
Post 201 Membership Renewal and Bar Service 'Grace Period' for Late Renewers Outlined

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As we enter 2023, in addition to hearing wishes for a "Happy New Year," the discussion of membership renewal is sure to follow. Post Adjutant Tom Billings, along with input about Clubroom/Bar renewal-related operations from the Canteen Committee and its chairman Bob Byrd, has prepared the following Q&A on membership renewal which applies to both the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion.

Legionnaires with additional questions should direct them to Tom Billings. SAL membership questions should be addressed to SAL leadership; and likewise, questions about Auxiliary membership should be addressed to Auxiliary leadership. Questions about Bar operations should be addressed to Bob Byrd or other members of the Canteen Committee.

When does Legion and SAL membership expire?

Membership expires on Dec. 31, of each year. It can be a little confusing because National starts accepting dues for the upcoming year on July 1. That's when they start sending their many periodic renewal reminders. The goal is to have everyone renewed for the New Year by Jan. 1.

Clubroom staff will be checking memberships and reminding members to renew beginning on Jan 1. Please renew by Jan 31. You can renew by credit card at the bar. *(Note: as of Tuesday, Jan. 3, Post 201 had 540 Legionnaires on the 2023 membership list against a quota of 700 for the year.)*

When is my membership considered delinquent?

If dues are not paid by Jan. 1, the member becomes delinquent. However, the American Legion allows a 1-month grace period. If dues are not paid by Feb. 1, the member is

suspended. In the past, Post 201 has been flexible in applying that rule, but now the American Legion is requiring individual posts to comply.

I paid my dues a while ago so why did I get another renewal notice?

Renewal notices are mailed from National Headquarters based on the information in their records at the time the notices are printed. Although you may have paid your dues, the National portion of your dues may not have reached national offices yet. When you pay your dues to the Post, we process your payment. Funds are then sent to Georgia Department Headquarters and finally, the Department forwards the remaining balance to National.

Once National receives your dues they tell us they are usually processed within 48 hours. On the renewal notice, you'll see there is an "AS OF" date which is when the notice was printed. If you paid your dues sometime around that date, your dues and the renewal probably just crossed in the mail, and you shouldn't receive another one for that membership year.

However, if you paid well in advance of that "as of" date, then you should contact the post adjutant if you are a Legionnaire to verify the status of your renewal payment. SAL and Auxiliary members should contact their respective leadership teams.

How about being served at the Clubroom/Bar?

The Canteen Committee, which is chaired by Bob Byrd, has provided the following guidance to bartending staff for membership renewal and new members (Legionaries, SAL, Auxiliary, and others at the bar):

As of Dec 31, all 2022 memberships have expired. Bartenders will be asking you to display your 2023 membership card and checking the membership lists. If you have not renewed, don't worry. Renewals and new membership may be purchased at the Clubroom using the POS (point of sale) system when the bar is open.

The Club Room will honor the same grace period (the month of January) as the national organization. However, after Tuesday, Jan. 31, customers not current with their membership will be charged Public (guest) pricing and required to sign the guest book.

And remember - - - if you experience a problem regarding your membership, please don't take your frustration out on the bartender on duty. They are following management's instructions.

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Free Notary Public Services Offered At Post as a Benefit of Membership

Post 201 Finance Assistant DiAna Casale is now a Notary Public. Her services are available without charge to members of the Post as a benefit of membership.

To request/schedule a time to meet with her for notary services, please send an email to americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com and include in the subject line "Notary Services Requested."

Notaries in Georgia have the authority to: (1) Witness or attest signature or execution of deeds and other written instruments; (2) Take acknowledgments; (3) Administer oaths and affirmations in all matters incidental to their duties as commercial officers and all other oaths and affirmations which are not by law required to be administered by a particular

officer; (4) Witness affidavits upon oath or affirmation; (5) Take verifications upon oath or affirmation; (6) Make certified copies, provided that the document presented for copying is an original document and is neither a public record nor a publicly recorded document, certified copies of which are available from an official source other than a notary; and provided that the document was photocopied under supervision of the notary; (7) and, Perform such other acts as notaries are authorized to perform by the laws of the State of Georgia.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

Thursday, Jan. 5, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Saturday, Jan. 7, 8 a.m. First Saturday Informal 'Pot Luck' Breakfast for members. Cooking generally starts around 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. Meal served in 9 a.m. time frame. Be sure to bring something to share. For more info contact John Dowd, 770-366-1284, or email jedowd3@gmail.com.

Saturday, Jan. 7, 10:30 a.m. House Committee Meeting.

Monday, Jan. 9. 3 p.m. to Close. Drink Specials at Clubroom/Bar. Legends shots, \$5 each; Corona Premier, \$2.50. Sausage & peppers available late afternoon and early evening. Come early, stay late and watch the 2023 College Football Playoff National Championship between #1 UGA (13-0-0) and #3 TCU (13-1-0) starting at 7:30 p.m., at SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, Calif.

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

Saturday, Jan. 14, Start Time TBD. Second Home Depot Foundation Grant work day. Contact Jeff Rahn at jrahn@sheepdogia.org for details and to volunteer.

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m. 8-Ball Pool Tournament in the Clubroom.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Chicken, pasta, cheeseburger casserole and a salad prepared by Paul Sheridan will be served prior to the meeting. In addition a Commander's Chili Cookoff contest is being planned. Cash prizes of \$50 (1st place), \$30 (2nd place), and \$20 (3rd place) will be awarded. The winners will be determined by members attending the meeting.

Thursday, Jan 19, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. Post 201 Oratorical Contest in the Ballroom. This is the first one Post 201 has conducted in five years. Four contestants are currently registered to speak. The annual American Legion Oratorical Contest seeks to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students.

Monday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002. 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.

Friday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night. \$50 includes a flight of three bourbon tastings, a cigar and hors d'oeuvres. Purchase tickets at the Clubroom/Bar.

Saturday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. Laughter at the Legion, III - - a Valentine's Day Sweetheart Special. Doors open at 6 p.m. Individual non-reserved seats are \$40 each and can be purchased online [by clicking here](#), or they may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar. Tables (6 seats) are \$240 each. Tables should be purchased through the Clubroom/Bar when the bar is open for service.

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Club 201 Dance Activities

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

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Resource Links

Post 201 Walk of Memories - [Click here](#) for more information.

Past Issues of Post 201 E-Newsletter - Visit www.legion201.org and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

Post 201 Website - www.legion201.org.

VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

Veterans Crisis Line - 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

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