



# LARRY A. HOFF ePOST 2100



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TO OPT OUT OF OUR NEWSLETTERS, E-MAIL [MARIA KLENHARD](#)

## OUR NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, May 16th at 7:30 PM**

Eastern, is slated for our next tele-meeting, using GoTo. You can join the meeting using the following : <https://www.goto.com/meeting/join> Enter Meeting ID: 666710421

Our tele-meetings are provided for you to learn about and have input regarding our cyber Post. BTW, have you visited [Our Web site](#), lately?

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

[Tech Support](#)  
770-786-8702

## VA offers updated COVID-19 vaccines

VA is offering updated COVID-19 vaccines for the 2023-2024 season, including an additional dose for people 65 and older. Due to changes in the virus, it is important to get the updated vaccine. Read More: [VA offering updated COVID-19 vaccines - VA News](#)

## Membership Dues Increase

The American Legion's national per-capita dues will increase by \$5 for the 2025 membership year. The increase will go into effect July 1, 2024. From \$35 to \$40.

## 2024 RENEWAL STATUS

As Of: 31 Mar 2024.

# 88.5%

## OUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander..... [MARIA KLENHARD](#) 916-952-7691
- Senior Vice Commander..... [ERIC PARSONS](#) 706 325-4047
- Junior Vice Commander ..... [JOHN MCMILLAN](#) 404-277-4280
- Junior Vice Commander ..... [ROBERT GREEN](#) 770-786-8702
- Adjutant..... [RICHARD KLENHARD](#) 916-952-7691
- Finance Officer..... [ERIC PARSONS](#) 706 325-4047
- Judge Advocate..... [TED RICHARDS](#) 404-754-0415
- Sergeant-at-Arms..... DAVID GREEN

## COMMANDER'S CORNER



May is National Military Appreciation month.

- 2 May - [Women's Overseas Service League Est. 1921](#)
- 8 May - [V E Day 1945](#)
- 10 May - [Military Spouse Appreciation Day](#)

- 13 May - [Navy Nurse Corps Est. 1908](#)
- 15 May - [Women's Army Auxiliary Corps Est. 1942](#)
- 18 May - [Armed Forces Day](#)
- 21 May - [American Red Cross Founded 1881](#)
- 27 May - [Memorial Day](#)



## Sons of The American Legion

The next scheduled meeting for eSquadron 2100 is **Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 10:00am Eastern**. Meeting Link will be forthcoming.



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Junior Leadership Camp will be at Villa Rica again this year from 1-8 June 2024. We are starting a new program at the camp, an opportunity for campers to earn patches for their Legion related activities. Please send the applications to me ASAP. We will send the campers a letter once we get their application, with instructions for the patch program; some will need to be completed PRIOR to the camp, so the earlier we get the applications the better. Patches are grade related, so we need to send each camper their specific requirements. This is basically the ALA patch program but has been expanded to include the SAL. Application is attached in the email for campers.

SAL Commander, Brandon Roberts  
Email: [Brandon@salgeorgia.org](mailto:Brandon@salgeorgia.org)

Send dues to: SQDN 2100, 115 W 3rd Street, Manchester, GA 31816

## DoD DPAA POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY UPDATE

The Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced this week the return of Two (2) U.S. personnel to their families for burial with full military honor and to bring closure to their loved ones.

*Navy, Fire Controlman 3rd Class William F. Gusie, 19, of Dupree County, Illinois, USS Oklahoma, Lost on 12/07/1941---Accounted for on 09/23/2021---Pearl Harbor/WWII*

*USAAF, 2ndLt John E. McLaughlen, Jr, 25 of Detroit , Michigan, 436th Bombardment Squadron, 7th Bombardment Group, Lost on 12/01/1943---Accounted for on 01/25/2024---Panagarh, India/WWII*

**TOTAL TO DATE---79**  
**WWII-----65**  
**KOREA-----13**  
**VIETNAM-----1**

### TAL Department of Georgia Website

During the election cycle for the Department of Georgia, Legion members who have put themselves forward as candidates have their resolutions posted to the [Georgia Department's website](#). This ensures transparency and allows members to review the proposed resolutions and understand the candidates' platforms and priorities. Posting resolutions online facilitates open communication and enables members to make informed decisions when casting their votes. Additionally, it promotes accountability and fosters democratic participation within The American Legion's organizational processes in Georgia.

[Resolutions | American Legion Department of Georgia \(georgialegion.org\)](#)

### Post 2100 Election Cycle Begins

Interested?

It's essential to provide ample time for nominations and ensure that the process is inclusive and transparent. The 2024-2025 Post Officer positions are open for nominations. Elected positions are: Commander, Sr. & Jr. Vice Commanders, and Finance. Incumbents are encouraged to consider running again.

Voting will be by email ballot sent in May 8, 2024. Please respond no later than May 15, 2024.

Submit nominations to [CommanderPost2100@gmail.com](mailto:CommanderPost2100@gmail.com).

### In Flanders Field

"In Flanders Fields" is a war poem in the form of a rondeau, written during the [First World War](#) by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. He was inspired to write it on May 3, 1915, after presiding over the funeral of friend and fellow soldier Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, who died in the [Second Battle of Ypres](#). According to legend, fellow soldiers retrieved the poem after McCrae, initially dissatisfied with his work, discarded it. "[In Flanders Fields](#)" was first published on December 8 of that year in the London magazine *Punch*.

### HOW TO USE MYLEGION.ORG

[Account Registration](#)  
Please read before registering an account

[My Account](#)  
For all registered users of MyLegion.org

[My Groups - Departments, Detachments, Posts, Squadrons, etc.](#)  
For Legion and SAL Leadership

[MyLegion.org Video Training Series](#)  
Video series to help users navigate and get the most out of the features and tools available at MyLegion.org

[Training Presentations](#)  
PowerPoint presentations ranging from account registration to membership processing

### Free, Easy-to-Use Veteran Buddy Finder

Find people you served with and make contact using Together We Served Veteran Buddy Finder. Over 2.3 million members.

[Buddy Finder provides a faster method to find former service friends - VA News](#)

# PROTECTING YOUR CREDIT

To place a fraud alert or a credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

| Equifax                                                                                                                         | Experian                                                                    | TransUnion                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/</a> | <a href="https://www.experian.com/help/">https://www.experian.com/help/</a> | <a href="https://www.transunion.com/credit-help">https://www.transunion.com/credit-help</a> |
| 1-888-298-0045                                                                                                                  | 1-888-397-3742                                                              | 1-833-395-6938                                                                              |
| Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069 Atlanta, GA 30348-5069                                                                     | Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013                        | TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016                                    |
| Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348-5788                                                                   | Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013                      | TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 160, Woodlyn, PA 19094                                   |

## Other Steps You Can Take

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. In particular, the Federal Trade Commission encourages those who discover their information has been misused to file a complaint. You can obtain further information on filing such a complaint by using the contact information listed below.

You can file a police report in the event of identity theft or fraud. Please note that, to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof of the identity theft. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and your state Attorney General.

*For North Carolina residents*, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

*All US Residents*: Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580, [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft), 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

## House approves Legion-supported bills

[House approves Legion-supported bills | The American Legion](#)

The House of Representatives passed a series of bills Monday and Tuesday that would improve the lives of veterans and service members. The American Legion provided statements for the record supporting three of these bills and backs the fourth but is seeking to increase the benefits provided.

“This legislative action demonstrates a significant step forward in providing the care our veterans need and deserve through their selfless service,” said American Legion National Legislative Chairman Patricia Harris of North Carolina.

The Bills are: See above link

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Sat, May 4, 2024**

District 9 Convention (Elections)—  
Post 127 Sugar Hill, GA

**Sat, June 29, 2024**

Department Convention –  
Duluth, GA

**August 23 - 29, 2024**

National Convention—  
New Orleans, Louisiana

## Tango Alpha Lima podcast series

Listen to and share episodes from two special podcast series that address veteran suicide and the many ways American Legion members are working to Be The One.

This month’s Pod cast - [Tango Alpha Lima Be The One EP08: Retired Navy SEAL Jason Redman](#)

Past podcasts are also available ==> [Tango Alpha Lima podcast series | The American Legion](#)

# THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**The American Legion Membership Application**

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_


(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) **GA2100**

(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female **\$35.00**  
(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. Space Force             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korea                | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WWII                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts      |                                                       |



30-009 Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

**Receipt of Dues**  
*(Please Print)*

From \_\_\_\_\_

\$ **\$35.00** for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Post # **GA2100**

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cyber Post GA2100 is virtual/online.

Forward membership application and \$35.00 to: American Legion Post 2100, 115 W 3rd Street, Manchester, GA 31816

## YOU CAN BE A MEMBER OF BOTH THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE SAL

Veterans who are eligible for membership in The American Legion are also eligible to join the SAL.

[The American Legion a U.S. Veterans Association](http://www.theamericanlegion.org)

# Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

**Sons of The American Legion Membership Application**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment of **GA** Squadron No. **2100** Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
*(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ **20.00** as annual membership dues.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Post Adjutant)

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**RECEIPT**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*(select date from drop down menu by clicking inside box)*


Received of \_\_\_\_\_

\$ **20.00** in payment of dues for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

For God and Country

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_



Forward SAL membership application and \$20.00 to: SQDN 2100, 115 W 3rd St., Manchester, GA 31816