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COMMUNICATION IS POWER

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OUR NEXT MEETING

March 19th, at 7:30, is slated for our next tele-meeting using [ooVoo](#) .

I am [robertgreen00109](#)

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

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

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

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PROGRAMMING

Ed was wondering about having a guest speaker at one or more of our meetings.

The presentation should last about ten minutes with five minutes for possible questions and answers (Q&A).

This is a novel approach to spice up our routine monthly meetings.

If you have ideas about making our meetings more interesting, increasing attendance, let one of our officers know about them.

Yes, one topic will not be of interest to everyone, but...nothing ventured, yadda, yadda, yadda, right?



COMMANDER'S CORNER

As we weather the month of February, literally withstanding Mother Nature's very, very cold ways, Pat and I have retreated south to the gulf coast. It is warmer, but we are destined to Houston to catch a Cruise ship for a 48th anniversary trip to 88 degree tropic area or three. I will have thoughts of the Post as I approach my One-year tenure as Commander.



I truly wish each and every one of you, especially the executive committee and appointed officers who do so much behind the scenes, could take a cruise for Legion business! We could actually do a lot and plan a year and still have time to enjoy the amenities offered. If I were to win the lottery, I will make that happen, but that is just wishful thinking.

Back to business: It seems through the grapevine, once again, there are rumblings of a LEAD program. Now, I am in favor of training for useful ventures, but not for feel good ventures. Since I have no official knowledge of such program I cannot evaluate the worthiness or usefulness for myself and I would not presume to do such for my Post. An eight-hour course at one sitting could easily be beyond a lot of disabled vets' tolerance level (yes, we have those in the Legion). In ePost2100, this is perfect for electronic media as well as all instruction to live broadcast or, better yet, DVD to send out for the Legionnaires to review at their capability. Of course, trust goes a long way here, but I will solicit help from Dave or Scott, my computer experts, to get the right one! I, for one, will be happy and I know you will be, also. March meeting will be smooth. Also, I am strongly considering a guest speaker for a short session. Bob, will you poll the Post with a simple ballot for Chuck to send out? Just a ten-minute with five-minutes for questions, to see how it goes.

Ed

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.

RE VA HOME LOANS

If you go to the VA Web site, you can find all sorts of help for veterans and our families.

For official information about VA home loans, go to <http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/>. Check out the many resource links from that page.

One interesting link concerns those who fall behind on their VA-approved home mortgages. The link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/resources_payments.asp may be of help to some of those unfortunate folks.



Warnings are given to veterans who might be taken in by some unscrupulous home loan/refinance firms.

UPDATED YOUR OOVVOO?

Be sure to click on Help in your ooVoo program to see about updates.



The real test of an individual's character can be measured by the response to adversity (and to success).



Our ePost has recently undergone the second of such tests of adversity and is coming out of it in a hopefully stronger position.

Yes, ours is not a perfect world and we are not perfect individuals, but as each of us encounters falls, we are evaluated by our ability to rise back up.

The ePost's cadre is both circumspect, yet proactively supportive. This has been the case in American Legion Posts with which I have been affiliated.

Though *Illegitimi non carborundum* is not a real Latin phrase, its purported meaning is clear. We cannot allow supercritical folks to get us down. We veterans understand the way is not always clear, but we are veterans and we have survived and many have thrived.

Adversity is often the process which brings into focus the true nature of individuals, so lets show ourselves and others the stuff of which we are made.

I am very proud of our ePost 2100. I am very proud of our members.

Bob

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FREE SS# ID PROTECTION

Georgia is one of several states which will use this IRS ID/SS# protection plan. It will go nation-wide.

You may sign up for your annual free protection at <https://sa.www4.irs.gov/eauth/pub/registration/prereg1.jsp>

Avoid others taking your hard-earned money.

THE VIETNAM MOVING WALL



Free Parking and Admission/
Open 24 Hours Each Day
Daily Ceremonies Honoring
Specific Segments
of the Vietnam Generation
Braves vs. Phillies Baseball
Game, May 6, 2015

Parade Saturday, May 9, 2015

Commemorative T-shirt to honor the Vietnam War Generation

Enjoy all this, plus so much more at the Walk of Heroes!

Located within Black Shoals Park, Conyers, GA 30012

(North of Rockdale Medical Center, Off GA Hwy 20,
Between Conyers and Loganville)

To Honor the Vietnam War Generation on the 40th Anniversary Observance of the Ending of the Vietnam War

Other attractions include Helicopter and Photograph Displays!

On Display at the Walk of Heroes Memorial

May 6-12, 2015

FROM MILITARY.COM:

The Defense Department's fiscal 2016 budget request would slash taxpayer support of base grocery stores by \$322 million in 2016 and by \$1 billion next year, enough to "destroy" the shopping benefit, warns the American Logistics Association. ALA, which represents manufacturers, distributors and brokers of products sold in commissaries and base exchanges, released a position paper that contrasts DoD's plan to "wreck" commissaries with less onerous recommendations of a blue-ribbon panel to consolidate all base store operations to gain efficiencies. That would seem to leave Congress

with an easy choice. But the Army and Air Force Exchange Service warns in its own position paper that the store consolidation path laid down by the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission won't produce the savings it touts. For more details, see this [Military Update article](#).

IF YOUR COMPUTER HAS TOO FEW USB PORTS, CONSIDER USING AN EXTERNAL (SOME ARE POWERED) MULTIPLE PORT EXTENDER HUB.



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

DEFINE A WORD

Wonder what a word means in your E-mail?

Using Outlook, hold down the Alt key, then double-left-click on the word, to get definitions.

FROM PETE MECCA

Hope you get some practical use from this good article from columnist Pete Mecca:

<http://www.covnews.com/section/194/>

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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>

A LITTLE REPAIR "TRICK"

(Step 1) Shutdown and power off the computer.

(Step 2) Once the computer is powered off, unplug the power cord. If it is a laptop also remove the battery. It is important that any way for the system to keep getting power is unplugged or unhooked.

(Step 3) With the power cord unplugged and the battery removed (if you have one), hit the power button a few times as if you are trying to turn on the computer. When you do this and the computer tries to turn on, all the electricity is drained out of the system.

(Step 4) Plug the power cord back in and reinsert the battery (if you have one) and turn the computer on.

All done!

Once Windows is loaded you can continue on with the other steps and repairs.



This trick is used on all forms of electronics. Computers, cell phones, routers, modems, TVs, DVD/Blue-Ray players and so on.

Have you ever heard someone say their computer wasn't working right, so they unhooked it, took it to a computer repair shop and when they got there the system was working fine?

This is because the power had drained out of the system!

MONTH OF MARCH 2015

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick Day	18	19 7:30 POST MEETING via ooVoo	20 Spring Begins	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

MAINTAIN AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP

If dues are not paid by January 1st of each calendar year, the member becomes DELINQUENT. The individual is not a Legionnaire in good standing and privileges are lost.

If dues are not paid by February 1st, the member is SUSPENDED, but nevertheless, a member with no privilege except that of reinstatement by vote of the Post and payment of dues; and dues not being paid, such membership continues for a period of 5 months, to June 30th, at which time the member is dropped from the roll by constitutional mandate and their membership forfeited.

The most expedient method to reinstatement is to simply call/email the Adjutant (Ted Richards (404) 754-041) and make arrangements.

Ted

MANAGEMENT

Online Legion training: on your own schedule...

<https://www.legion.org/alei>. Why Meetings are Important By

Exforsys on October 7, 2009

Meeting Management

Why are meetings common in a corporate setting and a business environment? Why do people have to converge and talk about work and business matters? Meetings are organized and conducted in almost every corporate office and business establishment for a specific purpose. Usually, this gathering of individuals is done to deliver new knowledge and information, and discuss crucial issues and team projects.

Some organizations hold regular scheduled meetings as part of the routine at work. For them, it is one of the ways to keep each other updated with work matters and a way of keeping track of individual and team work progress through a healthy discussion. Meetings can also help a team arrive at a unanimous decision when decision-making is needed. In a business, meetings can be regarded as a way of discussing business matters and any developments in the business trend.

Meetings are Powerful Business Weapon

Knowing that the business world is competitive in nature, business people need regular personal interaction more than ever. Although telephone and online communication allow for a convenient and quick means of interaction with customers and provide an avenue for quick sharing of ideas, scheduling clients for a business meeting still creates a different effect on the business. Negotiations are actually best dealt with over business meetings. There are times when business affiliates can get business deals over and done with in a one-time meeting.

Through business meetings, a company can increase its network by creating new ones. When your business ties up with a satisfied client, that client will possibly recommend your service to other associates and business partners. As a tool in business, meetings with business clients can be done through lunch or dinner meetings for a change of environment. But this is best done if the conversation is light such as that of closing a business deal or sealing in the contract. For more serious issues though, a more formal setting is ideal. Meetings Keep the Organization on Track Regular work sessions do not just strengthen bonds and work relationships among employees,

but it also keep teams on track regarding work matters. For example, when a team is given a huge project, a kick-off meeting is the best way to delegate tasks and assignments.

In order to keep track of the work progress, regular meetings can be conducted where team members share each other's development. The whole team is constantly updated with how well the project goes and what things need to be worked on. Another example is when there are changes in the departmental goals. The manager may call for a meeting to discuss the changes with the members so they are updated with any modifications.

On the part of the management, conducting a meeting makes it easy for them to deliver any important updates at one time and at the same time to the members. Meetings also provide an opportunity for the management to acknowledge the accomplishments of group members through public recognition.

Meetings Help a Team Arrive at a Consensus

One reason why a meeting is important is because it helps a group to reach a common decision when urgent and crucial matters need to be discussed and brainstormed through personal interaction. Email or conference call may not effectively iron out any issues arising in the office. You may have already experienced attending an urgent meeting due

to a work issue that requires immediate resolution.

Notice that in situations like this, participants are actively interacting and exchanging opinions. Through a meeting, members are able to compare plans and propositions before individuals take on conflicting directions.

Although there are petty arguments and disagreements of each other's ideas, the facilitator is there to control the situation. The important thing is that everyone arrives at a consensus by the end of the session. With uniformity in decision making, the goals are achieved in no time. From the broad discussion, commitment to a decision and course of action are guaranteed from the members. Individuals must understand that meetings are very essential to the success of the organization. Although it is an integral part of office routine and some may find it plain and boring in the long run, meetings go beyond achieving goals; it fosters and strengthens good working relationship. Just think of that advantage.

The meeting participants play an important role in a meeting. They are the intended recipient of the message or information and the ones responsible for the meeting discussion. Without them, a meeting is not possible. Although we

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may think that the bulk of the job in making effective meetings is on the facilitator or the manager, the participants also portray an essential role. Because of their importance in a meeting, team members must cooperate to achieve the meeting goals and fulfill the purpose of the meeting.

In what ways can they show their support and assistance toward the manager or the facilitator during meetings?

Responsibility in Attending Meetings

Many members think that because team meetings are becoming habitual and regular, it is perfectly fine to skip a few meetings. This is a very irresponsible thing to do. Meetings are not special rituals; these sessions are equivalent to work or tasks. The difference is just that this work requires an instant and open interaction among colleagues.

So, not showing up during meetings is also equivalent to work avoidance which is a serious offense in some companies. Unavoidable instances may happen that would really keep you from attending the meeting. Some fail to attend because there are other important works that should not be left undone and so would excuse themselves from the meeting which is perfectly understandable. A responsible team member is a professional in all work aspects.

So, if for some reasons, you are not able to make it on the meeting, make sure to respond to the meeting request and decline professionally. At least, you will not make the meeting in-charge wait in vain for you the whole time. A team member who is given a role in the meeting must assume responsibility. If you are assigned a topic to discuss, prepare for it by checking on your resources.

Make a list of the possible questions that the other members might ask and have ready answers for them. Outline the things you will talk about during the meeting. You are not just showing readiness but you are actually helping out in sticking to the discussion timeframe.

Never go to meetings without any pen and a journal or any writing material. It is like coming to the battle unarmed. You would not want to miss any important points in the meeting. Apart from that, you are giving your manager an impression that you come prepared for the meeting.

Show Participation during Discussion

You do not want to be tagged as a passive member, do you? So, actively participate during brainstorming sessions and discussions. If you choose to stay silent, the facilitator might call your attention and you will be put in humiliation instead of wanting to go unnoticed by the team. In the first place, meetings are all about plain talks and verbal interaction. Be willing to share your opinions to the rest of the team. It will definitely contribute to a quick decision making and resolution.

If there is anything coming from your fellow team member that is not clear to you, always seek to clarify. Remember to participate with enthusiasm and in an open and honest manner of communicating.

Observe Meeting Etiquette and Ground Rules

Nothing much can be said about conducting oneself in a behavior that is socially acceptable and respectable to other individuals. Ground rules and proper meeting decorum are presented at the start of the team meeting to ensure a harmonious atmosphere during the course of the discussion. Because people are of different personalities, imposing meeting guidelines will keep the team members grounded, thus conflicts are prevented.

Being punctual in meetings is a basic etiquette and a late-comer with lame excuses is never impressive to the manager. Listening attentively is an important ground rule.

Listen to the person talking as a good sign of respect and interest. Do not make side conversations or little chitchats as this is downright rude.

Avoid possible distractions especially mobile phones. If possible, keep it in silent mode. Never attempt to argue with another team member. If there is a need to, keep arguments healthy by knowing what words to use and how to deliver it in a way that will not sound offensive.

As a participant of a meeting, you as a member play a crucial role in the attainment of team goals and achievement of the meeting purpose. So, offer your cooperation to the team during meetings by following the tips above

<http://www.exforsys.com/career-center/meeting-management/why-meetings-are-important.html>

**SUBMIT THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, BELOW, DD-214 AND CHECK FOR
\$25.00**

TO: CHUCK GOETZ

706-219-4209

675 WASHBOARD ROAD, CLEVELAND, GA 30528

Your Name (required)

Email (valid email required)

Phone Number (required)

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Zip Code (required)

\$25.00 Membership Fee

Please check the Appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service :

Aug 2, 1990 - Cessation of hostilities as determined by the U.S. Government

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)