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Legion National Commander Visits Post at 3 p.m. Today

The national commander of the American Legion, James A. LaCoursiere, Jr., will visit the Post for approximately one hour today starting at 3 p.m. His visit is part of a four-day (Jan. 15-18) visit to Georgia.

Members of the Post interested in meeting him today in an informal setting are invited to attend a reception in the Ballroom hosted by Post Commander Bob Byrd.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, LaCoursiere 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 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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Services Scheduled For Legion Members Dudley, Olesnevich

Richard Alan Dudley - April 12, 1949 – Jan. 7, 2025

A Celebration of Life Service in memory of Alan Dudley will be held at John's Creek Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 25 at 2pm. A reception at Post 201 will immediately follow the service. He will be laid to rest at the Georgia National Cemetery in a family service. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Alan's honor to the American Lung Association or North Fulton Community Charities. [Click here to read Alan's obituary](#) published by McDonald & Son Funeral Home, Cumming.

Stephen Enoch (Steve'O) Olesnevich - Dec. 5, 1940 - Jan. 2, 2025

Funeral services for Steve Olesnevich will be held at Post 201 Saturday, Jan. 25. The family will receive friends starting at 1 p.m. in the Ballroom. The service will follow starting at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Legion Post 201's "Boxes for the Troops" program in memory of Steve'O. [Click here to read his obituary](#) published by Roswell Funeral Home.

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~ Post News Notes ~

Celebrate 'Wicked' National Popcorn Day In Post Ballroom, 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday

Bring a blanket and a comfy seat if you need one and join other members of the Post 201 Family (including children) this Sunday for popcorn and a streaming version of the 2-hour- 40-minute, PG-rated movie, "Wicked".

In celebration of National Popcorn Day, all the popcorn will be provided - - - and there is no charge for the movie. You may also bring your own snacks if you so desire. Also be sure to let the little ones know that if they arrive on their flying broom, ample 'broom parking' space will be available.

The movie tells the story of two girls who meet and become friends and have a magical experience. [Click here](#) to see a 3-and-a-half minute trailer.

White Elephant Re-Gift Party Rescheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday

The people were there, the pot-luck dishes were there, but the White Elephants did not show for last Saturday night's white elephant pot luck dinner. So in the best of style, those at the Post enjoyed the food, the company, and the drinks they purchased at the bar.

And not to be overcome by events, the White Elephant Re-Gift and Pot Luck Dinner has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. this Saturday. So this time, bring a white elephant, a pot luck to share and

plan to re-gift (or exchange) your “white elephant” for somebody else’s white elephant this Saturday night in the Clubroom/Bar.

Post 201 Oratorical Contest Combined With Tuesday Night Membership Meet

Tuesday Night’s General Membership meeting will be slightly different than most monthly meetings as the evening’s main focus will be this year’s Oratorical Contest which had to be cancelled due to last weekend’s inclement weather.

To accommodate the competition, the business portion of the meeting, which starts at 7 p.m., will address only those activities which require a membership vote. A free buffet meal will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Currently five contestants are scheduled to participate: 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.

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 from the Post’s Legion members. And the SAL has agreed to match the Legion awards, which will double the amount the top three participants receive!

The contest is the first of five levels of competition leading to the American Legion’s national competition at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich. on May 16 – 18. Additional scholarship money may be earned at each succeeding level of competition with the winner at the national level earning more than \$25,000.

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. These 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.

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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

VIEW FEATURED POST EVENTS

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 to. 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 pick upped 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. 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the general membership meeting. At publication deadline 65 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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