
Post 201's 'Laughter at the Legion' Sets Stage for Future Shows; House Committee Meets 10:30 a.m. Saturday

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'Laughter at the Legion' Opens Door for Future Shows at Post

This past Friday night's "Laughter at the Legion" show set a new standard for future entertainment at the Post. Despite a few, "we've never done this before" hiccups that occurred during the evening, the net result was a "we need to do this again - - - soon" mindset among the team guiding the evening's activities.

Tentative dates for future shows would focus on the fifth Friday night of the month in order to cause the least disruption to the Club 201 Friday night dance schedule. At present this would leave Friday, Sept. 30 and Friday, Dec. 30 as the target dates for the remainder of the 2022 since Club 201 already has a dance event scheduled on Friday, July 29.

Last Friday's opening act, Jamie Ward, probably had the toughest assignment of the evening. When called to the stage and having the microphone passed to him after more than 15 minutes of opening introductions, he realized immediately that he needed to grab the attention of a restless, not-knowing-what-to-expect-next audience and get them in the palm of his hand for his monologue.

To accomplish this he walked off the stage, stepped to the darkened side of the room, used his best blast-through-the-clutter, Ed McMahon-announcer voice to introduced himself, and then literally bounded back on to the stage. At that moment he had the audience's rapt attention for his upcoming 35 minute monologue!

With no intermission, comedian Mark Evans took over the microphone immediately after Ward closed his sketch. In order to identify with the 180+ audience Evans used an on stage technique which many veterans who have seen a Bob Hope USO show might recognize - - crack a few jokes about the performance venue location itself.

In this instance Evans noted, among other things, the dichotomy between all the "no firearms" signs posted at the entrances to the building, yet the building has a tank at the front door - - - which he observed might lead one to wonder what kind of veterans make up the membership!

Transitioning smoothly into his "being Southern doesn't mean you are stupid repertoire" - - until you heard some of his examples which might make you wonder. Examples: West Virginia has the youngest Home Schooling graduation rate (you have to see the show to find out the answer) to why Ancestry.com is a dating site in some areas of the South! During his 55 minutes on stage, his cutting-edge, somewhat more adult-language monologue kept the His timing and delivery was superb and perhaps he also has studied Jack Benny who was one of the best at using absolute silence to give a joke time to sink in.

Unfortunately some in the audience did not appreciate the value of silence as their table conversation during the show needed to be called out by others - - including Evans himself in what may have been a moment of frustration.

So what next for "Laughter at the Legion"? Only time will tell, but the thinking process is well underway.

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Upcoming Post 201 and Other Veterans Related Activities

(as of publication deadline)

Thursday, May 5, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., Cinco de Mayo day at the Clubroom/Bar. Also called Anniversary of the Battle of Puebla, the holiday is celebrated in Mexico and the United States in honor of the Mexican military's victory in 1862 over the French forces of Napoleon III. Jello shots - \$2. Nachos and Tocos - donations requested

Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. House Committee Meeting which follows an informal 9 a.m. or so breakfast on the deck. Bring something to share at breakfast.

Saturday, May 7, Kentucky Derby Day Activities in the Clubroom from 5:p.m. to 7:30 p.m., a hat contest, bourbon special and food including chicken alfredo, chicken nuggets, mozzarella sticks and Caesar salad.

Tuesday, May 10, 7 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Thursday, May 12, 6:30 p.m. Post 201 Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, May 13, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Whiskey and Cigar Night at the Post. \$50 includes a flight of whiskey, a cigar, and hors d'oeuvres. \$50. Buy tickets at Clubroom/Bar. [Click here to view](#) the promotional flyer.

Friday & Saturday, May 13-14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. "We Care Veterans Resource Fair" at Cobb Galleria, [548 South Marietta Parkway, S.E.](#) More than 75 professional organizations and agencies that serve veterans attending. Open to all veterans. Onsite CARE Canteen will be providing breakfast, lunch, snacks, and coffee all day at no cost for Veterans. Admission is free but tickets are needed for entrance. Sponsored by United Military Care, phone 770-973-0014; email info@unitedmilitarycare.org; web site <https://www.unitedmilitarycare.org>.

Detail information about the fair:
<https://www.wecarevetfair.com/>

Free ticket(s) reservations:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-care-veterans-resource-fair-tickets-265241964857>

Sunday, May 15, 2 p.m. 8-Ball Pool Tournament.

Tuesday, May 17, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting and Election of Post Officers for Next Year.

Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m., Order of the Purple Heart Meeting (3rd Thursday of every month).

Saturday, May 21. Armed Forces Day. This day is set aside to celebrate everyone who is currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Unlike Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day is not an official federal holiday. These three holidays should not be confused. Memorial Day is a federal holiday that remembers and mourns those who have died in U.S. military service. Veterans Day, also a federal holiday, honors the service of all U.S. military veterans, both living and deceased.

Saturday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Karaoke Night in the Clubroom.

Sunday, May 22, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cherokee County Wingmen 1st Annual Freedom Ride to benefit the Cobb Veteran Memorial Foundation. Start at American Legion Canton, [160 McClure St., Canton 30114](#); finish at American Legion Post 29, [921 Gresham Ave., NE, Marietta 30060](#). For more info call 404-828-0099.

Monday, May 23, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002 Meeting, Post Ballroom (*Meets 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Ron Cowan, 404-509-1700, roncowan@bellsouth.net or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, jim.davis@comcast.net.)*

Tuesday, May 24. Primary Election Day. Clubroom/Bar will be closed until 7 p.m. or until the polling location in the Post ballroom closes.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Post 201's 75th Anniversary 'Black Tie' Gala Saturday Evening, Nov. 12, 2022

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Club 201 Dance Schedule

Thursday, May 5, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Dance Focus Group. Swing/hustle 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Waltz 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.. Instructor Elizabeth Williams instructor Cost is \$10 per person.

Friday, May 6, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Friday morning line dancing with instructor Jean Maggio. Beginners, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Beyond Beginners, 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Intermediate, 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon. \$5 cash per lesson.

Friday Evening, May 6, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Live music with the "Gold Standard Band". The best Motown band in Atlanta. 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Beginning and intermediate "Rumba" dance lessons with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams. \$12.00 cash or credit card at the door. The Legion kitchen will be open with hot dogs, hamburgers for sale.

Saturday, May 7, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., "Southern Mix" with DJ Steve Edwards playing only the best country dance music. 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Intermediate "Night

Club” dance lesson with instructor Steve Edwards. Beginning “Night Club” dance lesson with Mark and Elizabeth Williams. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

Sunday, May 8, West Coast Swing 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., Levels III and IV and "Competitive Edge” dance lessons. Guest instructors for the “Competitive Edge” class are Maddie Konzelman and Geoff Newell. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. DJ Harry Groom will be playing only the best West Coast Swing music.

Monday, May 9 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, May 11, 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 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.

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Post 201 Website - www.legion201.org.

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