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## OUR NEXT MEETING

August 20th at 7:30, is slated for our next tele-meeting using ooVoo .

On ooVoo, I am **robertgreen00109**

Our tele-meeting is provided for you to learn about and have input regarding our ePost.

Have you visited Our Web site, lately?

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER

My how time flies! It seems like we were just beginning summer last week and now the kids are going back to school as early as next week! On one hand, that's a good thing, as we will have a little more time to accomplish our Legion goals without having to go to Six Flags, beach, and all those other 'terrible' boring activities, just to keep out kids and grandkids entertained! You know those 'chores' we get NO enjoyment from whatsoever as their faces light up, and all of a sudden we are very important in their lives and vice-versa!



I truly hope each and every one of you has had a great summer so far! One advantage as we get older is our 'summer' lasts longer and, if you are retired, you have time to enjoy YOUR activities at your pace. My pace has slowed a bit but I am really enjoying retirement. It seems I never had time to work (some would say I never did much real work anyway)! I started out from the army and Vietnam delivering Coca-Cola for 5 years here in Atlanta while I went to college on back-pay (G I Bill they called it). Now *that* was work and I developed a real six-pack as well as delivering them. Unfortunately, as I graduated from college and got a desk job, my six-pack developed into a keg and I gained a lot of weight. I am proud to announce I am now 227, about 6-foot 1. My goal is 225 and this BMI nonsense is certainly not in my dreams (mine is like 175). I mean, get real! For someone who used to be 'shy' and not talk or write much, I seem to have gotten carried away today.

Down to business! It's that time of year, again, in the American Legion- Membership Drive! It's seems we get through with one and start another. Trust me, the American Legion actually does good work and only costs each of us \$25 per year. A Life membership is expensive, when you figure the years left divided by total cost or vice versa. I would never save money by being a Life Member at 69 years old. My Scots blood says that deal is not for me.

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## MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY 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 Commander Ed McMillan or Adjutant, Ted Richards.

## ADJUTANT/JAG CORNER

I'm Ted Richards, ePost 2100 Adjutant and Judge Advocate. In this ongoing Newsletter segment I will endeavor to deliver the headlines of current and upcoming issues that concern our Post veterans. Any member desiring all of the information I have on a subject please email (tkr1258@gmail.com) or Tel. (404-754-0415). I will scan and send you all the info I have.



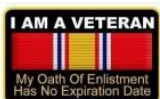
... Membership, e2100 currently has 42 members, out of the 42 members, 5 are PUL (Paid Up For Life) and 6 have taken advantage of the American Legion's "Early Bird" Renewal. On that note: Any member desiring to pay their 2016 membership may send a check (\$25.00) to: Chuck Goetz, 675 Washboard Rd, Cleveland, GA 30528. That's all we need and your 2016 membership will be sent out immediately.

... Bernard (Jack) Sanders, 3-year member e2100 passed away July 2015.

... Certification of Officers, Certification of Officers' records, Annual Data form and Consolidated Post Report have been sent to Department.

... 97th Annual Convention will be held at the Hilton Baltimore, 401 West Pratt Street, Room cost: \$183.65 per night. Our own Dale Barnett will be installed as National Commander.

Respectfully,



The times, they are a-changing' !

The news is filled with disturbing reports of attacks on our way of life by what are usually labeled, Lone Wolves.



Even with more Americans able to carry concealed weapons and an increased Homeland Security presence, these attacks will not go away.

It looks as if we have joined the sad plight of other nations which have endured such unfortunate incursions.

Citizens are told to become more aware of their surroundings and to report anything unusual.

We must keep in mind that by continuing to live our lives as we freely choose, our liberties will be impacted by those who seek to disrupt and cause degrees of fear (terrorism).

It seems unfair that some of our service personnel, who safely return from war zones, have been murdered by Lone Wolves, here at home.

The warnings of Thomas Paine come to mind, "These are the times which try men's souls."

We can endure the unexpected perils by keeping the faith and by keeping on, keeping on, but this is not the America in which we grew up, is it?

**Bob**

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## NAM'S DONUT DOLLIES

These were marvelous young ladies that were just delightful to talk with, see and smell the perfume and such they did for us. If was hot of course and we drank coffee as I remember (it didn't matter we would drink anything to hang around).

They made one short trip into the field to a field location from Cu Chi to us and that was really great! We had other bases at Tay Ninh and Dau Tieng with substantial units but I do not know if they had any females at those because they were exposed to more combat even though when we went in it was a rest period, so to speak. --Ed

## FORWARDED BY ED

Hi, I came across ePost 2100 while researching established Veteran related organizations. As the son of a retired Veteran, I've been fortunate enough to witness firsthand the remarkable attributes that the military represents. The resources and educational information you provide are outstanding and something I personally admire.

I can't thank you enough for all you and your dedicated members have done serving our country and supporting Veterans. I'm part of the awareness advocate team at the Mesothelioma Group. We are a charitable organization supporting VFW and the American Legion. Symptoms of mesothelioma cancer are easily mistaken for less serious illnesses, so early detection and awareness is crucial in improving survival rates. The reason this cancer targets so many Veterans is because of the extensive amount of asbestos used in past military equipment. Our organization provides free Veteran-specific resources and support for patients and their loved ones.

Our goal at the Mesothelioma Group is to increase recognition, improving survival rates and life expectancy. I'm pleased to see you have a wonderful Links page at <http://epost2100.org/links/>. Because asbestos exposure and mesothelioma are a growing concern for Veterans and their families, I believe our specific Veterans and Mesothelioma page at <http://www.mesotheliomagroup.com/veterans/> would be a great addition. Our group provides up-to-date, free, information and support, specifically focused on helping Veterans. Do you mind including our link as another great resource? Best, Jeron McFarland Awareness Advocate The Mesothelioma Group

## OUR PREAMBLE

This short video explains each of the clauses in our Preamble which we recite each meeting.

It is more than a required recitation.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=MDjWXPiliV8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=MDjWXPiliV8)

REMEMBER, UNDERLINED TEXT USUALLY LINKS TO OUTSIDE SOURCES, SO CLICK ON THOSE TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership, at its core, is the life of any organization. Our ePost 2100 is no different from any other organization or club. Any organization depends on about 10% of its members to do ALL the work, just like the 80/20 rule, 80% of the work is done by 20% of its members. We need more Vets to take an active part in our Post and many Vets need us. That is our purpose, to serve the Veteran Community, we are, in fact, serving ourselves.



Many vets are not affiliated with any post, for one reason or another. I never joined a post prior to this because all I saw were Bingo games and I was not, nor am I ready for bingo. All I needed was someone to explain the benefits of membership, it changed my mind.

I would like every member to identify one person who is eligible and just might be willing to discuss joining other Vets who have common issues and experiences. I am currently speaking with 3 unaffiliated Vets and hope to convince some to join us. Since the action in the sandbox, there are many women who are Vets and need to be a part of our Post. We are easy to meet with, on one day a month. Vets do not need to leave the comfort of their homes, as you know, we meet on the computer through the Internet.

Send a name and a phone number after you speak to the proposed member, just so they are not blindsided by an unexpected phone call. Let me or Commander McMillian talk to them. It is easy as that. Hope you are all on board with this approach and if you have any suggestions for recruitment, please let me know.

*Les*

## A VETERAN'S ID CARD?

The U.S. Congress has approved a bill allowing all veterans in America to receive an official identification card. The bill now goes to President Obama for his signature.

The card allows veterans to document their service without carrying around sensitive personal information. A form currently used by many veterans to prove their veteran status contains Social Security numbers and other details that advocates warn could put veterans at risk of identity theft.

## WW II PHOTOS

Some colorized photos from World War II:

<http://www.vintag.es/2015/05/50-breathtaking-wwii-photos-look-like.html>

## THE DECATUR CLINIC

<http://www.atlanta.va.gov/locations/Decatur.asp>

Phil has encouraged us to know about and maybe visit the Decatur, GA Clinic (only as a visitor?).

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## OUR WEB PRESENCE

**Our Post's Web site:** <http://epost2100.org/>

**Our Post's Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/ePost2100?fref=ts>

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It could well work out for you for many good reasons, so consider it and avoid the hassle of yearly renewals. Of the total \$25 our Post gets a whopping \$5! That's not a misprint. It's true, and the state of GA and National receive the rest for the magazine, lobbying effort (to keep and increase our benefits), Emergency fund and other good programs. As a Post Commander, I'm like a private in the army. I'm not party to any real decisions and, if you know me, I'm not political unless you consider Davy Crockett, political! I do not agree with what I feel like are volunteer organizations spending money on lavish anything (salaries-junkets-conventions-anything) when we have needs that are not met such as Homeless Veterans, PTSD, etc., etc. Granted, we form committees and do this and do that, but what do we REALLY do?! This is not JUST the American Legion, of which I am proud to be a member, but all of the organization's AND, of course, our GOVERNMENT, which can waste money hand-over-fist and give to countries that don't like us and forget us warriors who spilled blood for them, even illegal immigrants. Oops, I said a word no one is supposed to say. Why is it that we always seem to be running out of money for the VA, SS, military etc. and NEVER the welfare and social programs that for 50 years have not shown any sign of fixing a problem, just 'needing more funds!

Enough is enough. If we want to send our military anywhere for anybody's freedom, let's appropriate enough money upfront and untouchable by the greedy hands in DC, and take care of our service men and women and their widows/widowers, just as if they were congressmen. Perhaps take the money from the government perks for all the DC crowd, and let them join us with no law from which they are exempt!

Lastly, we have Unions for everything! At one time, unions were good, but in high school, back many years ago, I read that of the top 10 payrolls in the country by *Time/Newsweek* or such, two of these payees were like #3 and #5, AFL-CIO and Teamsters!

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# IDENTITY THEFT, DECEASED SPOUSAL PROTECTION

There are several things you can do to protect a late spouse's identity from theft. First, report the death to the Social Security Administration by calling 800-772-1213. Second, contact the IRS ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) and send them a copy of the death certificate. Third, contact the Department of Driver Services at 678-413-8600 or [www.dds.ga.gov](http://www.dds.ga.gov) to cancel your spouse's driver's license; this will prevent duplicates from being issued to fraudsters. Finally, avoid putting too much information in your spouse's obituary; thieves often target them to glean personal information for just the purposes you fear. For example, do not include his birth date.

You can also request that the three major credit reporting agencies place a "deceased alert" on your spouse's credit report. Make sure you send this request via certified mail with "return receipt requested." Send notarized copies of the death certificate to each of the three major credit-reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — asking them to place a "deceased alert" on the credit report. Each of these agencies has specific requirements to place the alert on the files, so you will need to contact all of them:

Equifax - 800-525-6285 - [equifax.com](http://equifax.com)

Experian - 888-397-3742 - [experian.com](http://experian.com)

TransUnion - 800-680-7289 - [transunion.com](http://transunion.com)

After placing the alerts on your spouse's credit files, you will want to obtain copies of your spouse's credit reports. Federal law entitles you to one free copy of your credit reports each year from each of the three credit reporting agencies. You can request them through a single central source at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or by calling 877-322-8228. In addition, if a Georgia resident, you are entitled to receive two additional copies of each credit report per year at no charge. To receive these additional copies, you must contact the credit reporting agencies, directly.

If you suspect someone is using your spouse's identity after viewing the credit reports (e.g., you're seeing accounts you know he /she didn't open, or are receiving bills or collection notices from that account, etc.), you should notify the police in your jurisdiction. Make sure you have copies of records and/or correspondence relating to the fraudulent accounts or transactions—identity theft is easier to pursue when your suspicions are backed with concrete evidence. Then, you should also notify the Georgia Department of Law's Con-

sumer Protection Unit at 404-651-8600 or [www.consumer.ga.gov](http://www.consumer.ga.gov).

If you have evidence that someone is using your spouse's identity to engage in fraudulent activity, make sure that you respond, in writing, to any creditor, collection agency, credit issuer, or utility company which contacts you about any suspect transactions, notifying them of your spouse's death (along with the date of the passing). When you do so, include a certified copy of the death certificate. Request an immediate investigation into these transactions, and ask that you be contacted with the results of the investigation. When you receive a report that confirms the suspect activity, insist on letters of clearance, which you should keep with the other estate papers.

Finally, if you're closing an individual account, make sure the financial institution where the account was held lists "Closed: Account Holder Is Deceased" as the reason. For joint accounts, simply remove the deceased's name. For more information on what you can do to prevent identity theft, please visit:

[www.consumer.ga.gov/consumer-topics/identity-theftwhat-to-do-if-it-happens-to-you](http://www.consumer.ga.gov/consumer-topics/identity-theftwhat-to-do-if-it-happens-to-you).

You may also want to read [Consumer Action's Digital Estate Planning Guide](#), which explains how survivors may access their loved one's digital accounts.

***Got a question for Consumer Ed? Go to***

***[ConsumerEd.com](http://ConsumerEd.com) to submit your question and read***

***additional consumer tips. Remember...we do not give***

***legal advice. Always consult a lawyer about legal issues.***

*Phil*

(From Phil, via DAV, edited by Bob)

## TOMB GUARDS

<http://www.theunknownsmovie.com/>

Thanks to Ted for this link to those who guard the Tomb of the Unknowns.

It was once called The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

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Now if they were really for the members, why do they need that much money, themselves?! I lost all faith in Unions at that point.

Goodness-- Have I gotten off the topic. In a nutshell, we are coming up on Labor Day the first part of September and stretching it, this covers some of that. There is no big program for this month, other than membership. I will need some help to research and contact some organizations and people to improve our funds via grants, gifts, etc. I am going to ask a few people to become spokesmen for me and the Post in working on different programs that the Legion pursues and partners we are working with to further our common goals.

Next month, the topic will be Brevity and Legion Programs! Thanks for indulgence this month, as Bob calls his column - 'his Two-Cents worth", I guess this was my "four-cents worth", just because it was longer not necessarily better.

Ed



## VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) Fact Sheet



Submitted by  
Phil Galanti

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides comprehensive dental care to Veterans who meet eligibility standards; however, the benefit is not available to many Veterans. VA would like all Veterans and beneficiaries to have access to good oral health. Good oral health is more than just a nice smile or ability to chew favorite foods – it impacts a person's overall health throughout his or her life.

VA's Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) offers enrolled Veterans and beneficiaries of VA's Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) the opportunity to purchase dental insurance at a reduced cost. VA is offering this service through Delta Dental and MetLife.

VADIP was created to assess Veterans' interest in and the effectiveness of providing a premium-based dental insurance plan to eligible individuals. The program is mandated by Public Law 111-163, Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010. The three-year, national pilot program was launched January 1, 2014.

### Eligibility for VADIP

Veterans enrolled in the VA health care program and CHAMPVA beneficiaries are eligible to participate in VADIP. Participation in VADIP does not affect Veterans' eligibility for VA dental services and treatment.

Dependents of Veterans, except those eligible under CHAMPVA, are not eligible for VADIP; however, the insurance carriers may offer dependents separate coverage options.



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To learn more, visit VA's website at [www.va.gov/QualityofCare](http://www.va.gov/QualityofCare).

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## If you are a VETERAN, you are eligible for a financial benefit covering In-Home Personal Care

### Department of Veteran Affairs **AID AND ATTENDANCE**

Angel Companions is reaching out to inform wartime veterans and surviving spouses of deceased veterans about a potential source of funds called Aid and Attendance. What makes this pension program special is that it provides long-term in-home care for a non-service connected disability such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, and other physical disabilities. Most Veterans are not even aware that this service is available.

#### Who is Eligible?

Veterans and their spouses are eligible if the Veteran served a minimum of 90 days of active duty, including one day of active duty during a period of war. Other qualifications include specific financial criteria, and documented physical need for in-home care. Disability does not have to be related to the service.

#### What Services Are Reimbursed?

In-home senior care services for Veterans are reimbursed for ADL's (Activities of Daily Living), which include activities such as bathing, dressing, cooking, taking medications correctly, and other services. Angel Companions can help Veterans and their spouses by providing compassionate care in familiar surroundings at home.

For more information on the Aid and Attendance program, go to Angel Companions website at [www.angelcompanions.us](http://www.angelcompanions.us), and click on Veterans & Financial Aid Icon on the right side of the page.

*To apply or better understand the Veterans Aid and Attendance Benefit:  
Please contact the Program Director: Drew (DJ) Keenan at 770-694-6622*



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 Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990  
 Aug.24 1982 to July 31, 1984  
 Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975

June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955  
 Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946  
 April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918

U.S. Army  
 U.S. Navy  
 U.S. Air force  
 U.S. Marines

U.S. Coast Guard  
 Merchant Marines  
12/7/41 - 8/15/45 (Only Eligibility)



## AWARDS LUNCHEON



Ed presents Bob with Legionnaire of the Year Award, plus a few other Awards at our Post's June luncheon at Folks in Duluth.



**Ted receives his well-deserved Meritorious Award**



**Mike and Paul awarded Certificates of Excellence**



## LUNCHEON ATTENDEES



Apart from our monthly meetings on line, what ideas might we consider for getting together ,face-to-face, such as the event on this page in northern Georgia?

Spread out as we are, one event might be Legion State Conferences.

Maybe we could see how many would go for a more centralized location or several small-group regional-ized state get-togethers?

Maybe we don't really need the face-to-face association, since we are a cyber post.

Anyway, it was good for the few who were able to make it in Duluth. The wives also had an enjoyable time.

*Bob*