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Post Open on Easter Sunday Despite Rumors to the Contrary

Contrary to “bar talk” and the Post’s rumor mill, the Post’s Clubroom/Bar will be open this Easter Sunday starting at the regular 1 p.m. weekend opening time.

It appears that the rumor about closing this Sunday may have gotten started because the Post, according to the Executive Committee meeting minutes of July 12, 2022, recognizes four holidays: Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

However, the identification of these four ‘holidays’ are for the purpose of paying staff at a time-and-a-half rate if they work on one of those four days. Traditionally, the Post has not closed on Easter Sunday, but has closed on Christmas Day. Christmas Eve has often been a day which the Post closes earlier than on a regular day, and the same has been true on Thanksgiving Day - - - sometimes.

For example, on Thanksgiving Day 2023 the Post was open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and offered a “Pot Luck Turkey Day” for members of the Post family who may not have been celebrating with their family and friends. But the bar was not open that afternoon for alcohol service.

In short, Post ‘holidays’ do not translate into the Post being closed. Those open/close decisions are made, or reconfirmed by the Executive Committee each year as that specific holiday approaches.

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National Vietnam War Veterans Day Scheduled for Tomorrow

Tomorrow is National Vietnam War Veterans Day - - a time to pay special tribute to the nine million Americans who served during the Vietnam War era, to the 58,000 names memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and to those who never received the recognition they deserved when they returned to the U.S. from war.

Any Post 201 member who performed active military, naval, or air service in the Republic of Vietnam and its surrounding waters during the Vietnam War will be given one drink chip at the Clubroom/Bar on the Mar. 29 upon request.

The chip may be used that afternoon or any other time the Vietnam Vet member might choose. At publication deadline, no other special activities than the drink chip award were planned in the Clubroom/Bar.

Locally, ceremonies to honor the day are scheduled in Roswell starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Faces of War Memorial located behind City Hall. In Johns Creek ceremonies are scheduled at the Veterans Walk in Newtown Park starting at 12 noon. The Johns Creek ceremony is sponsored by the Johns Creek Veterans Association and the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association.

Background About the Day

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, signed into law in 2017, designates March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Though there is some debate, March 29 is generally viewed as the most appropriate date since that's day in 1973 the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished. It was also the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam. In addition, on and around this same day, the U.S. Vietnam War Commemoration stated that Hanoi released the last of its acknowledged prisoners of war.

4 Important Things to Know About Vietnam Veterans

Military.com reporter Blake Stilwell published an excellent article on Mar. 18, 2022, in which he noted four important things about the veterans who “returned to a homecoming unlike any generation of veterans before or since.” The four major points are:

Most Vietnam War Veterans Were Volunteers
It Was the First Major Conflict Fought by a Fully Integrated Military
There Are Still Service Members Missing in Action in Vietnam
Vietnam Veterans Today Are Largely Like Any Other American

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

The inclusive dates of the Vietnam War itself were Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. The 1955 date coincides with the official designation of Military Assistance Advisory Group-Vietnam (MAAG-V). The 1975 date marks the end of the battle period which was precipitated by the seizure of the SS Mayaguez.

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Legion Family Day at Post Set for Saturday, Apr. 27

Mark your calendars. Planning is underway and volunteers are needed. for American Legion Family Day at the Post. If you can volunteer to help, contact DiAna Casale at americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com or let her know when you see her. If you email her, be sure to include “Family Day Volunteer” in the subject line.

American Legion Family Day is a nationwide program which was established by the national organization in October 2022. It is to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April. Each Post in the nation celebrates in its own way.

Posts are encouraged to open their doors to members of their community for the day to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members, Legion Riders and American Legion Auxiliary.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

King's Ridge Baseball at the Post.

JV vs Cambridge, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 28
Varsity vs Mt. Pisgah, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Apr. 10
Varsity vs Galloway, 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Apr. 16
Varsity vs Mt. Vernon, 5:30 p.m., Friday, April 19

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

Friday, March 29, National Vietnam War Veterans Day. See article above.

Tuesday, April 2. House Committee Meeting Cancelled. Next meeting will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 7.

Thursday, April 5, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, April 9, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Nominations for 24-25 Leadership will be closed at the conclusion of this meeting.

Saturday, April 27, American Legion Family Day at Post 201.

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

Friday, May 3, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night. Tickets are \$50 each and may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar or online by [clicking here.](#)

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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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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."***

