



## American Legion Post 201

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### **Post's Annual Oratorical Contest Set for 10 a.m. Saturday, January 11**

The Post's annual oratorical contest for high school students is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Post. Members of the Post 201 Family and the general public are invited to attend the competition.

The January 11 contest is the first of four levels of competition leading to the American Legion's national competition at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich. on May 16 – 18. The top three winners in the Post's competition will receive scholarship funds of: First Place - \$1,000; Second Place - \$750; and Third Place - \$500.

Additional scholarship money may be earned at each succeeding level of competition with the winner at the national level earning more than \$25,000.

Post Oratorical Contest Chair David Cunnold said five contestants are currently registered to compete on January 11. Although he said the contestants names cannot be announced prior to the day of the competition, they include an 18-year-old senior from Chattahoochee High School; two 17-year-old juniors from Innovation Academy; an 18-year-old junior from Forsyth Central High School; and a 17-year-old junior from Milton High School.

Each contestant will give two speeches during competition. One is prepared in advance and will be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to the government. The prepared speeches will be eight-to-ten minutes long. The second speech for each contestant will be a three-to-five minute assigned topic presentation based on one of the following amendments:

Amendment I – Provides Fundamental Freedoms.

Amendment VII – Protects the right to a jury trial.

Amendment XVIII – Prohibits production, sale, and transportation of alcohol.

Amendment XXVI – Establishes a minimum age of 18 to vote.

Students interested in participating in the oratorical contest must registered prior to Monday, Jan. 6. Contestants must be an active high school student in grades 9 to 12, must be an American citizen or lawful permanent resident, and must be under age 20 on May 16, 2025.

For more information on the contest, or to register, contact Post 201 Oratorical Chair David Cunnold via email at [yjdave99@gmail.com](mailto:yjdave99@gmail.com) or call 770-853-5130.

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## **Grace Period for 2024 Legion Membership Card Ends Jan. 31**

As calendar year 2024 draws to a close, approximately 75 percent of the Post's 741 Legionnaires who paid their dues for 2024 have renewed their membership for 2025. The national organization provides members a grace period until Friday, Jan. 31, 2025 to get 2025 membership dues paid. After that, if asked to show a membership card, a 2024 card will not be considered as being a current card.

Post 201 members who still need to pay their 2025 dues may do so by:

(1) Going to the national web site, [www.mylegion.org](http://www.mylegion.org), and paying your dues online with a credit card. If you pay through the 'mylegion.org' you may download a 2025 membership card from the national web site. Also the Post will be notified within 48-72 hours that your dues have been paid and a card will be mailed to you from the Post because we do not know whether you downloaded a card or not from the national website.

(2) Filling out a membership renewal form at the Post's Clubroom/Bar and paying the \$40 dues with a credit card, cash, or a check made payable to American Legion Post 201. If you pay at the Post's Clubroom/Bar, your membership dues will be processed within three-to-five days and a card will be mailed to you, or you may choose to pick it up at the bar (if you indicate that on the renewal form) rather than having it mailed to you. (*Note: You might want to keep in mind the Post Office's recent mail delivery history.*) However, one important note to keep in mind. If you do not include your member number on the renewal form, it WILL TAKE LONGER for your card to be processed.

(3) Come by the Post between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on either Saturday, Jan. 4 or Saturday, Jan. 11, pay your dues with a credit card and bring your receipt to the office (along with your 2024 membership card), or come directly to the office if paying by cash or check (again bringing your 2024 membership card). Either way, you'll be able to pick up your 2025 card while you wait - - - and it will be laminated for you after you sign it.

Whichever way you choose, if you don't have your 2025 card yet, please make every effort to do so before the grace period ends.

Auxiliary and SAL members should check with their respective membership person. At publication deadline, no information was available to this publication regarding SAL or Auxiliary dues payment.

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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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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](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**