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COMMUNICATION IS POWER

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NO DECEMBER MEETING

Next meeting will be on January 21st, at the Winder Golden Corral, 1:00 pm (1300 hours).

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

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

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VETERANS DAY



Ed, Ted and Bob gave a Veterans Day presentation to veterans and spouses at [The Mansions at Sandy Springs](#), in Duluth.

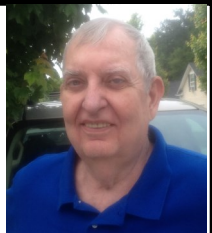
Ed directed the program, Bob gave a Power-Point presentation and Ted presented certificates of appreciation to the veterans.



We brought along membership applications, but, as of this date, nobody has applied...yet.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

"As families gather to give thanks this month, it's an appropriate time to give thanks to you. Thank you for all that you do for The American Legion. Thank you for all that you do for veterans. Thank you for all that you do for children and youth!"



Our National Commander, Dale Barnett, said that in the National Newsletter for Thanksgiving and I thought it appropriate to repeat it, changing one word [first sentence week to month].

With the recent terrorist attacks in France and other places, our enemies have raised their ugly disgusting heads again. They show no regard for human life, especially for children and women. In fact, the reverse is true, even using children and women as human homicide bombers! I have witnessed this tactic in Vietnam and it is truly unimaginable to experience this barbaric tactic. Please, stay alert this holiday season, whether it is during Hanukah or Christmas, but go about your seasonal activities. We survived this once from the wars past by "stay alert, stay alive" tactics and we will again.

Changing the subject, many of our Vietnam Veterans have received their citations. I will see how we should proceed to get and distribute ours! I have heard from a member who is truly saddened by us forgetting the Korean War veterans [including era veterans]! Their war was harsh and very, very cold! As you know, we are losing both our WWII vets and Korean vets at an alarming rate now, so time is precious to correct this error. I am going to contact the Governor's office next week [when the newsletter comes out] to lobby for a certificate for their actions, as well. I'll also see about an Honor Flight arrangement and details for members of our Post and friends of our Post. Many of the veterans we entertained for November 11th would qualify for this.

We must once again bring up membership! We only have about 16 members not renewed and we will be touching base with them in the next 2 weeks. Please renew online or by sending in your \$25.00 check ASAP to Ted Richards, 3050 Bugle Drive, Duluth, GA 30096 or call me 770-757-6136 if you need info. This is a small amount of money and serves a great need for programs such as Boy Scouts, Baseball, Boys State, other youth programs AND Emergency Funds for disaster areas and families. Another big one is hiring lobbyists to get and keep our Veteran's benefits, especially now with so few veteran's in the political arena. Now wasn't that a politically correct statement for our friends in Washington? If you are strapped financially call me and we'll help you renew and it will be keep it anonymous.

Remember, our motto is "vets helping vets" and we exercise and keep that by doing, not just talking!

Finally, remember Pearl Harbor Day on the 7th. Hanukah from the 6th to the 13th. and Christmas on the 25th!

Until next time to each of you, Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah!

Ed

\$5.00 DUES INCREASE

Because National dues will be increased by \$5.00, we will have to raise ours by that same amount in order to remain financially solvent.

Dues have not been increased since 1972 and this is the smallest amount, so far.

Some young members may want to consider being a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) member and avoid future increases and being asked to pay each year.

<http://www.legion.org/join/pufl>

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(You might want to be one?)

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Well, another Thanksgiving has rolled around and many folks will celebrate by eating a festive (turkey) meal.



It was President Abraham Lincoln who declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving.

SOME folks will also celebrate by attending religious services.

But do we need a one-day-a-year holiday to remind us from whence cometh our daily bread?

Should we not be thankful each day for what we have (what God has given us)?

Sadly, many people DO need that special one day reminder to be grateful and express thanks.

When one has lost what one has taken for granted (*i.e.* freedom), one can then truly appreciate the value of what was lost.

Perhaps we might begin to treat each day as one of thanksgiving.

Learning to give thanks begins in the home and is reinforced by religious institutions, but is made less significant by commercialization, such as the expression, Turkey Day.

We can enjoy Thanksgiving Day parades and football, but we can also consider other ways to celebrate.

Our family considers this holiday as a religious one, thanking God for what we have.

I recall this childhood blessing:

Thank you for the world so sweet,

Thank you for the food we eat.

Thank you for the birds that sing,

Thank you God for everything.

Bob

MY PRE R.I.P.

Not to be morbid, but having lately attended funerals, my thoughts drifted to what my wife and I have done with regard to my/our own limited mortality.

Years ago, we had to clean out a house of a deceased relative and work with the executrix. That was quite an enlightening experience. As a result, we pre-purchased our funerals.

The point of this article, however, is to share with some who might benefit from it, what we did to prepare our children and executrix for our eventual demise.

I've a file drawer in my office marked "FUNERAL" and a file marked the same way, with important paperwork, including a certified copy of my DD-214. I sent an E-mail to the children and executrix telling of the file, funeral home, bank accounts, IRA, safe deposit box and key location, insurance information, rolodex and pages of my login and passwords.

Yes, I was a Boy Scout (Be Prepared).

Bob

GREENLIGHT A VETERAN

America's veterans are some of our nation's bravest, hardest-working men and women. However, it's hard to show them the appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform, they're more camouflaged than ever. Greenlight A Vet is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green. America's veterans are some of our nation's bravest, hardest-working men and women. However, it's hard to show them the appreciation they deserve when, back home and out of uniform, they're more camouflaged than ever. Greenlight A Vet is a campaign to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green.

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

Submitted by Ted's wife, Mary Richards.

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

ONLINE SHOPPING

BEFORE you submit any payment information, make sure you're on a secure website. The URL (address) on the payment screen should have "https" instead of just "http." If you're shopping on a wireless network, make sure it's secure, and protected by a password.

Regarding payment methods, avoid using your checking account or debit card. If your account information or debit card is stolen, a hacker could wipe out all the money in your account.

A good thing about credit cards is that you are only liable for a maximum of \$50 for fraudulent charges. You may also be able to add extra security features on a credit card. For instance, some card issuers offer text message verifications. Immediately after a transaction happens, you'll receive a text message to allow you to confirm that it's legit, and not a fraud. Some credit card issuers have implemented two-factor authentication for online purchases. After you submit your payment information, you'll receive an email or text message with a one-time use code. To complete the transaction, you'll enter that code on their website to confirm that it's really you making the purchase.

VA REGIONAL OFFICES


<http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp>

Above is a link to a map of Regional Benefit VA Office Web sites.

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

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

FACE TO FACE

Ed has arranged for us to get together at 1:00 PM for a meeting and lunch (to include spouses) on January 21, 2016 at the Golden Corral at 163 East May St,  Winder, GA 30680.

Our last business luncheon went well and, considering the challenges, was well-attended.

If you can make it, let Ed know: edmac21@yahoo.com or 770-757-6136.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Rick Schirmer is our newest member, thanks to Les.



YES, FREE BOOKS !

<http://websearch.about.com/od/booksandprintedmaterials/p/manybooks.htm>

You might check out the above resource for free books.

Yeah, I know...no free lunch, right? Well, sometimes!

AARP FOR VETERANS

I received E-mail from AARP (since I am an old guy) and found they have many resources for veterans.

Ergo, I thought I might pass along the URL in case some of us (or others) might benefit:

<http://www.aarp.org/home-family/voices/veterans/?cmp=VETRNV MAY18 015>

Bob

OUR HELPING HAND

Bob has been asked to take over the maintenance of the Department of Georgia's American Legion Auxiliary's Web site:

<http://www.galegionaux.org/>.

Upon receipt of the login and password, Bob will begin updating the Web site.

MESOTHELIOMA AID

If you or another veteran is suffering from Mesothelioma, this VA source may be of benefit:

From: Carl Jewett

LCDR, US Navy, Retired



Patient Services Director &
VA Accredited Claims Agent

www.mesotheliomaguide.com/veterans/

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2016 FLAG & EMBLEM CATALOG

Have you gotten or seen the 2016 edition of "The American Legion Flag & Emblem Catalog"?

If interested, call 1-888-4LEGION or go to emblem.legion.org.

Prices are good until November 15, 2016.

**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)