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American Legion Celebrates 104th Birthday Wednesday

The American Legion turns 104 on Wednesday, Mar. 15 - - the day in 1919 when the first American Legion caucus, held by members of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), convened in Paris.

A group of 20 officers is credited with founding the Legion. AEF Headquarters asked the officers to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr., proposed an organization of veterans.

In February 1919, the group formed a temporary committee and selected several hundred individuals who had the confidence and respect of the whole army. About 1,000 officers and enlisted men attended the Paris Caucus in March 1919. They adopted a temporary Constitution and the name The American Legion. [Click here to read](#) more about the history of The American Legion.

Each year, Legion posts across the country hold events – public, private or both – to commemorate this anniversary. At publication deadline no Post 201 events have been announced. A copy of the American Legion 104th Birthday news announcement can be read by [clicking here](#).

In a 104th birthday speech drafted by the national organization for members to use and tailor for local audience, the prepared text noted that “Last year, The American Legion witnessed the signing of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act. The law provides comprehensive health care and benefits to veterans with illnesses related to burn pits, atomic radiation, Agent Orange and other toxic exposures.”

“Thousands of Legionnaires worldwide wrote, called, visited and messaged lawmakers. They reminded Congress that elected officials should serve veterans as well as veterans have served America,” the advance speech text also notes. [Click here to read](#) the full text.

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Next Bourbon and Cigar Night At Post Set for Friday, Apr. 28

Bourbon and Cigar Night planners DiAna Casale and John Dowd have set Friday, Apr. 28 as the next date for the periodic evening on the deck to taste a flight of three bourbons, smoke of fine

'stogie,' and taste some outstanding hors d'oeuvres - - - all in the interest of raising funds to benefit veterans.

Tickets for the upcoming 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. event will be \$50 each if purchased at the Clubroom/Bar prior Friday, Apr. 21. After that the price jumps to \$60 per person.

According to planners, the up-charge for last minute decision makers is designed to drive a more exact head count of participants. This is needed as early as possible since the bourbons and cigars need to be ordered at least a week in advance of the event. And the last thing the planners want to happen is to not have enough product or food on hand to meet the expectations of all who attend.

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Canton Post, Homeless Vet Program Allocated \$700K To Help Address 'Homelessness' in Cherokee County

The American Legion Post in Canton, in conjunction with the Cherokee Homeless Veterans Program (CCHVP), were recently allocated \$700,000 of \$2.5 million in federal funds to address homelessness. The funds were being distributed to area non profits by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners.

According to an article by *Cherokee Tribune* staff writer Ethan Johnson, funds allocated to Post 45 and CCHVP will be used to purchase land at 111 Faye Drive at Bells Ferry Road and renovate the existing home to provide beds for up to 16 veterans for a six-to-nine-month term. [Click here to read](#) the story.

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

Veterans' Emergency Room Bills Could Get Repaid by VA Thanks to Change
[Click here to read.](#)

DoD Still Hasn't Released a Form Needed for Retirees' One-Time Chance to Change SBP [Click here to read.](#)

VA's National Cemetery Administration Leads All Public, Private Organizations in 2022 Customer Satisfaction Ratings
[Click here to read.](#)

Army's New Ad Campaign Brings Back 'Be All You Can Be' As It Courts Gen Z [Click here to read.](#)

Redstone Arsenal Still Cleaning Up Buried World War II Era Munitions
[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.

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. Limavady Single Barrel Irish Whiskey from the town of Limavady, northwest of Belfast, will be the the day's special drink. And of course the traditional corned beef and cabbage will also be on hand.

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, Apr. 1, 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. 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.

Tuesday, Apr. 4, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Thursday, Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

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

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.

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*

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