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Post New Year's Eve Gala Fast Approaching 'Sell Out'

The New Year's Eve Gala at the Post is fast approaching a 'sell out'. As of 6 p.m. yesterday, organizers report that only 12 tickets were still available for the evening event which has a total of 228 seats available.

Doors for the Gala will open at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Music and dancing will be featured between 8:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. 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 online one of the few remaining tickets.

If the evening is a sellout, a wait list will be established to connect those still seeking tickets with those who find that they cannot attend after having purchased tickets.

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~ News Notes ~

A Roaring Success - - Last Thursday's Post's Family Pot Luck Christmas Party was considered a "roaring success." Thanks go to Dave Gordon and his entertainment committee, Bob Moye who oversees the bar operations, Michelle Jones who was working the bar that night, and (as one insider noted) Scott Hoehn.

That person noted that Scott was responsible for moving the evening up the scale from a "really enjoyable" rating to a "he made it great" rating. Word has it that the entertainment committee has already put a repeat evening on the December 2024 planning calendar. [Check out this link](#) for a 2-minute video review of the evening.

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Post Legionnaire Membership 76 Short - - As 2023 comes to a close, the Post's Legionnaire membership renewal for 2024 is 76 short of its goal of having 700 members by year end (as of this issue's publication deadline.) Currently the national organization says members have until the end

of January to get their 2024 membership in place. So check your American Legion membership card. If it says “2023” then you know what to do.

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New Look for Post Website - - At the end of last month the Post launched a ‘soft rollout’ of a new, revitalized look for the Post’s website, www.legion201.org. Post members Shaheed Ahmedi and Scott Hoehn have been quietly working on the new look, with a lot of new content for the past 12-15 months. And Dave Gordon joined the team about three months ago.

In addition to a more upbeat and modern look, the supporting text for the new website features significantly more photography as well as content about the American Legion's vision, mission and the four pillars of the American Legion: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. Each of the pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our nation’s veterans, its service members, their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens.

As with any major undertaking there were a few last minute issues that needed to be resolved when the new look went live on the Monday after Thanksgiving. And going forward, those who 'dig deep' into content can expect to see more frequent changes and updated information on individual pages than they were used to seeing on the former website.

In addition to the new website look, Scott, Shaheed and David are also coordinating information presented on the website with information on the [Post’s FaceBook page](#) and other social media, as well as social media coordinated by Barbara Thurmond for the Club 201 (Dance) website and FaceBook page.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veteran Related Activities

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.

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024. 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024. 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

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.

Contestants (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.

Nine contestants representing three North Fulton high schools (Alpharetta, Chattahoochee and Innovation Academy) are scheduled to compete.

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6 p.m. Post Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m. Post General Membership Meeting. Dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Monday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002. Meets the 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.

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.

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

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

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Post 201 - Serving Vets for 76 Years
November 26, 1947 - November 26, 2024

***"It's not the price you pay to be a member,
It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

