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Jim Ruska To Receive Spirit of North Ga. Award

Post 201 dual member Jim Ruska will be awarded the Ralph Colley Spirit of North Georgia Award by University of North Georgia (UNG) at a dinner awards ceremony scheduled for Friday, Apr. 19.

Jim, a retired Marine Captain, was awarded two Purple Hearts during his service in Vietnam. He is a 1969 graduate of North Georgia College (now UNG), and a graduate of North Fulton High School in Atlanta.

The Ralph Colley Award is given to an alumni who has experienced adverse circumstances in his or her life and has risen above those circumstances to live an exemplary life. The award is not necessarily awarded annually. The decision to award is at the discretion of the UNGAA Awards Committee.

Ralph Colley, North Georgia College Class of 1966, lost three limbs to a land mine in Vietnam. He was the award's first recipient.

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Post Clean Up Days Set for March 16 & 23

Two Saturdays, March 16 and March 23, will be Post cleanup days, according to House Committee Chair Ralph Fike. 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.

Lunch will be provided for all who participate. Let Ralph know soonest if you can help on either one or both weekends. Drop him an email, ralptangofoxtrot@gmail.com, text him at 770-365-4855, or just tell him when you see him at the Post.

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Window to Apply for College Scholarships Now Open; Application Deadline April 1

The window is now open for graduating high school seniors interested in applying for one of the Post's \$1,500 scholarships. The deadline to apply is April 1. The awards are based on academic achievement, a 300-500-word essay: *Patriotism and Citizenship – What America Means to Me*, participation in school and community activities and must be sponsored by a member of Post 201.

This year the Post anticipates presenting up to five scholarships. The SAL anticipates awarding one scholarship, also valued at \$1,500. The SAL award is based on the same criteria as the Legion program. The Auxiliary also has a scholarship, but no information was available on that award at publication deadline. [Click here to download](#) an application.

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Georgia Boys State Program Seeking Participants; Deadline to Apply, May 10

Qualified male rising high school seniors interested in attending Boys State this June need to submit their applications to the Post not later than May 10. Although the state application itself says the cost to attend is \$300, applicants selected attend by the Post will have that fee paid by the Post. Applicants applying to the Post should submit their applications to the Post not later than May 10.

Georgia Boys State is a comprehensive one week course in state and local government and is a program of the American Legion Department of Georgia. The date for the program is June 9-15, 2024 and will be held at Valdosta State University in Valdosta. The program is a "leadership action program" where participating male high school rising seniors take part in a practical government course.

[Click here for the application.](#) For more detailed information on the Boys State program itself [click here](#).

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Dept of Georgia Launches Search for New State Adjutant

The Department of Georgia has launched a job search for a new state adjutant. This is a paid position. A job description and application instructions may be view [by clicking here](#).

Interested applicants should submit a resume via email or regular mail no later than 12 noon, March 21, 2024 to the following address: The American Legion Department of Georgia Attention: Bill Simmons 115 Crimson Circle Thomasville, GA 31792 Email: billdsimmons37@gmail.com.

According to a Friday, Feb. 16 email sent to District 9 leadership by District Commander, Gary S. Ely, "the Department Executive Committee unanimously voted . . . to immediately terminate . . . for cause" on Feb. 16.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

King's Ridge Baseball at the Post.

JV vs Fellowship, 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb, 29.
Varsity vs St. Francis, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Mar. 1.
JV vs King's Academy, 5 p.m. Monday, Mar. 4.
Varsity vs West Forsythe, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Mar. 6
JV vs South Forsyth, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 7.
Varsity vs Mt. Bethel, 5:30 p.m., Friday, Mar. 8

[Click here to see the season schedule.](#) Game times and dates are subject to change.

Thursday, Feb. 29, 3 p.m. Special Executive Committee Meeting re: Fundraising.

Tuesday, Mar. 5, 6 p.m. House Committee meeting.

Thursday, Mar. 7, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting.

Tuesday, Mar. 12, 6 p.m. Executive Committee meeting.

Friday, Mar. 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, Mar. 17, 2 p.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Post 201 Auxiliary on the front lawn of the Post. Free to the public. Children ages 1-12 are welcome to participate.

Sunday, Mar. 17. St. Patrick's Day in the Clubroom. SAL Liquor Basket Raffle Drawing at 5 p.m.. 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. Karaoke with Scott Hoehn at 7 p.m. Other St. Patrick's Day activities, including corn beef and cabbage cooked by Bob Moye and drink specials (TBD) are also being planned for the day.

Tuesday, Mar. 19, 7 p.m. General Membership meeting. Dinner served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. Guest speaker will be Jeff Auterson of Auterson Baseball. He will discuss the history of baseball at the Post.

Friday - Sunday, Mar. 22-24, Department of Georgia Spring Conference at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta Hotel in Duluth. If interested in attending coordinate with Post Commander Tom Billings, 404-668-3454, tombill03@comcast.net .

Monday, Mar. 25, 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, Apr. 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](tel:888-514-5345) or [click here](#) for more info.

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

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*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."***

