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Brevity Highlights Post's General Membership Meeting

If one is looking for the highlights from Tuesday's General Membership Meeting, the top highlight may have been the length of the meeting - - - 50 minutes. It was one of the shortest meetings in recent memory for the 21 members who signed in.

Other than approving five new members, approving the minutes of the January general membership meeting, and agreeing to spend \$200 to support the SAL's St. Patrick's Day liquor raffle, the remainder of the evening could best be described as information sharing.

Greg Eldridge of Home Helpers Home Care of Alpharetta provided a succinct review of his company's capabilities to provide VA-approved assistance to vets who wish to remain in a safe, familial environment when they need supportive care. The level of care provided, he said, could reduce or delay significantly the need to move a vet into a nursing home situation.

Post Commander Tom Billings announced a special executive committee meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. tomorrow to discuss some matters related to long-term fundraising for the Post, and a second fund-raising opportunity that is focused on more immediate repairs for the entrance foyer, bathrooms and the ballroom.

In his review of the current financial picture for the Post, Finance Officer Ralph Jordan noted the 2023 W-2 wages for the Post employees totaled \$105,266.92. Another \$59,037.95 was recorded during 2023 as 1099 wages which mostly paid for bands and DJ's for the dance nights during the year.

House Committee Chair Ralph Fike announced plans for two Post clean-up days, Saturday, March 16 and 23. These dates coincide with the dates that two high school student groups will also be on the Post doing voluntary cleanup duties as part of their individual school's commitment to community outreach. During that discussion, a general consensus (no vote taken) was reached that the Post will buy lunch for all who participate in the cleanup activities.

The five new members of the post included two transfers (Douglas Swift, USAF; and Cloyd Taylor, U.S. Navy) and three new members (James Pilgrim, U.S. Army; Adam Francola, U.S. Navy; and Lauren Linville, U.S. Coast Guard). As of Feb. 17 the Post has 672 members for 2024, or 96 percent of its goal of 700.

SAL membership, according to Derek Garmon, stands at 202 members, or 73 percent of their 263 member goal for 2024. In other news Garmon said SAL was increasing its academic year-end high school senior scholarship to \$1,500. This brings the SAL scholarship up to the same \$1,500 level that the Post moved to last academic year.

Tom Billings noted that the Post still needs a Walk of Memories committee chair, as well as a Legion member to work with Sam Hardin who is the point-person for baseball activities.

Billings also said that he was looking for volunteers to operate the concession stand when baseball play, other than King's Ridge, gets underway in a couple of months. For King's Ridge games, which are scheduled between now and the end of the school year, a committee of volunteers from the school will operate the stand as a snack bar during their games.

Billings also announced that the Department of Georgia Spring Conference is schedule for the weekend of March 22-23 at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta Hotel in Duluth.

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~ ~ IN MEMORY ~ ~

Chase Winston Redner

January 5, 1993 - February 20, 2024

Georgia State Patrol Trooper First Class Chase Redner, son of Post 201 Auxiliary President Linda Stancil-Redner, was stuck and killed while investigating a fatal pedestrian crash scene on Interstate 75 North near Mt. Zion Boulevard in Morrow.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at First Baptist Church of Canton, 1 Mission Point, Canton, Ga. 30114. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26 at Darby Funeral Home, 480 East Main St., Canton 30114. [Click here](#) for his obituary. [Click here](#) to read his citation on the Officer Down Memorial Page.

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~ ~ Military - Veterans Related News ~ ~

(Not likely to be published locally in other media.)

Drones Replacing Army Helicopter Program

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Companies, Universities Can Help Reverse Military Recruiting Shortfalls Threatening America's National Security

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5 Things Vets Notice About Military Appreciation, Discount Programs

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

Baseball at the Post. King's Ridge JV vs Fellowship, 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27; King's Ridge JV vs Holy Innocents, 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb, 29; King's Ridge Varsity vs St. Francis, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Mar. 1. [Click here to see the season schedule](#) as game times and dates for for both varsity and JV teams are subject to change.

Monday, Feb. 26, 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.

Friday, March 15, 8 .p.m. "Sinatra and Friends." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. General admission non-refundable tickets are \$20 each. They may be purchased online by [clicking here](#), or at the Clubroom/Bar.

Sunday, March 17, 5 p.m. SAL Liquor Basket Raffle Drawing. Tickets available at Clubroom/Bar: 1 ticket for \$5; 3 tickets for \$10; 10 tickets for \$20. You do not have to be present to win. Other special St. Patrick's Day activities and drink specials are being planned for the Clubroom.

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. VFW Post 12002 Life Member Recognition Luncheon. This event includes a social hour, luncheon, and a formal recognition program. It will be followed immediately by a Post Meeting dedicated to the Election of Officers for the 2024-2025 year. For more information contact Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, davis1824@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.

Post 201 Website - www.legion201.org.

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

Post 201 Facebook Page - [Click here](#).

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.](#)

Burial at Sea Information - [Click here.](#)

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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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."***

