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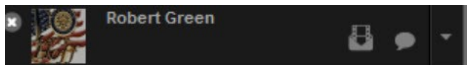
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COMMUNICATION IS POWER

TO OPT OUT OF OUR NEWSLETTERS, E-MAIL cgoetz@myemc.net

OUR NEXT MEETING

July 21st at 7:30 PM is slated for our next tele-meeting using [ooVoo](#) . Click on



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

Have you visited [Our Web site](#), lately?

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

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Jacob Elijah Pontes and his parents with Ted and Chuck at Boys State graduation



UNDERSTANDING

Click your way through the following to maybe better appreciate our nation and your position in it:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IDN6GC5umKRIYBkHazM5yOxP15iC2w8FhS9we7zD-j0/embed?hl=en&size=m&slide=id.p4>

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Thank you for the honor of being the commander of ePost 2100, Georgia's first and only cyber American Legion Post.

I am grateful to Dan for starting up our Post and for Ed who took over the reins and got us to where we are, today.

We are fortunate to have the services of our Executive Committee which has carried us through the past years.

A new commander usually has lots of ideas but is not always able to successfully implement them. I look to you, our members, to help direct our efforts to better serve you, our families and our respective communities.

We presently serve as an on-line resource to disseminate information through our meetings, newsletters and Web site. Our Post has provided an entrant into the Oratorical Contest and now, a participant in Boys State.

Our Post, by its very nature, should have the ability to attract new members, but many veterans are not aware of the benefits provided by The American Legion. Furthermore, some/many of us may not feel comfortable asking a stranger (or others) about joining the Legion.

Because we are not a brick-and-mortar organization, fundraising is problematical. If you have some ideas about how we might gain more funds, other than our dues and tax-deductible donations, please notify me.

This newsletter is a major outreach for us, so when you find something of interest, please send it to me. I will try and correct for spelling, grammar, etc. We must be aware of copyright laws and slander.

We should look forward to having a good year.

Bob

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Exec Committee	RICK SCHIRMER 678-687-7270

ELI PONTES

My name is Eli Pontes. As a whole I enjoyed the week at Georgia Boys State (GBS), it went by very quickly and was a very successful week. Throughout this week a deeper insight of how government works was given. Our objective in boys state was to create a 51st state. To successfully do so we were to establish a city, county and state government. By the end of the week a ton of knowledge was gained by myself and those who attended. I would have to say that my favorite and the most enjoyable part out of the entire week, was learning about the Honor Guard that guards the The Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. I sincerely thank all those involved for giving me the opportunity for this great experience.



The Service *flag* is an official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in for the duration of such hostilities.



Some might have seen such a banner displayed in a window of a home, but not know the meaning of it.

A single star denotes one family service member. I have a two-star flag to signify a grandson and a nephew who currently serve our nation.

If you have one or more family members now serving in the military, you might consider displaying the blue star emblem. An official source for the flag/banner is:

<http://emblem.legion.org/searchprods.asp>.

The blue star banner also shows the sacrifice and patriotism of the family displaying such a banner. Sometimes, emotional and financial hardship arises when a loved one is away, serving the country. "They also serve who only stand and wait".



The gold star banner denotes the passing, while in service, of a family member.

The blue and the gold banners began during the first World War.

As living veterans, you and I can honor those who serve, those who have served and their families by pointing out and explaining to others, the meaning of a blue star or gold star displayed in a window.

Editor *Bob*

BOB HOPE

<http://biggeekdad.com/2011/02/bob->

AWARDS LUNCHEON ATTENDEES



ED'S PINS



AMAZON DONATIONS

Les has suggested another painless revenue source for us. If we are able to serve as an Amazon portal, we can receive a portion of purchases made through that option, with no increase in prices of items purchased.

We could establish a link on our Web site as an Amazon Associate Community Partner:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Become-an-Amazon-Associate>.

Purchases can be made by anyone, not just our members. I use such a portal sponsored by another organization and, yes, it is a painless way to support our cyber Post.

This suggestion will be explored at our next meeting, July 21st.

Thanks, Les, for offering this suggestion!

If you have ideas for improving our cash flow, please let me know.

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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 Commander [Ed McMillan](#) or Adjutant, [Ted Richards](#).

YOUR FREE DONATIONS

Remember, you can use the Kroger Community Rewards Program to take a portion of Kroger purchases and have it sent to our Post.

If not enrolled and wanting to check it out go to:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/create?redirectUrl=%2Faccount%2Fcommunityrewards%2Fenroll>.

It costs you nothing more for your purchases, but is a painless way to help support our Post.

Our Post's organization number is **72481**. You can use any charge card, but need to get the Kroger Plus card. I earned \$5.68 for us, last quarter.

OUR MILITARY HISTORY

Check out [THIS DAY IN MILITARY HISTORY SITE](#).

Click on a day to see the historical events.

ED'S AWARD CEREMONY PHOTOS

Ed received his Legionnaire of the Year certificate and pin, Past Commander award and pin, along with a letter of appreciation and congratulations from Commander Geoff Toman of 9th District (who was on vacation in Colorado).

Ed also received a Certificate of Honor from Governor Nathan Deal and an accompanying pin.

Adjutant Ted Richards officiated in the absence of Bob who was attending to his wife who was slowly recuperating from a stroke in Tennessee.



**TO JOIN, SUBMIT THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (BELOW),
YOUR DD-214 AND A CHECK FOR \$35.00**

**TO: Ed McMillan
1221 Bradford Park Lane
Auburn, GA 30011**

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 ----> Edward D McMillan, Past Commander
epost 2100, American Legion
1221 Bradford Park Lane, Auburn, GA 30011
770-757-6136 phone/text

Application may be made in any of the following methods:

1. Complete this application and mail it to Ed McMillan, along with a check in the amount of \$35.00 (payable to American Legion, Dept of GA) and a copy of your DD214
2. Simply call and make application telephonically (less than 5 minutes).

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, 1961 – 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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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, *July 4th* has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941.

It is celebrated by many folks being off work, cooking outdoors (BBQ), attending patriotic parades and ceremonies, displaying of American Flags, and viewing special programs on television.

This holiday occurs every year and could cause apathy

to set in on some jaded folks, but not for most of us veterans and our families.

Our fledgling nation's independence did not come about without a bloody revolution. Ever since, we have had to fight to maintain our many freedoms.

What will YOU and yours be doing this year to commemorate this patriotic event? Could you do more?



BOYS STATE



Jacob Elijah (Eli) Pontes and Chuck, photographed by Ted, enjoying a pre-registration meal before arrival at Riverside Military Academy, site for this year's American Legion sponsored Boys State.



Ted, Chuck and Eli arrive in time to register and get Eli's gear into his dorm room.



Unpacking with the help of our intrepid two, Chuck and Ted.

Now, onward to registration.



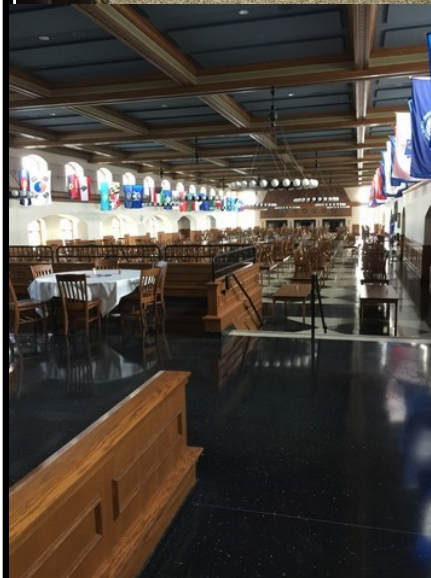
Registration is always an exciting challenge.

All went smoothly and Elie was assigned his city and dorm room.



Home sweet home was never like this, eh?

Eli and the other boys were divided into cities, counties, and prepared for elections and operating a government at various levels.



This "chow hall" was nothing like we experienced in basic training, right?

Eli will send us a report for our newsletter after he returns from Boys State.

A famous writer picked up his pen and began writing:

** Last year, my gall bladder was removed. I was stuck in bed due to this surgery for a long time.

** The same year I reached the age of 60 and had to give up my favorite job. I had spent 30 years of my life with this publishing company.

** The same year I experienced the death of my father.

** In the same year my son failed in his medical exam because he had a car accident. He had to stay in the hospital with a cast on his leg for several days.

** And the destruction of the car was a second loss. His concluding statement” “Alas! It was such bad year!!”

When the writer's wife entered the room, she found her husband looking dejected, sad and lost in his thoughts.

She carefully and surreptitiously read what he had written, and silently left the room and came back shortly with another piece of paper on which she had written her summary of the year's events and placed it beside her husband's paper.

When her husband saw that she had written something in response – he read her “take” on the year's events:

** Last year I finally got rid of my gall bladder which had given me many years of pain.

** I turned 60 with sound health and retired from my job. Now I can utilize my time to write better and with more focus and peace.

** The same year my father, at the age of 95, without depending on anyone and without any critical conditions, met His Creator.

** The same year, God blessed my son with life. My car was destroyed, but my son was alive and without permanent disability.

At the end she wrote: This year was an immense blessing and it passed well!!

The same incidents but different viewpoints.

Moral: In daily lives we must see that it's not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy.

THE STATE CONVENTION REPORT

Paul writes, I appreciated the opportunity to have represented ePost 2100.

The registration and all went well this morning. I broke off for the Sons of American Legion (SAL) part but by the time I got back John Pizzo had been elected 2016-2017 Senior Vice-Commander (SVC). The Legion schedule had been modified which last year allowed me to vote at both. Pizzo won by 700 votes which just by itself was the number need to win on a first ballot. The other positions ran uncontested. I still do not have that information or the list of appointments. They did mention that Department of Georgia (DOG) officers took over at installation on 6/26 and that everyone should be working membership all of the time.

Our new commander for 2016-2017 will be Carmen Streit-Smith. She has held various offices at Department and should do well with the others on staff supporting her.

The others running for DOG SVC were: Pat Lidell from Columbus and Ken Temples from Cartersville.

I did have a chance to visit with Geoff Toman our 9th Dist CDR prior to the vote and Billy Johnson our The American Legion (TAL) National Membership Director .

Because of the DOG change of schedule, we where able to break early. I would encourage anyone to go at least once. This was at least my sixth or seventh.

Please feel free to send me your questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Aust

JVC

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