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OUR NEXT MEETING

September 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?

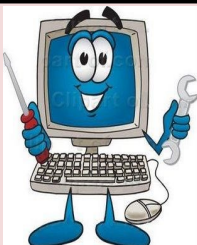
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

OUR HELP DESK STANDS READY TO ASSIST US VETERANS WITH FREE COMPUTER-RELATED AID.

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September marks the end of summer and observance of several important events, such as National Hispanic Heritage Month, Kentucky Bourbon Fest, Grapefest, Oktoberfest, and (the unofficial) [Patriot Day](#), which commemorates the tragic loss of lives on 9/11.



Of course, my emphasis is on [Patriot Day](#). Whether you were drafted or volunteered, you and I potentially offered our lives up in defense of American liberty. Our efforts also benefitted residents of other nations.

YOUR EDUCATION

Well, the kids are back in school, and many of those "kids" are adults, and many of those adults are veterans.

Formal education does not stop with a degree or two or three. We might still look into school courses to learn and to maybe help earn, but that process is also beneficial to our well-being.

As members of a cyber Post, we could take advantage of online classes.

Check out the American Legion's Basic Training classes at <https://www.legion.org/alei>.

Yes, there is also the School of Hard Knocks which gives you the test before enlightening you with instruction(s)!

So each year we celebrate events, and there is a tendency for complacency and to become jaded, but this must be guarded against, as threats to our very existence are never ending.

As we celebrate/commemorate Patriot Day, let's include others and inculcate a greater sense of purpose and appreciation for what we have and for those who helped perpetuate our freedoms. Our patriotic efforts are important, as indicated by "man on the street" TV interviews which expose a lack of knowledge and appreciation on the part of some folks...perhaps too many folks.

Yes, we are patriots and one day a year is not really enough to have a grateful nation show appreciation, but we can take advantage of the holiday. Perhaps, one day, Patriot Day might even become a fully-recognized National Holiday.

Do you recall the words of Thomas Paine: "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. ". Yes, these are those times, again.

May we never tire of hearing *these* words: "Thank you for your service." and may we deliver them to others who have/do serve.

Bob

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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)

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

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](#).

YOUR VOICE IS HEARD

By dint of your American Legion membership, you and others have contributed to the legislative clout to improve conditions and benefits for us legionnaires and our families.

Your \$35.00 dues goes to support both legislative and benevolent efforts, so your voice is heard, though it might seem just a minute part of the efforts.

Ten dollars of your dues goes to support our cyber Post and twenty-five dollars goes to Department and then on to our National Headquarters.

OPERATION COMFORT WARRIORS

The American Legion's [Operation Comfort Warriors \(OCW\)](#) program delivers items that improve the lives of our wounded veterans and service members. Sometimes wounded warriors need equipment for music, yoga or other recreational therapy. Others might require a mobile device to help them learn to communicate once again. OCW has provided the proper recovery items for countless wounded service members, through the kindness of the American Legion Family.

SCHEDULE VA APPOINTMENTS ONLINE ?

Have you scheduled an appointment online through [My HealtheVet](#) yet? Veterans across the country can manage appointments online. This easy tool allows you to self-schedule or cancel many types of VA health care appointments.

STATE'S VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

[GA Department of Veteran Services](#)

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service is an agency of state government created for the purpose of advising, counseling, and assisting Georgia's veterans and their families in receiving their rightful benefits under the vast and complex framework of veterans' laws.

THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL

A little history most people will never know. Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 61 years since the first casualty.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps LCpl Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were just 19 years old.

The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.

One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.

Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school

8 Women are on the Wall, Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War;

153 of them are on the Wall

Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation.

There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.

The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.



From a friend

REVISIT OUR GWINNETT DAILY POST INTERVIEW BY Tyler Estep, Sep 15, 2014

LAWRENCEVILLE — Traditionally, the American Legion post is a physical place — a spot where war veterans young and old can gather to have a beer, shoot the bull, maybe play some bingo. It's a place steeped in tradition, and one perfectly comfortable doing everything the old way, from snail mail to ledger cards. ePost 2100? They're changing that.

One of just a few American Legion "cyber posts," ePost 2100 is led by Lawrenceville resident Ed McMillan — and it functions entirely online.

"We have the advantage of just getting (the members) all together, no matter where they are," McMillan said.

Tuesday marked 95 years since Congress presented the American Legion with its federal charter and, thanks to a proclamation by Gov. Nathan Deal, was the occasion was celebrated as "The American Legion Day" in Georgia. The organization serves roughly 2.4 million veterans with 14,000 posts across the globe.

Seventy-three of those members are served by ePost 2100, which is believed to be one of just four cyber posts worldwide. Though most are from Georgia and the metro Atlanta area, members currently reside in California, Florida and Paris, France.

Dreamed up by the late Larry A. Hoff, who the post is named after, the goal is to reach veterans in hospitals or nursing homes, veterans with severe PTSD or other ailments and young veterans with a lot on their plates. They swap emails and hold monthly meetings via a free online video conferencing program called ooVoo.

It's all based out of McMillan's basement, where an office with two desks and three aging-but-perfectly-functional computers are surrounded by personal knickknacks and patriotic paraphernalia.

"There are people that can't go to (traditional) meetings, and people that won't go to meetings," said Ted Richards, the post's adjutant. "We cater to those

people."

Lt. Col. Randi Williams met McMillan in February after taking a job as parish nurse at Duluth United Methodist Church. Within three weeks, the former Air Force flight nurse was a member of ePost 2100.

"It's engaging technology in a way that, whether you're young, whether you're disabled, whether you're just trying to get it back together ... it allows you to have a connection that at times is not so socially overwhelming," she said.

Williams said she's been impressed with the post's knack for "getting things done." The American Legion's "four pillars" of service are veterans affairs and rehabilitation; national security; Americanism; and children and youth.

"The ePost is a place where those values are going to be borne out," Williams said.

The folks who run ePost 2100 are not computer whizzes, and members need not be either. All they need is a basic understanding of how to access email and occasionally operate the aforementioned video chat program, and both are things the post can help with.

The goal is not to promote computer literacy but to reach vets who may not otherwise be reached.

"Our big advantage," Richards said, "is we can get to you right in your living room. I can talk to you in my shorts and slippers, you can be in your shorts and slippers."

He paused and smiled.

"As long as you don't have a full-length camera."

I ran across this item on the Internet while looking for other American Legion cyber Posts and thought you might have been interested in a bit of our founding history.

—*Bob*

CALENDAR IS COMPLIMENTS OF CONGRESSMAN PETER KING

The Capitol Reflecting Pool and a halo of fog create powerful optical effects heightening the impact of the Gen. Ulysses S. Grant Memorial, as seen here against the backdrop of the Capitol's West Front. (Photograph by Bruce R. Guthrie)

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SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 1818: J.Q. Adams declares Trumbull's Declaration of Independence "below the dignity of the subject."
2 1818: Washington Gazette (DC) prints report calling Mexico the "finest portion of North America."	3 Labor Day 1818: Territorial legislature of Alabama is first in US to repeal laws against usury.	4 1818: Alexandria Gazette (VA) complains of local trafficking in stolen slaves.	5 1818: Niles' Register reports that Henry Clay's anti-expansionist speeches were applauded in Spain.	6 1818: Sec. of War John C. Calhoun asks President if Spain should be notified of new Georgia boundary.	7 1818: Alexandria Herald (VA) reports riot on Baltimore branch of Bank of U.S.	8 1818: Victims of "River Raisin massacre" in War of 1812 reentered in Detroit.
9 Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sunset 1818: J.Q. Adams, at home in Mass., criticizes self for "wasting" morning reading Plato.	10 1818: Boston Commercial Gazette reports influx in immigrants from Scotland and Wales.	11 Patriot Day Rosh Hashanah Ends 1818: Washington Gazette (DC) prints letter calling for gun control measures.	12 1818: Richard Gatling, inventor of Gatling gun, is born in Hertford Co., NC.	13 1818: All US ports closed to trade from any British port closed to trade from US.	14 1818: Former Capitol architect B. Henry Latrobe wins second prize for Philadelphia's Bank of U.S.	15 1818: Alexandria Gazette (VA) reports widespread counterfeiting of bank bills.
16 1818: Washington Gazette (DC) reports drowning of former Federalist Rep. James Carr (ME).	17 Constitution Day 1818: Thomas Jefferson urges Pres. Monroe to avoid involvement with Europe's "Holy Alliance."	18 Yom Kippur Begins at Sunset 1818: Speaker Henry Clay recommends brother of Rep. Richard M. Johnson (KY) for military contract.	19 Yom Kippur 1818: J.Q. Adams in Boston sits for portrait by Gilbert Stuart.	20 1818: US Frigate Macedonian sails from Boston for Pacific Northwest.	21 1818: DC paper praises "native American" architect William Strickland over British-born B. Henry Latrobe.	22 First Day of Autumn 1818: American Beacon (Norfolk, VA) urges George Washington's reburial in tomb fit for "Warrior Lord."
23 1818: Chippewa delegation asks Pres. Monroe for land grant for their doctor, William Brown.	24 1818: Alexandria Gazette (VA) reports Boston "sea-serpent" was really an albacore tuna.	25 1818: Missouri's Territorial Gov. William Clark signs treaty with Osage Indians.	26 1818: Letter in DC, paper thanks Thomas Jefferson for shady poplars on Pennsylvania Ave.	27 1818: Boston paper reports Samuel Lathrop's nomination to succeed Rep. Elijah Mills (MA).	28 1818: Former Rep. William Pickney (MD) recommends Samuel Miller as Marine Corps Commandant.	29 1818: Connecticut Journal (New Haven) attacks universal male suffrage proposed in new state constitution.
30 1818: Alexandria Gazette (VA) reports invention of perpetual motion machine in Scotland.						

BIRTHDAYS

Would you believe, none of us were born in September?

E-MAILED MAGAZINE

If you have not received the printed version of *The American Legion Magazine*, yet receive Internet mailings, go to: <https://www.legion.org/newsletters>.

VIETNAM FLIERS

What a beautiful story in picture and words; Over War - Cade Martin —From Chuck Photography [Over War - Cade Martin Photography](#)
When opened, you need to scroll down, as the PP presentation doesn't automatically change photos.

ROLLING THUNDER

Those of us old enough to have lived through the Vietnam War will forever remember that time in our history. This PowerPoint presentation about the pilots of Rolling Thunder is eye opening. You will be glad you took the time to watch!

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— Chuck

AN ATTORNEY'S ADVICE TO AVOID FINANCIAL PAIN

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put 'PHOTO ID REQUIRED.'

2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a Name, address, Social Security number, credit cards. In case your luggage is lost, take another list in your carry on bag, especially if you are abroad and need immediate access to those numbers.

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have first hand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieves ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know:

5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call.. Keep those where you can find them.

6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc., were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all: (I never even thought to do this.)

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name.

The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks..

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, if it has been stolen:

1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 1-800-525-6285

2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742 1-888-397-3742

3.) Trans Union : 1-800-680 7289 1-800-680 7289

4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271 1-800-269-0271

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BTW, MY PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN SAYS TO CARRY YOUR WALLET IN YOUR FRONT POCKET.

That makes it harder for pickpockets and avoids possible back pain and surgery.

—Bob

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":

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<input type="checkbox"/> AUG. 24, 1982 – JUL. 31, 1984	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. AIR FORCE
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