
Laughter at the Legion - - Post 201 Comedy Show, 8 p.m. Friday, April 29; Membership Meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday

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'Laughter at the Legion' 8 p.m. Friday, April 29

Comedians Mark Evans and Jamie Ward are scheduled to perform a one-night stand-up show at the Post on Friday, April. 29 starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person and include two adult beverages per ticket. All tickets are reserved seating. Other beverage specials will also be available.

Following the show Evans and Ward will have a meet & greet table for autographs as well as merchandise for purchase including CDs, shirts, hats, military style challenge coins, and beer openers, following the performance.

**Tickets for the two-plus hour show may be purchased
at the Post Clubroom, or [online by clicking here.](#)**

Evans, an Atlanta native, has spent his entire life in the South. However, he is not what audiences might expect to see when they hear the words "Southern Comic." His comedy is not only hilarious, smart, and to the point, but it's also cutting-edge clean.

Taking audiences by storm from coast to coast, both on land and at sea, Evans' shows leave his audiences with two takeaways: you don't have to be dirty to be funny, and having a Southern accent does not mean you are stupid!

"You can't pinpoint stupidity to any one region or group; it's universal," Evans says. His examples of widespread stupidity have left his audiences doubled over with laughter, and hopefully a little wiser, too. After all, his goal is to educate as well as entertain!

Ward, who promotional literature suggests how quick he is on the uptake notes, "Comedy is a hard job, but the toughest part of being a Chinese comic is - - *wait for it* - - I'm Korean!"

After returning to the States following a 2009 active duty tour in Afghanistan, Ward said he was "drawn to a life of living on the road and meeting new people, so stand-up comedy seemed a good fit!" He has performed across the country and in 2016, performed in the

Bahamas and for U.S. Marine based in Japan and in Korea - - or as he says, “the good Korea.”

In addition to performing at comedy clubs, colleges and festivals around the nation, Ward works with his own comedy group of all military veteran comedians. Performing under the name “The GI Jokers,” his group raises money for veteran causes and charities.

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Post 201 News Notes

Free Tickets - - Georgia Swarm Lacrosse Heroes Night, Gas South Arena, Duluth, Saturday, Mar. 12, 7 p.m. John Dowd has a block of 30 free tickets to give away to veterans, spouses and children, first come - first served. His phone number is 770-366-1284. It will be an evening of fast-paced, world-class professional lacrosse which is one of the fastest growing sports in North America. [Click here for more information about the event.](#)

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Walk of Memories Committee Members Needed. At Tuesday's Executive Committee meeting, the decision was made to manage and administer the Post's Walk of Memories outreach as a separate entity that reports to the Executive Committee - - - similar to how the baseball field rental program is managed.

Previously the Walk of Memories was a function of the House Committee. Following an extended discussion among several meeting attendees in addition to members of the executive committee, along with a request by House Committee chair Jeff Rahn that he'd like to see the leadership responsibility transferred to the Executive Committee, Post Commander Fred Mahony concurred and made that decision.

Mahony is now seeking volunteers to serve on the committee. If interested contact him at fred.mahony@usa.net or by phone at 850-586-1026.

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Post Ranks #8 in Membership Renewals. With a 92.4 percent membership renewal rate (647 renewals toward a goal of 700) the Post 201 stands in 8th place among the 21 posts in Georgia's 9th District as of Sunday, Mar. 6. Cornelia Post 84 leads the district at 121.4 percent of goal. Dawsonville Post 247 holds the bottom slot at 50 percent renewal. To see how all 21 posts in the 9th District compare, [click here.](#)

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Volunteer Cooks and Meal Servers are Needed to support plans to cook and sell food on Friday night, Mar. 18 and Friday night, April 15, (Good Friday and Passover First Seder). Over time the House Committee would like to build six “cooking teams” of four persons per shift to support plans to offer food service on selected dance evenings each month. Food service would start at 5 p.m., but volunteers would need to be on hand to start work earlier than 5 p.m.

There's been lots of talk around the Post about what a “good idea this is” and many have been heard to say they'll volunteer. So in the words of one who hangs around the bar, now's the time to “step up to the plate,” or as another observed, “it's time to put your money where your mouth is.”

To volunteer contact: House Committee Chair Jeff Rahn at jrahn@sheepdogia.org, Bar Manager DiAna Casale at dcasale1225@att.net, or phone the Post at 770-475-9023 and leave you contact information.

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Department of Georgia Spring Conference, Friday, Mar. 25 through Sunday, Mar. 27, Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta, [1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, Ga. 30096](#). Adjutant Tom Billings is the point of contact for members of Post 201 planning to attend. Email: tombill03@comcast.net for a registration information and a form. Registration is \$30 per person. The Saturday evening banquet is \$45. Rooms are available at

the hotel for \$117 (does not include taxes, fees, etc.) *Note: the hotel is a "non-smoking hotel."*

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Still Looking for Bar Tenders. The Post needs to hire one or two part-time bartenders. While experience is preferred, if you have the interest, will and commitment, the Post will provide training. Compensation is competitive and commensurate with experience. Interested individuals should contact Jim Kallinen via email at kallinenj@aol.com or call him at 470-512-4583.

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New Law Gives Veterans, Gold Star Families Free Lifetime Access to Nation's National Parks

A new law is giving veterans and Gold Star Families free lifetime access to national parks and federal recreational lands. The Alexander Lofgren Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act was rolled into the National Defense Authorization Act, which was signed into law over the (Christmas/New Year) holidays.

"When you take your oath, if you go into the service, to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, you really are protecting the homeland," the National Park Service's new director and Navy veteran Chuck Sams told USA TODAY. "I think this is a great recognition of that responsibility you took on to serve your nation." (*Source USA TODAY – Click Here for Full Story*).

Editor's Note: For specific information on how to obtain the pass and identification needed until the pass is issued, [click here to visit the National Park Service web site](#).

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Upcoming Post Meetings, Other Veterans Related Activities (as of publication deadline)

Thursday, Mar. 10, 1 p.m., Legion Field. King's Ridge Varsity vs. Paideia. Double Hitter

Friday, Mar. 11, 5:30 p.m., Legion Field, King's Ridge Freshmen vs. Mount Bethel.

Saturday, Mar. 12, 12 noon until ???. Turkey Shoot every Saturday during March. American Legion Post 251, [2760 Duluth Hwy 120, Duluth, Ga.](#), 770-623-4504.

Monday, Mar. 14, 12 noon. Vietnam Veterans of America's North Georgia Mountains Chapter 970. Dawson County Senior Center, [201 Recreation Rd, Dawsonville, Ga. 30534](#) (old building on Veterans Memorial Park). Contact Don Brown, gmpciao@gmail.com, phone 678-779-2584 for more information.

Tuesday, Mar. 15, 7 p.m., General Membership Meeting. Vote on the proposed By-Laws amendment that would add the the following text as a new Paragraph 9 to Article III - Post Executive Committee: "Section 9. The Executive Committee will maintain Minutes of each of their meetings and provide a written copy thereof at the next Regular Business Meeting of the Post for review, comment, and acceptance by the members and the presentation of motions to adopt any or all recommendations contained therein." To read the current By-Laws, [click here](#).

Wednesday, Mar. 16, 5:30 p.m., Legion Field, King's Ridge Varsity vs. Weber.

Thursday, Mar. 17, 11:30 a.m., Georgia Mountain Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America monthly meeting. Golden Corral, [2025 Market Pl Blvd, Cumming, Ga. 30041](#). Gather for chow around 11:30 a.m.; meeting starts about noon.

Thursday, Mar. 17, 7 p.m., Order of the Purple Heart Meeting (3rd Thursday of every month).

Saturday, Mar. 19, 7:30 p.m., Karaoke Night. Food for sale will be available starting in the 5 p.m. time frame.

Sunday, Mar. 20, 2 p.m. 8 Ball Pool Tournament.

Monday, Mar. 21, 5:30 p.m., Legion Field, King's Ridge Varsity vs. Mount Pisgah.

Thursday, Mar. 24, 5:30 p.m., Legion Field, King's Ridge Varsity vs. Mount Pisgah.

Monday, Mar. 28, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002 Meeting, Post Ballroom (4th Monday of every month).

Tuesday, March 29. National Vietnam War Veterans Day. March 29, 1973 was the day United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was disestablished and also the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. In addition, on and around this same day Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war. [Click here for more information.](#)

Wednesday, Mar. 30, 5:30 p.m., Legion Field. King's Ridge Varsity vs Fellowship.

Friday, Apr. 1. Deadline for Post 201 Scholarship Applications. [Click here](#) for detail information on the application process and associated requirements.

Saturday, Apr. 23, 3 p.m. SAL and Auxiliary Reverse Raffle. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Dinner at 3 p.m.. The raffle starts at 3:30 p.m. Each \$100 admission ticket, which is good for two people, includes dinner and beverages. Only 150 tickets will be sold; however individuals may purchase as many tickets as they desire until all are sold.

For more information and to purchase tickets contact Derek Garmon, 770-294-4259, derekgarmon@yahoo.com or Judy Lively, 770-490-5672, jlively@custard.com.

Saturday, Apr. 30. Last day members may use the plastic "201" chips to pay for drinks in the Clubroom/Bar. In addition, members will not be able to exchange the plastic chips for the newer clay/metal chips. So plan ahead. It's "use them" by April 30, or "loose them." Beginning Sunday, May 1, only the clay/metal drink chips will be accepted at the bar.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, Sheepdog 10-K Ruck March. Starting at Newtown Park (Johns Creek) Vietnam Memorial in the 9 a.m. time frame, and will conclude at the Post with a pulled pork bar-b-que lunch.

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Club 201 Dance Schedule

Thursday, Mar. 10, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. JT Team practice.

Friday, Mar. 11, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Morning line dancing with instructor Jean Maggio. \$5 cash per lesson.

Friday, Mar. 11, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. "Buddy's Ballroom Bash" with DJ Buddy Stotts playing fantastic ballroom dance music. 7:30 p.m. to - 8:30 p.m., beginning and intermediate "Cha Cha" dance lessons with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

Saturday, Mar. 12. 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. "Southern Mix" with DJ Steve Edwards playing fabulous country dance music. 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., intermediate "Country Two Step" dance lesson with instructor Steve Edwards, beginning "Country Two Step" dance lesson with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

Sunday, Mar. 13. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. West Coast Swing Sunday at Club 201. DJ Harry Groom will be playing only the best West Coast Swing. 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Levels I

and II dance lessons. 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Levels III and IV and "Competitive Edge" dance lessons. Guest instructors for the "Competitive Edge" class are Maddie Konzelman and Geoff Newell.

Monday, Mar. 14, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Line dancing with instructor Nancy Anthony. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Intermediate Line Dance Class. 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Improver Line Dance Class. \$10 cash for one class, \$15 for both classes.

Wednesday, Mar. 16, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Line Dancing. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Line Dance Class with instructor Nancy Anthony. 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Open Line Dancing. \$10 cash at the door.

Visit both www.club201dance.com and the [Club 201 Dance FaceBook Page](#) for more details about all dance activities and schedules.

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Post 201 Resource Links

Walk of Memories - [Click Here](#) To Honor a Veteran with a Memorial Brick.

Past Issues of this Newsletter - Visit www.legion201.org and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

Website - www.legion201.org. To see the most current Constitution, By-Laws and Code of Conduct, open the website, click on the "Legion" icon at the top of the page, and then click on the "Documents" icon.

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***"It's not the price you pay to be a member,  
It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

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