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OUR NEXT MEETING

A September 15th, 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?

YOUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander..... [ROBERT GREEN](#) 770-786-8702
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OUR HELP DESK STANDS READY TO ASSIST US VETERANS WITH FREE COMPUTER-RELATED AID.

[ROBERT MCTUREOUS](#)

404-304-1772



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Most post-secondary institutions of higher learning (colleges, tech schools, universities, etc.) begin in the fall. By now, some of us may already be enrolled in such places, but most of us probably are not enrolled, due to various factors.



As we grow older (mature), we sometimes take stock of our lives and may look at ways to improve ourselves. One of those ways is further education.

Learning new things is but one of several ways we can stimulate the brain and maybe forestall some mental health issues.

Apart from traditional schooling, requiring physical class attendance, there are several on-line options, either for credit or as continuing education classes.

Yes, some of us may feel we have just had enough "schooling" and have put thoughts of further education behind us. This might be a mistake.

In some cases, our military experiences and courses could be taken into consideration and given credit towards a degree, certificate, or other formal recognition.

An untended benefit of going "back to school" is our serving as role models and inspiring others to achieve more/higher education. I'm just saying...

Bob Green 770-786-8702

SERVICE OFFICER

Ed McMillan has been appointed our ePost's Service Officer.

What is the role of an American Legion Service Officer?

<https://www.legion.org/serviceofficers/230779/ask-service-officer-role-vso>

TAKE PART

At our August meeting, it was mentioned that just because we are geographically spread out members of Georgia's first and only cyber American Legion Post, there is no reason for us not to take part in activities of brick-and-mortar Posts.

When we see activities in other Posts, we can join in, as we are all veterans.

WIFE'S OOY GOOEY BROWNIE RECIPE REVISITED

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

1 Box Brownie or Cake Mix
(any kind - store brand works fine - 9"x13" pan size)*
1 stick butter or margarine, melted
2 eggs

Mix together and spread in bottom of greased 9"x13" pan. (I line mine with aluminum foil.)

1 8-oz. Package of Cream Cheese, softened
2 eggs
1 Box Powdered Sugar

Cream cream cheese until light (don't bother cleaning mixing bowl.)
Add eggs, then sugar. Mix well and pour on top of brownie mixture.

Bake at 350 for 45-50 minutes, until topping is golden brown. Don't bother using a cake tester because the topping will be very liquid-y and will run from side to side if the pan is tilted. Cool. (This recipe works best if baked a day ahead of time.) Cut into small squares ... these are VERY rich!

I cut mine 8 times on the long side and 6 times on the short side. I have cut the smaller, but I think this is about the best size. Our son made some for a party when he was about 20 and called the next day and said he knew the why I cut them so small ... nobody could eat a whole one! OH! I also use a plastic knife- they're a LOT less messy for some reason - I used to keep a tall glass of water to dip the metal knife in, but I don't have to do that with the plastic one!

* the chocolatier the better

INFERTILITY

Congress is considering whether or not to provide more benefits for active duty service members and veterans whose war injuries left them infertile. Right now, the military pays for *in vitro* fertilization (IVF), only in special circumstances. Furthermore, a VA program which provides fertility coverage for some veterans is scheduled to expire later this year.

Active duty service members and veterans will see a decision on this matter very soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2019 National Convention
Aug 23-29 Indianapolis

2019 Fall Conference
Oct 26-28 Duluth, GA

2020 Department Spring Conference
Mar 29-32 Duluth, GA

ELIGIBLE MEMBER- SHIP 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 our Adjutant, [Ted Richards](#).

KEYBOARD & TOUCHPAD

Reduce your desk's computer footprint by using a wireless keyboard with integrated touchpad.

[Google search](#).

One drawback is battery replacements.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CARD

The American Legion Membership Application

_____ (Name) _____ (Date of Birth)
 _____ (Mailing Address) _____ (Phone Number)
 _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Post #)
 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

- | | |
|---|---|
| <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

Receipt of Dues (Please Print)

From _____ for 20 _____ Post # _____
 Recruiter's Name _____
 Recruiter's Signature _____
 Recruiter's Phone # _____

NEW RELAXED MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS



Most of you are probably already aware, but the POTUS signed the LEGION act into law . Because of the wording of our National Constitution, previously ineligible members can join immediately and do not have to wait for convention!

We are excited about this huge legislative accomplishment. Thousands of our brothers and sisters in uniform who swore an oath to defend this great nation could enjoy the advocacy, benevolence, and support of The American Legion...but couldn't be a part of the team. Now they can!

We stand by to provide any and all support to you to get the message out and seize the day. Enclosed is the new membership application, and we are working diligently to update our publications and documents to reflect the new law.

—*Thomas Hinline*

Exemptions From Taxation

A. Homestead Tax: Certain disabled veterans and certain widows/widowers, or minor children are allowed the maximum amount which may be granted under Section 2102 of Title 38 of the United States Code.

B. Sales Tax on Vehicles: A disabled veteran who receives a VA grant for the purchase and special adapting of a vehicle is exempt from paying the state sales tax on the vehicle (only on the original grant).

C. Ad Valorem Tax on Vehicles: Exempt are veterans who are verified by VA to be 100 percent totally and permanently service-connected disabled and veterans who are receiving or who are entitled to receive statutory awards from VA for: (1) loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet; (2) loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands; (3) loss of sight in one or both eyes; or (4) permanent impairment of vision of both eyes to a prescribed degree. Exemption is granted on the vehicle the veteran owns or leases and upon which the free Handicapped Veterans (HV) Motor Vehicle license plate is attached.

D. State Income Tax: The period of time military personnel served on active duty as members of the armed forces of the United States in combat activities during a period designated by the President plus the next 180 days thereafter are disregarded in determining whether any filing requirement has been performed within the time limit prescribed for filing. For individuals who are hospitalized as a result of an injury or confined as a prisoner-of-war, the period of service in the combat zone, plus the period of confinement and the next 180 days there after shall be disregarded in determining whether any filing requirement has been performed within the time limit prescribed for filing.

E. Certificate of Exemption: Disabled veterans are exempt from payment of occupational taxes, administration fees, and regulatory fees imposed by local governments for peddling, conducting a business, or practicing a profession or semi profession upon meeting the following eligibility requirements: (1) be discharged under honorable conditions from the armed forces of the United States; (2) have 10 percent disability for certain wartime veterans or a 25 percent service-connected disability for peace time-only veterans; and (3) have an income that is not liable for state income taxes.

F. Hunting and Fishing Licenses: Any veteran who is a legal resident of Georgia, who files with the Game and Fish Division, Department of Natural Resources a letter from VA or a certificate from the Social Security Administration, Medicaid, Medicare, Railroad Retirement System or a unit of federal, state or local government recognized by the Board of Natural Resources by rule or regulation stating that he/she is a totally and permanently disabled veteran, is entitled to a lifetime honorary hunting and fishing license allowing the veteran to fish and hunt within the state without the payment of any fee. Persons who are at least 65 years old or who are rated totally blind also qualify.

G. Veterans Drivers' Licenses: Issued free to veterans who were residents of Georgia at the time of enlistment or commissioning and are residents at the time of application for the license or who

have been residents of Georgia for at least two years immediately preceding the date of application for the license. Individuals must have served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or on active duty in a reserve component, including the National Guard, during wartime or any conflict when personnel were committed by the President, except for periodic transfer from reserve status to active duty status for training purposes, and who were discharged or separated under honorable conditions. The individual need not have been assigned to a unit or division which directly participated in such war or conflict. Additionally, any member or former member of the National Guard or reserve forces who has 20 or more years creditable service is entitled to a free driver's license.

H. Honorary Driver's License: Issued free to: (1) any Georgia resident who is the surviving spouse of a veteran who was eligible for a veteran's license, so long as the surviving spouse does not remarry; or (2) any resident of Georgia who is the spouse of a veteran who would qualify for a veteran's license were it not for the veteran's permanent disabilities which preclude the operation of a motor vehicle.

I. Medal of Honor Tags: Special license plates are issued free to a veteran who is a legal resident of Georgia and who is a Medal of Honor recipient. Two distinctive license plates will be issued to be placed on the front and rear of the motor vehicle owned by the Medal of Honor recipient.

J. DV Tags (Automobile/Motorcycle): Provided free of charge to: (1) any veteran who was separated under honorable conditions and who served on active duty in the armed forces or on active duty in a reserve component, including the National Guard, and who is receiving or entitled to receive a statutory award from VA for (a) loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet; (b) loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands; (c) loss of sight in one or both eyes; or (d) permanent impairment of both eyes to the extent that there is central visual acuity of 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees in the better eye; or (2) any veteran separated under honorable conditions and verified by VA as receiving or entitled to receive compensation at the 100 percent rate as a result of being totally disabled permanently or totally disabled non-permanently. Georgia law allows a disabled veteran to obtain only one free license plate. It can be placed on either a leased or owned vehicle.

K. DV Tags: Disabled veteran tags are available to veterans who were separated under honorable conditions and who meet the same degree of disability which is required for the issuance of HV tags, but are unable to qualify for a free license plate. DV tags are not issued free but may be purchased at regular license plate rates.

[Click here to check other states with benefits for veterans.](#)



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VIETNAM WALL

BLUE RIDGE, GA - For the first time ever a traveling replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall will be in Blue Ridge October 3 thru October 7, 2019.

Elaine Owen, chairman of the Special Veterans Project Committee, said the wall is a tribute to veterans who served in Vietnam.

"All the names listed on this Traveling Wall make it a healing wall, and it gives those who come closure," she said.

She then said they want to make the visit of the replica wall to Blue Ridge a memorable event. The Wall will be set up on the grassy area beside the United Methodist Church, behind the Chamber of Commerce building.

"I want to make this as elaborate as we can," she said. *"We have invited Gov. Brian Kemp, Senators Johnny Isakson and David Perdue, U.S. Representative Doug Collins, our Representative and Speaker of the Georgia House David Ralston and State Senator Steve Gooch. We have also personally invited county and city officials, the schools, the residents of Fannin County and all visitors."*

Owen said she would like for all the flags in the state to be at half-staff during the Vietnam Traveling Wall's visit to Blue Ridge to show respect for those whose names are on the wall and for their families.

"We have made that request, but we have not heard if it will be honored. We owe it to the families of those listed on the Wall, and to those who served, to do the best we can do on this and make it as elaborate as we can. If we can't get the flags lowered in the state, we at least ask that they be lowered in the county."

Owen said the timeline for the wall is to leave Florida early

morning October 3 and arrive at the site for opening ceremonies by noon. Setup will begin as soon as the Wall is off-loaded at the United Methodist Church site and it will (hopefully) be open to visitors beginning at noon that day and 24 hours a day until October 7. Then the wall will be taken down to move to the next location on its tour.

Owen said they hope to have a procession in the county that could be miles long. *"We know we have the Patriot Riders to escort the Wall. We have also talked to the state, the sheriff, the chief of police and the county commissioners. We hope they will provide cruisers, fire trucks and other vehicles for the procession,"* she said.

In addition to that, the committee would like the school bands to participate in the opening and perhaps have them perform the service organizations songs as a single group. The program will include invited speakers and the Veterans organizations, including the North Georgia Honor Guard.

Owen said they need to raise \$25,000 for the visit. She said they have paid the initial payment to reserve the dates and another payment is due 30 days before the arrival date.

"There are at least three traveling walls and the one coming to Fannin County is from Florida, the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. If more money is raised than needed, it will be used to expand the Veterans Conference Center. Several organizations have offered to have fundraisers to help us—and we need that," she said.

Donations can also be made to an account set up by Colonel George Pletcher for the event at the United Community Bank. Checks can be made payable to the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall and donations are tax deductible, thanks to Jim Brumbelow who set up the 501-c3.

If you have ideas for a fundraiser or would like to sponsor an event to raise money to get the Traveling Memorial Wall to Fannin County, please contact Owen at 706-258-3406 / fanninsentinel.elaine@tds.net or Susan DeMoura at 706-900-6295 / fdw2017@gmail.com.

THE FLAG SPEAKS

SUBMITTED BY ED McMillan

You can climb any mountain! Possibilities? They're unlimited except as you limit them with a cynical, bitter, negative attitude! Yes, when you see me in church, school or flying on the streets listen to my stars and stripes as I cry out to every boy and girl,



**every man and woman.
"Dream Your Dreams"
"Dare to Believe" You Can
Make It in America.**

**I am the American
Flag.**

**Be humble
enough to know
where your glory**

**and greatness
come
from. "Old
Glory," I'm
called.**

**What is
my glory?**

**My glory is the
freedom that I
give to every law
respecting man,
woman-and
child.**

**I have called out to
countries, "Come to
my shores and my
side, all who are
tired, poor, op-
pressed, and yearn-
ing to breathe free.
Come and I will be
your guarantee of
liberty."**

**'I say to
my people,
"Be proud,
be humble,
and last,
be re-
newed!"**

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	

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Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

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