



## American Legion Post 201

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### **Saturday's Cruz-In Called 'Best Ever'**

This past Saturday's 8th Annual Cruz-In at the Post of classic, exotic, vintage, custom, military, off-road, muscle and military vehicles "was the best car show we've ever had." That how Cruz-In committee chair Tommy Youngblood described this past Saturday's show at Tuesday night's Executive Committee meeting. The parking lot was "filled to capacity for the first time in the show's history," he said.

One committee member, who was trying to count the number of cars on exhibit, stopped counting when he reached 130 automobiles. And he also noted that several cars were turned away during the day because there was no space for them.

At the height of the day estimates suggest that there were in excess of 500 people on the Post grounds - - - either looking at the cars and talking with the owners; enjoying the pleasant weather while visiting the Walk of Memories; or watching children bounce around on one of the two bounce houses at the Post's front door.

Others were paying attention to a small group of youngsters playing ball on the grounds in front of the tank, while some 100 or so were watching the 1st Annual Stars and Stripes - American Legion Baseball Game on Veterans Field. The Georgia Jackets were the 'Stripes' for the day and Aviator Nation were the 'Stars'. For the record, the Stripes beat the Stars 6 to 3.

While the final financials on the show are still being calculated, Tommy estimates that income after expenses will be in the range of \$4,500 - - - and he also reported there was "no food left over at the end of the day - - it was all sold out."

During the weeks leading up to the show Tommy periodically reminded others that this would be the last year he would be the Cruz-In committee chair. But when the observation was made at Tuesday night's meeting that he was leaving an enormous legacy for next year's chair to fill, Tommy's face sparkled with that amusing smile which crosses his face rather often and said, "I'll probably be around next year."

[Click here to see](#) some of the vehicles that visited the Post for Cruz-In.

*Editor's Note: The Post leadership would like to thank all those who helped make Cruz-In the absolutely outstanding success it was this year.*

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## **2 Post Family Members In the News this Week**

The names and faces of two members of the Post 201 family popped up in the news this week. They were Bingo chair Leah Dunn and Sr. Vice Commander Tom Richardson.

Leah's picture was on the front page (above the fold) in the November issue of the *Bingo Bugle's* Georgia edition. The publication bills itself as "North America's Bingo & Gaming Newspaper." The newspaper chain has been serving bingo and casino players since 1979 with editions covering 26 major markets in the U.S. and Canada. The text under Leah's photo 'pushed' the Post's Bingo game on the second Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. [Click here](#) to see the photo of her published in the *Bingo Bugle*.

At Tuesday night's Executive Committee meeting, Leah said she needs more volunteers to help with the Post's Sunday afternoon game. She also said Auxiliary is currently planning to add a second game each month starting in January 2025 - - thus the need for more volunteers.

WSB-TV correspondent Berndt Peterson interviewed Tom on Veteran's Day about Tom's personal campaign to give a star from a retired U.S. flag to veterans. During the past two years he has handed out nearly 4,000 stars. In addition to the Veterans Day television interview Tom also visited two local organizations on Monday, a business and a senior living facility, to hand out stars to veterans at the two locations and thank them for their service.

[Click here](#) to see the interview with Tom. When the page opens, the video is located on the top left side of the page.

Although their names and faces didn't generate media coverage, Post Commander Bob Byrd, Immediate Past Commander Tom Billings, and Finance Officer Ralph Jordan also represented the Post at various events on Veterans Day.

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## **Post Supports Local DAR Chapter 'Wreaths Across America' Campaign**

The Post's Executive Committee, at its recent meeting, approved a \$500 donation to support the local Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) "Wreaths Across America" campaign this year. The donation is in addition to the Post providing a place to store the live wreaths prior to their placement on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 11:45 a.m. at 10 local area cemeteries.

The local DAR has sponsored this event for six years during which it has grown from two cemeteries to 10 cemeteries in the Alpharetta, Johns Creek and Milton area. The 10 cemeteries this year are Rest Haven, Pineview, Maxwell Family, Old Big Creek, Big Creek Primitive Baptist, Rucker Family, Rogers Bell Family, Pleasant Hill Baptist, Boiling Springs Primitive Baptist, and Providence Road Baptist. Each of these locations will have a ceremony and the public is invited to attend.

If you would like to purchase a wreath [click here](#) to download a form that is prefilled with the chapter's Group ID# and the local cemetery ID#. Any wreaths sold over the amount the DAR need for the local cemeteries will go directly to the National cemeteries in Canton and Marietta. For more information contact Jennifer Boren at [jfboren52@gmail.com](mailto:jfboren52@gmail.com).

The mission of Wreaths Across America is to Honor all veterans who served this great country, Remember our veterans, and Teach the next generation.

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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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*9-Ball Pool Tournament, 2 p.m.  
Every 3rd Tuesday in the Clubroom/Bar*

### **VIEW FEATURED POST EVENTS**

**Thursday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m. Johns Creek Veterans Association** monthly meeting. Newtown Park, Johns Creek. Due to Park Place holiday scheduling, JCVA holds there November and December meetings on the second Thursday of the month.

**Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Dinner served at 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Auxiliary Unit 201** monthly meeting.

**Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day.** The Post will be closed.

**Friday & Saturday, Nov. 29 & 30. Stand-Up for Veterans Comedy Show.** Sponsored by About-Face USA. [Click here for details and to purchase tickets.](#)

**Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting.**

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

**Saturday, Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day.**

**Sunday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m. Bingo in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day. The Post will be closed.**

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**CLUB 201 DANCE - LEARN MORE**

## VETERANS RESOURCES

Visit the [Resource Page](#) at Post 201's website, [www.legion201.org](http://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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