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Post Collects 100 Bikes, 500 Plus Toys For Marine Corps - Toys for Tots Drive

Thanks to community support, the Post collected more than 500 unwrapped toys and 100 bikes for this year's U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots campaign. The toys collected at the Post, which was one of several hundred drop-off points throughout metro Atlanta area, will be distributed to economically disadvantaged children this Christmas.

Finance Officer Ralph Jordan, a retired Marine reserve lieutenant colonel and SAL member Tommy Youngblood led this year's drive. Although it's too early to have a metro-Atlanta wide 'toy tally' for this year, last year's Atlanta campaign distributed 795,440 toys to 397,720 children according to the [Marine Corps Reserve/Toys for Tots web site](#). The Atlanta campaign, according to "X" (formerly known as *Twitter*), is the largest in the nation.

Last week Appen Media's Jon Wilcox visited the Post when the donated bikes were being picked up for further distribution by two young Marines. His story can be [read on line by clicking here](#). It was also published on page 4 of today's *Alpharetta-Roswell Herald*.

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~ News Notes ~

Military.com reports that the VA Health System Remains on Federal 'High Risk' List Due to Oversight Shortfalls - "The GAO found that the department's Committee for Audit, Risk and Compliance, which reviews findings from investigations into adverse medical events and alleged malpractice, did not regularly perform its duties or provide systemwide improvement recommendations -- a shortcoming that could undermine the quality of care at VA health facilities, according to the GAO." [Click here to read](#) the full story.

Air & Space Forces Magazine reports that China's Orbital Maneuvers Have Space Force Leaders Seeking Better Options - "China is all over the place. We are watching what

they are doing, and we are doing things as well to make sure that we're as safe as possible. . . . The difference between the two countries' space maneuvers . . . is that China has not proven itself to be a 'responsible operator in this domain'." [Click here to read](#) the full story.

PACT Act Stakeholder Toolkit - At last week's Executive Committee meeting, Tina Johnson, the Post's service officer reminded those attending that she was seeing a lot of information about the expansion of the PACT Act in an Army publication which crosses her desk. Her comments generated interest in finding some sources of information to share with Legion membership at the Post. With the help of Judge Advocate Jim Davis, this publication's editorial team has surfaced four documents from three sources which we believe may be helpful to veterans interested in knowing more about the PACT Act. Links to each follow. – *hdh*

[PACT Act](#)

Source: Georgia Department of Veterans Services

[The PACT Act 2024](#)

Source: Soldier for Life web site

[The PACT Act and Your VA Benefits](#)

Source: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

[The PACT Act: 2024 Expanded Health Care Eligibility Toolkit](#)

Source: VA News

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

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Club 201 New Year's Eve Gala Tickets Now Available Online

Individual tickets & tables reservations

may be purchased [by clicking here](#).

For more details on the evening's activities [click here](#).

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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!

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

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Friday, Dec. 20, U.S. Space Force Birthday. Blue Moon Belgian-Style Wheat Ale has been chosen as the special celebratory drink of the day to honor the Space Force's birthday. This is in keeping with the developing tradition at the Post to have a special drink (sold at \$1 less than the regular price) to all veterans, whether a member of the Post or not, as well as any active duty

members who might be in the Clubroom/Bar that day, so they can toast their sister service with one or more celebratory drinks.

Saturday, Dec. 21, 4 p.m. "The 12 Days of Christmas" sing-along in the Clubroom/Bar under the direction of Maestra Leah Dunn. The back story: The 12 days of Christmas is the period in Christian theology that marks the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, the three wise men. It begins on December 25 (Christmas) and runs through January 6 (the Epiphany, sometimes also called Three Kings' Day). Some families choose to mark the 12-day period by observing the feast days of various saints (including St. Stephen on December 26) and planning daily Christmas-related activities. But for many, things return to business as usual after December 25. "The 12 Days of Christmas" is also a Christmas carol in which the singer brags about all the cool gifts they received from their "true love" during the 12 days of Christmas. Each verse builds on the previous one. And in some families who are taking road trips during the season, it's also a really effective way to annoy other family members in the car. Source: Vox.com. [Visit this link](#) if you'd like to know a lot more trivia on this subject.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, New Year's Day. Clubroom/Bar will open at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6 p.m., House Committee Meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting.

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2 p.m., BINGO in the Ballroom.

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6 p.m., Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., General Membership Meeting. Complimentary buffet dinner served in the 6 p.m. timeframe.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom.

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[CLUB 201 DANCE - LEARN MORE](#)

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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