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## OUR NEXT MEETING

April 16th, at 7:30, is slated for our next tele-meeting using ooVoo .

I am **robertgreen00109**

Our tele-meeting is provided for you to learn about and have input regarding our Post.

Have you visited Our Web site?

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

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## HELPING A VET

Herschel Pilcher's wife, Sandi, needs a kidney operation. If you would like to donate towards her expensive surgery, send a check to the

Sandi Pilcher Kidney Fund  
ATT: Ruth Chambers  
United Community Bank  
153 East Kytile St.  
Cleveland, GA 30528

or send a check to Chuck.

Herschel is a charter (original) member of our ePost. Medicare etc. will not cover all of Sandi's expenses, so help is needed.

The ePost is working on help for them from National and other sources. If you can think of another source to contact, please call or E-mail Bob or Ed for help, if you need it or more information.

Local Organ Transplant sites:

[Piedmonttransplant.org/living donor](http://Piedmonttransplant.org/living donor)

[Piedmont.org/TransplantEdu](http://Piedmont.org/TransplantEdu)

[http:// WWW.lkdn.org](http://WWW.lkdn.org)

**Bob**

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

It's fast approaching the first of the month again, and my deadline to write the Commander's message. I'm personally glad March is coming to an end and hopefully taking the winter weather with it! Pat and I escaped 2 weeks of the cold by celebrating our 48th anniversary on a cruise out of Houston. We chose Houston for the price, date, and we have some good friends in San Antonio who we visited. Our son called us and advised us to stay a little longer as the weather was still bad here and it didn't take much encouragement. It was in the 50's along the coast for a couple of days, but better than the 30's.



Now down to business. As we go into our 3rd year we are at the low 40's on membership, counting everyone. I am doing much better and will recruit all year this year barring any disasters like last year. At our last meeting, we elected Les as Sr. Vice and I'm very confident that Les will do an excellent job.

Also, it is getting close to election time, again, to choose officers. We have a great compliment of elected and appointed officers and staff and I want to thank each and every one of you for taking up the slack when I was out of pocket. We have a few appointed positions to fill for next term and jobs available for the Executive Committee to get into as well.

By the time you read this, we will have had another get together on March 28 at the Golden Corral Buford, GA. I hope you all made it, but that is almost impossible to get everyone together. We truly missed you, if you weren't there.

On our funds, we received \$41.62 from \*Kroger, just for signing up and shopping with their Kroger Plus

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## MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY 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.

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card. If you can, please shop at Kroger or check out your grocery store and see if they offer a similar program. Perhaps you can get the Post enrolled or send me info we'll take care of it. It's easy money, although not going to send the Post on a vacation. Every little bit helps.

I've had some interest from some Posts that want to know more about our operation and possibly paying us to be Web host to some degree to cater to their members from the Legion, VFW, and VVA. We could very possibly gain memberships, as well. My contact insisted on payment, at least to the Post, and Bob said let's do it on the Internet to show them [great idea Bob].

I can foresee more improvements, like the above, coming this year. We might even start an auxiliary and/or SAL Boy Scouts. I am not familiar with SAL where I am, with Boy Scouts [having 3 Eagle Scouts and 2 on the way]. All of these require hurdles but didn't we overcome hurdles in the military? What's one or two more with our experience. Anyway, more discussion to come on these topics later.

I remember something about a moving wall and  
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This issue begins our third year of publication. Our newsletter goes beyond the confines of our paid members, so maybe it might help garner new members to our ePost?



When you run across items which could interest our members, please share them with me for our upcoming publications.

As we seek out increased membership, recall that many "members" applied and had dues paid for, by our founding commander, so they inflated our numbers, making a 100% increase, now, all the more difficult to achieve.

Numbers do make a difference for our American Legion as we try to engage our nation's leaders to keep us in mind and to work for our benefit. Also, keep that in mind as you ask veterans to join our ePost.

BTW, I am what is called a PUFL member, Paid Up For Life, so that may give you some idea of my (financial) dedication.

BTW, have you given The American Legion Magazine a good look, lately? On the Internet it has an archive of the past issues at <http://archive.legion.org/handle/123456789/2544/discover?query=&submit=Go>. Maybe we could get it to publish an article on our ePost?

**Bob**

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## VISIT THE VIETNAM MOVING WALL



This will be located within Black Shoals Park, Conyers, GA 30012 (North of Rockdale Medical Center, off GA Hwy 20, Between Conyers and Loganville) **May 6-12, 2015**

**This Honors the Vietnam War Generation on the 40th Anniversary Observance of the Ending of the Vietnam War**

Other attractions include T-shirts, Helicopter and Photograph Displays!

Free Parking and Admission/ Open 24 Hours Each Day

## EMPLOYMENT CENTER

The American Legion recently launched the Veteran Employment Center, a new web platform to help veterans translate military skills to job skills, find employment, start businesses and make successful transitions. Among its key features are:

- Veteran Job Search tool which helps veterans find current job listings near them by entering a ZIP Code.
- Series of custom-produced videos to help veterans start a business and make it successful.
- Links to important forms, sites and agency platforms that help veterans in the career search.
- Resume-writing advice from top experts.

Listing of American Legion-sponsored or produced veteran career events nationwide, with links to registration sites.

## LES GREEN, NEW SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

Les Green has been duly nominated and elected our Senior Vice Commander, filling a vacancy and stepping into the important areas of membership and serving in the absence of our commander.

## UPDATE YOUR WEB BROWSER?

Often, your browser may quickly bring up a URL (Web page) you have last visited, but it may not show the latest change to that site.

Click on your browser's REFRESH icon to bring up any updated Web page.

Browsers can hold a last visit in memory and bring it up to save you time, but that is not always the best choice.

REMEMBER, UNDERLINED TEXT USUALLY LINKS TO OUTSIDE SOURCES, SO CLICK ON THOSE TO GET FURTHER INFORMATION.

## FREE GOOGLE ALERTS

<https://www.google.com/alerts#1:0> IS THE WAY TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE LATEST NEWS AREAS IN WHICH YOU DESIGNATE AN INTEREST.

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more in Conyers coming up soon [May, 6-12]; that would be great to visit for all who can. We will get more info and broadcast it for your perusal. I apologize for not having the flyer handy, but it must still be packed. At least that's my story and I'm sticking to it. HA HA.

Duty-Honor-Country,

*Ed McMillan*

## MOVING WALL COMING

The Vietnam Moving Wall will be at the Walk of Heroes War Memorial in Rockdale County, GA on May 6th through the 12th.

## OUR SERVICE OFFICER

As a service officer, I can help veterans with claims, benefits and medical registration at the VA medical system.

I also counsel vet's on job résumés and interview techniques, as well as having access to a vet-owned business that hires vets.

*Phil Galanti*

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E-mail: [philg2030@gmail.com](mailto:philg2030@gmail.com)

## A SIMPLE TEST FOR STROKE: STR

S \*Ask the individual to **SMILE**.

T \*Ask the person to **TALK** and COHERENTLY SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (i.e. Chicken Soup).

R \*Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

## DEFINE A WORD

Wonder what a word means in your E-mail?

Using Outlook, hold down the Alt key, then double-left-click on the word, to get definitions.

## FROM PETE MECCA

Hope you get some practical use from this good article from columnist Pete Mecca:

<http://www.covnews.com/section/194/>

## POST OFFICERS

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## OUR WEB PRESENCE

**Our Post's Web site:** <http://epost2100.org/>

**Our Post's Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/ePost2100?fref=ts>

## LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship ensures that the children of parents who died while on active-duty military service on or after Sept. 11, 2001, achieve their dream of attending college.

This includes legally adopted children or children of a spouse by a prior marriage. The renewable scholarship helps college students working toward an undergraduate degree, with the expense of tuition, books, room and board, and other supplies.

If you or someone you know is eligible to apply for the Legacy Scholarship, download an application from the American Legion website at [www.legion.org/documents/samsung/American\\_Legacy\\_Scholarship\\_Application\\_2015.pdf](http://www.legion.org/documents/samsung/American_Legacy_Scholarship_Application_2015.pdf).

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15. For further questions, email [scholarships@legion.org](mailto:scholarships@legion.org).

## NEW MILEAGE CALCULATIONS

In order to expand eligibility for the Veterans Choice Program, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced that it will change the calculation used to determine the distance between a Veteran's residence and the nearest VA medical facility from a straight line distance to driving distance. The policy change will be made through regulatory action in the coming weeks. The Veterans Choice Program was authorized by the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (VACAA).

**Read more at <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/>**



## PAUL AUST'S LEGION BIO



My dad started my Legion involvement in Iowa. What qualified me; enlisted in Army Reserves- basic training (Grenada), Commissioned officer - Infantry Officer Basic Course (Panama), 1LT with 3ID (start of

Gulf). I was never deployed to a combat theater while on active duty. I transferred my membership around 2007.

2005 - present (p) The American Legion (TAL)

2007 - Graduate from National Legion College, Indianapolis , IN - [Georgia]

2007-2013 143 Honor Guard (HG) member / (HG) Chair 2007-2008

2008-2010 Carrollton Post 143 Commander

2009 - Paid up for Life (PUFL)

2010 - GA Boys State Senior staff

2010 – 2012 143 Post Senior Vice

2011 - 5<sup>th</sup> District Legion j\Junior Vice Commander (JVC)

2012 -The American Legion Extension Institute

2013 - p GA ePost 2100 charter member & JVC

2013 – p Sons of the American Legion (SAL), squadron 143 Commander, charter member

2014 - SAL 5<sup>th</sup> District JVC

*Paul*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### VALUES



"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,". Exodus 20:2-5

These words are the first two commandments from God to us. Our first loyalty is to God and we can only be truly worshipful to God if we do not worship anything else. A jealous God wants all of us and does not want our focus to stray.

We are constantly faced with making decisions and choices in life that may cause us to pay more attention to worldly things than to God. Perhaps we all need to look at the things most important to us, the things we value the most and see if it is actually distracting us from a real relationship with the Creator.

One thing of certain value is the life of those who have served God and our country. We served in order to allow every person the freedom to follow God's commandments. How great would our country and our world be if everyone just followed the first one, "I am the Lord your God...you shall have no other gods before me." That, alone, would dictate our values for all.

### Prayer

God who is first and foremost in our lives, help us to keep you first in all we do or say. Guide our steps to walk closely with you so that our focus does not fall on idols. Guard our steps each and every day keeping those we care about safe from harm.

*Mike Fuino*

## NO MORE HOUSECALLS?

[http://www.webmd.com/news/breaking-news/future-of-health/?ecd=wnl\\_foh\\_03232015#wireless-medicine-toc/wireless-medicine](http://www.webmd.com/news/breaking-news/future-of-health/?ecd=wnl_foh_03232015#wireless-medicine-toc/wireless-medicine)



**SUBMIT THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, BELOW, DD-214 AND CHECK FOR  
\$25.00**

**TO: CHUCK GOETZ**

**706-219-4209**

**675 WASHBOARD ROAD, CLEVELAND, GA 30528**

Your Name  (required)

Email  (valid email required)

Phone Number  (required)

Mailing Address  (required)

City  (required)

State  (required)

Zip Code  (required)

### \$25.00 Membership Fee

Please check the Appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service :

Aug 2, 1990 - Cessation of hostilities as determined by the U.S. Government  
 Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990  
 Aug.24 1982 to July 31, 1984  
 Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975

June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955  
 Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946  
 April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918

U.S. Army  
 U.S. Navy  
 U.S. Air force  
 U.S. Marines

U.S. Coast Guard  
 Merchant Marines  
12/7/41 - 8/15/45 (Only Eligibility)