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

OUR NEXT MEETING

June 14th, at 7:30 PM is slated for our next tele-meeting, by invitation, using GoToMeeting. E-mail me if you want an invite:

commander@epost2100.org.

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

YOUR CYBER POST OFFICERS

- Post Commander..... [ROBERT GREEN](#) 770-786-8702
- Senior Vice Commander..... [LES GREEN](#) 770-596-5635
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- Exec. Committee..... [ED MCMILLAN](#) 770-757-6136

OUR HELP DESK STANDS READY TO ASSIST US VETERANS WITH FREE COMPUTER-RELATED AID. LES GREEN 770-596-5635



COMMANDER'S CORNER

June 14th is [Flag Day](#), though begun by the [B.P.O.E.](#) (Elks), it holds special significance to us veterans and our loved ones. It SHOULD hold special meaning to our CITIZENRY, which has sworn allegiance to it.



There is an [etiquette](#) regarding our flag and it is even [codified](#): Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the United States **Code** (4 U.S.C. § 1 et seq).

MILITARY ID CARDS

From [Military.com](#), Officials said, in January, that approved veterans would start receiving the free printed cards in early March. But after March passed, [printing was delayed to April](#). Now, a VA spokesman said the cards will be sent starting May 4.

When flags are no longer serviceable, formal retirement ceremonies are conducted by our American Legion, Elks and Scouts of America . Flags are not to be taken out with the trash or flown in ragged condition.

American Flags are sold at [numerous locations](#), including free flags and poles via [Flags of Honor](#).

Flag Day gives us veterans the opportunity to show proper respect for [Old Glory](#) and to perhaps influence others to come forth and exhibit their pride in America and in our Republic's Flag.

VAC UPDATE

Again, we have received an unsolicited request to add another resource to our [Veteran Assistance Center](#).

Julia Dunlap, of The Simple Dollar, asked that their [link](#) be included in our VAC.

If you know of resources we might add, please [contact me](#) so that we might be of further assistance to us veterans and our families. These resources are but one of the ways our cyber Post helps communities throughout Georgia.

Do you recall the lyrics of, "[It's a Grand Old Flag](#)"? I love that song and, yes, I still get a special feeling when I see our nation's Standard passing by on parade!

Some folks may become jaded regarding this annual holiday, but Flag Day should serve a reminder that our Nation is special and has endured, in great part, due to the protections afforded it by our service to America.

If you get the chance, attend a Flag Day ceremony and rejoice in the security that our sacrifices have made to ensure American liberties.

By the way, when reciting the pledge of allegiance, do you ever feel especially good when saying, "under God"? I do. God bless America!



Bob

commander@epost2100.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Department Convention Jun 20- 24 Duluth, GA Arrive 19 Jun 2018

100th Annual National Convention Aug 24-30 Minneapolis, MN

2018 National Fall Meetings Oct 15 - 18 Indianapolis, IN 2018

Department Fall Conference Oct 27- 28 Duluth, GA (Arrive 26 Oct)

2019 101st Annual National Convention, Indianapolis, IN Aug 23- 29 2020

102nd Annual National Convention, Louisville, KY Aug 28 - Sep 3

2021 103rd Annual National Convention, Phoenix, AZ Aug 27- Sep 2

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 Adjutant, [Ted Richards](#).

VET 360 UPDATE

The new user profile powered by Vet360 provides a single location for VA and Veterans to edit and verify their data. Update once, updated everywhere.

<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/47768/vet360-sharing-information-across-va-enhance-service-veterans/>

VIETNAM RECOGNITION

As part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, the GDVS has joined the [Department of Defense](#) as a commemorative partner. As part of participating in the commemoration effort, the GDVS seeks to honor and recognize the service and sacrifice made by all Georgia Vietnam veterans.

The GDVS recognizes the service of Vietnam veterans with two certificate programs.

Vietnam veterans are eligible for the State of Georgia's [Vietnam War Certificate of Honor](#).

The families of Georgia's Vietnam veterans are also eligible for certificates of honor offered by the Department of Defense. The [Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Certificate of Honor Program](#) recognizes the unique service of four categories of veterans and their families.

To apply, please send your name, rank, branch of service, dates of service, and a copy of your DD Form 214 to certificates@vs.state.ga.us or Georgia Department of Veterans Service, Attn: Certificates, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, Atlanta, GA 30334, or call 404-656-5933 for more information.

<https://veterans.georgia.gov/vietnam>

Deadline to submit is Thursday, May 30, 2018.

We sent this notice, via newsletter, to our members when the awards first came out, but...

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA

We now have three Facebook pages:

[Ours](#), [SAL](#) and [Colonel Hoff](#).



DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT'S **NEWSLETTER**

May 2018

Commander's Project:

To each Post and District Commander: Has your Post, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion donated to this Special Project? If not, please have them to do so and bring their donations to the Department Convention. Our Hospitalized Veterans and their families need our help. **"We may be hospitalized one day."**

What The American Legion Does:

Attached is a brief point sheet which can be used for recruiting purposes, to place on bulletin boards, distribution to Veterans, service members, military families, legislatures, reporters, city/town officials, teachers, students -- anyone you care to inform about "What The American Legion Does."

The document may also be used as a guide for Legionnaires who are preparing for interviews by their local media, or giving talks/presentations to civic groups, Legion Posts, military functions, Memorial Day/Veterans Day activities, etc.

Bids for 2020 Spring, Fall Conferences and Department Convention:

We are asking for bids for the conferences and Department Convection

If your Post or City would like to bid on these Conferences or Convention, please contact the Department. Bids must be received prior to June 11, 2018.

Annual Reports Letter:

The Annual Reports letter with enclosed report forms has been mailed to each Post Adjutant. The forms enclosed with this letter will determine if you have a members that deserves an award. Please ensure all reports are submitted in a timely manner.

Boys State Applications:

May 27, 2018 thru June 2, 2018

After selection of your delegates to Georgia Boys State, forward the applications (which includes the Medical Form) and funds to Mary Lepley, 4071 Roy Court, Douglasville, GA 30135. Remember cost is \$250.00 per delegate.

Department Scholarships:

We ask your Post to submit at least one (1) application. Many of our members have children or grandchildren that are eligible for this scholarship. Reminder; applications must be forwarded to the Department Headquarters prior to June 15, 2018. Copy enclosed.

Department Convention:

June 22 – 24, 2018

The 100th Georgia Department Convention will be held at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Hotel, Duluth, GA. Make your reservations through Department Headquarters. Your credit card may be used to reserve a room.

You may pre-register for the Department Convention at \$20.00 prior to June 1, 2018 and save a few dollars. Afterwards the registration fee goes up to \$25.00. Your registration fee includes your Convention Pin, Convention Program Book, Dinner on Friday evening and a Dance on Saturday evening.

The Commander's, Auxiliary President's, SAL Commander's and Legion Rider Director's Banquet will be held Saturday evening. Cost \$41.00. Information enclosed.

National Convention:

August 24 – 30, 2018

The 100th Annual National Convention will be held at the Crown Plaza Northstar Hotel, 618 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Cost \$142.88 (includes tax) per night. The Legionnaires of our National Headquarters have planned a great Convention for us. Make your reservations early. Information enclosed.

For God and Country,



Charles R. Knox
Department Adjutant

Enclosures

CALENDAR IS COMPLIMENTS OF CONGRESSMAN PETER KING

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Illumination from within the Rotunda lights up the Dome's peristyle in this sunset view of the Capitol, framed by some of the 50 flags encircling the base of the Washington Monument. (Photograph by Gary Silverstein)

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JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><i>The Capitol in the last year of Bulfinch's service (1829) is one among sixteen buildings depicted by Allyn Cox in the House Wing's Hall of Capitols. (Photograph by Carol M. Highsmith)</i></p>				1	2
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1818: <i>National Messenger</i> (DC) condemns Gen. Jackson's "flagitious doings" in Florida.	1818: DC papers report that Spanish Florida will not provide asylum for Seminoles.	1818: Pres. Monroe arrives at Yorktown, VA on tour of Chesapeake.	1818: Pres. Monroe visits Williamsburg, VA on Chesapeake tour.	1818: Unprecedented floods strike Baltimore.	1818: John Adams writes that James Otis was father of the American Revolution.	1818: "Tamany" (anonymous) urges Pres. Monroe to capture Puerto Rico and Cuba.
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1818: Pres. Monroe visits Elizabeth City, NC, southernmost stop on his tour of Chesapeake.	1818: Norfolk, VA paper reports George Cuvier's theories of extinction and evolution.	1818: Alexandria, VA paper reports Missouri is fastest growing territory in US.	1818: <i>Washington Gazette</i> (DC) reports new scientific method for waterproofing hats.	Flag Day Ramadan Ends	Eid al-Fitr	1818: <i>Alexandria Gazette</i> (VA) reports rise in religious revival meetings.
Father's Day	18	Juneteenth	20	21	22	23
1818: Pres. Monroe returns to DC from his tour of Chesapeake Bay.	1818: President complains to Sec. of State J.Q. Adams about Andrew Jackson's capture of Pensacola, Florida.	1818: William Clark, of Lewis & Clark fame, signs treaty with Pawnee in St. Louis.	1818: "Paul" (anonymous) warns Pres. Monroe that banks are enemies to liberty.	1818: J.Q. Adams receives anonymous threat to "beware the Ides of March."	1818: Sec. of State J.Q. Adams authorizes US minister to promise reciprocal trade policy with Sweden.	1818: Attorney General William Wirt writes Monroe that president cannot order bail for prisoners.
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1818: <i>Baltimore Patriot</i> announces proposal for first public swimming pool in that city.	1818: Speaker Henry Clay writes that Gen. Jackson's actions make Congress's war powers a "dead letter."	1818: Construction of central portion of Capitol begins.	1818: Letter to DC paper says all opposition to Gen. Andrew Jackson "bends to his genius."	1818: Thomas Jefferson writes James Madison to plan meeting about location of U. of Va.	1818: <i>Alexandria Herald</i> (VA) reports invention of a "diving drum" (diving bell).	1818: <i>Alexandria Gazette</i> (VA) reports that two new US Navy ships are to be built as a "show of force."

DISCOUNTS !

[Discounts](#) may be available to you, as an American Legion member.

IN THE NEWS

Interested in what is going on around the nation with the American Legion Posts?

Maybe Google American Legion and click on [NEWS in the menu](#). We are a dynamic patriotic organization.

STROKE INFORMATION FROM ED

Do you know the warning signs of a stroke? May is Stroke Awareness Month, a perfect time to arm yourself with [information to help prevent and detect a stroke](#)—for both you and your loved ones.

Warning signs of a stroke include:

- Weakness in the face, arm, or leg
- Speech difficulty
- Vision loss
- Dizziness

Brief loss of consciousness

Are you or a loved one at risk for a stroke? Watch our short video to [learn the risk factors for stroke](#) and see how Medicare can help.

What The American Legion does:

- Delivers, free of charge, all U. S. flags for the graves of American military personnel laid to rest at overseas cemeteries.
- Provides cash assistance to needy military and veteran families with children at home.
- Purchases comfort items and recreational opportunities, from loose-fitting sweat suits for burn victims to amusement park tickets for families of hospitalized military personnel recovering from wounds and illnesses.
- Provides volunteer hours and services at VA medical facilities at an estimated annual value of \$20 million.
- Fulfills needs and provides firsthand support for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury through a variety of therapeutic programs that are not dependent on prescription drugs.
- Awards college scholarships to the children of U. S. military personnel who have lost their lives while on active duty since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.
- Distributes urgent cash assistance to veterans whose homes have been badly damaged or destroyed by natural disasters.
- Distributes more the \$500,000 a year in grants to organizations that provide support for children in deed.
- Sponsors and supports hundreds of your youth programs, including more than 3,000 Scouting units, nearly 4,000 American Legion Baseball teams, dozens of Junior Shooting Sports clubs, junior ROTC and Junior Law Cadet programs.
- Provides relief, support, shelter, training and compassion for homeless veterans.
- Supports and demands a full accounting and repatriation, when possible, of all U. S. military personnel listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action.

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

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