



American Legion Post 201

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Inclement Weather Notice

With the prediction for periods of snow, sleet, and freezing rain which could be heavy at times starting Friday morning and lasting through Saturday morning, the possibility of closing the Post, reducing hours of operation, or cancelling some scheduled events or activities does exist.

If decisions are made to initiate any of those actions every effort will be made to notify members of the Post 201 Family via special edition(s) of this newsletter, updates on the landing page of the Post's website, www.legion201.org , or updates on the Post's FaceBook page.

Otherwise, weekend activities will continue as planned.

Friday Night

Buddy's Ballroom Bash, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Beginning and intermediate Rumba dance lessons, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Open dance with DJ Buddy Stotts, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 cash or credit at the door.

Saturday Morning

Post 201 Oratorical Contest, 10 a.m. in the Ballroom

Five contestants: an 18-year-old senior from Chattahoochee High School; two 17-year-old juniors from Innovation Academy; a 17-year-old junior from Milton High School; and a 18-year-old senior from Lassiter High School. Members of the Post and the general public are invited to attend.

Saturday Afternoon

2025 Legion Membership 'In Person' Renewal, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Members of the Legion at Post 201 who do not have their 2025 membership card may swing by the Post between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and get a 2025 card while they wait. If you plan to pay your dues with a credit card the bartenders can take your payment. Then bring your receipt to the office (along with your 2024 membership card) and pick up a 2025 card. If you pay by cash or check skip the 'bartender stop' and come directly to the office (again bringing your 2024 membership card). *Note: this is for Legionnaires only. Auxiliary and SAL members should check with your respective membership person.*

Saturday Night

White Elephant Re-Gift and Pot Luck Dinner, 6 p.m. in the Clubroom/Bar.

Be sure to bring a white elephant gift along with a great pot-luck to share.

Saturday Night

Country Dance Night, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Beginning and intermediate waltz dance lessons, 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Open dance with country music dance mix, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. with DJ Cindy Johnson. Admission: \$12 cash or credit at the door.

Sunday Afternoon

Bingo at the Post, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. \$1,000 Jackpot

Sunday Night

Karaoke with Calvin, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Clubroom/Bar

Sunday Night

West Coast Swing Sunday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Hosted by Mark & Elizabeth Williams and Suzy Filip with DJ Rich Kopels. Beginners & Beyond the Basics (Levels I and II) 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Levels III/IV and Competitive Edge class with guest instructor Kurt Senser, 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Open dance 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: \$12 cash or Venmo at the door.

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Stephen Olesnevich

Dec. 5, 1940 - Jan. 2, 2025

Steve'O, as he was known at the Post, was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran and a 35-year member of the American Legion. For more than 20 years he was the mainstay of the Post's "Boxes for the Troops" program. Last year he calculated he had mailed more than 13,000 boxes containing candy, snacks, books and personal care items to troops deployed throughout the world.

According to an article published by Appen Media on Nov. 22, 2022, funds donated by area residents and local businesses to support the box program at that time exceeded \$100,000. Since then additional donations have pushed the total to well over \$150,000.

A memorial service at the Post will be scheduled at an as yet-to-be-determined date.

Richard Alan Dudley

April 4, 1949 – Jan. 7, 2025

Alan, a Class of 1971 West Point graduate, was a 15-year member of the American Legion. From 2020-2023 he was a member of the Post's executive committee. He served as Post Commander from 2020 – 2022, a period of time which included leading the Post through the Covid-19 crisis.

He may be best remembered for his personal commitment during the Covid period for disinfecting the Post 2-3 times per week. He would start spraying in the Ballroom, working his way through the Clubroom and ending that day's disinfectant spraying in the kitchen. He also made arrangements for members of the Post to schedule appointments for Covid vaccinations at a Dunwoody-area medical facility so they wouldn't have to contend with waiting in line at other walk-in locations.

In addition to his Post Commander leadership, he also served as the baseball committee chair during his time as a member of the executive committee and for a period of time after that. As baseball committee chair he was instrumental in guiding the nearly \$40,000 renovation of the baseball field concession stand from start to finish.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by McDonald & Son Funeral Home, 150 Sawnee Drive, Cumming.
www.mcdonaldandson.com.

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American Legion National Commander To Visit Post, 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16

James A. LaCoursiere, Jr., the American Legion national commander, is slated to visit the Post from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16. Members of the Post interested in visiting with him that afternoon are invited to attend an informal reception hosted by Post Commander Bob Byrd.

The national commander's visit to the Post is part of a four-day, Jan. 15-18 visit to the state. District 9 is hosting him on the 16th. Other stops in District 9, along with his visit to the Post, include the Johns Creek Veterans Memorial Walk at Newtown Park, the VA Hospital in Decatur, a BBQ lunch at Post 45 in Canton, and a dinner at Post 127 in Sugar Hill.

LaCoursiere, who is a U.S. Air Force veteran, was elected national commander on Aug. 29, 2024, at the 105th National Convention in New Orleans. He has been a longtime field representative for the American Legion Department of Connecticut's Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, which financially assists veterans and their families in need. He has also held many leadership positions at American Legion post, department and national levels.

He is a member of American Legion Post 91 in Moosup, Conn. He has also served as a national vice commander, Connecticut state commander, and chairman of the national Legislative Commission.

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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!***

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

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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. \$1,000 Jackpot.

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

Friday Night, Jan. 17, Big Band 'Sounds' Return to the Post. The Alpha Jazz, a 22-piece subgroup of the Alpharetta City Band, returns to the Post to provide an evening of dancing. So grab your dancing shoes, bring your partner, and dance the evening away - - - or if you'd rather just sit 'n sip a good libation while listening to memorable music, you can do that too. A \$12 per person cash or credit card donation to the Post will be requested at the door for the Big Band evening. [For more information click here.](#)

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

Friday, Jan. 24, 6 p.m. Roswell Rotary Club's "Honor the Veterans Dinner." There is no charge for the dinner but space is limited to a total of 130 Post 201 Legion members and guests (one guest per Legion member). You must have a ticket to be admitted. One ticket equals one person. Tickets will be distributed, first come, first serve on the following days in the Clubroom by Post Commander Bob Byrd. Tickets must be picked up in person and you must be a Post 201 Legion member with a 2025 membership card, or a paid up for life card. Remaining ticket pick up times are Saturday, Jan. 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the general membership meeting. At publication deadline 100 tickets were still available.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$ 1,000 Jackpot.

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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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