDS | 404-754-0415 |
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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

These days can be trying for many of us, and some keeping up with the news can also be disheartening.



However, throughout our nation's history, we have faced potentially disastrous trials .

Our armed forces have always served as a bulwark in defense of liberty. However, as we have been warned, the price of liberty is eternal vigilance and we veterans have not only paid much of that price, but are continuing to pay.

Changing governmental policies have also been challenging for our armed forces. Our cyber Post 2100 cannot take political stands, but our parent organization, The American Legion, is tasked with trying to influence government decisions. The larger our membership, the greater our potential congressional influence. Perhaps you have seen some television ads promoting our American Legion?

Our Post has been blessed with effective senior vice commanders who have fulfilled their duties by helping us attain and pass membership goals. If each of us could help out by providing at least one new member, it would not only be a benefit to that person, and to our Post, but also our nation. Maybe give it a try?

—*Bob* [Email](#)
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OUR CHAPLAIN'S PAGE

It is with great sadness I must report that Joseph E. Barker, USN of Austell, GA has joined the Post Everlasting. Joseph was a member of the American Legion for 12 years and served during Vietnam. As we say in the Navy; May you have fair winds and following seas, Joseph. Rest in peace brother.



Another member, Becky Alexander, USA, of Muskogee, OK is going to have surgery in the very near future.

Please remember to keep the family of Joseph Barker, Becky Alexander in your prayers.

This makes the second time this year we have done or are in the process of doing what is referred to as buddy checks. Some of may think this is a waste of time or even intrusive, when in truth we are just checking in to see how you are doing. It was such a buddy check that we found out about the passing of Joseph. Its ok if you don't feel like talking much, but it would help if you could answer the phone or respond to the message left on the system. In some cases, if we cannot reach you by phone, we will attempt to contact you by email. A simple response of "Hey, I'm okay,." is sufficient.

If you want to talk, the person reaching out will spend the time to talk and even listen. If you, for some reason need help, then we can more than likely get help for you. Even me living in Oklahoma. It is amazing what one can accomplish with a computer while on the phone with someone in need. As Veterans, we look out for one another and have each other's back. We are each other's safety net along with our families.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of 9/11, and I am part of a bicycle group that started a 9/11 Memorial Ride in 2019. The American Legion was well represented with Becky Alexander and me from Georgia Post e2100, a member of Oklahoma Post 20, and Muskogee Post 15 was our 3rd Stop. I had the honor of providing the opening and closing prayer for the event. For one day, there was no racial tension, and the community came together for one purpose, to remember and learn about the events of 9/11. I need to get together with the Muskogee police department and get pictures from the officer who was in charge of the camera, as she had the best footage, and then I will send that to Maria.

This month is going to be a short letter, as I have had a ton of homework and compound that with issues with the Internet service provider, getting things accomplished this past week in particular has been a challenge, at best. So, in closing, we are not promised a length of time to be alive on this earth. Maybe we get to spend that time with someone by our side, maybe we have struggles and pain within that time, but there is no promise of easy pain-free life, either. Life is a daily journey that we do not get to see the next moment in front of us. It does us no good looking back and wondering what if and does us no good to look in front with worry. Look forward, and take each moment, each breath, each heartbeat, as a blessing. Be gracious for what you have, live each day with compassion.

Oh God in Heaven, please keep Joseph, by your side, and in no pain. Watch over Becky when she has her surgery and bring her safely through the procedure and to a quick recovery. Grant us the peace of mind to remain calm during these troubled days and use our voices in a positive way. Let the words that come out of our mouths be a reflection of you oh God. In this I pray. Amen.

OUR NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER

Paul E. Dillard, National Commander of The American Legion



Paul E. Dillard was elected national commander of The American Legion on Sept. 2, 2021, in Phoenix during the organization's 102nd national convention. His theme as national commander is "No Veteran Left Behind." He first joined The in 1969.

A native Texan, Dillard graduated from Whitesboro High School in 1965 before joining the U.S. Navy and serving in Vietnam through four campaigns including the Tet offensive. He later received an honorable discharge as a radarman second class petty officer from the Navy Reserve before attending Grayson County Junior College and East Texas State University.

Dillard worked several years in the manufacturing business as an engineer, plant manager and director of manufacturing in Tennessee. Upon returning to Texas, he accepted a sales representative position with Sherman Foundry and became its airplane pilot. A career change was made when he and his wife, Donna, began their family and he entered into the insurance business specializing in employee benefits and later forming Dillard & Gann Insurance.

As a paid-up-for-life member of American Legion Post 265 in Lake Kiowa, Texas, Dillard served as post commander, vice commander, adjutant and judge advocate. He coached American Legion Baseball for more than 10 years and served as his post's Boys State chairman

Dillard served the 4th District as commander and vice commander and served the department as sergeant-at-arms, Membership & Organization chairman, National Security chairman, Uniformed Organization chairman, Board of Trustees chairman, and he served on the Finance Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee. He was elected as Department of Texas commander in 2007.

On the national level, Dillard has served as Alternate National Executive Committeeman, consultant to the Insurance Committee, Distinguished Guest Committee, Children & Youth Committee, and Media and Communications Council. He has served as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, chairman of the Veterans Employment & Education Commission and chairman of the Legislative Commission. He was elected as national vice commander in 2013.

Dillard married Donna in 1983. They have two sons, William and his wife Allison, and Jonathon and his wife Karri, and two grandsons Jarrett and Lukas. All are members of the American Legion Family. Donna has been an active and dedicated member of The American Legion Auxiliary for several years and has served in numerous positions of leadership at all levels of the organization, including department president in 2017-2018.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Meriwether County, Georgia, Cleanup Day was conducted Saturday, September 18, 2021. The American Legion Cyber Post 2100 partnered with Manchester's Post 88 to cleanup a 2.5 mile stretch of road within the city of Manchester.



FREE Accidental Death Life Insurance UP TO \$5,000 is available to the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL (if over 18 years old). Sign up once, keep your Legion Family membership current and you will never have to sign up again. Please do this NOW for your loved ones. You will need your Legion Family membership number for verification. [Click here](#) to sign up.

In the event of a fatal accident, a beneficiary should call The LIT at 800-235-6943 and ask for claims to begin the compensation process. The members name and membership number will be required.

The American Legion Membership Application

(Name) _____ (Date of Birth)

(Mailing Address) _____ (Phone Number)

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

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

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (WWII only)



30-009 Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

DONATE YOUR CAR TO THE AMERICAN LEGION ?

Thank you for your outstanding support of your fellow veterans. Your American Legion membership ensures they get the care and services they need.

Want to learn an easy way to do even more for your fellow veterans?

[Just donate your car, truck, SUV, boat, motorcycle, RV or other vehicle today.](#) We'll sell it on the used-car market, and any proceeds will help provide critical funding for our many programs that serve veterans.

All you have to do is visit legion.org/donate/auto and complete a quick questionnaire. We'll schedule a pick up free of charge.

Your donated car will earn you a great tax deduction, and you'll feel good knowing you're supporting services that help veterans and their families.

[Make a difference by donating your car today.](#)

DONATE YOUR CAR

VETERAN CRISIS HOTLINE

1-800-273-8255

FROM OUR AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

Want to get rid of your old vehicle? [We've got you covered.](#)

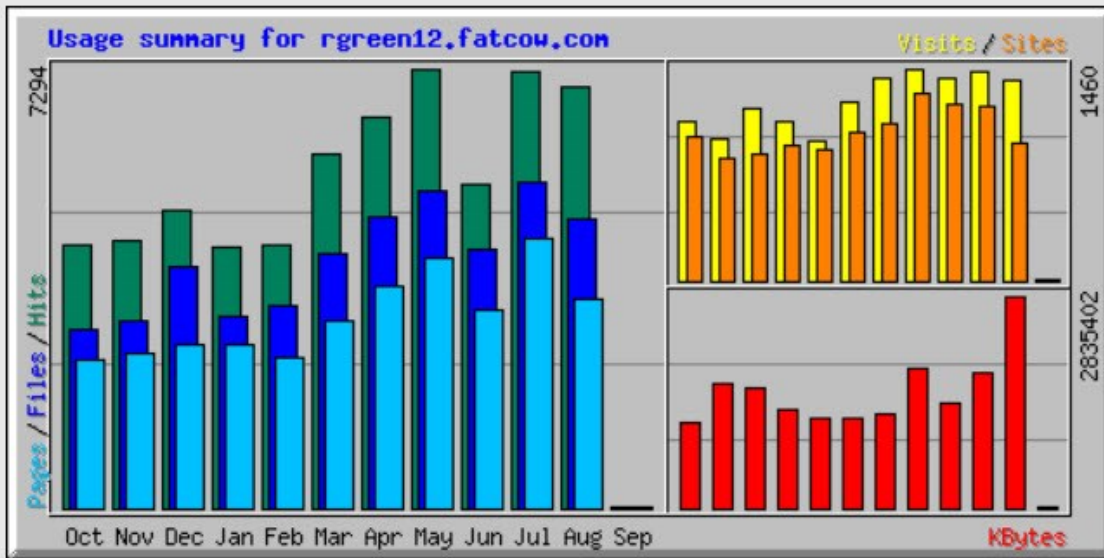
It just takes a few minutes donate your [car, truck, SUV, boat, motorcycle, RV or other vehicle to the American Legion.](#) And the proceeds from the sale of your donated vehicle will be used to support your fellow service members.

DONATE YOUR CAR

Act now, and we'll arrange a safe, contact-free pick up that's convenient for you. [Don't let that old car go to waste.](#) Your donation will support programs that mentor youth, advocate patriotism, promote strong national security, and assist our fellow servicemembers and veterans.

It just takes a few minutes to make a difference. Thank you for your generosity and patriotic support.

OUR WEB SITE STATS



Summary by Month

| Month | Daily Avg | | | | Monthly Totals | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Hits | Files | Pages | Visits | Sites | KBytes | Visits | Pages | Files | Hits |
| Sep 2021 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 9315 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 9 |
| Aug 2021 | 225 | 154 | 111 | 44 | 949 | 2835402 | 1383 | 3462 | 4803 | 6978 |
| Jul 2021 | 233 | 174 | 144 | 46 | 1193 | 1804935 | 1442 | 4465 | 5418 | 7248 |
| Jun 2021 | 178 | 142 | 109 | 46 | 1207 | 1406391 | 1394 | 3293 | 4278 | 5363 |
| May 2021 | 235 | 169 | 133 | 47 | 1294 | 1876344 | 1460 | 4137 | 5253 | 7294 |
| Apr 2021 | 216 | 161 | 123 | 46 | 1082 | 1265683 | 1392 | 3695 | 4830 | 6490 |
| Mar 2021 | 189 | 136 | 99 | 39 | 1022 | 1192345 | 1224 | 3092 | 4220 | 5874 |
| Feb 2021 | 156 | 119 | 89 | 34 | 894 | 1191078 | 966 | 2498 | 3357 | 4370 |
| Jan 2021 | 139 | 102 | 87 | 35 | 925 | 1322657 | 1099 | 2716 | 3191 | 4319 |
| Dec 2020 | 159 | 128 | 87 | 38 | 870 | 1617711 | 1179 | 2716 | 3991 | 4934 |
| Nov 2020 | 148 | 103 | 86 | 32 | 836 | 1654366 | 972 | 2580 | 3095 | 4440 |
| Oct 2020 | 141 | 96 | 79 | 35 | 988 | 1155612 | 1093 | 2460 | 2980 | 4381 |
| Totals | | | | | | 17331839 | 13608 | 35118 | 45425 | 61700 |

Each month, I receive requests for links to various services related to our mission. Some of them are blatant attempts for free advertising and/or not related to us, at all.

However, most are serious existential requests for valid services and are added to our Veteran Assistance Center ([VAC](#)) page.

If you would like resources added to our VAC, please [email](#) me.

Phoenix convention on Digital Archive

During the 102nd American Legion National Convention in Phoenix at the end of August and beginning of September 2021, delegates passed the following 12 resolutions:

Resolution No. 8: Child Care at Vet Centers

Resolution No. 12: Housing Options for Homeless Veterans

Resolution No. 20: Veterans Health Administration include Medical Emergency Transportation to the Episode of Care

Resolution No. 21: Extend the Presumptive Period For Service Connection For Gulf War Veterans with Undiagnosed Illnesses

Resolution No. 22: Department of Veterans Affairs Update Locator Tool to Include In-Network Community Emergency Care Providers

Resolution No. 24: Awarding the Purple Heart for Traumatic Brain Injury

Resolution No. 25: Reconciliation of Traumatic Memories Protocol for Treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Resolution No. 31: Expansion of the Central Missouri National Cemetery

Resolution No. 34: Department of Veterans Affairs Generate Reminder Letters for Expiring Claims Submissions

Resolution No. 36: Prevent Gold Star Spouses Loss of Benefits

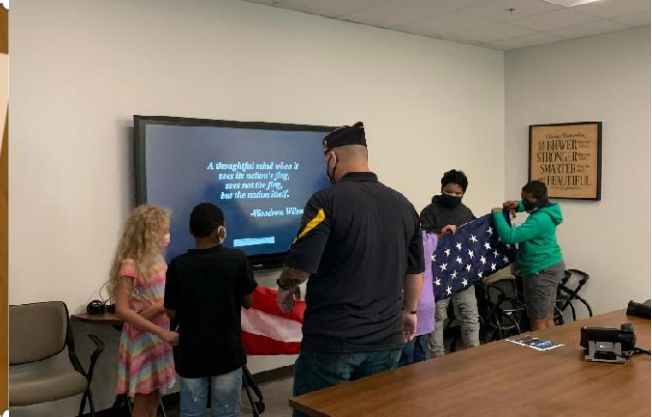
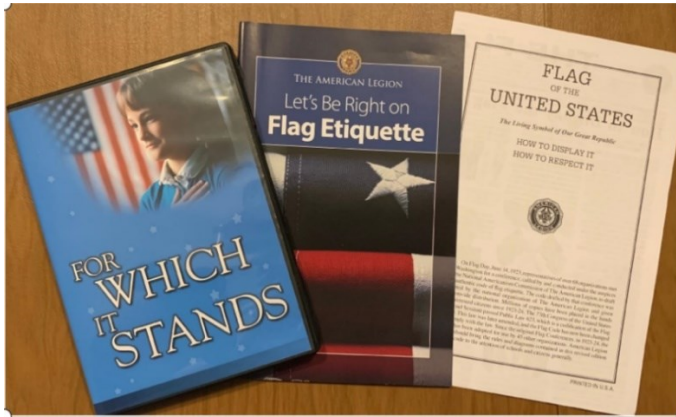
Resolution No. 37: Abraham Accords Peace Agreement: Treaty of Peace, Diplomatic Relations and Full Normalization Between the United Arab Emirates and the State of Israel


Resolution No. 38: Predatory Claims Companies

They are now available to view in detail in the Legion's Digital Archive; see the full collection [here](#).

Since 2019, through the work of the Library and Museum at National Headquarters, the [Digital Archive](#) has housed all the [currently active resolutions](#) from 1919 to present – around 2,000 resolutions that establish and guide the priorities and programs of The American Legion. It also houses magazine and newspaper articles, historic collections of national convention programs and Emblem Sales catalogs, and much more.

MARIA PARTICIPATED IN OUR LEGION'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM



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Clearview 5th grade Pack Leaders met for their first meeting of the school year to learn about the importance of the American flag, how to handle and fold the flag, and how to raise and lower the flag. Mr. Parsons, one our CVES parents and an army veteran who served 20 years in the military, volunteers his time each year to share flag etiquette and education to Pack Leaders. Thanks Mr. Parsons for your time and the donation of a brand new flag. 🇺🇸



Clearview Elementary School, LaGrange, GA

Selected 5th graders perform Flag Detail the school year. Ceremoniously raise the colors on Monday and retire the colors on Friday each week. Students volunteer for this activity and are selected for their good citizenship and grades. Eric Parsons is a Jr. Vice Commander With the American Legion CYBER Post 2100 and the committee chair for Children and Youth Program.