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COMMUNICATION IS POWER

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

OUR NEXT MEETING

June 15th 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 your cyber Post.

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

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



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tkr1258@gmail.com

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rgreen1@greenunicorn.com

A VET HELPING A VET

Our Helpdesk got a call from a member. He fell for a computer ransom scam. Apart from losing money, he lost use of his computer. He had no PC operating system disk.

It took two visits to his home, as Ted [endeavored to persevere](#), but our ePost member's computer was unable to boot up, though he learned a valuable lesson regarding backups and reaction to ransomware scams. [Illegitimi non carborundum](#).

I was contacted and, as luck would have it, I was able to provide a *gratis* replacement computer, rescue disk and external hard drive for backups. A friend rescued the lost data and our comrade is now back in business.

Yeah, it pays to be a member of our cyber Post!



Bob

OUR INCOMING OFFICERS

- Commander [ROBERT 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
- Exec Committee [ED MCMILLAN](#) 770-757-6136

NEXT COMMANDER'S CORNER

I am thankful for this opportunity to serve as your incoming commander. There were two abstentions in our election, with one member stating he knew nothing of either candidate, so he did not want to arbitrarily vote for one. His concern was well-stated, so here is a short (disjointed?) synopsis of my background. Hope I do not get too many callouses from patting myself on the back!



On a personal note, I turned 75 in February, my wife of 50 years turned 74 in March. We have two grown sons with families and we have three grandsons and one granddaughter. My first job, while in high school, was as an electrician's assistant. I have sold Rainbow Roof Coatings and then industrial chemicals for Universal Labs.

I chose to be a member of the Florida Southern College's ROTC before enlisting in the Army. After discharge, I started and became president of Unicorn Tradewinds, for 40 years. I am now retired.

Leadership roles began for me in the Cub, Boy and Explorer Scouts and as a vice-president for Temple Emanuel's USY in Lakeland, FL. In Winter Haven High School, I was secretary of the Biology Club, president of the International Club, secretary for Junior Academy of Science, student assistant for the chemistry lab, revitalizer of the school newspaper, member of the Inter-Club Council,

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junior homeroom vice-president, senior homeroom president, and second-place winner in the school's "I Speak for Democracy Contest".

I was vice-president of my Tau Epsilon Phi pledge class at Florida Southern College. In the military, I won the Troop Information Contest at the United States Army Information School at Fort Slocum, NY and later held a secret security clearance in an Army Ordnance HQ BN at Fort Bliss, TX. I received a Letter of Commendation for my work with the Fort Bliss Education Center before transferring to a STRAC unit.

After my stint in the Army, I completed three university degrees in education/counseling. At FSU, I received a Southern Research and Scholarship Foundation award. I served as student assistant at FSU's Counseling Center and in my first high school position, I sponsored Cross Keys' Chess and Forensic Clubs and was elected teacher of the month. I designed and taught Emory University's first Community Education classes in Computers and Internet and designed and taught the initial Computer and Internet classes at Rockdale County's Senior Center. I designed and began the City of Porterdale's Web site to aid them in gaining a wastewater grant. At Clarkston's DeKalb Tech, I was named their second *Faculty Emeritus*.

I have been an officer in DeMolay and was secretary/treasurer of a North DeKalb Masonic Lodge. I assisted Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in starting up Georgia's first Kids Computer Camp and directed the first Southeast Computer Aid to the Handicapped Fair at DeKalb's Fernbank Science Center.

I was the first Director of Education for Congregation Beth Shalom in Dunwoody, and am Webmaster for Temple Beth David, in Snellville. I edit newsletters and am Webmaster for Newton County's Elks Lodge and began the State's Elks Aidmore Web site. I wrote software to interpret admissions tests and advisement for DeKalb Tech and DeKalb College and assisted in designing DeKalb Tech's first Web site. Before retiring, I received a Georgia Vocational Association's Student Services Educator of the Year award.

Regarding the American Legion, I was the Legionnaire of the Year for American Legion Posts 32, 77 and e2100. I began the monthly newsletters for the above Posts and started Websites for Posts 32 and 77; I am Webmaster for our Georgia's American Legion Auxiliary and ePost 2100.

When our Post's Commander needed a break, I stepped up for the interim. So, this is some of my background. I will continue to edit our newsletter, unless someone else would like to "volunteer". It is my honor to serve as your new commander for the coming year.

MYHEALTH.VA.GOV

Just a reminder about a free VA health service for us:

<https://www.myhealth.va.gov/>.

You can enroll and receive monthly information and/or just use it when you have a need.

EMAIL FOLDER PLOY

If you find your saved emails are getting out of hand, most email clients allow you to not only create new folders, but to create sub-folders.

Folders are normally organized alphabetically, so to bump one up to the top, insert an A in the folder's title.

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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 Adjutant, [Ted Richards](#).

WHAT IS TELARC ?



[The American Legion Amateur Radio Club](#) is soliciting new members. You no longer need to know Morse Code in order to become affiliated, once you pass [the written test](#). Check out the [Legion Web](#) site and maybe call Les Green, 770-596-5635.

Les

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our 99th Annual Department Convention Jun 16 - 18 Duluth, GA...Arrive 15 Jun 2017

The 99th Annual National Convention will be Aug 18-24 in Reno, NV 2017

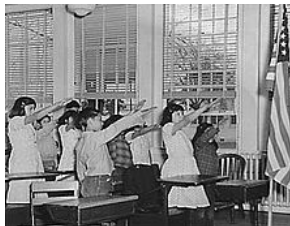
Fall Meetings will be Oct 9 - 12 in Indianapolis, IN

2017 Department Fall Conference Oct 21 - 22 Duluth

Paul

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO..."

The original pledge of allegiance to our nation's flag was not what it is, today.



Not only were words changed, more than once, but the physical hand salute was also "interesting":

https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=bellamy+salute&spf=392

<https://www.legion.org/flag/pledge>

OUR MANY BENEFITS

This site may help you in finding out about and obtaining your well-deserved benefits:

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>.

YOUR LEGISLATORS

This may be a useful reference for you and others:

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

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

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
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SENT FROM A FRIEND

A little history most people will never know.

Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 57 years since the first casualty.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were just 19 years old.

The largest age group, 33,103 were 18-year-olds.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.

One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock, was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam .

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam .

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.

Thirty-one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia . I wonder why so many from one school.

8 Women are on the Wall, Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.

Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest . And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam . In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.

The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created.

We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.

Anon