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OUR NEXT MEETING

MARCH 17th at 7:30, 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?

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WEB SITES

Georgia's Veteran Centers:

<http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?STATE=GA&dnum=ALL>

Our national Web site is:

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

Our Ninth District Web site is:

<http://gadistrict9americanlegion.weebly.com/>.

Our State of GA Department Web-site is: <http://www.galegion.org/>.

Notice, our own Post's Web site, <http://epost2100.org/>, is on the Department's left menu!

Yes, we ARE sort of "special", as not every state has a cyber post to serve those unable to attend brick-and-mortar posts.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

As I sit down to write this month's message, I see how time flies as we age and remember how it seemed to crawl by in our youth! I couldn't wait for the years to roll by so I could be a teenager, ride a bigger bike, get my driver's license [a big one] or graduate high school! Of course, all those "slow years" roll by like this year. We're already in March! Spring is almost here and winter is fading away. I'm sure we'll have another goodbye winter blast just to let us know who's in charge though.



March is one of my favorite months as we have St. Patrick's Day on the 17th! Everyone can be Irish for a day, but I get to be half Irish and half Scots all year! Even having roots from Scotland and Ireland, I am definitely 100% American with no hyphen and never will have a hyphen! Those of us who have served in the military have very good friends of another race and proud of it! I served with many different races in Vietnam and had a very good black friend. We traded saving each other more than I like to think about, but very glad we could help one another! I am not going to get it PC jargon, which no one can accuse me of that knows me, I'll only repeat that I served for an America that was for all Americans [no hyphens] and 'we would be judged by our character not by the color of our skin' as MLK, Jr. so eloquently spoke. These are just my thoughts and opinions, as each of us owe this free speech to our soldiers, some of which gave the ultimate sacrifice, so we have those! Another great American said 'we are just one generation' from losing these rights so please vote in GA on March 1 and exercise your rights for a free America!

Here in March we change to Daylight Savings Time on the 13th. My beloved St. Patrick's Day is the 17th. Enjoy the festivities and maybe try green beer! Spring arrives on March 20th as does Palm Sunday! Good Friday is the 25th and Easter is the 27th. This ends the Month of March. Last year I had a calendar from the American Legion or VFW that mentioned the military events for the year and I miss getting one this year. If anyone has such a calendar or wants to research these appropriate dates, I would love for you to email me with such and I'll be glad to include each month.

As our Post news, we reached 100% in membership by 12-31-2015. We have a few new members at meetings and pursuing others for the future. I am blessed with a great staff that without them I couldn't do my job! As in any great group whether it be volunteers, workers for pay, etc., the leader is a visionary and allows the group to function without much interference. Basically, I believe a good commander can allow the group to run itself.

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We as a group are pursuing our original mission by going to 'forgotten veterans' locations and doing our best to include these veterans in our post activities and their own activities. Each one of us can spend some volunteer time to talk with these veterans and document their personal histories, play games, help with their needs at the VA and/or other ideas they may want to do.

Perhaps, they can do telephone or internet research for our post to gather much needed facts for us to approach government or others with ideas to better their lives. The sky is the limit and of course we help the deployed and their families. Little things mean a lot. If you are a Vietnam Veteran, remember the feeling you get [not necessarily got] when a stranger thanks you for your service! As you know, I wear a Vet ball cap for the purpose of meeting other veterans, but many times someone else will thank me for serving either a vet or many times a civilian! I do not do this for the thank you, but it is a nice reward.

In closing, I want all of you to know our post is unique, special and our efforts affect many people. We do not do this for money [Very few expenses are ever turned in to us for reimbursement! We have a small bank account that is used to help veterans in need. I do my best [remember the Scots heritage] to get donations for vets and have been somewhat successful in asking for a nights lodging, free meal, gas money, and other items from vendors and I always repay them with publicity from a local newspaper.

One more thing, I get a little carried away at times on many topics! I will not apologize for my thoughts as they are from the heart. I have that right as do others, and many died or suffer catastrophic injuries so we can continue. I lost 2 very close friends in Vietnam that were drafted [as I was] before they could VOTE in their home states [KY and FL] so I vote in every election for any office for them and myself. Please exercise your rights as I do. If you have an issue you would like to bring up please attend our meetings, or write a letter to the editor. Just keep it civil and it will be checked for grammatical errors, spelling but not content unless it is unlawful. You can check mine and see how I write about just about anything.

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." ~ John F. Kennedy

Irish Blessing: "May the devil know you died 30 minutes after you reach heaven"!

Ed



Well, I early voted, as always. Yes, I study the issues, try to ignore the rhetoric and emotional appeals, then cast my vote.



According to the "media", many Americans decide upon whom to vote at the last minute, even upon entering a voting booth.

Our government relies on an informed public making wise decisions as to the upcoming leadership Yeah. Right.

Some Americans are told which candidates to elect and there have been instances when even dead folks voted, maybe more than once?

As Veterans, it is incumbent upon us to not only be informed and to vote, but to encourage others to do likewise.

If a minority of eligible voters utilize their franchise, then the majority must live with the decisions.

However, being Americans, many complain about elected officials, so I wonder if the grippers took part in the electoral process?

Ever wonder why an [electoral college](#) was established?

Our own ePost elections are coming up and I wonder if new faces will vie for leadership positions or just go with the flow and, hopefully, pay dues on time?

Unfortunately, good leaders can burn out and leave an organization with replacement decisions. Now, where do YOU stand?

Bob

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"FREE" PC TUNE-UP?

Maybe check out officedepot.com/feature/pccheckup to checkup a Windows Vista, XP, 7 or 8 computer. It does not repair everything, thing, but may help re other issues. I got it to download, but not able to install it. Otherwise, you can bring your unit into an Office Depot or OfficeMax store for a checkup that attempts to make the repairs...free, of course, but you may have to wait a while

OUR 9TH DISTRICT ORATORICAL CONTEST IN DULUTH



Bill Dolan, (left) asked me to serve as a judge for our 9th District's Oratorical Contest.

If you think our youth are just going to the dogs and that this is not the America in which we grew up, you might have had your opinion ameliorated by listening to the high school students giving both prepared and partially-extemporaneous speeches over topics related the [United States Constitution](#).

It did my heart, good, to hear the contestants, but figuring out who was 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th was challenging.

From above photo, Left to Right - Bill Dolan, 9th District Oratorical Chairman, Aliye Korucu, Andrew Logan - 3rd Place Winner, Alex Calloway - 1st Place Winner, Boaz Clark, Harrison O'Neal - 2nd Place Winner, Geoff Toman, 9th District Commander

Aliye Korucu is a Junior at Duluth High School and was the First Place winner at South Cherokee Post 316 in Woodstock, GA

Andrew Logan is a Junior at Johns Creek High School and was the First Place winner at Chattahoochee Post 251 in Duluth, GA

Alex Calloway is a Sophomore Home School in Milton and was selected as the representative for Post 201 in Alpharetta, GA

Boaz Clark is a Junior at Buford High School and was selected as the representative for Post 328 in Flowery Branch, GA

Harrison O'Neal is a Senior at Lambert High School in Suwanee and was selected as the representative for Post 307 in Cumming, GA

Thanks, Bill, not only for your hard work, but also for the above information.

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](#).

PRESERVE HISTORY?

Historical Information and War memorabilia, North Georgia University address is: Allison Galloup, Assistant Professor, Library Science, 678-717-3656, University Libraries - Gainesville, P.O. Box 1358, Gainesville, Ga. 30503

University of North Georgia, <http://ung.edu/>, has a person who is documenting historical data on the military conflicts in which the USA has been involved. She visited the Northeast Georgia Veterans Society in Cleveland Georgia and described her responsibilities.

Allison Galloup is collecting stories, artifacts of all wars, but mostly interested in Korea and Vietnam, it seems most of the artifacts were destroyed and lost because of the unpopular nature of the Vietnam war. Vets were shunned and disrespected when they returned from fighting, so most of the uniforms, etc. were discarded. Allison is hoping that there are a few artifacts that are still around for history. She is requesting donations, loans and wills to fill in the historical record. So if you have anything that you can loan, or contribute to the library please contact Allison.

THINK BEFORE SENDING

Before sending E-mail to several others, be sure that the addresses are in the Bcc., not the Cc: or To: fields to insure privacy of others.

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LEST WE FORGET

Code of Conduct for Members of the United States Armed Forces

- I. I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.
- II. I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.
- III. If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.
- IV. If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners. I will give no information or take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior, I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.
- V. When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.
- VI. I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

CHECK OUT OUR WEB PRESENCE

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

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

YOUR ACTIVITIES COUNT

Ted reminds us that he reports on our community activities which aid in validating our ongoing contributions to our citizenry.

The hours that we spend in helping others may be compiled by Ted in his reports, so please keep him apprised of what you do, when you do it, and how long it took. If you spent your own funds, share that with Ted, too.

Apart from our Post actions in helping other vets and their families, service to our communities also matters in terms of statistics.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

Are you getting your [American Legion Magazine](#) each month?

If not, contact :

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THE GEORGIA LEGIONNAIRE

Do you get the Department of Georgia's publication, *The Georgia Legionnaire*? If not, phone 678-289-8883 in Stockbridge, GA or E-mail amerleg-ga@bellsouth.net.

This bi-annual publication is filled with state-wide information and is a valuable link to state leadership and local activities.

The Department of Georgia's Newsletter link is found on the Web site at <http://www.galegion.org/>.

American Legion publications can help us keep up with what is going on and provides contact information for various services.

The American Legion Auxiliary's Web site is at <http://www.galegionaux.org/>.

FROM ED RE HOME DEPOT

I'm not promoting Home Depot, but this video is worth seeing.

You won't see this in the news because by showing Home Depot, or any other type of chain store,

it cuts into their revenue and they don't do what they would consider "free advertisement."

This is awesome and needs to be shared all around.

Please watch the video.

This is who we are no matter what the rest of the world thinks.

Share this with your family and friends.

<https://vimeo.com/146029996>

**SUBMIT THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, BELOW, DD-214 AND CHECK FOR
\$30.00**

TO: CHUCK GOETZ

706-219-4209

675 WASHBOARD ROAD, CLEVELAND, GA 30528

Your Name

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Jan. 31, 1990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug.24 1982
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May 7, 1975 |
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- Jan. 31, 1955 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 -
Dec. 31, 1946 | <input type="checkbox"/> April 6, 1917 -
Nov. 11, 1918 | |
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Marines
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