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COMMUNICATION IS POWER

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

OUR NEXT MEETING

June 16th at 7:30 PM 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.

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

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

TED RICHARDS: 404-754-0415

tkr1258@gmail.com

BOB GREEN: (770) 786-702

rgreen1@greenunicorn.com

TO OUR MEMBERS

Congratulations on your choosing to be a part of Georgia's first (and only) American Legion cyber Post.

Your service to America continues to be rewarded by the many [benefits of membership](#).

Contact me as you find ways we can improve, communicate and serve our various communities.

Your new Commander,
Robert (Bob) Green

VA DISABILITY RATES

<http://www.military.com/benefits/veterans-health-care/va-disability-compensation-rates.html?ESRC=banner.nl>

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Thank you for electing me (nobody else was running) commander of our cyber ePost 2100.

I would be remiss if I did not pay homage to our past commander, Ed McMillan, who spent time, money and effort to guide us along a viable path of service to our various members and communities.

Our monthly meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 1930 hours (7:30 PM EST) via [ooVoo](#).

This newsletter is our direct link to you, our members, and provides an opportunity to not only impart information, but to receive information from you as to how to improve ways to help our veterans and their families.

Would you like to contribute ideas and/or original articles to our newsletter? If you copy something, be sure to note the source in order to follow the dictates of copyright laws. I will edit each submission.

Because we utilize a digital format for our newsletter, we are not limited by number of pages, printing and postage. Each newsletter is archived on our Website by Webmaster/member Mark Fenley.

At present, we have limited financial resources. One painless way to help us to fiscally help ourselves is to utilize Kroger's Community Rewards Program. We will receive a portion of each of your purchases from shopping at Kroger. It also saves money on gas. If you would like to look into this painless way of fundraising, go to <https://www.kroger.com/topic/kroger-community-rewards-3>. Contact me if you encounter difficulties.

Remember, we maintain a help desk for members who need assistance in dealing with computer-related challenges:

TED RICHARDS: (404) 754-0415 tkr1258@gmail.com

BOB GREEN: (770) 786-702 rgreen1@greenunicorn.com

—Bob

OUR NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS

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
Judge Advocate	TED RICHARDS 404-754-0415
Exec Committee	ED MCMILLAN (Past Commander) 770-757-6136
Exec Committee	RICK SCHIRMER 678-687-7270

Our Election took place at our meeting 5/19; officers were installed per e2100 *By-Laws*, Article 2, Section 2.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling all veterans! The Atlanta VAMC is in urgent need of volunteers. The clinics are an area that can use help: as an example, the Atlanta clinic has a coffee cart and no one to man it so it sits in a closet.

Some of the clinics are in need of volunteers to man phones as well as cover Windows when the techs are busy or at lunch.

There is a program called Must Answer. If you are interested, contact the Volunteer Services Office for more information or, if you are at a clinic, ask for the Volunteer Service Coordinator. You can set your own hours.

Voluntary Service Office 404-321-6111 Ext. 7728

Phil Galanti

When about to spend money, remember to always ask if they give a "veteran's discount", as sometimes, they DO!



Sometimes I might err in what I place in our newsletter (imagine that!).

If you would like to have a topic covered in this column or within the pages our newsletter, please notify me at rgreen1@greenunicorn.com.

Often, our society is quick to complain, but seldom as quick to compliment.

That is the point of this month's column, giving deserved people, compliments.

Be as quick to say good things and pat on the back as you might be to disparage and find fault.

Sometimes, this may be challenging to do with members of our own families, but it is certainly worth it, though counterproductive if overdone.

When I receive exceptional service (especially over the 'phone), I ask to speak with the person's supervisor to enumerate the ways in which the service was provided.

But, maybe that's just me?

Editor *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>. Will YOU?

AWARDS LUNCHEON FOR ED

Thanks to Ted, arrangements were finalized for our special Awards Luncheon for Past Commander, Ed McMillan.

Invitations were sent to members for the luncheon to be held June 1st at Winder's Golden Corral, at 1400 hours (2:00 PM EST).

As we are a cyber Post, our members are not concentrated at one geographic location, so the Awards Luncheon was chosen at a site convenient to Ed and his wife.

Ed took over the reins of our cyber Post after our contentious period with the previous commander and he brought things under control.

Ergo, the Awards Luncheon.

VIETNAM CERTIFICATES OF HONOR

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service appreciates the military service of ALL Georgia's Veterans who honorably served during the Vietnam War.

To obtain a Certificate of Honor, go to:

<http://veterans.georgia.gov/press-releases/2015-04-06/gdvs-announces-vietnam-war-certificate-honor-program>

If you run into trouble, contact:

Brian Zeringue, Events/Projects Manager

Georgia Department of Veterans Service

Suite E966, Floyd Veterans Memorial Building

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE

Atlanta, GA 30334-4800

(404) 463-3080 or (404) 656-2300

www.veterans.georgia.gov

www.facebook.com/gavetsvc

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](#).

WHO KNEW?

You can take some of your new/used items to the following FedEx locations where they will try to sell them on eBay and give you 70% of the sold items. Size limit: 23x17x12 boxes.

<http://www.fedex.com/us/office/ebay-drop-off.html>

Windward

5475 Windward Pkwy. West
Alpharetta, GA 30004 678.566.1805

Vinings

2676 Paces Ferry Rd SE
Atlanta, GA 30339 678.556.9511

Buckhead

3637 Peachtree Rd NE Suite E
Atlanta, GA 30319 404.233.1329

East Cobb

1100 Johnson Ferry Rd #500
Marietta, GA 30068 770.509.6600

CHAPLAIN WANTED

Any volunteers for Chaplain (at our ooVoo meetings)? No other assigned duties.

We meet only once a month...

National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015

National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015 signed into law

Vietnam Veterans of America -Legislative Update

May 3, 2016

On April 29, 2016, The President of the United States signed into law the National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015. This new law was introduced in the house (H.R. 1760) by Congressman Stephen Lynch (MA-8) and companion bill in the Senate (S.885) by Senator Elizabeth Warren (MA). The new law reads as follows:

One Hundred Fourteenth Congress of the United States of
America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday,
the fourth day of January, two thousand and sixteen

An Act

To direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/ Missing in Action.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) In recent years, commemorative chairs honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action have been placed in prominent locations across the United States.

(2) The United States Capitol is an appropriate location to place a commemorative chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

SEC. 3. PLACEMENT OF A CHAIR IN UNITED STATES CAPITOL HONORING AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR/ MISSING IN ACTION.

(a) Obtaining Chair.--The Architect of the Capitol shall enter into an agreement to obtain a chair featuring the logo of the National League of POW/MIA Families under such terms and conditions as the Architect considers appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

(b) Placement.--Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Architect shall place the chair obtained under subsection (a) in a suitable permanent location in the United States Capitol.

SEC. 4. FUNDING.

(a) Donations.--The Architect of the Capitol may--

(1) enter into an agreement with any organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code to solicit private donations to carry out the purposes of this Act; and

(2) accept donations of funds, property, and services to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(b) Costs.--All costs incurred in carrying out the purposes of this Act shall be paid for with private donations received under subsection (a).

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.



This was submitted by Ed from:

"Government Relations"

<govtrelations@vva.org>



Veteran's Administration Claims Workshop

For Cherokee County Veterans and Veterans spouses

We are here to help you initiate, track and escalate your VA claims.

There will be VSO's (Veterans Service officers) from the various Cherokee County Veterans Organizations, ie American Legion, VFW, Marine Corps League, as well as a representative from the Georgia Department of Veteran Services on hand to discuss your claim and provide assistance.

Dates/Times

- Thursday, May 12th 9:30 – 3:30
- Thursday, June 16th 9:30 – 3:30
- Thursday, July 14th 9:30 – 3:30

Location

American Legion Post 45
located at 160 McClure St.,
Canton GA 30114.

Please bring a copy of your DD214 and any other claim paperwork that you have. Veterans will be supported on a first come first served basis and no reservations will be accepted.

Jim Lindenmayer
Director, Cherokee County Homeless Veteran Program
American Legion Post 45
(678)983-7590

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

**TO: Ed McMillan
1221 Bradford Park Lane
Auburn, GA 30011**

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 ----> Edward D McMillan, Past Commander
epost 2100, American Legion
1221 Bradford Park Lane, Auburn, GA 30011
770-757-6136 phone/text

Application may be made in any of the following methods:

1. Complete this application and mail it to Ed McMillan, along with a check in the amount of \$35.00 (payable to American Legion, Dept of GA) and a copy of your DD214
2. Simply call and make application telephonically (less than 5 minutes).

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

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION SITES AND DATES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>
2016	AUGUST 26TH – SEPTEMBER 1ST	CINCINNATI, OHIO
2017	AUGUST 18TH—SEPTEMBER 24TH	RENO, NEVADA
2018	AUGUST 24TH—AUGUST 30TH	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA
2019	AUGUST 23RD—AUGUST 29TH	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
2020	AUGUST 28TH—SEPTEMBER 3RD	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
2021	AUGUST 27TH—SEPTEMBER 2ND	PHOENIX, ARIZONA



VIETNAM VETS CAN RECEIVE A SIMILAR CERTIFICATE



The Certificate of Honor came with an oval-shaped Vietnam Warrior bumper sticker and small, round decal. The copy of my E-mailed information (to request the Certificate) included the following links:

Georgia Department of Veterans Service:

<http://veterans.georgia.gov/annual-report>

Summary of Veteran Benefits:

<http://veterans.georgia.gov/benefits-georgia-veterans>

They also returned my copy of my DD-214.

YOUR MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

THE AUTHOR IS NOT KNOWN.
IT WAS FOUND IN THE BILLFOLD OF
COACH PAUL BEAR BRYANT, ALABAMA,
AFTER HE DIED IN 1982

The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you had won the following
PRIZE in a contest: Each morning your bank
would deposit \$86,400 in your private account
for your use.

However, this prize has rules:

The set of rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time it can say, "Game Over!" and can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL ...

Shocked ??? YES!

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*.

We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is *TIME*

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds

as a gift of life.

2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.

3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.

4. Yesterday is forever gone.

5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING ...

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start "spending"....

"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD...!"

SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!

HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU KNEW THAT DIDN'T MAKE IT THIS FAR!



Thank you so much again for taking me on a tour of the Trinka Davis Veterans Village. It is great to see someone like yourself so dedicated and proud of the facility. Attached is a picture that our office posted from my visit. Please contact me if our office can ever assist you with anything!



kindest Regards,

Lucy Scott

EMPLOYMENT WEB SITES (THANKS TO PAUL)

Employment Websites

Truck Driver jobs for you in Marietta, Ga.

[View your new job openings, click here.](#)

<http://veterans.gov/>

www.gda.edu

<http://www.military.com/veteran-jobs>

<http://recruitmilitary.com/>

<http://www.corporategray.com/>

<http://www.americasheroesatwork.gov/>

National Resource Directory

<https://www.nrd.gov/>

Department of Veteran Affairs

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

FedBizOpps.gov

<https://www.fbo.gov/>

United States Department of Labor

<http://veterans.gov/veterans/>

If you are seeking employment in the federal government, particularly the VA, our VA for Vets high-tech tools and resources can help. Visit online at <http://vaforvets.va.gov/>

or call 1-855-824-8387.

Avue Central

<https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/casting/aiportal/control/vaca-cySearch;jsessionid=019a79101cfd5129f5438953e697a175773272778549f4cd3321e85e6e5af286.e34NaxyPbhiOci0Sch4Sc3aSbNr0>

FEDShireVETS

<http://www.fedshirevets.gov/>

Hughston Clinic/Jack Hughston Memorial Hospital

www.Hughston.com/careers

Social Security Administration

<https://www.ssa.gov/careers/vet.html>

www.socialsecurity.gov/careers

Georgia Department of Labor (GADOL)

<http://employgeorgia.com/>

www.vetjobs.com

www.hssstaffing.com

www.hrcompanies.us

Commercial Driver Training

www.gda.edu

Employ Georgia

<http://employgeorgia.com/>

ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL

The 77,000 Georgians who served in World War I; the 1,937 KIA; 3,319 WIA; 67 EX-POWS and 54 MIA

The 324,373 Georgians who served in World War II; the 6,781 KIA; 11,650 WIA; 652 EX-POWS and 364 MIA

The 75,000 Georgians who served in the Korean War; the 740 KIA; 1,040 WIA; 97 EX-POWS and 174 MIA

The 228,000 Georgians who served in the Vietnam War; the 1,584 KIA; 8,534 WIA; 21 EX-POWS and 30 MIA and 21 Remains ID

The 28,000 Georgians who served in the Persian Gulf War; the 13 KIA; 14 WIA; 2 EX-POWS and 0 MIA

The 131,000+ Georgians who have served thus far in the GWOT, the 214 KIA from Georgia, the 420 KIA from military units stationed in Georgia, the 1,900+ WIA, the 2 EX-POWS and 0 MIA

The 300,000+ Georgians who served during the Cold War (1945-1990)

The 734,400 Living Veterans in Georgia

American Revolution (1775-1783)

Total U.S. Service Members---217,000

Killed In Action---4,435

Wounded In Action---6,188

War of 1812 (1812-1815)

Total U.S. Service Members---286,730

Killed In Action---2,260

Wounded In Action---4,505

Indian Wars (approx. 1817-1898)

Total U.S. Service Members (VA Estimate)---106,000

Killed In Action (VA Estimate)---1,000

Mexican War (1846-1848)

Total U.S. Service Members---78,718

Killed In Action---1,733

Other Deaths (In Theater)---11,550

Wounded In Action---4,152

Civil War (1861-1865)

Total U.S. Service Members (Union)---2,213,363

Killed in Action (Union)---140,414

Other Deaths(In Theater) (Union)---224,097

Wounded in Action (Union)---281,881

Total U.S. Service Members (Confederate)---1,050,000

Killed in Action (Confederate)---74,524

Other Death (In Theater) (Confederate)---59,297

Wounded in Action (Confederate)---Unknown

Spanish American War (1898-1902)

Total U.S. Service Members(Worldwide)---306,760

Killed in Action---385

Other Deaths (In Theater)---2,061

Wounded in Action---1,662

World War I (1917-1918)

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Total U.S. Service Members (Worldwide)---

4,734,991

Killed in Action---53,402

Other Deaths (non Theater)---63,114

Wounded in Action---204,002

Living Veterans---0

World War II (1941-1945)

Total U.S. Service Members (Worldwide)---

16,112,566

Killed in Action---291,557

Other Deaths (Non Theater)---113,842

Wounded in Action---670,846

Living Veterans---695,300

Korean War (1950-1953)

Total U.S. Service Members(Worldwide)--
-5,720,000

Deployed to Korea---1,789,000

Killed in Action ---33,739

Other Deaths (In Theater)---2,835

Other Deaths in Service(Non Theater)---
17,672

Wounded in Action---103,284

Living Veterans---1,730,000

Vietnam War (1964-1975)

Total U.S. Service Members(Worldwide)--
-8,744,000

Deployed To Southeast Asia---3,403,000

Killed in Action---47,434

Other Deaths (In Theater)---10,786

Other Deaths(Non Theater)---32,000

Wounded in Action---153,303

Living Veterans---2,210,000

Desert Shield/Desert Storm(1990-1991)

U.S. Military Service During Wartime---
2,322,000

Deployed to Gulf---694,550

Killed in Action---148

Other Deaths (In Theater)---235

Other Deaths in Service (Non Theater)---
1,565

Wounded in Action---467

Living Veterans---2,210,000

Global War on Terror(2001-)

Total U.S. Service Members (Worldwide)-
--1,100,000

Total Serving in Iraq and Afghanistan---
4,000+

Total Having Served to Date---
2,312,000+

Killed in Action---5,364

Other Deaths(In Theater)---1,504

Other Deaths (Non Theater)---1,620

Wounded in Action---52,389

Living Veterans---2,340,000+

American Wars (1775-May 2016)

Total Having Served---44,492,220

Killed in Action---656,381

Other Deaths (In theater)---489,237

Other Deaths (In Service)---52,847

Wounded in Action---1,880,185

Living Veterans---23,234,000

Submitted by Paul