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COMMUNICATION IS POWER



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

OUR NEXT MEETING

January 19th at 7:30 PM is slated for our next tele-meeting using [ooVoo](#). Click on [robertgreen00109](#).

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

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

PAST COMMANDER'S CORNER



As you might go about recruiting members, you could tell them some of the reasons they should join:

<https://www.legion.org/membership/99511/why-you-should-belong>

From Legion.org <https://www.legion.org/>, (a good resource for you):

“Each year, American Legion department service officers help thousands of veterans receive VA benefits they earned through service to their country. The Legion conducts, promotes and supports hundreds of career fairs for veterans and transitioning service members, bringing employers face to face with job hunters. Through Operation Comfort Warriors, the Legion raises funds to provide comfort items for U.S. troops recovering in military hospitals and transition units worldwide. Legion staff lobbies Congress for better quality of life for U.S. military personnel.”

Senior Vice Commander Les Green lagreen@netspaceads.com is our Senior Vice who is in charge of membership. Contact him about prospective members. Our past commander, Commander Ed McMillan ed-mac21@yahoo.com, is an effective and experienced for you if you need help in helping others to join our cyber ePost 2100.

A cyber Post has the following advantages over brick-and-mortar Posts:

- No (night) driving or bad weather going to and from the Post.
- Helpful monthly newsletter
- Useful [Web site](#) with [Veteran Assistance Center](#).
- Free help with computer-related problems
- Short and pragmatic monthly tele-meetings over [ooVoo](#).

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



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DONATIONS

You may know of people who would like to show their support of veterans in a tangible way. Tell them they can make a charitable tax-free donation to our ePost 2100 by sending money to

Chuck Goetz
675 Washboard Road
Cleveland, GA 30528

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you need to renew your membership, send your \$35.00 check to:



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OUR OFFICER CADRE

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Junior Vice Cmdr.	MARK FENLEY 678-661-1031
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Judge Advocate	TED RICHARDS 404-754-0415
Exec Committee	ROBERT GREEN 770-786-8702
Exec Committee	RICK SCHIRMER 678-687-7270

DEPARTMENT MEETING

Ed, Ted, Les, Rick and I conveyed our concerns about our cyber Post to Commander Carmen Streit-Smith, Adjutant Charlie Knox and Judge Advocate Joe Sims. They assured us of their support and gave us suggestions.



The month of January is named for the Roman god Janus, guardian of gates and doorways and depicted with two faces: one looking into the past, the other into the future.

The start of a new year should also be a time for personal reflection. How did we do last year? What have we learned from the past? How might we do better in the future?

Unlike the leopard, we do have opportunities to change our “spots”. The question is, do we recognize the need for change and do we have the desire to make the effort to effect those changes?

Making improvements in our own lives may be challenging, but it is even more daunting to effect changes in others, particularly our loved ones.

It has been said that habit is a wonderful servant, but a terrible master. Sadly, good habits can be difficult to acquire and bad habits can be even more difficult to terminate.

January may give some of us another chance to bring about positive changes in ourselves and in others.

I’m reminded of the question, “How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb?” The answer is, “Only one, but the light bulb had got to *want* to change!”.

Editor *Bob*

PASSING OF THE TORCH

As of December 7th, our Executive Committee voted to accept Bob Green's being replaced as Commander by Past Commander Ed McMillan. When Ed was unable to continue his duties as Commander, Bob stepped to the plate (they say, never volunteer).

However, when Bob became unable to continue commander duties, Ed was then able to resume his leadership of our ePost 2100. It is hoped that by our next election cycle, other members will see their way clear to run of an office and help steer the Post.

ED AT THE MANSIONS



Ed visited two independent-living facilities and gave a Veterans Day presentation with an option for veterans to join our cyber ePost2100.

This is the second time for us to visit [The Mansions](#).

PAID AS CAREGIVER?

If you are a spouse of a veteran, this information on possible caregiver aid may be of help:

https://www.va.gov/opa/persona/caregiver_family.asp

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 [Bob Green](#) or Adjutant, [Ted Richards](#).

NEED TO CONTACT CONGRESS ?

<http://www.senate.gov/senators/contact/>

<http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/>

Use the above links to contact your representatives and senators.

FLAG RETIREMENT

Ted received this E-mail, below:

Hi--I live in Peachtree Corners and would like to know if you are available to dispose of an American flag that I'm going to replace with a new one. Or if you could direct me to someone else. No rush. David Dunagan

Ted responded:

If you will mail me the flag, I will take it to American Legion Post 251 which has a Flag retirement team and will provide a proper ceremony.

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 ----> **Chuck Goetz**
675 Washboard Road
Cleveland, GA 30528

Application may be made in any of the following methods:

1. Complete this application and mail it to Ted Richards, epost 2100 Adjutant along with a check in the amount of \$35.00 (payable to American Legion) and a copy of DD214
2. Simply call and make application telephonically (less than 5 minutes).
3. Visit our website at epost 2100.org and make application there

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, 1963 – 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	

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

BIRTH DATE

SIGNATURE

Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From _____

\$ _____ for 20__ Post # _____

Recruiter's Name _____

Recruiter's Signature _____

Recruiter's Phone # _____

You can pay the annual dues of \$35.00 now or we will bill you later.

Make Checks payable to: "The American Legion ePost 2100"

If mailed send to:
Charles Goetz, Post Finance Officer
675 Washboard Rd
Cleveland, GA 30528

**TO JOIN
 THE AMERICAN LEGION,
 SUBMIT THE
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION,
 A COPY OF YOUR DD-214 ,
 AND A CHECK FOR \$35.00
 TO:
 Chuck Goetz
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 Cleveland, GA 30528**

OUR DINNER

On December 17th, some of us were able to meet at the Lawrenceville Folk's restaurant for an informal dinner.

Ed provided American Flags and patriotic mugs to the members and cream-filled wafers for the ladies. We were introduced to his brother, John, now a member of our cyber Post.

At the informal meeting, Ed presented Bob with an award for leadership as temporary commander (see photo, below).



Ed handed out pre-addressed letters for use in soliciting transfer members from the Georgia Department 400 Post.

There being no further business, the meal and congenial company were enjoyed by all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

John Daniels
Mark Fenley



WEB SITE FEEDBACK

I'm Susan from Military Helper. We are a group dedicated to serving and helping military service members, veterans and their families.

I was doing research for our next article when I came across your site. I loved the info I found, it was most helpful. I figured I'd reach out to let you know and share some other resources I found helpful that you may have missed (maybe [here](#)).

Thanks again.

[Veterans Benefits for Seniors](#)
[Tips for Your Next PCS Move](#)
[Service Members' Legal Rights While on Active Duty](#)
[Military and Veterans Discounts](#)
[Sesame Street for Military Families](#)
[Operation American Dream: A Guide to Buying and Keeping Your Home in the Military](#)
[Employment Resources for Military Spouses](#)

Best,

Susan Williams

VETERANS DISCOUNT DIRECTORY

Their Discount Specialists are working tirelessly to find [discounts](#) in your city. For your convenience, we have published online all of the cities listed in the [Veterans Discount Directory](#).

The cities represent metro areas and [veteran-friendly merchants](#) we have reached out to so far. [Click here to check for your area](#).

YOUR EMAIL

I have several email addresses .
Do you need to create or use more?

- One for normal mail
- One for business mail
- One for Internet information use
- One for very personal



DISABILITY RATES

Without Children:

Disability Rating: [30% - 60%](#)
 Disability Rating: [70% - 100%](#)

With Children:

Disability Rating: [30% - 60%](#)
 Disability Rating: [70% - 100%](#)

You May Also Like: [Dependency & Indemnity Compensation](#) a VA benefit for survivors of disabled veterans.
[10% - 20%](#) (With or Without Dependents)

Percentage	Rate
10%	\$133.57
20%	\$264.02

[30% - 60%](#) Without Children

Dependent Status	30%	40%	50%	60%
Veteran Alone	\$408.97	\$589.12	\$838.64	\$1,062.27
Veteran with Spouse Only	\$456.97	\$654.12	\$919.64	\$1,159.27
Veteran with Spouse & One Parent	\$495.97	\$706.12	\$984.64	\$1,237.27
Veteran with Spouse and Two Parents	\$534.97	\$758.12	\$1,049.64	\$1,315.27
Veteran with One Parent	\$447.97	\$641.12	\$903.64	\$1,140.27
Veteran with Two Parents	\$486.97	\$693.12	\$968.64	\$1,218.27
Additional for A/A spouse (see footnote b)	\$45.00	\$59.00*	\$74.00	\$89.00

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Dependent Status	70%	80%	90%	100%
Veteran Alone	\$1,338.71	\$1,556.13	\$1,748.71	\$2,915.55
Veteran with Spouse Only	\$1,451.71	\$1,686.13	\$1,894.71	\$3,078.11
Veteran with Spouse and One Parent	\$1,542.71	\$1,790.13	\$2,011.71	\$3,208.56
Veteran with Spouse and Two Parents	\$1,633.71	\$1,894.13	\$2,128.71	\$3,339.01
Veteran with One Parent	\$1,429.71	\$1,660.13	\$1,865.71	\$3,046.00
Veteran with Two Parents	\$1,520.71	\$1,764.13	\$1,982.71	\$3,176.45
Additional for A/A spouse (see footnote b)	\$105.00	\$119.00	\$134.00	\$149.08

30% - 60% With Children

Dependent Status	30%	40%	50%	60%
Veteran with Spouse and Child	\$492.97	\$702.12	\$978.64	\$1,230.27
Veteran with Child Only	\$440.97	\$632.12	\$892.64	\$1,127.27
Veteran with Spouse, One Parent and Child	\$531.97	\$754.12	\$1,043.64	\$1,308.27
Veteran with Spouse, Two Parents and Child	\$570.97	\$806.12	\$1,108.64	\$1,386.27
Veteran with One Parent and Child	\$479.97	\$684.12	\$957.64	\$1,205.27
Veteran with Two Parents and Child	\$518.97	\$736.12	\$1,022.64	\$1,283.27
Add for Each Additional Child Under Age 18	\$24.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$48.00
Each Additional Schoolchild Over Age 18 (see footnote a)	\$78.00	\$104.00	\$130.00	\$156.00
Additional for A/A spouse (see foot-	\$45.00	\$59.00	\$74.00	\$89.00

70% - 100% With Children

Dependent Status	70%	80%	90%	100%
Veteran with Spouse and Child	\$1,534.71	\$1,781.13	\$2,001.71	\$3,197.16
Veteran with Child Only	\$1,414.71	\$1,642.13	\$1,845.71	\$3,024.27
Veteran with Spouse, One Parent and Child	\$1,625.71	\$1,885.13	\$2,118.71	\$3,327.61
Veteran with Spouse, Two Parents and Child	\$1,716.71	\$1,989.13	\$2,235.71	\$3,458.06
Veteran with One Parent and Child	\$1,505.71	\$1,746.13	\$1,962.71	\$3,154.72
Veteran with Two Parents and Child	\$1,596.71	\$1,850.13	\$2,079.71	\$3,285.17
Add for Each Additional Child Under Age 18	\$56.00	\$64.00	\$72.00	\$80.76
Each Additional Schoolchild Over Age 18 (see footnote a)	\$182.00	\$208.00	\$234.00	\$260.91
Additional for A/A spouse (see foot-	\$105.00	\$119.00	\$134.00	\$149.08

DECEMBER 2016

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The equestrian statue of U.S. Grant (completed 1924) appears as a silhouette against the snow-clad Capitol's West Front. (Photograph by Gary Silverstein)

FEBRUARY

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JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
New Year's Day 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1817: New DC building code suspends requirement that buildings be made of brick or stone.	1817: House committee reports that the US flag should be permanently limited to 13 stripes.	1817: House committee recommends establishing courthouse in Alexandria Co., DC (now VA).	1817: SC House votes to prohibit the importation of any slaves into the state.	1817: Naval hero Joshua Barney asks for appointment as collector of customs at New Orleans.	1817: Joint Library Committee invites recommendations of books to purchase.	1817: Second Bank of the US commences operations at its main branch in Philadelphia.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1817: Senate committee reports bill authorizing sale of lots along Penn. Ave., N.W. in DC.	1817: Senate committee reports resolution to appropriate money for Indian treaties.	1817: Th. Jefferson predicts John Trumbull's paintings "will be monuments of the taste & talents of our country."	1817: House defeats a bill making smallpox "vaccine matter" freely available to any citizen.	1817: House debates disputed election of delegates from the Missouri Territory.	1817: Sen. James Barbour (VA) moves to commission John Trumbull's "Signing of the Declaration."	1817: House bill reported to prevent selling naval arms for use against any nation at peace with the US.
15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 16	17	18	19	Inauguration Day 20	21
1817: House committee votes to repeal the first attempt at annual congressional salaries (voted in 1815).	1817: Daily National Intelligencer (DC) prints a copy of peace treaty with the Winnebago tribe.	1817: House committee reports resolution for universal military training for American youth.	1817: House debates compensation for a store plundered during British attack on DC in 1814.	1817: Speaker Henry Clay shares rumors that J.Q. Adams would be appointed secretary of state.	1817: House considers resolution to be informed when its chamber will be ready for occupancy.	1817: Senate passes joint resolution to commission four history paintings from John Trumbull.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1817: House approves a bill making a partial appropriation for the army during 1817.	1817: House inquiry clears Rep. Win. Henry Harrison (OH) of improper handling of public moneys.	1817: Senate hears motion to supply all members with copies of acts passed by previous Congresses.	1817: House receives petition to allow the American Bible Society free postage.	1817: 15th anniversary of Joint Library Committee, which doubled its collection between 1813-22.	1817: House debates commissioning Trumbull's paintings before first paying off the public debt.	1817: President Madison asks Congress to appropriate money for eight ratified Indian treaties.
29	30	31	 <p>John Trumbull's "Declaration of Independence" was commissioned in 1817, completed the next year, and installed in the Rotunda in 1826. (Architect of the Capitol)</p>			
1817: Bill Enforcing American Neutrality passes the House and a second reading in the Senate.	1817: Senate receives petition for compensating property destroyed during British attack on DC in 1814.	1817: Pres. Madison informs Senate that France has renewed a claim for Revolutionary War loan.				