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## OUR NEXT MEETING

MAY 19th 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.

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## Department Convention June 24 - 26, 2016

The 2016 Department Convention will be held at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Hotel in Duluth, GA. Make your reservations thru Department Headquarters.

You may pre-register for the Convention at \$20.00 prior to June 1, 2016 and save a few dollars. Afterwards the registration fee goes up to \$25.00. Your registration fee includes your Convention Pin, Convention Program Book, Food on Friday evening and a Dance on Saturday evening.

The Commander's, Auxiliary President's, SAL Commander's and ALR Director's Banquet will be held Saturday Evening.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for being a member of Georgia's first and only cyber American Legion Post.

Your membership not only exhibits your Americanism, but helps support fellow veterans who served our nation.

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

This will be my last Commander's Message as Commander of ePost2100. I have had the privilege and honor to serve and lead for just over 2 years, bringing the Post from the depths of despair with the aid of a fine group of officers who literally gave new life to a doomed ship. We trimmed the fat and kept the worker bees and progressed to a work in progress of 41 mostly doers instead of talkers. Our work is not done, nor will it ever be, but it is progressing, gathering new blood and worker blood from many sources.



These resources are our original mission statement of older veterans in forgotten places with talents to lend, younger veterans with talents to share with not so much time but ideas, and our job is to put them together and make them feel welcome!

Remember when we came back from a war and nobody cared! SO the VVA was formed. Then the IAVA was formed because they thought we didn't care! Shame on US! It's time to UNITE and show that we all care! Nowhere in any one of these organizations should MONEY be the driving force; it should always be the VETERAN! Yet every month someone or another wants money for this or that and nowhere can we find the exact amount the high-ups of the American Legion, VFW, VVA, DAV, etc. . collects!

The Salvation Army receives a salary and housing allowance all published for everyone to see! What are we hiding as was the WWF? My Father, a WWII vet, served for the duration as an activated NG! His tour was Army in the Pacific and decorated. He was active in the VFW and American Legion as ADJ of the Hartwick Post for many years. As a soldier for many, many years he did not question much! His middle son [me], however, does not have that trait.

As next month brings in another election and a new page for ePost2100, we see some new faces and some old faces. We are honored to have many hard working old faces taking on new tasks, namely Bob as Commander plus his current role as newsletter editor. We must help Bob as he delegated jobs for any and all of us to do as this position is enormous in either capacity. Les is doing great as Senior Vice and I will help out there. Chuck is back as Finance Officer and handling Boys State this Year. Mark is Webmaster and the Web site looks great. Paul is JVC and Bob could use him for some duties as he sees appropriate. No word from Phil or others so we have openings and I will be getting in touch with several of you to ask for help with the Commander's approval and also talking to members personally checking on their interests for them.

Oh, I almost forgot another of our mighty workers, Ted, who is always there- always willing, one of the faithful four. Four members keep this Post together and running and everyone knows who they are or should! They shall go nameless, but they give money, spirit, energy, time and their all for the good of the post!

Can you not spare a little of each of these attributes for the good of the Post and our band of brothers?

You will see me around raising a ruckus and helping veterans wherever I can, hopefully with your help!

Ed

## OUR SLATE OF OFFICERS

A ballot will be E-mailed to you.  
Please return by May 9th.

Commander	Robert Green
Senior Vice Cmdr	Les Green
Junior Vice Cmdr	Paul Aust
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Finance Officer	Chuck Goetz
Judge Advocate	Ted Richards
Exec Committee	Ed McMillan (Past Commander)
Exec Committee	Rick Schirmer
Exec Committee	_____

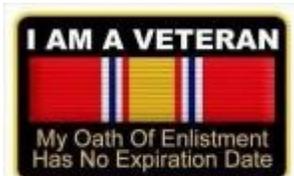
Our Election will take place at our meeting 5/19. Installation of officers will be after the Department Convention. (e2100 *By-Laws*, Article 2, Section 2).

An Adjutant, a Chaplain, a Historian, a Service Officer, and a Sergeant-At-Arms will be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Post Commander-elect. (e2100 *Constitution* Article 5, Section 2).

## GET A VIETNAM CERTIFICATE?

Vietnam veterans can apply for a Certificate of Honor by emailing their name, rank, branch of service, dates of service and a copy of their DD Form 214 to [certificates@vs.state.ga.us](mailto:certificates@vs.state.ga.us) or mailing that information to Georgia Department of Veterans Service, Attn: Certificates, 2 Martin Luther King Junior Dr., SE, Atlanta, GA 30334, or by calling 404-463-3080 for more information.

After processing, it may take 30 to 40 days before you receive your certificate.



Mother's Day. I am not a fan of contrived commercialization of events which should not need promotions.



Mother's Day is such an event. On this day, sons and daughters visit a mother, take her out to dine, deliver flowers, send cards, make calls/E-mails, etc..

Sadly, many of us no longer have a living mother (or father). Mother's Day can be bitter-sweet, with, on one hand, visits to graves, but on the other hand, fond memories of years past. What of orphans who have no direct connection to a birth mother but may refer to the woman who raised them as...mother?

Do you recall, in ages past, a Commandment was written on a stone tablet about honoring our fathers and our mothers? It did not list a specific date for the observance, but was meant to be for each and every day.

Perhaps we best honor our parents by our daily actions.

How do YOU plan to commemorate Mother's Day?

*Bob*

We will receive **\$29.41** from just three of us shopping at Kroger from their Community Rewards Program, this quarter: <https://www.kroger.com/topic/kroger-community-rewards-3>

## OUR OFFICERS, HERE TO SERVE YOU

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## ARMED FORCES DAY IS MAY 21

## MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 30

**Armed Forces Week** begins on the second Saturday in May, and Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May.

This is a time to pay tribute to the men and women who serve and has served in our Armed Forces in times of war and in times of peace.

**Memorial Day** is officially observed on the last Monday in May. It's first observance at Arlington National Cemetery in 1868 was called Decoration Day and served to commemorate those who died during the American Civil War.

After World War I, the holiday was changed to honor Americans that died in any war. Congress made Memorial Day a national holiday in 1971.

## 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 [Ed McMillan](#) or Adjutant, [Ted Richards](#).

## MAY THE FIFTH

Besides Cinco de Mayo, Battle of Pueblo day in Mexico, May 5th is also Holocaust Remembrance Day.

On one, we go out for a Mexican dinner, right?

On the other, a much more somber occasion to recall a senseless "solution" causing millions of innocent lives. "Never again."

However, currently, around the world, innocent civilians continue to lose their lives, a result of man's inhumanity to man.

We veterans have proudly served America well, and as a result, our civilians live a life, relatively safe from any military intervention, save for valid concerns over radical Jihadism.

We saw our duty and we did it.

## SAMPLE BALLOT

<https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

Check out other voter information, too!

# REMEMBER?

Alan Hale Jr - US Coast Guard.

Aldo Ray . US Navy. UDT frogman- Okinawa .

Art Carney - US Army. Wounded on Normandy beach- D-Day. Limped for the rest of his life.

Brian Keith - US Marines. Radioman/Gunner in Dauntless dive-bombers.

Buddy Hackett - US Army anti-aircraft gunner.

Burgess Meredith - US Army Air Corps.

Clark Gable - US Army Air Corps. B-17 gunner over Europe.

Cesar Romero - US Coast Guard. Coast Guard. Participated in the invasions of Tinian and Saipan on the assault transport USS Cavalier.

Charles Bronson - US Army Air Corps. B-29 gunner- wounded in action.

Charles Durning - US Army. Landed at Normandy on D-Day. Shot multiple times awarded the Silver & Bronze Star & 3 Purple Hearts. Survived Malmedy Massacre.

Charlton Heston - US Army Air Corps. Radio operator and aerial gunner on a B-25- Aleutians.

Chuck Connors - US Army. Tank-warfare instructor.

Claude Akins - US Army. Signal Corps. - Burma and the Philippines .

Clifton James - US Army- South Pacific. Was awarded the Silver Star - Bronze Star- and Purple Heart.

Dale Robertson - US Army. Tank Commander in North Africa under Patton. Wounded twice. Battlefield Commission.

Danny Aiello - US Army. Lied about his age to enlist at 16. Served three years.

DeForest Kelley - US Army Air Corps.

Dennis Weaver - US Navy. Pilot.

Denver Pyle - US Navy. Wounded in the Battle of Guadalcanal . Medically discharged.

Don Adams - US Marines. Wounded on Guadalcanal - then served as a Drill Instructor.

Don Knotts - US Army- Pacific Theater.

Don Rickles - US Navy aboard USS Cyrene.

Earl Holliman . US Navy. Lied about his age to enlist. Discharged after a year when the Navy found out.

Ed McMahon - US Marines. Fighter Pilot. (Flew OE-1 Bird Dogs over Korea as well.).

Eddie Albert - US Coast Guard. Bronze Star with Combat V for saving several Marines under heavy fire as pilot of a landing craft during the invasion of Tarawa.

Efram Zimbalist Jr. - US Army. Purple Heart for a severe wound received at Huertgen Forest .

Ernest Borgnine - US Navy. Gunners Mate 1c- destroyer USS Lambertson. 10 years active duty. Discharged 1941- re-enlisted after Pearl Harbor .

Fess Parker - US Navy and US Marines. Booted from pilot training for being too tall- joined Marines as a radio operator.

Forrest Tucker - US Army. Enlisted as a private- rose to Lieutenant.

Frank Sutton - US Army. Took part in 14 assault landings- including Leyte- Luzon- Bataan and Corregidor .

Fred Gwynne - US Navy. Radioman.

Gene Autry - US Army Air Corps. Crewman on transports that ferried supplies over "The Hump" in the China- Burma-India Theater.

George Gobel - comedian, Army Air Corps, taught fighter pilots. Johnny Carson made a big deal about it once on the Tonight Show, to which George said "the Japs didn't get past us.

George Kennedy - US Army. Enlisted after Pearl Harbor - stayed in sixteen years.

Harry Carey Jr - US Navy.

Harry Dean Stanton - US Navy. Served aboard an LST in the Battle of Okinawa.

Harvey Korman - US Navy.

Henry Fonda - US Navy. Destroyer USS Satterlee.

Hugh O'Brian - US Marines.

Jack Klugman - US Army.

Jack Palance - US Army Air Corps. Severely injured bailing out of a burning B-24 bomber.

Jack Warden - US Navy- 1938-1942- then US Army- 1942-1945. 101st Airborne Division.

Jackie Coogan - US Army Air Corps. Volunteered for gliders and flew troops and materials into Burma behind enemy lines.

James Arness - US Army. As an infantryman- he was severely wounded at Anzio - Italy.

James Gregory - US Navy and US Marines.

James Stewart - US Army Air Corps. Bomber pilot who rose to the rank of General.

Jason Robards - US Navy. was aboard heavy cruiser USS Northampton when it was sunk off Guadalcanal . Also served on the USS Nashville during the invasion of the Philippines - surviving a kamikaze hit that caused 223 casualties.

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John Carroll - US Army Air Corps. Pilot in North Africa . Broke his back in a crash.

John Wayne - Declared "4F medically unfit" due to pre-existing injuries- he nonetheless attempted to volunteer three times (Army- Navy and Film Corps.) so he gets honorable mention.

Jonathan Winters - USMC. Battleship USS Wisconsin and Carrier USS Bon Homme Richard. Anti-aircraft gunner- Battle of Okinawa.

Karl Malden - US Army Air Corps. 8th Air Force- NCO.

Kirk Douglas - US Navy. Sub-chaser in the Pacific. Wounded in action and medically discharged.

Larry Storch. US Navy. Sub tender USS Proteus with Tony Curtis.

Lee Marvin - US Marines. Sniper. Wounded in action on Saipan . Buried in Arlington National Cemetery - Sec. 7A next to Greg Boyington and Joe Louis.

Lee Van Cleef - US Navy. Served aboard a sub chaser then a mine sweeper.

Mel Brooks - US Army. Combat Engineer. Saw action in the Battle of the Bulge.

Mickey Rooney - US Army under Patton. Bronze Star.

Mickey Spillane - US Army Air Corps- Fighter Pilot and later Instructor Pilot.

Neville Brand - US Army- Europe. Was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Norman Fell - US Army Air Corps.- Tail Gunner- Pacific Theater.

Pat Hingle - US Navy. Destroyer USS Marshall

Paul Newman - US Navy Rear seat gunner/radioman- torpedo bombers of USS Bunker Hill.

Peter Graves - US Army Air Corps.

Randolph Scott - Tried to enlist in the Marines but was rejected due to injuries sustained in US Army, World War 1.

Robert Altman - US Army Air Corps. B-24 Co-Pilot.

Robert Mitchum - US Army. Robert Montgomery - US Navy.

Robert Preston - US Army Air Corps. Intelligence Officer

Robert Ryan - US Marines.

Robert Stack - US Navy. Gunnery Officer.

Robert Taylor - US Navy. Instructor Pilot.

Rock Hudson - US Navy. Aircraft mechanic- the Philippines .

Rod Serling - US Army. 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific. He jumped at Tagaytay in the Philippines and was later wounded in Manila.

Rod Steiger - US Navy. Was aboard one of the ships that launched the Doolittle Raid.

Ronald Reagan - US Army. Was a 2nd Lt. in the Cavalry Reserves before the war. His poor eyesight kept him from being sent overseas with his unit when war came so he transferred to the Army Air Corps Public Relations Unit where he served for the duration.

Russell Johnson - US Army Air Corps. B-24 crewman who was awarded Purple Heart when his aircraft was shot down by the Japanese in the Philippines.

Soupy Sales - US Navy. Served on USS Randall in the South Pacific.

Sterling Hayden - US Marines and OSS . Smuggled guns into Yugoslavia and parachuted into Croatia. Silver Star.

Steve Forrest - US Army. Wounded- Battle of the Bulge.

Steve Reeves - US Army - Philippines .

Ted Knight - US Army- Combat Engineers.

Telly Savalas - US Army.

Tom Bosley - US Navy.

Tony Curtis - US Navy. Sub tender USS Proteus. In Tokyo Bay for the surrender of Japan.

Tyrone Power - US Marines. Transport pilot in the Pacific Theater.

Victor Mature - US Coast Guard.

Walter Matthau - US Army Air Corps.- B-24 Radioman/ Gunner and cryptographer.

Wayne Morris - US Navy fighter pilot- USS Essex. Downed seven Japanese fighters.

William Holden - US Army Air Corps.

William Conrad - US Army Air Corps. Fighter Pilot.

And of course we have Audie Murphy, America's most-decorated soldier, who became a Hollywood star as a result of his US Army service that included his being awarded the Medal of Honor. Would someone please remind me again how many of today's Hollywood elite, sports celebs and politicians put their careers on hold to enlist for service in Iraq or Afghanistan? The only one who even comes close was Pat Tillman, who turned down a contract offer of \$3.6 million over three years from the Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the US Army after Sept, 11, 2001 and serve as a Ranger in Afghanistan, where he died in 2004. But rather than being lauded for his choice and his decision to put his country before his career, he was mocked and derided by many of his peers.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I submit to you that this is not the America today that it was seventy years ago. And I, for one, am saddened. My generation grew up watching, being entertained by and laughing with so many of these fine people, never really knowing what they contributed to the war effort. Like millions of Americans during the WWII, there was a job that needed doing they didn't question, they went and did it, those that came home returned to their now new normal life and carried on, very few ever saying what they did or saw.

They took it as their "responsibility", their duty to Country, to protect and preserve our freedoms and way of life, not just for themselves but for all future generations to come.

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