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Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024

Post's Oratorical Contest Set for 10 a.m. Saturday, 5 Vie for \$1K Top Prize

This Saturday morning's Post 201 Oratorical Contest initially had nine school students in grades 9 – 12 slated to participate, however as the competition date nears, the number of contestants has dropped to five as of publication deadline, according to Dave Cunnold, the Post's chair for the competition.

Three students from Innovation Academy and one each from Alpharetta High School and Chattahoochee High School will square off starting at 10 a.m. Saturday for the contest which is expected to last about two hours.

Members of the Post and the general public are invited to attend.

The contestants, their schools and ages are: Muhammed Ammaar, 15, Sydney Marie Clark, 16, and Oluwatimilehin (Timi) Akinyele, 16, all from Innovation Academy; Srikar Jujala, 16 from Alpharetta High School; and Advait Singh, 17, from Chattahoochee High School.

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

Each contestant will give two speeches during this Saturday's competition. One is prepared in advance and will be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to the government. These speeches will be eight-to-ten minutes long.

The second on will be a randomly chosen speech. It will be three-to-five minutes long and will be based on one of four pre-selected amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The amendments are:

- Amendment II – A well-regulated Militia.

- Amendment XXIII – Allow citizens residing in District of Columbia to vote for presidential electors.
- Amendment XXV, Section 3 – President transmits written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office.
- Amendment V – Five rights and protections – the right to a jury trial when you're charged with a crime, protection against double jeopardy, protection against self-incrimination, the right to a fair trial, and protection against the taking of property by the government without compensation.

The judges for the competition, who cannot be identified by name prior to the event, include a member of the Post, a Citadel recruiter, a Roswell city official, and a long-tenured teacher.

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~ News Notes ~

2024 Membership - - January 1, 2024 ushered in the one month grace period to renew Legion, Auxiliary and SAL memberships. Beginning Thursday, Feb. 1, clubroom manager Bob Moye says membership card spot checks will be conducted and those not holding a 2024 card will have to pay non-member prices at the bar. So check your membership card. If it says “2023” then you know what to do.

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Back Parking Lot Closed for Half Day Tuesday, Jan. 9 - - The parking lot area at the rear of the Post will be closed for half-a-day starting at 12 noon Tuesday, Jan. 9. The lot has been rented by the Adult Big Wheel Club for an event starting at 4 p.m. According to Post event coordinator Dave Gordon, the group expects to complete their afternoon of fun and games by 6:30 p.m. or so. The 12 noon closure will provide time to set up the Big Wheel race course prior to the event as well as reduce the need to chase down those who might be parked in that area and would need to move their vehicles. For more information about the Big Wheel organization, visit www.AdultBigWheelClub.com.

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DAR Thanks Post for ‘Wreaths’ Support - - Jennifer Boren, the local Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chair of the Wreaths Across America (WAA) recently thanked the Post for its support of the 2023 Wreaths Across America program. Her email to Post Commander Tom Billings said, “On behalf of the Patriots of Liberty Chapter (DAR), we want to thank Post 201 for your support in making WAA 2023 such a success. Not only did you purchase wreaths but you stored the boxes and helped unload and load them for us the week of the event. Our chapter is grateful for your continued support as we HONOR veterans that served in our country's military, REMEMBER the fallen, and TEACH the next generation the value of freedom.”

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

The U.S. Air Force is in Serious Decline

[Click here](#) to read this assessment.

Poll Shows 20% of Young Americans Have 'Positive' View of Bin Laden
[Click here](#) to read.

Spy Balloon Used U.S. Internet Provided to Navigate, Report Says
[Click here](#) to read.

Report Says Biden's EPA Stockpiling Military-Grade Equipment
[Click here](#) to read.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veteran Related Activities

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

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Post 201 Oratorical Contest.

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 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."***

