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American Legion Commander ID's 2023 National Legislative Priorities

Speaking at the opening session of the Legion's 2023 Washington Conference Commanders Call on Feb. 28, National Commander, Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola, outlined the organization's major legislative priorities for the first session of the 118th Congress. He also thanked the 117th Congress for their support of the PACT Act, which will allow more than 3.5 million toxic-exposed veterans to be eligible for VA benefits.

The Legion's 2023 legislative priorities include:

- - Protect and improve the GI Bill. Reservists and National Guardsmen often cannot take advantage of all the benefits in the existing legislation.
- - Respect the U.S. flag and allow Congress to once again claim the right to protect the flag from desecration.
- - Protect veterans from predatory actors such as law firms that are overcharging veterans after they had already been exposed to contaminated drinking water.
- - Advocate for citizenship for military service.
- - Ensure that the U.S. Coast Guard is paid during any future government shutdowns.

"We must remind our senators, representatives and their staff that they have no higher calling than the care and well-being of our veterans, our active military and their families," Troiola also said during his remarks.

[Click here to read the full story](#) that is published on the Legion's web site.

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Post 201 News Notes

Informal Breakfast - - This Saturday is the monthly "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. First responders who attend are exempt from the 'bring something to share' expectation. For more info contact John Dowd, 770-366-1284, or email jedowd3@gmail.com.

Scholarship Applications - - Forms for the Post's annual scholarship program are available for download [by clicking here](#). This year the Post raised the value of each scholarship from \$1,000 to

\$1,500 Plans call for presenting four scholarships to graduating seniors. Applications must be received by Saturday, Apr. 1. Contact Tom Billings, Post adjutant, for more information.

Rocking Boots Fundraiser - - This past Saturday's 4-hour Rocking Boots Line Dance Party in the Post's ballroom drew 67 paid attendees, some who came from as far away as midtown Atlanta, Marietta, and counties north of Forsyth County. For those with inquiring minds the dance party's head count included less than 10 men. The event raised \$1,020 to support the Post's troops and veterans services outreach. A lobbying campaign is already underway to repeat this event. Thanks to Nancy Anthony for her 'rocking' leadership.

Bathroom Repairs - - The baseball field concession stand restroom remodeling project is complete - - - except for a couple of 'punch list' items. Thanks to Dave Kirchner , Paul Sheridan , "Big" Mike Carroll, Bob Quinn, Mike Roman, Alan Dudley, and Ralph Fike. Find a reason to 'visit' and see the professional results of their dedicated work. And just in case there are any questions regarding which bathroom is which if you [click here to see the photos](#) (thanks to Steve-O who provided them) - - - Blue is for males. Pink is for females.

Concession Stand Volunteers - - Paul Sheridan is looking for a continuing stream of volunteers to support the baseball field concession stand operations which will generate income for the Post. A signup sheet is posted in the Clubroom/Bar.

'Getting to Know You' - - Joesph Yi, Jeff Davis and 15 other members of the Alpharetta Rotary Club gathered for a 'Getting to Know You' social hour at the Post this past Tuesday evening . Post hosts included Fred Mahony and Ralph Jordan. They welcomed the Rotarians and highlighted during the discussions where the two organizations share mutual values and missions involving outreach and community service to the local area.

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~ ~ Military- Veterans Related News ~ ~
(Not likely to be published locally in other media.)

VA Increases Max Life Insurance Coverage by \$100,000
[Click here to read.](#)

Pentagon Asks Troops to Stop showing Huge U.S. Flags at Events
[Click here to read.](#)

Marine Corps Axes Elite Scout Sniper Platoons
[Click here to read.](#)

Retired USAF General Warns 'Woke Regime' Working With U.S. 'Enemies'
[Click here to read.](#)

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

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

Thursday, Mar. 2, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Friday, Mar. 3, U.S. Navy Reserves Birthday.

Saturday, Mar. 4, 8 a.m. First Saturday Informal 'Pot Luck' Breakfast .

Tuesday, Mar. 7, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting. Note: This is the shift back to Tuesday evenings from the previous Saturday morning meetings.

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

Wednesday, Mar. 15. American Legion's 104th Birthday.

Thursday, Mar. 16, 11:30 a.m. Georgia Mountain Chapter - Military Officers Association of America monthly lunch meeting. Golden Corral, 2025 Market Place Blvd., Cumming. Meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

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

Friday, March 17. St. Patrick's Day in the Clubroom. Irish whiskey will be the day's special drink. And other, as yet-to-be disclosed plans are being developed.

Sunday, Mar. 19. National Medal of Honor Day. Recognizes all Medal of Honor recipients. Created in 1861, it is the highest military award for valor in the United States.

Sunday, Mar. 19, 2 p.m. 8-Ball Pool Tournament.

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

Monday, Mar. 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.

Wednesday, Mar. 29. Viet Nam Veterans Day. President Donald J. Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 on Mar. 28, 2017 to officially recognize March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. On this day in 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil. It is also the date President Richard Nixon chose for the first Vietnam Veterans Day in 1974.

Friday, Mar. 31, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. "Variety of Legends" Tribute Show starring Conner Lorre. Funds raised benefit American Legion Pickens Post 149. Doors open at 5 p.m. Check him out [by clicking here](#). Regular admission: \$20 donation. Seniors (65+) and Veterans: \$15 donation. Chattahoochee Technical College Auditorium, 100 Campus Drive, Jasper. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets online.

Saturday, April 29, 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 not the price you pay to be a member,  
It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

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

