
Nominations Open for Next Year's Post 201 Leadership; Fulton County Allocates \$1 Million to Support Veterans Programs

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By-Laws Change OK'ed; Nominations For Next Year's Leadership Launched At Tuesday General Membership Meet

Tuesday night's General Membership meeting, attended by 24 members of the Post, saw approval of an administrative change to the By-Laws; the formal kick off to election season for next year's Post leadership; and the transfer into the Post of two Legion members and the addition of four new members.

With only one negative vote, a new paragraph, which is mostly an administrative change, will be added to the Post's By-Laws. The added paragraph reads as follows:

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 how this addition fits into the current By-Laws, [click here](#).

The nomination form for next year's leadership (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) is posted on the bulletin board in the Clubroom. Open positions include Commander (two-year term); Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Finance Officer and Judge Advocate (all are one year terms); and one Executive Committee member (three year term). Current Executive Committee member Bob Byrd has two years remaining on his term and Dave Kirchner has one year remaining on his term.

The nomination period will remain open until April 19 General Membership meeting, with elections scheduled to be held at the Tuesday, May 17 General Membership meeting. All candidates must be members in good standing at the Post and must provide a copy of their DD-214 to the Adjutant in order to be certified as eligible to compete for the office.

Approved for transferring into the Post were Daniel A. Tressler III, USN from Florida Post 203 and William Kasterns, USAF, from Georgia Post 400.

New members, all U.S. Army and Viet Nam veterans, are Rebecca Hannon, John Marino, Neal Gaper and Gary Bruce.

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Fulton County Commission OK's \$1 Million to Support Veterans

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners approved on Mar. 2 a resolution sponsored by District 5 Commissioner Marvin S. Arrington, Jr. to allocate \$1 million to serve veterans in Fulton County.

The county's news announcement says the money will be allocated to "improve the lives of veterans through programs enhancing economic stability, health & wellness, and housing." County Manager Richard "Dick" Anderson will bring forward recommendations for administration of funds, which will be administered through a competitive process with nonprofits serving Fulton County veterans.

[Click here to read Fulton County's news release.](#)

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17 Medical Centers Would Close, More Than 30 Built or Replaced Under VA Plan

*Editor's Note: The source for this story, written by Patricia Kime, is the Mar. 14, 2022 issue of Military.com. A link to the full story is available at the end of this summary. **The impact on Georgia, as reported in this story, would be: The facility in Dublin would be closed; two new medical facilities would be built, one in Macon and one in Gwinnett County; and the Atlanta VA medical center would be completely rebuilt, either on existing land or land near the current location.** - hdh*

The Department of Veterans Affairs has unveiled a plan that calls for closing 17 aging or underused medical centers, while shifting services to more than 30 new or rebuilt hospitals. In some cases, it would rely on private care.

Under the nearly \$2 trillion proposal released Monday, the department would lose a net of three medical centers and 174 outpatient health clinics but would gain 255 health care facilities, including new clinics, stand-alone rehabilitation centers and nursing homes.

Medical centers in areas with diminishing veteran populations are among those slated to close, while others would be built in growing urban centers, the West and the South -- areas where veteran populations are growing. . . .

While most veterans service organizations had not weighed in on the recommendations as of late Monday, the American Legion released a statement saying it generally doesn't support closing facilities but recognizes that changes must sometimes happen based on population shifts.

"The American Legion will always advocate for every U.S. veteran, but we realize that for VA to properly serve America's veterans, it must from time-to-time optimize, reallocate, and re-invest in some of its decades-old infrastructures," American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard said in a statement.

[Click here to read the full story published in Military.com.](#)

[Click here to read the full statement from the American Legion.](#)

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Multi-Employer Job, Veteran Benefits Resource Fair Set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Mar. 23 at Gainesville Post 7

Gainesville's American Legion Post 7 will host a multi-employer job and veteran benefits resource fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 23. The Post is located at [2343](#)

[Riverside Drive, 30501](#). In addition to veterans, the event is open to the public.

Some of the companies represented at the fair will include Kings Hawaiian, Hydro, Pridestaff, Top Notch Personnel, Freight Handlers, Inc., Star Choice, Wagner Staffing, and Partners Personnel.

Veterans resources attending the fair include the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, PTSD Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Georgia Legal Service, and others.

For more information contact Johnny Varner, 470-577-3617, jvarner@ging.org or Angela Valencia, 770-538-4239, avalencia@ging.org.

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

**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, 3 p.m. till Closing. St. Patrick's Day at the Post.** Irish Beef Stew and special Jello shots on the agenda at the Clubroom/Bar.

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

**Saturday, Mar. 19, 12 noon until ???.** **Turkey Shoot every Saturday during March.** American Legion Post 251, [2760 Duluth Hwy 120, Duluth, Ga.](#), 770-623-4504.

**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.

**Friday, Mar. 25 - Sunday, Mar. 27. Department of Georgia Spring Conference,** 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](mailto: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."*

**Saturday, Mar. 26, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Folds of Honor Fundraiser,** Dillons Sports Bar & Restaurant, [850 Dogwood Road, Lawrenceville GA 30044](#). Funds raised help provide educational scholarships to spouses and children of fallen and disabled service-members. Fundraising activities will include Crawfish boil, silent auction, T-Shirts and cookbook sales, raffles and live music. [Click here for more information](#) and open the Events page.

**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. 2. 10:30 a.m. House Committee Meeting** following an informal breakfast on the deck. Bring something to share at breakfast.

**Tuesday, Apr. 12, 7 p.m. Executive Committee.**

**Tuesday, Apr. 19, 7 p.m., General Membership Meeting.** Nominations for 2022 - 2023 Post leadership will close following the meeting.

**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](mailto:derekgarmon@yahoo.com) or Judy Lively, 770-490-5672, [jlively@custard.com](mailto:jlively@custard.com).

**Friday, Apr. 29, 8 p.m., "Laughter at the Legion."** Comedians Mark Evans and Jamie Ward will on the Post's for a one-night stand-up show. 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.](#)**

**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 exchanged 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. 17. No JT Team practice.**

**Friday, Mar. 18. 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Line Dancing** with instructor Jean Maggio. \$5 cash per lesson.

**Friday, Mar. 18. 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. "Live "Top 40" dance music** with "The Atlanta Brass Cats". St. Patrick's Day Celebration. 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., beginning and intermediate "East Coast Swing" dance lessons with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

**Saturday, Mar. 19. 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Live country dance music** with "Hank Bird and the Borderline Band". St. Patricks Day Celebration. 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning and intermediate "Night Club 2" dance lessons with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

**Sunday, Mar. 20. West Coast Swing Sunday at Club 201.** 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Levels I and II dance lessons. 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Levels III and IV and "Competitive Edge" dance lessons. Guest instructors for the "Competitive Edge" class are David Kilinger and Jessica King. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. DJ Rich Kopels will be playing only the best West Coast Swing music.

**Monday, Mar. 21. 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. 23. Line Dancing** with instructor Nancy Anthony. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Line Dance Class. 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Open Line Dancing. \$10 cash at the door.

Visit both [www.club201dance.com](http://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](http://www.legion201.org) and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

**Website** - [www.legion201.org](http://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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## 75th Anniversary - 2022

**Nov. 26, 1947 - Nov. 26, 2022**



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