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'Laughter at the Legion III' Starts Final Countdown to Saturday, Feb. 11 Show

The countdown starts today at "10" but in this case it's not a launch into space from Cape Kennedy or Vandenberg AFB - - - it's a 10-day count down to Laughter at the Legion III, a 'Valentine's Sweetheart Special' evening at the Post on Saturday night, Feb. 11.

Doors for the show will open at 6 p.m. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, open seating. Tickets can be purchased online by [clicking here](#), or they may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar. The evening includes special pricing on Budweiser and Bud Light beers.

Ticket sales were a little slow as of 12 noon yesterday with 70 sold and another three tables reserved. However history suggests that there will be a last minute rush since it's open seating tickets. Those interested in reserving a table for \$240 (six seats) may make those arrangements at the Clubroom/Bar during business hours, or contact Finance Officer Ralph Jordan.

So don't wait too late on the countdown clock. Plan to bring your special someone to the Valentine comedy show and enjoy a great evening of fun and laughter!

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Volunteers Save Post \$35K+ in Labor Costs on Baseball Concession Rehab

Thanks to a group of volunteers who have been rehabbing the baseball field concession stand since mid December, the Post has saved some \$35,000 (a conservative estimate) in construction labor costs. Materials for the project cost approximately \$4,500, although the hard numbers are still being finalized.

Their commitment to the Post means the concession stand will be open and ready for business for all King's Ridge baseball games this year. it will be staffed by King's Ridge parents.

In addition to Dave Kirchner who oversaw the project, other volunteers included "Big" Mike Carroll, Ralph Fike, Paul Sheridan, Alan Dudley, and Bob Quinn who specifically helped with painting the kitchen and operated the table saw to cut tiles for the bathroom showers.

Here's a partial list of work accomplished according to Kirchner: totally gutted the restrooms, removed all walls, wood, plumbing and electrical fixtures; used a jack hammer to remove all floor tile; hammered through slabs to access all drains below floor and replaced them with proper flanges etc.; removed the lower half of sheetrock walls in the kitchen area; and removed the vent hood system.

Also the volunteer team scraped all the ceilings to give them a smooth finish; replaced the return air duct work; securely fastened all sheetrock to the ceiling; re-framed, sheet rocked, plumbed and re-wired all areas of the building; installed a main shut off valve and pressure regulator for building; removed all unused electrical circuits; and installed cinder blocks and mortar to seal several holes in building.

According to Kirchner the walls for the bathroom stalls are rather expensive, so rather than attempting to save money and fabricate them using existing materials, the volunteers are trading out their talents to work on a private home in return for a donation to purchase manufactured bathroom stalls.

Also Kirchner noted that the Post's SAL members have donated \$750 to cover some of the material costs incurred on the project.

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Post News Notes

Bingo Update - - Bingo is getting closer to being re-launched at the Post, but volunteers to help run the game are still needed. Post Commander Fred Mahony reports that he plans meet with volunteers and run some practice games this Sunday starting in the 2:30 p.m. time frame. He has fully charged all 57 Bingo game machines (one appears to be bad) and at Sunday's meeting volunteers will do a recap of all the steps necessary to run the game. This includes logging in, selling games, cards, stamp and run through a game or two. "Running a practice game is the best way to learn how to run a game," he said.

75th Anniversary - - Last week the Appen Media Group published a front page story on the Post's 75th Anniversary Celebration that was hosted by Carl Black Buick GMC. This is the second story they have published during the past 30 days about the Post's 75th anniversary. [Click here to read](#) the most recent story. If you missed the first story which was published on Jan. 10, [click here to read](#) that story. Thanks to Roger Wise who has been the driving force in obtaining community recognition of the Post's 75th Anniversary.

Bourbon and Cigar Night - - Twenty-nine members and friends along with three guests enjoyed Bourbon and Cigar night this past Friday. Event coordinator John Dowd said, "It was a great event and everyone had a great time." After expenses, the evening raised \$570.22 to support veterans activities. That's \$81.47 more than the average of \$488.72 per event raised at the previous four Bourbon and Cigar evenings according to a report prepared for the upcoming Thursday, Jan. 9 Finance Committee meeting. Cigar Merchant of Roswell who provided the Oliva Cigars at a discounted rate, and Vitality Living of Milton supported the event. [Click here to see a photo](#) of the event provided Jim Kallinen.

In Memory - - Anderson Davis, 15-year American Legion member, USMC, Korea. Service scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11 at Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 888 Zion Circle, Roswell. Information on interment at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton not available at publication deadline.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

King's Ridge Baseball at Post 201. The season schedules for the Varsity and JV teams are published on the Post's web site, www.legion201.org. Click on the "Baseball" link.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 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, Feb. 4, 12 noon. House Committee Meeting. Note: This is a change from the previous 10:30 a.m. start times for House Committee meetings.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 3 p.m. Atlanta Gladiators Military and First Responders Day. The Atlanta Gladiators invite all American Legion members, friends, family and supporters out to cheer on the Atlanta Gladiators as they take on the Savannah Ghost Pirates on Military and First Responders Day. As part of the pre-game action, select members of the American Legion will be our official game starters, by performing the traditional "Let's Play Hockey." [Click here for more details.](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Region Virtual Career Fair for Veterans. This online event is free. RecruitMilitary and DAV are hosting a virtual hiring and networking event exclusively for the military community in the Eastern Region of the U.S. This four-hour event provides job seekers with direct access to exclusive companies who wish to hire and retain military talent. The platform is web-based, so no downloading is necessary. [Click here for more information](#) and to register.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Saturday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m. "The Making of Twelve O'Clock High" with Chuck Bishop, [Eighth Air Force Historical Society Georgia Chapter](#), at the 57th Fighter Group Restaurant, 3829 Clairmont Rd., Atlanta. Free admission. RSVP: gachaptermighty8th@gmail.com.

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.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

Saturday, Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m. "Riding to Freedom" with Hilbert Margol. [Atlanta World War II Round Table](#) meeting, Fellowship Hall at the Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mt. Vernon Rd., Dunwoody. \$20 per person, WWII vets free. RSVP to Bill LeCount no later than Feb 15 at 404-866-7383.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. "The Untold Story of the Rise of Imperial Japan" with Jeff Johnson. Northeast Georgia Veterans Society meeting at the North Georgia Barbeque's banquet room, 897 South Main St., Cleveland, Ga. To RSVP contact Ron Webb at jrwgman@yahoo.com .

Monday, Feb. 27, 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.

Saturday, April 29, All Day. American Legion Family Day. The American Legion National Executive Committee unanimously passed a resolution at its meeting on Oct. 12 & 13, 2022 in Indianapolis which establishes American Legion Family Day to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April. It encourages Posts to open their doors to members of their community for a day and celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members, and the American Legion Auxiliary. [Click here](#) for more information.

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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

Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk - 631-720-6022

Benefits for Georgia Veterans - [Click this link](#).

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It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

**Post 201 - Serving Vets for 75 Years**  
*November 26, 1947 - November 26, 2022*

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