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Scotch & Cigar Night, 'Little Black Dress' Dance, West Coast Swing on Tap at Post this Weekend

Scotch and Cigar Night, scheduled for 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. tomorrow starts this weekend's activities at the Post. The night will feature three tastings of 12-year-old Scotch: Glenlivet, Bowmore, and Aberfeldy. The cigars for the evening are Cao Gold and Macanudo Inspirado. Tickets for a three-Scotch tasting, cigars and fine hors d'oeuvres may be purchased in the Clubroom/Bar for \$50 per person.

Friday night's fun will be followed on Saturday evening with the annual "Little Black Dress" dance night with DJ Rich Kopels. Beginning and intermediate "Cha Cha" dance lessons for one hour starting at 7:30 p.m. with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams will open the night. DJ Rich Kopels will provide a great mix of dance music between 8:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. Admission for the dance is \$12 per person cash or credit card.

Sunday night will be West Coast Swing night. Hosted by Mark and Elizabeth Williams and Suzy Filip, the Competitive Edge class guest instructor will be Kurt Senser. Beginners & Beyond the Basics (Levels I and II) will be 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Levels III/IV and Competitive Edges classes will run from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. After that DJ Chris Powderly takes over for dancing until 10 p.m.

A Little More About the Distilleries for the Scotch Drinkers

The Glenlivet distillery, located near Ballindalloch in Moray, Scotland, is the oldest legal distillery in the parish of Glenlivet. Founded in 1842, it has operated almost continuously since then, closing only during World War II by a Government decree. Glenlivet brands are the biggest selling single malt whisky in the U.S. and the second globally.

Today, the distillery is owned by the French alcoholic beverages company Pernod Richard, which also oversees the distillery's production of 5,900,000 proof litres per year. The majority of this – enough for 6 million bottles – is sold as The Glenlivet single malt, with the remainder being used in Pernod Ricard's blended whisky brands.

Bowmore distillery produces Scotch whisky on the Isle of Islay, an island of the Inner

Hebrides. The distillery, which lies on the South Eastern shore of Loch Indaal, is one of the oldest in Scotland, having been established in 1799 and is the oldest running distillery on Islay. The distillery was closed in 1915 and remained closed until it was purchased and reopened in 1926.

Similar to Glenlivet, the Bowmore distillery halted production during WW II and hosted RAF Coastal Command which operated flying boats on anti-submarine mission. Two other interesting facts: a bottle of 1850 Bowmore Single Malt was sold at an auction in September 2007 for £29,400 (\$38,048 U.S.at today's exchange rate); and the waste heat from the distillation process is used to heat a nearby public swimming pool which was built in one of the distillery's former warehouses.

Aberfeldy Distillery was founded by John Dewar & Sons, Ltd. in 1896, and opened in 1898. The distillery is located on the eastern outskirts of Aberfeldy, a city in the center of Scotland and some five miles east of Loch Tay and the town of Kenmore.

Due to the demand for barley as a basic foodstuff during World War I the distillery was closed from 1917 to 1919 was again forced to shut down for some for a period of time during WW II. However, the whiskey supply to final markets was kept up by reducing the period whisky was laid up from seven years to three years. The Aberfeldy 12 Year Old Single Malt brand was introduced in 1999. Aberfeldy is the largest malt whisky component of Dewar's Blended Whisky.

(Distillery Information Source: Wikipedia)

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What Veterans Need to Know *(. . . That the VA Does Not Disclose)*

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part presentation prepared by Attorney Jim Swain. This week's material discusses "Eligibility for Veterans Pensions." In it he outlines information veterans may need to know, but that the "VA does not disclose."

Since the material is somewhat lengthy, and is presented in a Q&A form and in which Swain outlines in red type "what the VA does not disclose," readers will need to [click here to read](#) the first of this two part series. As an attorney, Jim's areas includes in his list of practice areas Veteran Pension Planning and Medicaid and Elder Law Planning.

In future issues we anticipate including material prepared for our readership by Matthew Johnson, an attorney at Georgia Veterans Law. - *hdh*

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~ ~ Celebration of Life ~ ~ **James E. "Korea Jim" Kallinen** *May 14, 1948 - July 7, 2023*

3 p.m. Sunday, July 30, 2023
Post 201 Ballroom

A reception will follow the service.
[Click here to see his obituary.](#)

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PACT Act Filings - - - Whether It's a Timeline or Deadline Certain Dates Should Not Be Ignored

The PACT Act ushers in a range of VA health care options and benefits for millions of veterans who were exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxins. It covers those who were exposed in Iraq and Afghanistan, veterans who encountered Agent Orange in Vietnam and others.

The American Legion website has some important information about filing timelines that veterans should be aware of. For example, if you file your PACT Act claim — or submit your intent to file — by Aug. 9, 2023, you may receive benefits backdated to Aug. 10, 2022.

There is also a deadline for some post-9/11 veterans to enroll for VA health care under a special one-year window opened by the PACT Act. The bill automatically assumes those who served in certain locations were exposed.

American Legion National Commander Vincent J. "Jim" Troiola's July 26 letter to the membership, which is on the national website, is an excellent reference site to review. You may [access it by clicking here.](#)

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

Friday, July 28, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Scotch and Cigar Night.

Sunday, July 30, 3 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for "Korea" Jim Kallinen.

Monday, July 31, 6 p.m. Special Executive Committee Meeting on the Home Depot matter following the auditor's review

Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Friday & Saturday, Aug. 4-5, Vet Fair at Cobb County Civic Center. [Click here](#) for more information.

Saturday, Aug. 5, 8 a.m. First Saturday Pot Luck Breakfast for members of the Post family and first responders. Rescheduled from Saturday, July 1. 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 are not expected to 'bring a dish to share'. This is an opportunity for members of the Post 201 family to gather in an informal setting. For more info contact John Dowd, 770-366-1284, or email jedowd3@gmail.com.

Saturday, Aug. 5. Annual Old Soldier's Day. Ceremony on the grounds at 12 noon. Participants include State Senator John Albers, State Representative Chuck Martin, Alpharetta Mayor Jim Galvin, and Post Ambassador Roger Wise. SAL member Scott "the Judge" Childress will be the master of ceremonies. The Clubroom/Bar opens at 11 a.m. N2U will be providing music in the ballroom from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug 8, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Aug. 15. 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 1. Georgia Military Officers Association of America State Conference. University of North Georgia, Dahlonega. www.gmcmoaa.org

Wednesday, Oct. 11. SAL's 6th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament at The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm in Woodstock. [Click here](#) for more information on corporate sponsorship. Contact either Derek Garmon 770-294-4259 or Kevin Solik, 404-483-3230 for more information.

Sunday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Annual Cruz-In. Planning Lead: Tommy Youngblood. Email - youngbloodtom@att.net. Mobile: 678-462-9023. Leave message if no answer.

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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.

Survivor Assistance Checklist - [Click this link.](#)

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

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

Emory Healthcare Veterans Program - 888-514-5345 or [click here](#) for more info.

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

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