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## 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 invite: [commander@epost2100.org](mailto: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?

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## VA VIDEO APP

The VA has announced an expansion of their telemedicine program with the launch of a new app in October called VA Video Connect, which it plans to expand to every VA hospital across our country and cover 50 medical specialties.

<https://www.wired.com/story/va-video-telemedicine-app/>

<http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/trump-shulkin-announce-anywhere-anywhere-telehealth-plans-va>

VA apps for Androids:

<https://mobile.va.gov/appstore/android>

## THESE ARE OUR OFFICERS

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The 2017-2018 dues are due and payable, so if this applies to you, contact [TED RICHARDS](#): 404-754-0415

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

You may have noticed our effort to collect dues, as this is the main source of our regular funding.

Some of us are what is called, PUFL ([Paid Up For Life](#)), so we only pay once (a large fee) but we pay no more dues, so there is no annual concern about paying dues.



However, most of us just pay the annual dues of \$35.00, unless dues are raised.

Many organizations have to continually remind members about dues, so I hope ours is the exception. We veterans receive many [benefits](#) from our membership, so the nominal dues are well-worth the small expense.

However, our dues may put a financial strain on some members, so if you are or know of one who may be in need of assistance, please let me know.

Apart from paying dues in a timely manner, there are those who make donations to our cyber Post.

Our last [Poppy Day](#) efforts were very successful, but our ability to help veterans depends on the monies in our checking account. If you know of ways we can utilize fundraising, please let me know. Being spread out, as we are, makes conventional fundraising efforts almost impossible.

I do not like asking for money, so I hope those who owe dues will come up with the funds to help support our efforts to help veterans where they are.

*Bob*

770-786-8702

## GLASS HALF FULL ?

I once read a book entitled, *Wishcraft: How to Get What You Really Want*, by Barbara Sher and Annie Gottlieb.

It promotes incorporating PMA, a **positive mental attitude** (but not being a Pollyanna) to influence outcomes and of acceptance of some less than favorable outcomes in our lives. You may recall, "I cried because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet."

Well, my wife had an aunt who could brighten up an entire room...by her leaving. She viewed most things in a negative light. Sometimes we get what we expect, which explains the reason for this column.

Science and religion have many recorded instances of people's remarkable recoveries from illnesses where the patient's attitude/faith played a vital role. The opposite is also true, with someone willing themselves to perish.

It is my hope that our members, families and friends subscribe to the idea of keeping a PMA, for it can serve them in good stead.

Is your glass half-filled?



Remember, we can enlarge items in our newsletter !

## JUNK OR NOT ?

Just a short note to remind us all that sometimes an E-mail maybe become unexpectedly lodged in our JUNK folder.



So, before deleting all the JUNK, maybe it would behoove us to first check for any GOLD! It couldn't hurt, right?

## RECALL VJ DAY, 9/2

The war in the Pacific was hard fought and bloody. The tide had definitely turned, and the U.S. military was fighting island by island towards Japan. Resistance was fierce. Casualties on both sides were high.

The U.S. had developed the atomic bomb. The U.S. government was anxious to end the war, and stop the loss of American lives.

On August 6th, 1945, the United States military dropped an atomic bomb over the city of Hiroshima, Japan in an effort to force Japan into an immediate, unconditional surrender. Instead of immediately surrendering, the Japanese government debated what to do. So, the U.S. dropped a second atomic bomb on August 9, 1945 over the city of Nagasaki, Japan.

On August 14, 1945, Japanese Emperor Hirohito cabled the U.S. to surrender, and agreed to the terms of the Potsdam Declaration.

On August 15, 1945, news of the surrender was announced to the world. World War II was finally over. Hostilities ended.

On September 2, 1945, the Japanese formally surrendered aboard the U.S. Battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. President Truman declared this to be V-J Day.

BTW, the Battleship USS Missouri was chosen for the formal surrender ceremony, as she was named after President Truman's home state.

## YOUR AMERICAN LEGION BENEFITS CALCULATOR

There are many benefits that you, as a veteran, might benefit from:

<https://www.legion.org/benefitscalculator/>.

## ASK A PHARMACIST ?

Do you have questions about your medications? Now, VA has a new web application (app) that may help.: <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/mhv-portal-web/ss20170103-get-answers-to-your-va-pharmacy-questions-with-the-ask-a-pharmacist-app>.

Visit the Ask A Pharmacist Online at:

<https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/aap/>.

You may be asked to agree to a EULA (End User License Agreement) before going to the site.



## GEORGIA'S MILITARY MUSEUMS

Wow! I had no idea that our state of Georgia had so many military museums!

I was going to list them, but there are so many, that the best I can do is to give you the link:

<http://www.museumsusa.org/museums/?k=1271407%2CCategoryID%3A200061%3BState%3AGA%3Bdirectoryid%3A200454>.

A museum can serve many purposes, such as reviving memories, providing new information, instilling pride, and offering an inexpensive, nice place to take family, children, etc.

And, yes, there ARE military museums outside of Georgia, too!

## USEFUL CHAT PLOY

When using Internet's chat communication option, check to see if an icon allows printing and/or E-mailing the session.

If not, select (CTRL+A for Windows and Command+C for Mac), then copy to your word processor, save it, and maybe edit the session for printing.

Chat session copies may become useful to recall and/or validate what went on and what was told, or not.

## LEGION MEMBERSHIP DATES

**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](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Meetings will be Oct 9 - 12 in Indianapolis, IN.

Our 2017 Department Fall Conference is scheduled for Oct 21 - 22 in Duluth.

*Paul*

## BETTER SAFE THAN...

If you are ever concerned about a link or E-mail address (words are valid but...), try gliding your mouse over the suspected area to see if the real address is shown.

This is not always effective, but it costs nothing, is not fattening, and might save you from danger.

Remember, you have no compulsion to click on a link you did not ask for, right?

# OUR WW II FREEDOM WALL

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_World\\_War\\_II\\_Memorial](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_World_War_II_Memorial)

The **World War II Memorial** is a [memorial of national significance](#) dedicated to [Americans](#) who served in the [armed forces](#) and as civilians during [World War II](#). Consisting of 56 pillars and a pair of small [triumphal arches](#) surrounding a plaza and fountain, it sits on the [National Mall](#) in [Washington, D.C.](#), on the former site of the [Rainbow Pool](#) at the eastern end of the [Reflecting Pool](#), between the [Lincoln Memorial](#) and the [Washington Monument](#).



There are 4,448 golden stars, each representing 100 deaths.

Opened on April 29, 2004, it was dedicated by [President George W. Bush](#) on May 29, 2004. The memorial is administered by the [National Park Service](#) under its [National Mall and Memorial Parks](#) group. As of 2009, more than 4.4 million people visit the memorial each year.



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*A willow tree weeps over the passing of another summer in this autumn image of the Washington Monument taken from the grounds of the Constitution Gardens. (Photograph by Christine Ruffo)*

OCTOBER						
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# SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>John Quincy Adams in a (cropped) 1843 daguerreotype by Philip Haas, twenty six years after becoming Monroe's secretary of state. (Metropolitan Museum of Art)</p>					Eid-al-Adha <b>1</b> 1817: Commissioner of public buildings seeks bank loan to continue repairing the Capitol.	<b>2</b> 1817: Sea serpent sighted off MA coast is said to be descended from serpent in the Garden of Eden.
<b>3</b> 1817: B. Henry Latrobe describes the lazy and stupid master carpenter living "very comfortably" in the Capitol.	<b>4</b> Labor Day 1817: <i>Kline's Weekly Carlisle Gazette</i> calls Rep. Andrew Boden (PA) a "slanderer, tale-bearer, and hypocrite."	<b>5</b> 1817: President Monroe's tour arrives at Pittsburg, PA.	<b>6</b> 1817: Henry Clay believes decent compensations would attract better candidates for Congress.	<b>7</b> 1817: Quaker sea captain and abolitionist Paul Cuffee, dies in Westport, MA, aged 58.	<b>8</b> 1817: James Madison feels Italian sculptor Antonio Capellano's marble bust would be too expensive.	<b>9</b> 1817: Caesar A. Rodney reports his son's death delayed his departure for the South American Commission.
<b>10</b> 1817: <i>Rhode Island Republican</i> celebrates 4th anniversary of the "glorious victory on Lake Erie."	<b>11</b> Patriot Day 1817: Seminole Chiefs complain that murders are only reported when the victims were white.	<b>12</b> 1817: British ambassador assures State Dept. that no Americans were still imprisoned in Canada.	<b>13</b> 1817: Presidential tour arrives in Hagerstown, MD en route back to DC.	<b>14</b> 1817: DC Auditor William Lee offers to recommend Charles Bulfinch as architect of the Capitol.	<b>15</b> 1817: Pres. Monroe is informed his furniture for president's house exceeded the budgeted amount.	<b>16</b> 1817: Waldo P. Johnson (MO), expelled from the US Senate for disloyalty in 1862, is born.
<b>17</b> 1817: Spanish diplomat complains that US naval officers were openly recruiting for revolt in Florida.	<b>18</b> Constitution Day (Observed) 1817: Newspapers accuse Jefferson of trying to influence PA gubernatorial election.	<b>19</b> 1817: Spain's ambassador requests official action against Mexican pirates flying under the US flag.	<b>20</b> Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sunset 1817: J.Q. Adams arrives in Washington, DC for his first meeting official meeting with Pres. Monroe.	<b>21</b> 1817: Caroline Smelt, whose spiritual autobiography becomes a literary sensation, dies in Augusta, GA.	<b>22</b> First Day of Autumn Rosh Hashanah Ends 1817: Henry Clay solicits Pres. Monroe's support for the recolonization of freed blacks.	<b>23</b> 1817: J.Q. Adams dispels rumors of a Bonapartist plot to invade Mexico from the US.
<b>24</b> 1817: J.Q. Adams says new US diplomat's arrival in England on naval warship would create bad impression.	<b>25</b> 1817: Chief stoneworker confirms newly acquired marble for the Capitol could be installed in seven weeks.	<b>26</b> 1817: <i>Baltimore Patriot</i> suggests that Sen. Charles Tait (GA) would be a bad candidate for sec. of the navy.	<b>27</b> 1817: Charles Bulfinch asks supporter for more time to decide whether to be architect of the Capitol.	<b>28</b> 1817: Indian agent praises Michigan Territory's governor for negotiating transfer of Indian lands in OH.	<b>29</b> Yom Kippur Begins at Sunset 1817: Michigan Territory's Gov. Lewis Cass urges that a road be built through newly-ceded Indian lands.	<b>30</b> Yom Kippur 1817: <i>Daily National Intelligencer</i> begins series of letters promoting South American independence.

## RECRUITING TIPS FROM CHAIRMAN RANDY GOODMAN

Always be ready with a 2-3 minute 'elevator pitch' on the importance and benefits of Legion membership.

[Download the Legion app.](#) You'll be ready to sign up members on the spot.

- If your department has invested in door hangers, get some and modify with your post information. You're now ready to reach out to potential members even if you're not face-to-face.
- Keep a few membership applications handy.

Have a supply of 'Why You Should Belong', 'Troop Support' pamphlets, and '[This Is The American Legion](#)' for informational/recruitment events.

Work your post's Expired Members listings that can be found under the **Find Members in my Area** section on [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org).

Build and maintain a relationship with military installations. Refer to the publication [Access Granted](#) for details on how.

- Build and maintain a relationship with the person in charge of veteran admissions and/or veteran student organizations that may be on col-

lege campuses.

- Network with first responders, civic and community organizations, as well as other veteran service organizations to expand your pool of potential members.
- Ensure that your post is building its brand
  - Send a localized version of the post's CPR to the media outlets in your area, and that this same information is published in the post's newsletter
  - Make sure your post is actively participating in at least one program, and that it is done WELL.
  - Make sure your post is an asset to the community; inform them of your post's programs, participation in parades, service activities, etc.
  - Be seen in your Legion apparel
  - Don't narrow your focus to veterans in only one or two war eras. Any veteran *may be* eligible, but you won't know if you don't ask!

Don't let all of your hard work go to waste - [RETAIN THE MEMBERS YOU HAVE](#)

*Paul Aust*

**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":

<b>DATES OF SERVICE</b>	<b>BRANCH OF SERVICE</b>
<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

PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

BIRTH DATE

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

From \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

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If mailed send to:  
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675 Washboard Rd  
Cleveland, GA 30528

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*Paul*

## LYRICS FOR AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL BY SAMUEL AUGUSTUS WARD

O beautiful for spacious skies  
For amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above thy fruited plain

America, America  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea

O beautiful for pilgrim feet  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness

America, America  
God mend thine every flaw  
Confirm thy soul in self control  
Thy liberty in law

O 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 refine  
Till all success be nobleness

And every gain divine

O 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 brother-  
hood  
From sea to shining sea

O beautiful for spacious skies  
For amber waves of grain  
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Samuel Augustus Ward was an American organist and composer. Born in Newark, New Jersey, he studied music in New York and became an organist at Grace Episcopal Church in his home town in 1880.



# Leading candidate for national commander: 'It is family first'

As Denise Rohan stood behind the podium and looked out at the audience in front of her, she declared the theme for her year if elected as American Legion national commander – “Family First.”

“I believe that having a wholesome and cooperative relationship at every level within The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion and the Legion Riders is vital to our success. Working together, we are making extraordinary things happen across this nation. It is family first,” said Rohan of Wisconsin, the leading candidate for 2017-2018, to attendees of the National Membership Workshop on July 29.

Rohan is a 33-year Paid Up for Life Legion member who chose her theme upon the idea that in order for the organization to sustain membership growth, it comes down to putting family first. “We have our American Legion families, our military families, our veterans' families, and in reality when you look at our four pillars it's The American Legion Family who is taking care of our nation's family,” she said.

Rohan added that membership growth within the organization also comes down to adhering to four principles identified in the five-year strategic membership plan. They are that the Legion's foundation will always be for God and country, and organization will:

- Provide services to all veterans that are eligible to be members and to those that are not eligible to be members;
- Have a presence in all communities across this nation and posts will serve as pillars in their communities;
- Strive for central leadership and mentorship and will culture an outreach program for everyone that is still serving; and
- Foster a family and welcoming relationship at every level.

“We need to make sure that our members feel welcomed and they feel needed,” she said. “As leaders in your department, you are responsible for helping our members fit in and feel like they are part of a family. You have the responsibility of taking care of this family.”

Rohan also laid out her action items and challenges for the coming year if elected as national commander. They are:

- Increase retention rate by 5 percent nationwide; the Legion currently stands at an 86 percent retention rate.
- Continue 100 percent honor ribbon and see 1,500 or more of the ribbons awarded. Last year, 370 posts received a total of 841 honor ribbons for achieving 100 percent Legion family (defined as a post and any combination of an Auxiliary unit, Sons squadron or Legion Riders chapter) membership.
- Contact members who traditionally pay after Dec. 31 and encourage them to renew by Veterans Day. Rohan said there are more than 239,000 members who traditionally pay their membership dues after the first of the year. Early renewal will save time and money on renewal notices, and the early dues will support programs for youth, veterans and their families.
- Invite the community to Veterans Day activities and use the hashtags #SaluteService and #VeteransDay on all social media channels. “We want The American Legion to trend on social media as we show what we do best and that's taking care of each other, feeding our communities and their veterans and their families,” Rohan said.
- Invite veterans in the department holding post into a post home for a meal or social event, and invite them to transfer into a local post.
- Work toward 100 percent submission of Consolidated Post Reports. There were 13 departments that achieved 95 percent or higher reporting and they are Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.
- Achieve a 5 percent increase in every department for the Post Excellence Award. Last year, 90 posts from 16 departments applied for and received the Post Excellence Award. The award honors posts that show excellence in membership (have to have one member more than previous year), youth activities, community service, and support for veterans and troops.

Report how your post, district or department is reconnecting with deploying or returning military personnel. The form is now added to the [National Membership Awards Points Manual](#).

- Get a 10 percent increase in the American Legion Extension Institute, the official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization .

Welcome everybody and recruit for the entire American Legion family.

“Together, we can all stand proud knowing that we are the ones who veterans and their families, who are keeping this country strong, (come to for support) and that we are continuing to lay the foundation for all of our future leaders,” Rohan said. “We do it because someone did it for us. And we know that even though we have taken off our uniforms, our service and our dedication to this nation will never, ever end.”

*Paul*

Paul reminds us to Sign up for or look at [American Legion Online](#), and [Update](#).