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OUR NEXT MEETING

May 14, 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?

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

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SCANNERS

A scanner can one of your most valuable computer-related tools. Many printers include a scanner as part of their repertoire: printer, scanner, copier and FAX. I use a stand-alone scanner for:

- Photos
- Newspaper/magazine items
- Documents

The scanned items can be saved, forwarded as attachments or included in the body of an E-mail.

Their size can be manipulated, to some extent. The content can also be modified, via software. I use Photoshop Elements.

Once you start using a scanner, you might wonder how you ever got along without it.

“A picture is worth...”

Bob

COMMANDER'S CORNER

As I write this column at the end of April, it turned out to be a truly sad day. Today, April 26, 2015, I attended the funeral for Commissioner Pete Wheeler. I felt I had to attend the funeral partly to honor my Father, as well as Commissioner Wheeler, because they were friends and my Father greatly admired him. My Father was the Adjutant of his American Legion Post and I was a member there for many years until his death. I became reacquainted with Commissioner Wheeler as Commander of E-Post 2100 and truly feel we have lost a Veteran's advocate as well as a friend who last said to me, “Call me if you ever need anything”.



This month it is my privilege and honor to have made a tough choice among several qualified Legionnaires for the position of Legionnaire of the Year for E-Post 2100 to be presented to Robert Green JVC, Newsletter Producer and Editor. I truly wish I had other awards available from Department for our other deserving Legionnaires, so let me research this more. I truly appreciate everyone's hard work this year and the great new members we have acquired who are contributing to the advancement of our Post, not just to the numbers.

Remember ladies and gentlemen, this month is Memorial Day we have many opportunities to spread awareness of our Post and to identify Vets in need through Memorial Day activities on and around Memorial Day. The little town that we live in is having events in the city park where we intend to put up a booth and spread the word. Please check your local areas and not-so-local areas for similar opportunities. Of course this goes without saying that we should do this year round.

In preparation for Memorial Day, I will print up some generic business cards and handouts to attract and possibly recruit new members. Because we have modest funds, we will keep these costs as low as possible and push for donations from businesses. Another excellent suggestion, from Cecil Jenkins and Randi Williams, was a T-Shirt with a logo and a wording that will raise curiosity about our Post. We will order a limited supply to begin with and then hopefully sell some as fund raisers. All of this will be discussed and voted on in the near future.

We have an event worth seeing called the Walk of Heroes in honor of the fortieth anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, May 6-12 3001 Black Shoals Road, Conyers, GA 30012 – FREE. More details E-Post2100.org.

Remember to vote in our Post election - I lost two men in Vietnam who couldn't vote until they were 21!

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](#).

ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL

On Monday, May 25th, some of us will be commemorating Memorial Day (not to be confused with Veterans Day or Armed Forces Day).

Memorial Day is a Federal Holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in our country's armed forces. The holiday is observed every year on the last Monday of May.

The American Legion's Auxiliary marks the occasion by proffering artificial poppies (and also accepting donations to fund the Auxiliary).

The Poppies are symbolic of the poem by Canadian, Dr. John McCrae, entitled "In Flanders' Field".

This is a day in which names of deceased local veterans, lost in wars, are publically read in communities across our land.

Perhaps you might choose to attend such a ceremony, which usually includes speeches by a guest speaker and local politicians and music from a high school band.



The month of May is often seen as a time for celebrations. As veterans, we sometimes seem to dwell on the unhappy events in which we and fellow veterans found ourselves.



Some of us *currently* find ourselves in sad situations, not of our making.

However, it is not mentally nor emotionally good to dwell on such matters and the month of May can give us some reasons to rejoice.

Since perception is said to be reality, maybe we can take some positive views of life and the lives of others and appreciate our relative good fortunes.

A positive mental attitude can do wonders for one's spirit and relationships with others. Find excuses for rejoicing. Surround yourself with people who reinforce your happiness and avoid those who do otherwise.

Of course, there is a danger in taking a Pollyanna attitude, seeing only the good side of life, but that seldom occurs. We veterans are realistic.

By appreciating and reveling in the good things of life, we not only enhance ourselves, but bring pleasure into the lives of others about us. Rejoice!

Bob

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THE DIFFERENCE

Armed Forces Day, May 16th, honors Americans in uniform who served our country in times of peace and war. Those who are honored include those who **serve** in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve units

Memorial Day, May 25th, is a day on which those who **died** in active military service are remembered.



Soldiers' Angels, by Dianne Moore

The Georgia Soldiers' Angels are seeking donors to help support the production of hygiene kits and sack lunches (assembled monthly by volunteers) to aid both Atlanta VA patients and homeless veterans.

Churches, schools, youth groups, civic orgs, and private citizens with a love and appreciation of our military are all encouraged to participate in collecting the items needed. Soldiers' Angels is also looking for local restaurants and other businesses interested in sponsoring luncheon events for local veterans.

For more details and a list of items needed, please email Dianne Moore, GA Service Area Director, at dmoore@soldiersangels.org or call 770-949-8352.

To become a Soldiers' Angels volunteer, please visit soldiersangels.org

To see photos and information about recent Soldiers' Angels activities please visit and "Like" their Facebook page at facebook.com/SoldiersAngelsGeorgia



PETE WHEELER, R.I.P.

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service regrets to announce the passing of Commissioner Pete Wheeler.

Commissioner Wheeler joined the GDVS in 1949 and led the agency since 1954. With 66 years of service, he was the longest-tenured employee in Georgia state government.

TWO FAVORITES OF MINE

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/TnQDW-NMaRs?rel=0>

https://www.youtube.com/embed/daqwGRdRisk?feature=player_detailpage

CERTIFICATE OF HONOR

The American Legion wants to present our Vietnam Veterans with a certificate of honor.

Please send to Ted tkr1258@gmail.com the following information:

Name

Rank

Branch of Service

Date(s) In Country

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

OLD FIGHTER PILOT SPEAKS OUT

Notice his superb delivery, no teleprompter, no script -- just a 91-year-old fighter pilot representing the greatest generation at home and abroad who won WWII. He has some surprises and a great take on the philosophy of life.

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/395572/jerry-wellin-world-war-ii-veteran-interview>

OUR SERVICE OFFICER

We are fortunate to have Phil Galanti as our experienced Service Officer.

Service officers stand ready to assist veterans and their dependents is finding and securing various forms of aid.

Certainly, nobody can be effective to everyone, 100% of the time, but Phil and other Service Officers provide a much-needed nexus to community support for veterans and their families.

Phil Galanti

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WALK OF HEROES

We will be setting up a booth at the May 2nd Walk of Heroes in Conyers, 2 to 6 PM.

This is a fund raiser for Veterans and will have many fun and worthwhile activities.

This is also our first area-wide attempt to publicize our ePost 2100 and to seek more members.

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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>

YOUR MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!". It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ...

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*. We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life! Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending".... "DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD...!"

SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!

VIETNAM DEATHS

This is really sobering. First click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city where you went to high school and look at the names. Click on the name and it will give details of the person's death, a picture or at least their bio and medals.

This really is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it.

I hope that everyone who receives this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our country.

Pass the link on to others, as many knew wonderful people whose names are listed.

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

(Submitted by Chuck.)



Vietnam War Certificate of Honor Program

In conjunction with the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War, The State of Georgia wants to honor every one of its 234,000 Vietnam War Veterans.

To accomplish this goal, the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, in partnership with the Office of Governor Nathan Deal, has created the Vietnam War Certificate of Honor program.

Every Georgia Veteran with honorable service during the Vietnam War is eligible to receive this certificate.

With the help of Veterans Service Organizations, word of mouth, and local media support, these Certificates of Honor will be ceremonially presented to every Vietnam War Veteran in Georgia.

Each certificate is personalized with the Vietnam War Veteran's Name, Rank, Branch of Service and dates of service printed over the Seal of the State of Georgia and includes the official U.S. Department of Defense's Vietnam War Commemorative Partner logo.

If you are interested in receiving your certificate, please send an email to our Service Officer, Leonard Sobczynski at one_vtwin@yahoo.com with a subject of "Vietnam War Certificate" and include your Name, Rank, Branch of Service and dates of service. Leonard will collect the information and put it in a spreadsheet.

When it is complete he will send it to Thom Mash, who will forward it to the State to create the certificates.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chaplain Mike will not have a column for us this time, as he is recuperating from his recent knee surgery, about which I knew nothing.



Our adjutant's wife will be having knee surgery April 28th.

Our commander and his wife have had some medical scares this past week.

All the above just confirms the saying, "Gettin' old ain't fer sissies".

Bob

WE WILL BE THERE

Join us for the Walk Among The Heroes Veterans Fundraiser and Festival at the Rockdale Government Annex on May 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Frosty Acres Family Events is honored to host the event. Just a short drive from historical old town Conyers, this festival features over 80 retail shops, crafts, food, games, prizes, live entertainment, pony rides, moonwalks, and much more. Be sure to get information on the many community services offered in the Conyers and surrounding areas. Rockdale County will be joining us with their Fire and Rescue vehicles, as well as the police department with their child safety program. LifeSouth Community blood centers will be having a blood drive that day. Falcons Fury Harley-Davidson will be showcasing their bikes. Just 4 Fun Radio will be broadcasting live entertainment. Rockdale Medical Center will be providing blood pressure screenings. For more information, contact Angie Frost at angie-frost1024@yahoo.com. Fun and entertainment for the entire family.

**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)

Mailing Address (required)

City (required)

State (required)

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)