

## **American Legion Post 201**

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Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025

#### Dinner Honoring Post Vets Set for 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24

The Roswell Rotary Club will sponsor a "Honor the Veterans Dinner" at the Post on Friday, Jan. 24 starting a 6 p.m. 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; so Post Legion members who want to bring a guest will need request two tickets.

Tickets will be distributed, first come, first serve on the following days in the Clubroom by Post Commander Bob Byrd: Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 at the general membership meeting.

Legion members must pick up their tickets in person. Also, to participate in the dinner you must be a Post 201 Legion member with a 2025 membership card, or a paid up for life card.

A wait list will be created if all 130 tickets are distributed. If you take a ticket and then decide not to use it, please let the Commander know you will not be attending. That way the Roswell Rotary Club can serve another veteran.

#### Highway 9 Band Debuts At Post Tomorrow Night

The Highway 9 Band, a dynamic party band known in the local area for keeping the dance floor packed throughout the evening, will debut their musical talents at the Post tomorrow night.

Performing an average of 160 gigs-a-year, the band's playlist offers a variety of styles including funk, rock, pop, hiphop, and country from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and today. "The Highway 9 Band is one of several 'new' dance bands that have been booked to play at the Post this year," says Post Commander Bob Byrd. The Post is working to broaden the various genres of dance music offered at the Post and which should bring a larger segment of the north metro population who enjoy dancing to the Post, Byrd added.

Free beginning and intermediate East Coast Swing dance lessons with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams will be offered between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. tomorrow evening. Highway 9 Band will take to the Post 201 Ballroom stage starting at 8:30 p.m. with the last dance set for 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$12 per person, cash or credit, for the evening.

For more information on Highway 9 Band <u>click here</u>.

#### Four Currently Set to Compete At Jan. 11 Oratorical Contest

As the 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 Post 201 Oratorical Contest approaches, the current list of contestants has dropped from five to four. At publication deadline contestants at Post 201 include an 18-year-old senior from Chattahoochee High School; two 17-year-old juniors from Innovation Academy; and a 17-year-old junior from Milton High School.

Members of the Post and the general public are invited to attend.

There's still time for others to join the competition before the Monday, Jan. 6 deadline hits. To participate, 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.

The top three winners at the Post will receive scholarship funding of: First Place - 1,000; Second Place - 5750; and Third Place - 5500. The Post's competition 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 in the range of 25,000.

For more information on the contest, or to register, contact David Cunnold, Post 201 Oratorical Chair, at <u>yjdave99@gmail.com</u> or call 770-853-5130.

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#### 2025 Legion Membership 'In Person' Renewal Set

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. on either Saturday, Jan. 4 or Saturday, Jan. 11, 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 you may bring your receipt to the office (along with your 2024 membership card) and pick up a 2025 card. If you plan to pay by cash or check, you can skip the 'bartender stop' and come directly to the office (again bringing your 2024 membership card).

Also, those interested in having their card laminated, after they sign it, can have that done, too.

The national organization provides members a grace period until Jan. 31, 2025 to get 2025 membership dues paid. After that, if asked to show a membership card, a 2024 card is not considered to be a current card - - - and at Post 201 those not holding a 2025 card will have to pay nonmember prices for beverages.

# 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** 

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.

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. \$ 1,000 Jackpot.

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**CLUB 201 DANCE - LEARN MORE** 

### **VETERANS RESOURCES**

Visit the <u>Resource Page</u> at Post 201's website, <u>www.legion201.org</u> 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 - <u>Click here</u>. 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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