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COMMUNICATION IS POWER

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OUR NEXT MEETING

October 20th 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?

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

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tkr1258@gmail.com

BOB GREEN: (770) 786-702

commander@cyberpost2100.org

PERSONALS

We are pretty-spread-out, as a Post goes, so some personal sharing may not re posted (if even wanted to be posted).

If you want to share an event such as birthday, anniversary, award, illness, hospitalization, illness, marriage, etc., [E-mail me](#) for probable placing on our next newsletter.



COMMANDER'S CORNER



Witnessing. No, this has nothing to do with religion, necessarily, but pertains to sharing our experiences as veterans with others, especially the "younger" generation.

Consider offering your armed forces story/stories with folks at schools, clubs and other venues. Many places are always seeking free speakers.

You might even join a [Toastmaster/Toastmistress](#) organization. These local groups offer training and critiquing, so you do not have to be a polished professional.

If you have an item or two to show-and-tell, so much the better.

Some of us could even create a PowerPoint presentation. I have my own screen and projector, just in case the location has none. If you do this, think about an extension cord and ambient lighting.

To keep it simple, whip up an outline of what you want to present, then flesh it out with details. Consider your audience and tailor the presentation to their particular needs.

You are a repository of unique information and experiences which could impart insight to others as to what you and we have done, on their behalf, and to ensure their freedoms.

Bob

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770-786-8702

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is that time, again. We need those \$35.00 renewals of memberships in The American Legion. Send check to:

Chuck Goetz



675 Washboard Road

Cleveland, GA 30528

REDUCED RATES FOR DISABLED VETERANS

Did you know that any service-connected disabled veteran, who was discharged under honorable conditions, can use and visit Georgia's state parks, historical sites and recreational areas at reduced rates?

My family got into Zoo Atlanta, free of charge. Who knew?

OUR OFFICER CADRE

Commander	Robert (BOB) GREEN 770-786-8702
Senior Vice Cmdr.	LES GREEN 770-596-5635
Junior Vice Cmdr .	PAUL AUST 770-258-5043
Junior Vice Cmdr.	MARK FENLEY 678-661-1031
Finance Officer	CHUCK GOETZ 706-219-4209
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Exec Committee	RICK SCHIRMER 678-687-7270

OUR FOUR PILLARS

The American Legion was founded upon four pillars:

- **Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**
- **National Security**
- **Americanism**
- **Children and Youth**

Each of these pillars comprises a variety of programs that benefit our nation's veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens.



After my wife and I moved to our present home, I once remarked to her that my black suit might have to be renamed, my funeral suit, due to the many funerals we began to attend as a result of our memberships and associations.

Recently, a few of our friends have had the onerous task of burying their children, which should never have to happen, but it did and it does.

Those events lead me to this calling upon all of us to think about those we love and how we interact, the time(s) the conditions, the quality, etc.

“Paying last respects” by funeral attendance is really too late. We should, instead, try to make time to spend with loved ones while they are alive.

Lamenting, “Gee I wish I had just...” is fruitless.

There is a truism, real value is often recognized only after it is lost.

Do not wait for a loss. We should proactively share ourselves with those we cherish while we all are able to appreciate one another.

My funeral suit has not gotten much wear, lately, and for that, I am grateful, but it is only a matter of time, right?

BTW, the loss of a beloved pet is often like losing a family member, but a pet can almost be replaced...almost.

Editor *Bob*

VET CRISIS LINE

You might “benefit” from a visit our National Headquarters’ Web site for this possibly helpful [Benefits Calculator](#) and/or share the information with others?

<http://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits>

EASY RECRUITING

As we go through our normal routines, we com in contact with many kinds of folks; some of them might be veterans!

Whether they are already members of our American Legion or not, it would only take a minute to engage them in a conversation about your unique cyber Post and ask them to look into joining.



You can share our [Web site](#) URL, my [E-mail address](#) and/or phone number: 77078608702.

What have you got to lose?

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](#).

GEORGIA'S VETERAN CENTERS

Are you aware of Georgia's many Veterans Service centers?

This Web site, [https://www.google.com/search?q=GA+VETERAN+CENTERS&ie=&oe=#q=GA+VETERAN+CENTERS&rflfq=1&rlha=0&rlag=33322046,-83970285,62130&tbm=lcl&tbs=lf:1,lf_ui:2&rifi=hd;:si](https://www.google.com/search?q=GA+VETERAN+CENTERS&ie=&oe=#q=GA+VETERAN+CENTERS&rflfq=1&rlha=0&rlag=33322046,-83970285,62130&tbm=lcl&tbs=lf:1,lf_ui:2&rifi=hd;:si;), lists current locations, hours, phone numbers, Web sites, and directions for us.

YOUR VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION SITE

For a good summary of possible benefits for you and others, check out:

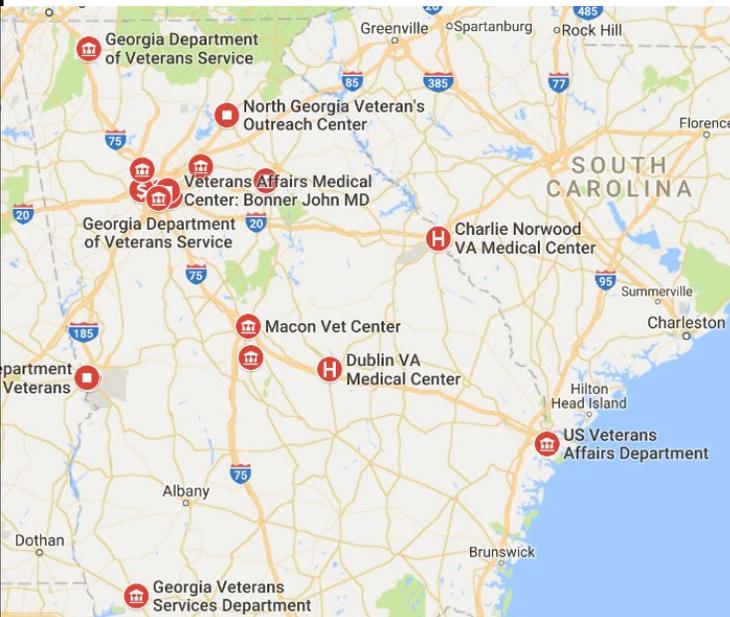
<http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/>

SAVE YOUR DATA

When creating important data on your computer, keep in mind that an "accident" may occur, causing it to become lost.

Consider saving your work, as you are creating it, and give successive savings a different name, so you can return to a previous version, if need be. You might add to the name, 1, 2, 3 or a, b, c, etc.

Save files before printing and save externally to a thumb drive or external hard drive, just for "insurance".



**TO JOIN, SUBMIT THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (BELOW),
YOUR DD-214 AND A CHECK FOR \$35.00**

**TO: Chuck Goetz
675 Washboard Road
Cleveland, GA 30528**

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, 1961 – 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

THE WOMEN'S ARLINGTON MEMORIAL

The [Women's Memorial Arlington National Cemetery](#) is a unique living memorial honoring all military women, past, present and future, is the only major National Memorial honoring women who served in our nation's defense during all eras and in all services. Eligibility as a *member* includes living or deceased women veterans, active-duty and Reserve Guard in United States Public Health Service, uniformed women, women in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and in the Civil Air Patrol.

Eligibility as a *we also served member* includes women who served overseas during conflicts in direct support of the Armed Forces in organizations such as the Red Cross, USO, and special services. Those in the United States Public Health Service Cadet Nurse Corps are included in a special honor roll of cadet nurses.

BE PREPARED !

Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.

You may not be together during an emergency. Talk with friends and family about how to get in touch in case of an emergency- [fill out a plan today](#).

Be Prepared for Flash Flooding

Learn how you & your family can take action [to prepare for flooding](#) and [share information](#) to inform friends on social media.

Be Prepared for Hurricane Season

It's [hurricane](#) season. [Learn more](#) and help spread the word with our [Hurricane Preparedness Social Media Toolkit](#).

Protect Yourself from the Zika Virus

Learn how to protect you and your family from the Zika virus. For tips and information visit the [Centers for Disease Control](#).

Follow Ready on Social Media

Get the latest tips. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and Like us on [Facebook](#) today.

Ready Publications

Ready offers [brochures and other free publications](#) to help you and your community prepare. [Order publications](#) today.

From:

[Ready.gov](#)

 Official website of the Department of Homeland Security

MYHEALTHVET

Have you received E-mail regarding the new and improved [MYHEALTHVET](#) site?

Another Invitation to Preview the Enhanced My HealthVet Site

Hello,

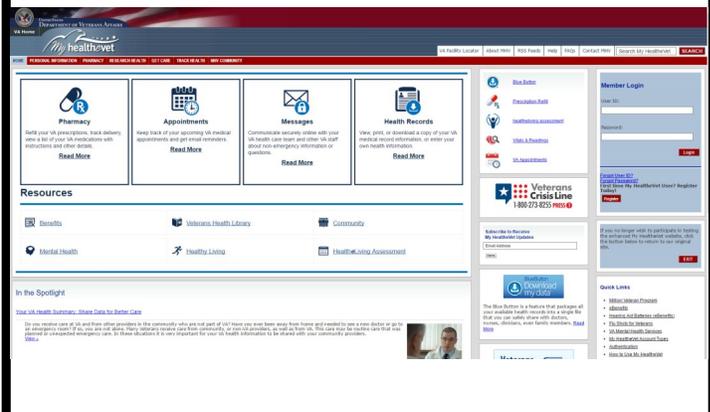
Many of you have responded and visited the enhanced My HealthVet website, and we greatly appreciate the information that we have received so far. Before the enhanced site is made available to everyone, we would like a few thousand *more* Veterans to try it. This will help us prepare the enhanced site for use by everyone.

As a subscriber to the My HealthVet Update, we are asking you to preview the enhanced site (if you haven't already checked it out). You can leave the enhanced website and return to the current My HealthVet site from your computer. Log in using your My HealthVet User ID and Password or create an account. The enhanced site will likely become public in the next week. To start the preview process, click on the 'Enter' button below. To return to the original My HealthVet site, click on the Exit button below the Member Login box. We appreciate you taking the time to preview the new site.

Thank you.

[Enter Enhanced My HealthVet Site](#)

This is a snapshot of the home page:



SCREEN CAPTURING TOOL

Remember that Windows 7, 8 and 10 have a snipping tool that can capture and edit screen areas. This is great for including in documents/mail and it is free. Mac uses [Grab](#).

I have paid \$\$\$ for [Snagit](#).

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/13776/windows-use-snipping-tool-to-capture-screenshots>



REPORTED INFORMATION FROM PAUL

DATES TO REMEMBER:

2016 98th Annual National Convention Aug 26 – Sep 1 Cincinnati, Ohio
 2016 Fall Meetings Oct 9 – 13 Indianapolis, IN
 2016 Department Fall Conference Oct 22 - 23 Duluth, GA Arrive 21 Oct
 2017 Department Spring Conference Mar 22 – 26 Duluth, GA & Legion College Arrive 21 Mar
 2017 Spring Meetings May 8 – 11 Indianapolis, IN
 2017 99th Annual Department Convention Jun 16 - 18 Duluth, GA Arrive 15 Jun
 2017 99th Annual National Convention Aug 18 - 24 Reno, NV
 2017 Fall Meetings Oct 9 – 12 Indianapolis, IN
 2017 Department Fall Conference Oct 20 - 23 Duluth, GA Arrive 19 Oct

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS:

2018 100th Annual National Convention, Minneapolis, MN Aug 24 - 30
 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

2016-2017 MEMBERSHIP REPORT 9TH DISTRICT

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#	PUFL	GOAL	MEMBERS	Renewals	TOTAL	TOTAL%
7	GAINESVILLE	40	490	225	31 296	60.4%
16	CLEVELAND	18	155	85	9 112	72.3%
23	HIAWASSEE	11	106	78	7 96	90.6%
45	CANTON	55	385	179	27 261	67.8%
82	ELLIJAY	6	155	116	23 145	93.5%
84	CLARKSVILLE	6	64	18	7 31	48.4%
104	TOCCOA	12	105	49	3 64	61.0%
121	BLAIRSVILLE	6	112	58	13 77	68.8%
127	BUFORD	38	862	189	50 277	32.1%
149	JASPER	12	93	58	15 85	91.4%
201	ALPHARETTA	67	790	271	63 401	50.8%
220	CLAYTON	4	111	83	6 93	83.8%
232	SNELLVILLE	20	330	184	16 220	66.7%
239	DAHLONEGA	6	111	71	10 87	78.4%
247	DAWSONVILLE	0	35	24	1 25	71.4%
248	McCAYSVILLE	36	123	53	7 96	78.0%
251	DULUTH	45	862	387	102 534	61.9%

262 LAWRENCEVILLE 9 43 32 13 54 125.6%
 307 CUMMING 25 230 110 31 166 72.2%
 316 SOUTH CHEROKEE 22 163 79 31 132 81.0%
 328 FLOWERY BRANCH 5 53 28 5 38 71.7%
2100 E-POST 5 40 9 1 15 37.5%
 TOTALS:
 448 6423 2386 471 3305 51.46% OF GOAL

HELPFUL RESOURCES?

[Veterans Benefits for Seniors](#)
[Tips for Your Next PCS Move](#)
[Service Members' Legal Rights While on Active Duty](#)
[Guide to Financial Assistance for Military Families](#)
[Sesame Street for Military Families](#)
[Employment Resources for Military Spouses](#)

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Are you receiving your [The American Legion Magazine](#)?

October's edition is out, but if you did not get or are not getting yours,

Call 1-800-433-3318

CHUCK SENT THIS LETTER FROM OUR BOYS STATE PARTICIPANT

Hello!

My name is Eli Pontes. As a whole, I enjoyed the week at [Georgia's Boys State \(GBS\)](#). It went by very quickly and was a very successful week. Throughout this week, a deeper insight of how government works was given.

Our objective in Boys State was to create a 51st State. To successfully do so, we were to establish a city, county and state government. By the end of the week, a ton of knowledge was gained by myself and those who attended.

I would have to say that my favorite, and the most enjoyable part of the entire week, was learning about the Honor Guard that guards the [Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers](#). I sincerely thank all those involved for giving me the opportunity for this great experience.

Eli

