



American Legion Post 201

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Drink Price Increase at Post To Take Effect Friday, Nov. 1

Effective Friday, Nov. 1, the cost of beer, wine and liquor will be increased. Drink prices for members of the Post Family will climb by 50 cents per drink. Non-member prices will be increased by \$1 per drink.

The increase is designed to cover the continuing rise in the cost of buying beer, wine and liquor from distributors as well as covering the increased state taxes the Post must pay which accompanies the increased price of alcohol. Finance officer Ralph Jordan told the membership at Tuesday night's General Membership Meeting that the Post's alcohol tax bill is in the range of \$15,000 per year.

In looking at the cost increase, the Executive Committee considered just adding sales tax to every purchase made at the bar, but rejected the idea since it would place a significant additional burden on the bar staff who would have to deal with pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters for those who pay cash, as well as assuring that tax is added to every credit card bill.

A number of other Posts were surveyed during the review which led to the general consensus that increasing the price on each drink by an amount sufficient to include sales tax within the drink price and to also cover the increased costs associated with buying alcoholic products would be the best option.

During Tuesday night's meeting, which was attended by only 20 members of the Post, Commander Bob Byrd announced that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been signed with the Alpharetta Rotary Club.

Under the terms of the MOU, the Rotary Club will pay for approximately \$77,000 in repairs and upgrades to the ballroom, entrance foyer, vestibule and the two bathrooms adjacent to the ballroom. Construction is expected to start by the end of the month and take two or three weeks to complete.

Repair work will start early in the morning, with the work crews making every effort to avoid disturbing Clubroom/Bar operations during the afternoon and evening, and evening activities and meeting in the ballroom.

During the meeting, Byrd advised members that:

Bingo is Back with the first two 'bingo afternoons' at the Post scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13 and Sunday, Nov. 10. The Auxiliary is taking the lead in conducting the games and the SAL is working with them.

The SAL is planning a cookout at the Post on Saturday, Sept. 28, the evening of the Georgia-Alabama football game. Kickoff time is 7:30 p.m. Currently the SAL plans to start food service in the 7 p.m. time frame.

Ten new members - - two transfers and eight new members including one currently on active duty - - were added to the Post's American Legion membership roles.

The transfers are: Thomas LaPlaca, U.S. Army, Vietnam, from Post 127, Sugar Hill; and Daniel Zoller, Jr., U.S. Army, Vietnam, from Post 10, Kissimmee, Fla.

New members are: Wallace Bailey, U.S. Army, GWOT; Linda Barker, U.S. Army, Other Conflicts; Irwin Chea, U.S. Army, GWOT; Lawrence Smith, U.S. Army, Vietnam; Michael Smith, U.S. Army, Other Conflicts; David Sturrock, U.S., Navy, Other Conflicts; Andrew Wilson, U.S. Marine Corps; GWOT; and Nicholas Stout, U. S. Air Force, GWOT, who is currently on active duty stationed at Robins AFB.

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Used Medical Equipment Collection Container at Post

The Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) has signed a partnership agreement with the Post which permits a 40-foot container, that serves as a collection and distribution point for new and gently used home medical equipment for those in need, to be placed Post's back parking lot.

The container was delivered yesterday. The Rotary Clubs of Roswell and Alpharetta will manage the project along with support from the Rotary Clubs of Johns Creek and North Fulton. Other partners, along with Post 201 include Vision Warriors and the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars).

Donations can be dropped off at the container. Items which are in high demand items will be sanitized and redistributed locally by distribution partners to clinics, hospitals, and other healthcare workers.

Equipment requiring further repair or not immediately needed will be stored for FODAC to collect. FODAC repairs, refurbishes, and reissues donated equipment such as wheelchairs, scooters, patient lifts, and hospital beds for a minimal one-time registration fee of \$25. The organization annually provides around 8,000 items to 3,000-4,000 clients.

The new collection site at the Post is part of FODAC's strategy to increase its annual collection and refurbishment from 10,000 to 14,000 items to meet growing demand. For more information about FODAC and its services, visit www.fodac.org.

Those who would like more information about dropping off items at the container should call 770 491-9014 ext. 114. Some pickups of larger items may be available by calling the same number. Healthcare workers and community advocates can email requests for HME to Rotary@fodac.org to see if needed items are available at the container.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

***Every Sunday at 7 p.m. - - Karaoke in the Clubroom/Bar.
Lots of Laughs, Good Times, and even Greater People.
Libations at a much better price than downtown!***

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Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Troop 51 Paint Recycling Fundraiser. Post parking lot. All latex and oil based paints, regardless of size, including pints, quarts, spray cans, etc. accepted. For more information [click here](#).

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association monthly luncheon at Fellowship Hall, Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody. The guest speaker will be U. S. Army Col. (ret.) Barry Pencek who will discuss his powerful book entitled "Operation Tail Wind" about a very significant covert operation in Laos during September 1970. For more information or to register for the lunch and get pricing information, contact Jim Dickson at 770-500-6794.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 5 & Friday, Nov. 1 We CARE Vet Fairs - - United We Care (www.unitedmilitarycare.org), an East Cobb County-based veterans service organization has scheduled two We CARE Vet Fairs this fall. The first will be at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 101 Jackson St. NE, Atlanta on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024. The second will be at the Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. [Click here](#) for more information on the Ebenezer Baptist Church event; and [click here](#) for more information on the Cobb County Civic Center event.

Monday, Oct. 7, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting. Note: The meeting was moved from Tuesday, Oct. 8 to Monday, Oct. 7

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Dinner service scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 16. 7th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament. The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm, 3030 Bradshaw Drive, Woodstock. 9:30 a.m Shotgun start. 8 a.m. Registration. For more information contact Derek Garmon, 770-294-4259, derekgarmon@yahoo.com or Bruce Hay, 309-657-8528, hayville@att.net.

Monday, Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Veterans Day Lunch Celebration at Preston Ridge Community, 3655 Preston Ridge Rd., Alpharetta. Hosted by the City of Alpharetta Recreation Parks & Cultural Services. Reservations need to be made by Friday, Oct. 25. [Click here](#) to make reservations.

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VETERANS RESOURCES

Visit the [Resource Page](#) at Post 201's website, www.legion201.org for a significant amount of information concerning various resources available for veterans. You'll find a Survivor Assistance Checklist, Benefits for Georgia Veterans, Burial at Sea Information, Veteran's License Plates Information, Emergency Housing Information Guide and many other resources.

Past Issues of the Post's E-newsletter - [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

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