

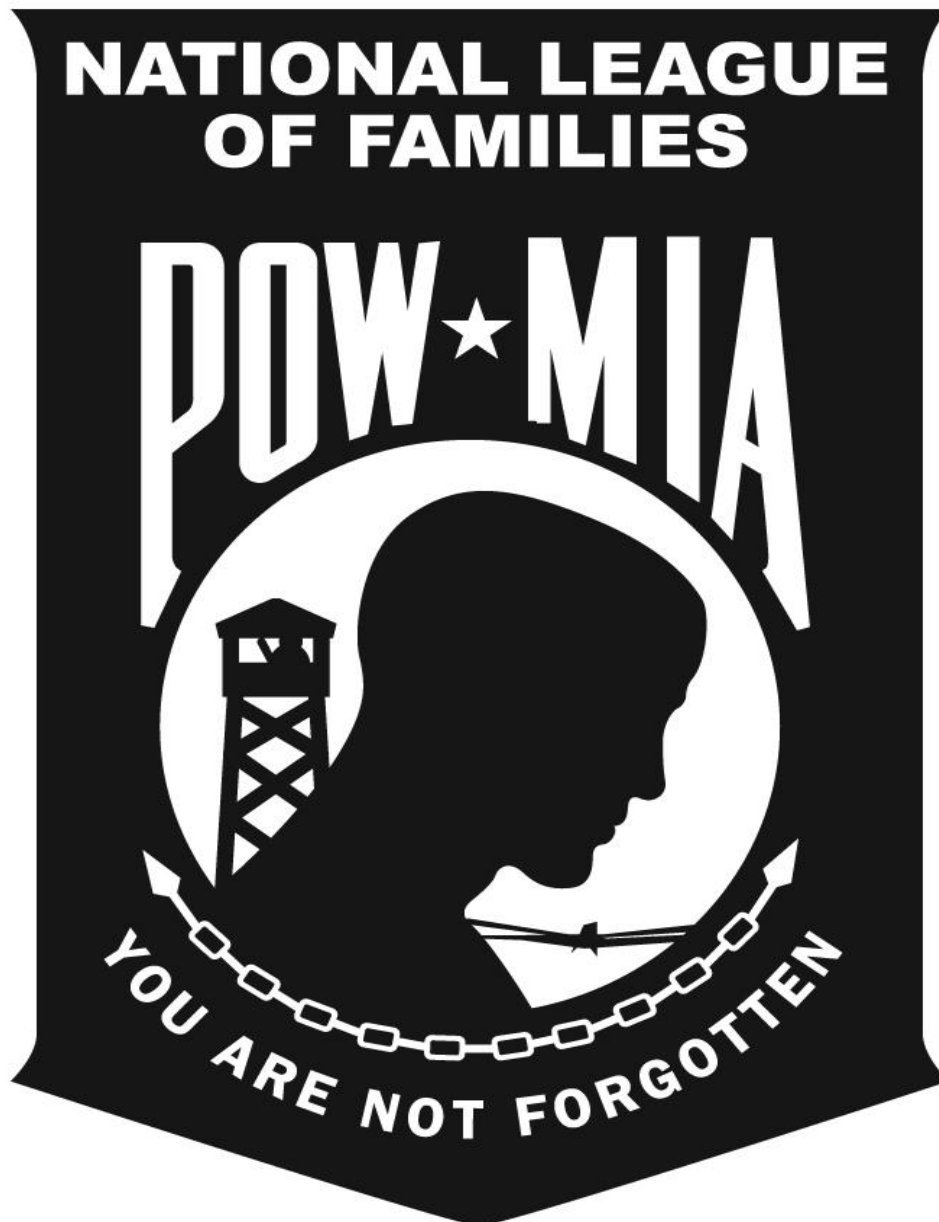
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*FOR GOD AND COUNTRY*  
**Wayne M. Kidwell Post #184**



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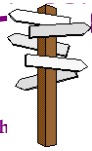
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**NOTE:** If your birth date is listed incorrectly, or not listed at all, please email the correct date to the post at [WMKAL184@yahoo.com](mailto:WMKAL184@yahoo.com), or, send it by mail to American Legion Post 184, P.O. Box 5118, Herndon, VA 20172. →

## BIRTHDAY LEGIONNAIS



### July

5<sup>th</sup> Burk, W.F. Welch, Sr., D.L. Wilso  
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16<sup>th</sup> Daniel W. Barclay  
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Andy Marmorstein, Robert J. Morrison  
31<sup>st</sup> Michael F. Pavlak

### August

1<sup>st</sup> Klaus W. Clippinger, Frank E. Owens  
2<sup>nd</sup> Harlon Reece  
4<sup>th</sup> George N. Key, Gerald Washburn  
6<sup>th</sup> Gary House, Howard B. Peck  
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9<sup>th</sup> John H. Eaker, Gordon E. Joslyn  
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18<sup>th</sup> Olin A. Baughman, Angelo Wider  
23<sup>rd</sup> Donald J. Calder  
24<sup>th</sup> D.J. Bullis, M.L. Davis, W.I. Miller  
26<sup>th</sup> Kevin R. Darby  
27<sup>th</sup> Roy T. Howe  
29<sup>th</sup> Jacob R. Epprecht, Jr., Ronald L. Marshall  
31<sup>st</sup> Herbert O. Brickson, Robert D. Martin

### September

4<sup>th</sup> Patrick E. McCann  
5<sup>th</sup> Allen R. Wild  
6<sup>th</sup> P.A. Lynch, Jr., V.L. Siegenthaler  
10<sup>th</sup> Herman D. Kirk  
11<sup>th</sup> J. R. Fehrenback, W. T. Pugh, W.M. Ward  
16<sup>th</sup> Gerritt Peck  
17<sup>th</sup> Richard A. Otis  
18<sup>th</sup> R.G. Dalrymple, W.R. Knudsen, Jr.  
20<sup>th</sup> J.H. Findley, Jr., J. Kroke, G.L. McCarty  
21<sup>st</sup> Hubert M. Jordan, Charles W. Palmer III  
22<sup>nd</sup> Brian W. James  
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## POST EVERLASTING

**George Douglas 'Doug' Idlett**

September 19, 1918 - June 19, 2008

Age: 89

WWII veteran (USA) - Post 184 member

George Douglas "Doug" Idlett, 89, died June 19, 2008, at his daughter's home in Herndon. Mr. Idlett was a World War II prisoner of war in Japan and a Bataan Death March survivor. He was the husband of the late Ellen Geraldine Idlett; father of George Douglas Idlett Jr. and Deborah Ellen Idlett; and grandfather of Kaleigh Sarah Ellen Showers. The family received friends at Adams-Green Funeral Home, 721 Elden St. in Herndon, from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 10. Graveside services with military honors were held at 11 a.m. Aug. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery.

*(text source: The Herndon Observer,  
August 8, 2008, pg.. 4)*

## **\*\*COMMANDER'S CORNER\*\***



On June 19<sup>th</sup> we lost a true patriot, Post 184 American Legion member, and a true American hero. GEORGE "Doug" IDLETT (Age 89), died at his daughter's home in Herndon, VA. Doug was a World War II Japan POW and a Bataan Death March survivor. Doug was

the beloved husband of the late Ellen Geraldine Idlett; father of George Douglas Idlett, Jr. and Deborah Ellen Idlett; grandfather of Kaleigh Sarah Ellen Showers. Graveside services with Military Honors were held on Monday, August 11 at 11 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery.

The town of Herndon dedicated their resolution reorganizing POW/MIA Recognition Day (September 19, 2008) to Mr. Idlett at their open hearing on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Several Legionnaires turned out for this dedication along with Mr. Idlett's daughter and son. "Doug was a loyal Legion member who has gone on to Post Everlasting and he will be missed. We also set up a display in the Herndon Municipal Center Lobby on September 19<sup>th</sup> which included the POW/MIA flag, POW/MIA missing man chair, the 2008 POW/MIA poster, along with the town's resolution.

**LEGIONNAIRES!** Its time to renew your membership for 2009. Our first two months have been good as we have attained 63% of our 2009 membership goal. The renewals are now coming in slow so if you haven't already renewed please send in your dues so we can continue to meet our membership goals throughout the 2009 membership campaign. Check out the Paid Up For Life (PUFL) option at: <http://www.legion.org/national/join/pufl>. You can now pay in 12 monthly installments and not have to worry about ever renewing your Legion membership again. If you have already paid your 2009 dues, you can apply that payment amount to your first PUFL installment.

Veterans Day is approaching fast and we will have our annual Observance on November 11, 2008 at 11:00 AM at the Veterans Memorial located on the Herndon Town Green. We will be flying the Avenue of flags (now made up of 42 veteran casket flags) at Chestnut Grove Cemetery. All this takes planning and volunteers. Please plan on attending our next monthly meeting on October 17 at 7:30 PM in the Herndon Moose Lodge meeting room (see our website for directions) and get involved in our Veterans Day activities. The Avenue of Flags is a breathtaking display of our Nation's flag and a tribute to all our veterans who have passed. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.

For God and Country

*David Kirby*

Post 184 Commander

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### **Now that's funny**

How the military services think .....

If you give the command **SECURE THE BUILDING** here is what each service "thinks" you mean:

**NAVY:** turn out the lights and lock the doors.

**ARMY:** surround the building with defensive fortifications, tanks & concertina wire.

**MARINE CORPS:** assault the building, use overlapping fields of fire from all appropriate perimeter points.

**AIR FORCE:** take out a three-year lease with an option to buy the building.

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Here's one about inter-service cooperation .....

There's an Air Force guy driving from McChord to Ft. Lewis and an Army guy driving from Ft. Lewis to McChord. In the middle of the night, with no other cars on the road, they hit each other head on and both cars go flying off in different directions.

The Air Force guy manages to climb out of his car and surveys the damage. He looks at his twisted car and says, ...."Man, I am really lucky to be alive!"

Likewise the Army guy scrambles out of his car and looks at his wreckage. He too says to himself,....."I can't believe I survived this wreck!"

The Army guy walks over to the Air Force guy and says,....."Hey man, I think this is a sign from Heaven that we should put away our petty differences and live as friends instead of archrivals."

The Air Force guy thinks for a moment and says,....."You know, you're absolutely right! We should be friends. Now I'm gonna see what else survived this wreck."

So the Air Force guy pops open his trunk and finds a full, unopened bottle of Jack Daniels.

He says to the Army guy, "I think this is another sign from Heaven that we should toast to our new understanding and friendship."

The Army guy replies, "You're damn right!" and he grabs the bottle and starts sucking down Jack Daniels. After putting away nearly half the bottle the Army guy hands it back to the Air Force guy and says, "Your turn!"

The Air Force guy twists the cap back on the bottle and says, "Nah, I think I'll wait for the cops to show up."

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"The best defense is to stay out of range"

# [The American Legion – National News](#)

## **Veterans Launch National Education Effort on Illegal Immigration**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (April 28, 2008) – Crime, terrorism and dependency on scarce government dollars are some of the major reasons why the nation's largest veterans organization is concerned about illegal immigration. So concerned, in fact, that The American Legion today began a nationwide outreach to alert Americans to the dangers posed by illegal aliens and the government's reluctance to seriously address the issue.

Through a radio spot campaign, news releases from posts across the country, letters to newspaper editors and a concerted outreach to America's leading media pundits, at both the national and local levels, The American Legion will offer a free booklet about illegal immigration that not only discusses the far reaching problems it is causing but also provides a cogent strategy to address the issue.

“American Legion members have served in the U.S. Armed Forces throughout the world so that Americans can feel safe at home,” said Marty Conatser, national commander. “We have seen Third World countries. We have seen poverty, political instability, disease and war. Today we see the threat that opens borders present to our homeland.”

“With more than 14,000 posts and 2.7 million members, I am asking Legionnaires everywhere to start the national dialogue that needs to happen now,” Conatser said. “As a nation at war with operatives sworn to kill Americans, our government must shut down our open borders and take decisive action to address a crippling national problem.”

The booklet, “A Strategy to Address Illegal Immigration in the United States,” is available for download at [www.legion.org/bulletins](http://www.legion.org/bulletins). A free hard copy can be requested by sending an email to [acy@legion.org](mailto:acy@legion.org). Conatser has asked Legionnaires to obtain a media kit, visit radio stations and offer the public service spot package of 60-second radio spots that addresses various problems with illegal immigration and offers the booklet free to listeners.

“The American Legion is very much in support of legal immigration,” Conatser added. “Indeed the ancestors of countless Legionnaires immigrated here from around the world. However, we are a nation of laws and since we all swore to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States when we donned our uniforms, we believe strongly that the security and sovereignty of our nation must be our highest priority through stringent enforcement of our immigration laws.”

(source: [http://www.legion.org/whatsnew/releases\\_story?id=478](http://www.legion.org/whatsnew/releases_story?id=478))

## **American Legion Joins Department of Homeland Security in promoting Fifth Annual National Preparedness Month**

WASHINGTON, DC (May 01, 2008) – The American Legion has joined with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in promoting the fifth annual National Preparedness Month this September and encourages Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. This year, the Ready Campaign is encouraging Americans to take simple steps to prepare including: Get a Kit; Make a Plan; Be informed about the different types of emergencies and their appropriate responses; and Get Involved.

“As military veterans we understand the value of readiness,” said Marty Conatser, national commander of The American Legion. “As a country at war, it just makes sense for every family to have a disaster plan and readiness kit with three days of food and supplies to survive potential natural disasters or terrorist caused catastrophic events.”

“We cannot stress enough the importance of being prepared for all types of emergencies, from natural disasters to terrorist attacks,” said Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. “Having a plan can make all the difference, as the recent flooding and ice storms across the country have shown. The time for individuals, families and businesses to plan is now, and to resolve to make readiness a priority for 2008.”

With more than 14,000 American Legion posts across the country, Legionnaires are encouraged to plan and conduct activities and events in September to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement, such as first aid trainings, town hall meetings and much more. Posts may broaden their community service outreach by getting involved with their local Citizen Corps Councils and by participating in Citizen Corps initiatives and programs.

The American Legion publication, “Disaster Preparedness and Response for American Legion Posts” (Stock #58-002), contains complete details in planning, organizing, and executing a disaster preparedness and response program.

The American Legion and more than 600 other National Preparedness Month coalition members have agreed to distribute emergency preparedness information and sponsor activities across the country that will promote emergency preparedness.

Individuals interested in more information about family and business preparedness can visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or call 1-800-BE-READY to receive free materials.

(source: [http://www.legion.org/whatsnew/releases\\_story?id=479](http://www.legion.org/whatsnew/releases_story?id=479))

## **The American Legion – National News**

### **President Signs GI Bill**

WASHINGTON, DC (June 30, 2008) – In a bipartisan action hailed today by the leader of the nation's largest veterans organization as “an historic event,” the president today signed legislation that provides \$162 billion to carry out military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan into 2009 and establishes a GI Bill that mirrors its 1944 predecessor, cited by many as the greatest piece of social legislation ever enacted.

“This legislation is a tribute to our system of government and those who labored to bring it to fulfillment,” said Marty Conatser, national commander of The American Legion. “What a tremendous way to say 'Thank you' to our men and women serving so courageously in uniform. Giving them the resources they need to accomplish their mission while providing them with a true GI Bill for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in a single piece of legislation is truly an historic event that will benefit America for years to come.”

“We applaud Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi who worked relentlessly to develop consensus with the House, Senate, and Executive Branch to bring this bill to fruition. Thanks in large part to her committed leadership, this momentous piece of legislation, will resonate as a landmark in American history.”

The American Legion wrote the first draft of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, the original GI Bill of Rights that changed the course of American history. A generation of heroes was able to join the middle class, achieve home ownership, earn higher education and live the American dream.

The new bill provides servicemembers who served in the military for at least three years full tuition at any in-state public university along with a monthly housing stipend. Benefits can also be used at private schools.

Besides providing equality among active-duty, National Guard and Reserve members by adjusting the benefit scale base on cumulative active service, this bill eliminates the need for each servicemember to pay \$1,200 to buy into the benefit. Those who have paid into the current GI Bill will not receive a refund but will receive enhanced benefits. Everyone on active duty will receive the benefit from this point forward at no cost.

“Legionnaires are especially grateful to Sen. Jim Webb for authoring Post-911 Veterans Education Assistance Act that led to today's new GI Bill,” Conatser said. “His commitment and resolve to restore the kind of comprehensive educational benefits that our warriors deserve, and earned, never wavered.”

“There were many others in Congress that labored to achieve this success, and we particularly salute Sens. Harry Reid, John Warner and Chuck Hagel and House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and House Minority Leader John Boehner for their leadership.”

The measure includes a provision that allows veterans to transfer education benefits to their spouses or children. The legislation will provide more than \$62 billion over 10 years in college funding for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. It more than doubles the existing benefit from \$40,000 today to \$90,000.

With a membership of 2.7-million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and patriotic youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

(source: [http://www.legion.org/whatsnew/releases\\_story?id=478](http://www.legion.org/whatsnew/releases_story?id=478))

## **The American Legion – Department & Local News**

### **Department Fall Conference**

**When:** Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 31 – November 2, 2008

**Where:** Hampton Holiday Inn, Hampton, Virginia

The Peninsula Special Events Committee has been working diligently to provide you with an informative and an enjoyable Fall Conference. For all you golfers out there, come early and test your skill.

Gerald Rhoads is planning a golf tournament, which will be even better than last year, and he has ordered sunshine for Thursday, October 30, 2008. Check-in/registration/Lunch will be from 10:00 a.m. - Noon. Shotgun start follows immediately and dinner and awards banquet are being planned for 5:00 p.m. Registration deadline is Friday, October 24, 2008. Entry fee is \$50.00 for an individual and \$200.00 for a team of four players. This fee includes range balls/driving range, green fees, cart, pre-round lunch, beverages, dinner banquet and goodie bag. Grab your partner(s) and come out for a day of fun. If you have any questions, call Gerald at (757) 484-7464.

Actual conference registration will begin on Friday, October 31, 2008 at 12 Noon and will run through 8:00 p.m. The desk will open again on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and will remain open until Noon.

The Department is sponsoring a blood drive Friday afternoon. We do not need to tell you of the importance of this life saving gift. Please consider being a blood donor. Exact time and location will be provided later. Friday night is our Las

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Vegas night with 20 blackjack tables, one crap table, and miscellaneous games. Fellowship will be in abundance. Prizes will be plentiful.

Saturday morning will bring breakfasts and meetings. The Auxiliary will have a membership breakfast. Price to be determined. However, if you have any questions, call Doris Alves at (757) 851-2198. There is something for everyone's interest. Specific information regarding rooms and times will be in the program, which will be available at the registration desk. Saturday night is "A Salute to Our Armed Forces." We have a special patriotic program planned after dinner is served. The cost of dinner, program and dance is \$30.00 per person. Once the program has concluded, dancing will begin.

Donuts and coffee will be served "with a smile" on Sunday morning after which you are invited to attend a church service with Dr. David Russell, Department Chaplain, and Auxiliary Chaplain, Leoda Wright. What more could you ask for in a weekend such as this?

(source: VIRGINIA LEGIONNAIRE, August 2008, page 7)

### ***Now this is what America is all about . . . . . HONOR FLIGHT NETWORK (TM)***

The Honor Flight program was conceived by Earl Morse, a Physician Assistant and retired Air Force Captain, to honor veterans he has taken care of for the past 27 years. After retiring from the Air Force in 1998, Earl was hired by the Department of Veterans Affairs to work in a small clinic in Springfield, Ohio. In May 2004, the WWII Memorial was finally completed and dedicated in Washington, D.C. which quickly became the topic of discussion among his WWII Veteran patients. Earl repeatedly asked these veterans if they would ever travel out to visit THEIR memorial. Most felt that eventually, somehow, they would make it to D.C. Perhaps with a family member or friend. As summer turned to fall, and then winter, these same veterans returned to the clinic for their follow-up visits. Earl asked if they accomplished their dream of visiting the WWII Memorial. By now, for most of the veterans queried, reality had settled in; it was clear to most that it simply wasn't financially or physically possible for them to make the journey. Most of these senior heroes are in their 80s and lacked the physical and mental wherewithal to complete a trip on their own. Families and friends also lacked the resources and time to complete a 3-4 day trip to D.C. Earl could tell that the majority of the veterans had given up all hope of ever visiting the memorial that was specifically created to honor their services and the services of their fellow comrades who paid the ultimate sacrifice. That's when Earl decided that there has to be a way to get these heroes to D.C. To see their memorial.

In addition to being a Physician Assistant, Earl is also a private pilot and member of one of our nation's largest and best aero clubs located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. In December of 2004, Earl asked one of his WWII Veteran patients if he could personally fly him out to D.C., free of charge, to visit his memorial. Mr. Loy broke down and cried. He said at his age he would probably never get to see his memorial. He accepted the offer. A second WWII Veteran was asked the same question a week later. He too cried and enthusiastically accepted a trip to D.C. Realizing that the desire was so great, Earl started to ask for help from other pilots to make these hopes and dreams a reality. In January of 2005, Earl addressed about 150 members of the aero club during a safety meeting, outlining a volunteer program to fly veterans to their memorial. There were two major stipulations to his request. The first was that the veterans pay nothing. The entire aircraft rental (\$600 to \$1,200 for the day) would have to be paid solely by the pilots. The second was that the pilots personally escort the veterans around D.C. the entire day. After Earl spoke, 11 pilots who had never met his patients volunteered to make their dream a reality. *Honor Flight* was born.

Other dedicated volunteers joined, a board was formed, funds were raised and the first flight took to the air in May 2005. Six small planes flew 12 very happy veterans out to Manassas, Virginia, just outside of Washington, D.C. Vans then transported the pilots and veterans into D.C. and to the WWII Memorial. The responses from both the veterans and the pilots were overwhelming. It was an experience that will live with each of them for the rest of their lives. Soon other flights were planned and successfully accomplished. So many veterans wanted to participate that towards the end of the year, commercial aircraft were used to accommodate forty veterans at a time, including many in wheelchairs. At the end of the first year, Honor Flight took 137 WWII Veterans to their memorial. In 2006, commercial flights were used exclusively because of the number of veterans on the waiting list and adverse weather conditions prohibited the small aircraft from participating on a regular schedule. Locally, another 300 veterans completed the journey in 2006.

The mission and ideals of the program began to spread across America. Other cities and states became aware of our efforts and we fostered working relationships with dedicated community leaders in several states. Jeff Miller in Hendersonville, North Carolina, led the expansion into areas not serviced by direct commercial flights to the Washington D.C. Area. He accomplished what was thought to be impossible. He organized and obtained funding for an entire commercial jet to fly local area veterans out to visit the monument to their accomplishments. Henderson County's Own *Honor Air* was born. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> and again on the 24<sup>th</sup> the US Airways chartered jet was filled with WWII

Veterans and their guardians. He again repeated his success on November 4, 2006. In less than three months, *Honor Air* had flown over 300 WWII Veterans! He quickly shared his expertise with others to start *Honor Air* programs in several other areas of the country. By the end of 2006, across America, 891 WWII Veterans realized their dream of visiting their memorial. Two factors that we are extremely proud of are (1) all of our heroes had a **safe** and memorable trip and (2) we were able to raise sufficient funds so that every veteran flew absolutely **free**.

The future looks bright for WWII Veterans throughout America. In February of 2006, Earl and Jeff combined efforts and co-founded the Honor Flight Network. The leaders of various flying programs and others interested in starting similar projects in their own regions attended a summit in Washington, D.C. Over 100 people were in attendance. Now, a network of participating programs has formed to assist these senior heroes from all across the country. Resources are being pooled, experience is being shared and alliances are being formed throughout America to get WWII Veterans to their precious memorial safely. The Honor Flight Network has established an aggressive goal for 2008 – we want to transport 12,000 veterans from across the United States to the WWII memorial. The program presently has 69 hubs in 30 states. By the end of 2008, the Honor Flight Network hopes to have a hub in all 50 states. Due to the senior age of our heroes coupled with the prediction that we are losing 1,200 of them **daily**, we are committed to do all within our power to make their dream a reality. Our focus will remain on WWII veterans and those veterans from any war that have a terminal illness. However, our **vision** goes beyond WWII.

In the future, Honor Flight will also pay tribute to America's other heroes that served during Korean, Vietnam wars, followed by veterans of more current wars. They too have given so much and it's time we show them that their efforts are not forgotten. The Honor Flight Network has learned a lot over these last four years and one point that stands out is that **our veteran heroes aren't asking for recognition. It is our position that they deserve it.** Our program is just a small token of our appreciation for those that gave so much.

Please help us continue to make their dream of visiting THEIR memorial a reality

(source: <http://www.honorflight.org>)

<<< Go to the web site to learn of the many opportunities out there for you to support this phenomenal program .>>>

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### **Presentations of the Town of Herndon's 2008 POW/MIA Recognition Day “Resolution” to Post 184 and to the son and daughter of George “Doug” Idlett at the town council meeting on September 16, 2008**





**THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
APPLICATION FOR PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE (PUFL) MEMBERSHIP  
(Please type or print)**



APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER ID # \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO. [\_\_\_\_\_] \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL PUFL FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mo./Day/Year) (See Chart on Reverse)

**BRANCH OF SERVICE (check one only):**  US Army  US Navy  US Marines  US Air Force  US Coast Guard

Full Payment Enclosed **OR**  Time Payment Enclosed – Requires minimum payment of **10% OF TOTAL** as down payment.

**PAYMENT IS MADE BY THE FOLLOWING METHOD:**

Check or Money Order (Made payable to The American Legion) **DO NOT SEND CASH.**

Please provide check or money order number \_\_\_\_\_

Charge to MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express

\_\_\_\_\_ (Credit Card Number) \_\_\_\_\_ (Expiration Date)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's signature may be omitted if PUFL is to be given as a gift. If card is to be mailed to another address, enter below.**

**IF GIFT, MAIL CARD TO:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mbr ID # (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE POST ADJUTANT OR FINANCE OFFICER**

1. *By signature below*, I certify that the PUFL applicant named above is a member in good standing and holds a valid membership card. Annual dues were last paid for the \_\_\_\_\_ membership year and were paid to Post # \_\_\_\_\_ in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Check one:**

Member is applying at a PUFL fee based on our annual Post dues rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

With Post approval, this member is applying at a PUFL fee based on the **reduced Post dues rate** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

3. *If applicable*, this member is transferring from the above Post to (new) Post # \_\_\_\_\_ in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Dept/Post #*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Processed By Post*

POST FORWARDS APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. (RETAIN A COPY FOR POST RECORDS.)

**THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

Member National Per Capita \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Dept Per Capita \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept. Post Per Capita \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received at National: \_\_\_\_\_

**PFLN**

FORM #32-090 (October 2003)

^ DETACH HERE ^

**APPLICANT'S RECEIPT:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Applicant*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Payment Received*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date Processed By Post*

The member named above has applied for a Paid-Up-For-Life membership. The application has been certified by the Post and sent to the Department Headquarters with the payment noted above. After Department approval, it will be forwarded to National Headquarters for final processing. National will issue a permanent membership card in recognition of your status as a PUFL member of The American Legion.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Post Adjutant or Finance Officer*

# **READY REFERENCE CONTACT INFORMATION**

## **Air Force Retiree Branch**

(800) 531-7502  
(210) 565-4663  
[www.ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil)

## **Arlington National Cemetery**

(703) 607-8000  
[www.arlingtoncemetery.org](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org)

## **Armed Forces Retirement Home**

Washington, DC: (800) 422-9988  
Gulfport, MS: (228) 604-2205  
[www.afrh.com](http://www.afrh.com)

## **Army Retired Affairs**

(703) 325-9158  
[www.armyg1.army.mil/retire](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/retire)

## **Burial at Sea Information**

(866) 787-0081  
[www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil)

## **DEERS (press 3)**

(800) 538-9552  
Fax: (831) 655-8317  
[www.tricare.osd.mil/deers](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/deers)

## **DFAS Retired/Annuitant**

(800) 321-1080  
Outside U.S.: (216) 522-5955  
General Questions: (888) 332-7411  
[www.dod.mil/dfas](http://www.dod.mil/dfas)

## **DFAS Casualty Assistance Branch**

(800) 269-5170  
(For Reporting a Retiree's death, press 2)

## **Fleet Reserve Association**

(703) 683-1400  
[www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)

## **ID Cards, Benefits & Eligibility**

(866) 827-5672  
[www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/fieldsupport](http://www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/fieldsupport) (Click benefits & eligibility)

## **Internal Revenue Service**

(800) 829-1040  
(309) 229-7111  
[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

## **Marine Corps Retired Affairs**

(800) 336-4649  
(703) 784-9310  
[www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil)  
(Click on Career, then Retired Marine)

## **Medicare**

(800) 633-4227  
TTY: (877) 486-2048  
[www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

## **Military Officers Association of America**

(800) 234-6622  
[www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

## **National Burial Services**

(800) 697-6940

## **National Personnel Records Center**

(314) 801-0800  
Fax: (314) 801-9195  
[www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov)

## **NPC Navy Reserve Personnel Management (PERS 9)**

(877) 807-8199 (urgent matters only)  
(901) 874-3087  
<http://npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/ReservePersonnelManagement>

## **Navy Retired Activities Office**

(866) U-ASK-NPC, (866) 827-5672  
E-Mail: [RetiredActivities@navy.mil](mailto:RetiredActivities@navy.mil)  
[www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/RetiredActivities](http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/RetiredActivities)

## **Navy Uniform Shop**

(800) 368-4088  
[www.navy-nex.com/uniform](http://www.navy-nex.com/uniform)

## **Navy Worldwide Locator**

(901) 874-3388  
[www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/NavyWorldWideLocator](http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/NavyWorldWideLocator)

## **Reserve Component SBP**

(877) 807-8199

## **Retiree Dental – Delta Dental**

(866) 838-8737  
[www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org)

## **Service member's Group Insurance (SGLI)**

(800) 419-1473  
(973) 548-5699  
[www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov)

## **Naval Historical Center**

(202) 433-2210  
[www.history.navy.mil](http://www.history.navy.mil)

## **Social Security Administration**

(800) 772-1213  
[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

## **TRICARE**

For LIFE: (866) 773-0404  
Prime Remote: (888) 363-2273  
Overseas: (888) 777-8343  
Mail Order Pharmacy: (888) 363-8667  
[www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)

## **VA Burial Benefits**

(800) 827-1000  
[www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)

## **VA Regional Office**

(Benefits & Assistance)  
(800) 827-1000  
TDD: (800) 829-4833  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



American Legion  
Post 184  
Box 5118, Herndon, VA 20172

## NEXT 3 MEETINGS

Mark Your Calendar

3<sup>rd</sup> **WEDNESDAY**, 7:30–8:30 PM

October 15<sup>th</sup>

November 19<sup>th</sup>

December 17<sup>th</sup>

Meetings held on the **1st Floor** of the  
Herndon Moose Lodge  
714 Center Street  
Herndon, VA

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## SHOW YOUR COLORS

*Display your Flag !!*

POW/MIA Day --- September 19<sup>th</sup>

Columbus Day --- October 13<sup>th</sup>

Election Day --- November 4<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Day --- November 11<sup>th</sup>