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Tuesday General Membership Meeting Dinner Goes 'Mexican'; Clubroom/Bar To Join with Margarita, Beer Specials

The General Membership Meeting this Tuesday night will feature a “Taco Tuesday Night” dinner theme prior to the 7 p.m. meeting. Food service should start in the 6 p.m. time frame.

The menu will include tacos, burritos, refried beans, yellow Mexican rice, the possibility of a taco salad for those looking for lighter fare, and desserts including two homemade Mexican flans. And who knows, there may even be strains of Mexican music wafting in the background prior to the start of the General Membership Meeting.

Even the Clubroom/Bar will be getting into the “act.” Executive Committee member and bar manager Bob Moye said the bar will offer a \$3 margarita special, and two beer specials: Modela for \$2.50 each, and Corona Light for \$2 each. The drink specials will be available from the 3 p.m. bar opening time on Tuesday until the bar closes, or the drink specials are consumed!

Getting beyond food and liquor, members will hear about recent security updates made on the building and will be asked to approve a proposed vendor contract for \$1,177 plus a 15 per cent contingency to install additional wireless detectors and update the system to provide security monitoring in areas currently not monitored.

The membership will also be asked to approve spending no more than \$1,300 to purchase two table moving dollies and four dollies to move banquet chairs.

The Executive Committee, at its Tuesday evening meeting also approved recommending that the December General Membership Meeting be cancelled. This would follow the recent practice of not holding a December meeting. Thus the next general membership meeting would be Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024.

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~ News Notes ~

Thanksgiving Day Pot Luck Planned - - The Post Clubroom will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day for those interested in dropping by. Although the bar is not scheduled to

be open, the Post will provide Turkey with the expectation that those who want to participate will bring a “pot luck” dish to share. This is Post tradition that has slipped somewhat during Covid. More on this at Tuesday’s General Membership Meeting.

SAL to Host Karaoke and Pizza Night - - On Saturday, Nov. 25 the SAL will host a Karaoke and Pizza night in the Clubroom/Bar starting at 6:30 p.m. Jeff Martin will be providing the music for Karaoke music. The pizza, which comes from Brooklyn Joe's, is being donated thanks to SAL member “New York” Mike Carroll.

Sock Drive for Vets - - The Post Auxiliary is collecting socks for hospitalized Vets at the Atlanta VA Hospital. The drive is a state-wide Auxiliary effort. Socks, which are one of the most requested items at the VA hospital, will be part of gift bags given to each hospitalized Vet. Collection boxes should be in place before the end of the week. The last day to donate will be Monday, Dec. 4. And keep in mind that the socks need to be NEW! Recycled socks, or ones you don’t want any longer cannot be used at the hospital. Contact Judy Lively or Linda Stancil-Redner for more information.

Save the Date - - The next Bourbon and Cigar Night on the Deck is scheduled for 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar. Visit the ‘Events’ page on the Post’s web site, www.legion201.org, for more information.

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Veterans Day Weekend Was Busy at the Post

This past Veterans Day weekend around the Post started at 5 a.m. Friday morning for Paul Sheridan. He was responsible for getting several dozen cars parked on the back side of the Post.

The cars belonged to members of the Roswell Rotary Club and their guests who were parking them at the Post prior to boarding two long-haul buses for a day-trip to Fort Moore (formerly Fort Benning). Following their day at Fort Moore they returned to the Post in time for an early evening hot dog and hamburger meal prepared by Vision Warriors, who graciously also cooked for anybody at the Post that afternoon.

But Paul was also still on the scene to help the returning buses navigate the parking lot that had filled up with cars during the day. He had to “cone off” a rather large area of the parking lot right at the front of the building so the buses could make a 180 degree turn after disgorging their passengers.

If he had not done that, can you imagine two buses trying to back out of the lot and onto Wills Road during the afternoon rush hour. Just try that with your car some afternoon and you’ll get the idea. Needless to say, the two bus drivers were most appreciative of Paul’s forethought and attention to detail.

However, back to the morning hours. Once the day got started and buses (along with their police escorts) were on the road to Fort Moore, more than 50 members of the Post turned their attention to the complimentary breakfast at Maple Street Biscuit Company in downtown Alpharetta hosted by Realtor Melissa Morgan and her team.

This was the sixth year in a row she has hosted this gathering “to honor the many who served.” However, she readily admits there is also a “special place in her heart for her grandfather, who also served.” He is retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. A. E. Peterson who, as a member of the U.S. Army Air

Corp he flew B-17's and B-24's out of England during World War II, and during the Korean War was flying B-29s over Korea from his base in Japan.

Post member Shaheed Ahmedi shot a few pictures during the breakfast which [can be viewed by clicking here.](#)

Also during the day the Post was represented by Commander Tom Billing at a local area business who had a Veterans Day recognition for its employees and senior management who served. That afternoon other members of the Post, along with Tom, visited a local senior living facility to honor more than 40 veterans who live there.

Friday Night Dance Showcase

On Friday evening the Post opened its doors to the twice-a-year Dance Showcase Fundraiser where area dance instructors showcase student talent and the funds raised benefit troops and veterans service.

The house was packed with more than 200 attendees, many standing for the evening because all the seats were taken. Volunteers helping to make this event happen included Jennifer Egl, Thomas Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Mark Williams, DJ's Robert Tolentino and Buddy Stotz.

7th Annual Cruz-In

After taking a small break on Veterans Day itself, Tommy Youngblood and his team went to work on Sunday launching the 7th Annual Cruz-In. Although Tommy's still compiling his "Thank You" list of volunteers, Cruz-in hosted 50+ participants which included collectible cars of all types.

Four Ferraris also showed up that were invited by Mike McElroy from event sponsor Ferrari Maserati of Atlanta. Seven vendors were on site including Veteran support organizations, the Lions Club of Alpharetta and several commercial companies. The sweatshirt hoodies with American Legion and Cruz-In logo were a hit and were almost sold out.

Little was left over from the menu of pulled pork, Brunswick stew, hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, and (for the first time) funnel cake. The Auxiliary also had a full array of homemade cakes, pies and pastries which were all sold out.

"While we don't register spectators, it was obvious there were significantly more people attending than ever before," Tommy said. "We also added to our event income because the bar was full of people from the opening through long after the show closed."

This year's show was Tommy's swan song, as he has announced he is stepping away from leading next year's event, although he will be available to consult.

Young Men's Service League

While Cruz-In was drawing a crowd, several miles to the east four members of the Post were closing their day speaking to a group of about 30 tenth-grade-age boys from the North Fulton Young Men's Service League about "what it means to serve and what Veterans Day means to each of them."

Perhaps one of the highlights during the afternoon for these young men was learning that they are required to register with the Selective Service System when they reach the age of 18.

None apparently knew of the requirement when asked about it. More than half immediately looked up the information on their laptops or cell phones. So yes, it's probably safe to say that they did learn something at that meeting they were not expecting to hear!

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

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

Saturday, Nov. 18, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Benefit to Support the Cherokee County Homeless Veteran Project, Big Easy BBQ - Hickory Flat, 2864 E Cherokee Drive, Suite A, Canton. Visit the "Events" page at www.legion201.org for details.

Saturday, Nov. 18, Atlanta World War II History Round Table. Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m. and lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. RSVP's are required. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. World War II veterans are free. Cash or checks accepted at the door. Call 404-886-7383 to make a reservation. Meeting location: Fellowship Hall of the Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody. Guest speaker Keith Propst will discuss the loss of more than 400 sailors, including a member of his family, from the USS Langley and USS Pecos. This action took place near Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean during the Japanese advances of early 1942. www.atlantawwiiroundtable.org

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m. Post 201 General Membership Meeting. Dinner served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Thursday, Nov. 24. Thanksgiving Day. Post Clubroom open for pot luck Thanksgiving Dinner from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The bar is not scheduled to be open.

Monday, Nov. 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.

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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](tel:888-514-5345) or [click here](#) for more info.

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

