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Legionnaires Warned to Avoid Unauthorized 'My Legion App'

The American Legion National Headquarters IT staff has become aware of an unauthorized "My Legion App" currently available from the Android and Apple stores. The app was created by organizations identified as "Giant Killer" (Apple App Store) and "Feel Good 7" (Google Play).

Legionnaires are being asked to not engage with these sellers or download the app, as they do not have permission to use the American Legion name and likeness, and they are charging a monthly fee. The American Legion's intellectual property attorney is exploring legal options.

American Legion National Headquarters has no plans produce a fee-for-service app. They are actively working on a mobile application focused on helping local posts and individual members. When the official app is ready, it will be announced through official Legion channels and will be identified with The American Legion as the "seller" once published to the app stores.

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Planning Meet For Post 201 Family Day Set for 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, Apr. 11; SAL, Auxiliary, Legion Volunteers Needed

DiAna Casale and Ellen Youngblood are looking for volunteers to help plan and execute an American Legion Family Day at the Post on Saturday, Apr. 29. They have scheduled an initial planning meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 11 at 6:15 p.m. at the Post

According to DiAna a number of children's activities and games are being considered along with some other special opportunities. Ellen reports that Paul Sheridan and Tommy Youngblood have agreed to be in charge of cooking.

However, both say more Legionnaire, SAL and Auxiliary volunteers are needed. So plan to attend the meeting and BRING IDEAS that will help make the day a successful one!

American Legion Family Day is an annual event that the National Executive Committee unanimously supported at its meeting on Oct. 12 & 13, 2022 in Indianapolis. It should be celebrated each year on the last Saturday of April. Posts are encouraged to use the opportunity to open their doors to members of their community 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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Two Marines to Start USA Four Corners Charity Motorcycle Ride from Gillsville, Ga.; Ride Benefits Tunnel to Towers Foundation

Two Marine veterans, Dan Halpern and Bob Gault, have dreamed of taking the ride of a lifetime for many years - riding motorcycles to the four corners of the United States. The ride kicks off on May 22 from Gillsville, Ga.

It is estimated that this trip will take approximately 32 days and rack up around 12,000 miles. June 23 is the estimated return date to the northeast Georgia town which is about 12 miles east of Gainesville. [Click here for more information](#) and ride itinerary. (*Note: Thanks to Ed Holben for this story lead.*)

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

The Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame (GMVHOF) will hold an Unveiling Ceremony for the Classes of 2021 and 2022 at the Georgia State Capitol on Thursday, Apr. 20 at 1 p.m.

According to Richard H. White, GMVHOF director and board chairman, the ceremony will "bring the total number of inductees to 162 brave and selfless Georgians since the (organization's) inception in 2013."

For more information contact White at rickwhite4750@gmail.com, 678-427-09114, www.gmvhof.org, 678-427-0915. The inductees for the two classes include:

Class of 2021:

ADAMS, Sparkle Komegay: SERVICE; USAF; Master Sergeant; Forest Park
FOWLER, Ormond Craig, Jr.: VALOR; USN; Commander; Vietnam; Savannah
GRIMSHAW, James McLennon: VALOR; USA; Major; Vietnam; Townsend
HALL, Michael Thomas: ACHIEVEMENT; USA; Command Sergeant Major; Panama, Haiti, Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan; Columbus
HERNANDEZ, Samuel David: VALOR; USA; Command Sergeant Major; Vietnam; McDonough
HUDGENS, Dallas Scott, Jr.: SERVICE; USA; Technician Fifth Grade; World War II; Duluth (Posthumous)
JOHNSON, George Marvin, Jr.: VALOR; USAF; Major General; World War II; Macon (Posthumous)
LANDGRAFF, Alfred J.: VALOR; USA; Captain; World War II; Marietta (Posthumous)
NEWPORT, John Patrick: SERVICE; USMC; Master Sergeant; Vietnam; Woodstock
SOBIESKI, Thaddaus Raymond: VALOR; USA; Colonel; World War II, Korea; Atlanta (Posthumous)

SPRAYBERRY, James Michael: MEDAL OF HONOR; USA; Captain; Vietnam; Lagrange
SQUIRES, Myron Edward: VALOR; USA; Lieutenant Colonel; Vietnam; Jasper
THOMPSON, Clark Jackson: VALOR; USA; Lieutenant Colonel; Vietnam; Dahlonga (Posthumous)
THOMPSON, John William: ACHIEVEMENT; USA; Colonel; Iraq, Afghanistan; Alpharetta
THOMPSON, Robert Acquinn: VALOR; USA; Captain; Vietnam; Lincolnton (Killed-In-Action)
WRIGHT, Larry Dean: VALOR; USAF; Brigadier General; Vietnam; Newnan

Class of 2022:

BAIN, Dolas David: VALOR; USA; Tech 5th Grade; World War II; Trenton
BRANNEN, Karen Fuller: ACHIEVEMENT; USMC; Colonel; Athens
CHAPEAU, Armand Legriel (Toby): SERVICE; USCG; Commander; Vietnam; Athens
DYER, Sarita Yvette: SERVICE; USA; Sergeant Major; Desert Storm, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq;
McDonough
FLOYD, Alvin Winslow: VALOR; USA; Sergeant First Class; Vietnam; Augusta (*Killed-in Action*)
GAY, Logan Thomas, Jr.: SERVICE; USMC; Captain; Vietnam; Atlanta
GREER, Thomas Harter: VALOR; USA; Major; Balkans, Afghanistan, Iraq; Milan (*Posthumous*)
GRESHAM, Michael Edward: VALOR; USMC; Sergeant; Vietnam; Kennesaw
KICKLIGHTER, Claude Milton (Mick): ACHIEVEMENT; USA; Lieutenant General; Vietnam;
Glennville
LEE, Travis Bertrand: VALOR; USA; Second Lieutenant; Vietnam; Marietta (*Killed-in Action*)
McGARRY, Grant Andrew: VALOR; USA; Sergeant; Afghanistan, Iraq; Roswell
REECE, Frank Siddall: VALOR; USA; Colonel; Vietnam; Newnan
ROMANELLI, Robert James: VALOR; USN; Lieutenant; Vietnam; Savannah
SCHMIDT, Walter Kay: VALOR; USAF; Colonel; Vietnam; Canton
WADE, Billy Fowler: VALOR; USMC; Sergeant; Vietnam; Soperton

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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.

Monday, Apr. 10, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting. This meeting replaces the April 4 scheduled meeting which was cancelled early that afternoon.

Tuesday, Apr. 11, 7 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

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

Sunday, Apr. 16, 2 p.m. 8 Ball Pool Tournament.

Tuesday, Apr. 18, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Thursday, Apr. 20, 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, Apr. 20, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

Monday, Apr. 24, 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, Apr. 28, 7 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night. Taste a flight of three bourbons, smoke of fine 'stogie,' and sample some outstanding hors d'oeuvres - - - all in the interest of raising funds to benefit veterans. Tickets for the 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. event are \$50 each if purchased at the Clubroom/Bar prior Friday, Apr. 21. After that the price jumps to \$60 per person.

Saturday, April 29, American Legion Family Day at the Post.

Saturday, May 6, 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.

Monday, May 8. 13th Annual MSgt. George "Rip" and Barbara Masters Golf Tournament. Cobbleston Golf Course, 4200 Nance Rd. Acworth. Shotgun start 9 a.m. Individual player registration \$125. Proceeds to benefit The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund. Contact Craig Moore, tournament director, for more information, sponsorship opportunities and registration details. Email: craigmoore10@hotmail.com, phone 404-934-6337

Saturday, Jun. 3, 8 a.m. Ride for Vets - - a motorcycle ride to support veterans with PTSD. Sponsored by the Johns Creek Veterans Association. \$50 entry fee per motorcycle. [Click here for more information.](#)

Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m. Laughter at the Legion featuring Atlanta-based comedians Lace Larrabee and Nick Murphy. Individual general admission tickets are now on sale at the Clubroom/Bar only. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$150 for a table for six. Buy your tickets now, because you may see a price increase when the tickets are offered to the general public.

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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. 15. 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*

