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Holiday Season Activities Include Post 201 Family Pot Luck Christmas Dinner, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21

Activities around the Post associated with the Holiday Season are starting to come together for the remaining days of 2023.

Even though it may not look or feel like a holiday event, tomorrow's **Bourbon and Cigar Night**, featuring Blade and Bow, a Kentucky straight bourbon whiskey, along with the other two bourbons on the tasting menu, Buffalo Trace and Woodford Reserve Double Oak, should leave those attending feeling somewhat in a celebratory mode - - - particularly when the bourbon tastings are combined with a quality cigar and the evening's hors d'oeuvres which are being prepared and donated by Vision Warriors. It's not too late join the fun. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased in the Clubroom/Bar.

Less than 24 hours later, the first load of **Toys for Tots** collected by the Post will be picked up by a contingent of U.S. Marines sometime on Saturday, Dec. 16. The pickup will include 100 assembled bicycles, which are scheduled to be delivered to the Post tomorrow, along with more than 225 toys collected during the past few weeks. But Saturday's shipment doesn't mean the drive is over. The Post will continue to collect toys until Tuesday, Dec. 19 at which time members of the Post will transfer the remaining toys donated since Saturday to an area collection point.

While the major load of toys are being picked up on Saturday at the Post, the Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution's (DAR) will be placing **Christmas wreaths on veterans graves at eight area cemeteries**. Ceremonies at each site are scheduled to start at 12 noon. The cemeteries where the wreaths will be placed are Rest Haven, Pineview, Old Big Creek, Big Creek Primitive Baptist, Pleasant Hill Baptist, Providence Baptist, Rogers Bell, and Maxwell.

The Post supported the DAR's mission, which is part of the Wreaths Across America program, by purchasing 20 wreaths for them to place. Members of the Post are invited to attend any of the local wreath laying ceremonies. If interested contact the DAR coordinator Jennifer Boren at jfboren52@gmail.com. It would be helpful for her to know if you plan to attend.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, the **West Coast Swing** crowd will hold their annual **Holiday Party** in the Ballroom. Party hosts Mark and Elizabeth Williams, and Suzy Filip want those attending to "wear red, green, or holiday bling" as they swing to the music of DJ Rich Kopels. The activities will get started at 6 p.m. with dance lessons; open dance will take the floor starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission for the evening is \$12 per person cash or Venmo.

A **Post 201 Family Pot Luck Christmas Party** and karaoke evening is on the planning calendar for Thursday evening Dec. 21, starting at 7 p.m. Recently appointed entertainment/event chair Dave Gordon is leading the charge on this one.

"It will be a true pot luck. Just bring a dish to share," he said. The bartending team will be whipping up a "Special Christmas Eggnog Spirit" for the evening which will be priced at \$3 each. Post member Scott Hoehn (of Jimmy

Buffett night fame) will be taking charge of the karaoke side of the Clubroom from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. So come, bring a dish, and enjoy.

If you feel like helping out, Dave could use some volunteers for setup and cleanup. Just drop him an email, flashgordon49@msn.com, and let him know that you've been bitten by the "volunteer spirit" and can help.

For those who'd like Christmas with a **Latin flavor, Xmas in Havana** is on the dance card for Friday night, Dec. 22. DJ Chris Stone will be playing the ultimate in Latin Fusion/Ballroom sounds for the evening. Beginner and intermediate Salsa dance lessons will be offered starting at 7:30 p.m. followed by open dance from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Associated with the music genre of the same name, which was first popularized in the United States in the 1960s in New York City, Salsa is a mixture of Cuban dances, such as mambo, pachanga, and rumba, as well as American dances such as swing and tap. Admission for the evening is \$12 per person, cash or credit.

Continuing with the Holiday activities at the Post, the **Clubroom/Bar will be open from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve**, Dec. 24. and the name of the **winner the Auxiliary Christmas Stocking Raffle will be drawn at 6 p.m.** - - - and you don't have to be present to win. But wouldn't it be fun to be there just in case your name was drawn?

The "official value" of the stocking, which is filled with assorted lotto cards and miniature liquor bottles, is set at \$200. But who knows? One of the \$100 in scratch off tickets might prove to be considerably more valuable. But as the rule says, "You can't win if you don't play."

Stocking raffle tickets are available at the following pricing levels: 1 ticket for \$1, 6 tickets for \$5, 12 tickets for \$10 and 24 tickets for \$20. Tickets are available at the Clubroom/Bar.

The **Post will be closed on Christmas Day**, reopening on Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Calendar Year 2023 will close with Club 201's **Annual New Year's Eve Gala**. Doors open at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres served 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Music and dancing will be featured between 8:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m., Jan. 1, 2024. The Gold Standard Band and DJ Rich Kopels will be providing music. Tickets are \$45 per person and seating is reserved. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets online.

On **New Year's Day, the Clubroom/Bar will open at 1 p.m.** instead of the usual 3 p.m. Monday opening. So plan to drop by. The Clubroom's four big TV screens should be awash with sports - - mostly football.

Looking a little farther out, and even though Jan. 6 may not be considered by many as still part of the Christmas season, it is the day that brings to an end the playing of what may be known as the holiday season's "most annoying" Christmas carol - - - *The 12 Days of Christmas*. [Click here](#) for more information.

But it's also **Post 201 Oratorical Contest Day** with presentations scheduled to start at 10 a.m. in the Ballroom. The American Legion's annual competition is focused on the U.S. Constitution. Contestant (high school students in grades 9 - 12) prepare and give a speech on some aspect of the Constitution with some emphasis on the duties and obligation of citizens.

The top three winners at Post 201 will receive scholarship funding of: First Place - \$1,000; Second Place - \$750; and Third Place - \$500. Additional scholarship money may be earned at each level of competition with the winner at the national level earning more than \$25,000.

At this publication's deadline there are eight contestants scheduled for the Post's competition. They will be representing three high schools: Alpharetta, Chattahoochee and Innovation Academy.

Perhaps by Jan. 6 four more contestants might join the competition. If that happens, then the Post could have 12 orators orating, or 12 speakers speaking!

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

Friday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night on the Deck. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased in the Clubroom/Bar. [Click here and scroll down](#) for more information.

Monday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002. Normally meets 4th Monday of every month. December meeting has been brought forward one week. For more information contact Ron Cowan, 404-509-1700, roncowan@bellsouth.net or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, jim.davis@comcast.net.

Tuesday, Dec. 19. The December General Membership Meeting has been Cancelled. Next meeting will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024.

Thursday, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. Post 201 Family Pot Luck Christmas Party.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24. Post Clubroom/Bar Opens at 1 p.m.; Closes at 7 p.m.

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, Post 201 is Closed.

Sunday, Dec. 31, Club 201 New Year's Eve Gala. Doors open at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres served 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Music and dancing 8:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. Gold Standard Band and DJ Rich Kopels. Reserved seating. Tickets \$45 per person. [Click here](#) to purchase online.

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024. Clubroom/Bar Opens at 1 p.m. instead of the normal 3 p.m. Monday opening time.

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, 10 a.m. Post 201 Oratorical Contest. This competition assists students with learning more about the nation's Constitution while earning scholarship money for college. Contact Dave Cunnold, Oratorical Chair, 770-853-5130, or email him at yjdavedave99@gmail.com for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024, 6 p.m. A "Valentine Martini Night." Tickets for the Auxiliary-hosted martini night will be available starting in January 2024. The evening's entry fee, which includes one regular martini will be \$20. Additional martinis can be purchased for \$10 each or you can try out the 'flight' of three mini-martinis of your choice from a menu of six alcoholic offerings and three non-alcoholic drinks for \$15.

The six alcoholic choices are a Salted Caramel Martini; a Chocolate Martini; a Cotton Can Martini; a Sweet Tart Martini; a Sweetie Martini and a Crème Brûlée Martini. The non-alcoholic side of the menu offers a Chocolate Non-Tini, a Salted Caramel Espresso Non-Tini and a Cotton Candy Mocktail.

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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.

VA Survivor's Pension & Eligibility for Veterans Pension - [Click here](#) to read.

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

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

Past Issues of Post 201 E-Newsletter - [Click here](#).

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.

United Military Care - [Click this link](#).

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

