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National Commander Says Vet Suicide is #1 Issue for Vets

During an approximately one hour meet-and-greet visit at the Post last Thursday afternoon, American Legion National Commander James A. LaCoursiere, Jr. spent most of his time chatting informally with some 20-plus Legionnaires as well as a several members of the Auxiliary and the SAL.

However, before departing he offered brief prepared remarks about the national organization's "Be the One" campaign to help reduce veteran suicide and actions that individual Legion members, as well as Posts, can take to participate in the campaign.

"The number one issue facing the veteran community today is suicide," he said. It is estimated that between 17 and 22 veterans or service members take their lives each day. He also observed that the rate of suicide for veterans is more than 50 per cent higher than that of non-veteran adults.

He stressed that individual veterans could support the national initiative by asking other veterans how they are doing if they believe he or she is struggling with an issue, taking time to listen when a fellow vet needs to talk, and encourage a struggling vet to reach out for support which is available 24/7/365. Those support sources include calling 988 and pressing 1; texting 838255, or visiting the VA Crisis Line website, www.veteranscrisisline.net.

Following his brief remarks he seemed somewhat surprised, but appreciative when the Post's SAL Commander stepped up to the podium and presented him a \$100 donation from the SAL to support the "Be the One" campaign

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~ Post News Notes ~

Roswell Rotary Club Dinner - - The Roswell Rotary Club will host a dinner at the Post Friday night for 130 members of the Post and their guests. Tickets are still available. See details in the Upcoming Activities Column below.

Ground Hog Day Chili Cook-Off - - The winter cold means it's time for another Chili Cook-Off at the Post. So mark your calendar for Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2 for the next one. A specific start time is yet to be established, but the betting odds are rather high for a "start the tasting" sometime between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Although a winner will be declared, the only prize will be 'bragging rights' until the next time.

Four Chaplains Day - - The Post will recognize Four Chaplains Day on Monday, Feb. 3 by reducing the price on all wines served at the Clubroom/Bar by \$1, according to Post Commander Bob Byrd. Feb. 3 is the anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army Transport Dorchester and the selfless acts of four Army chaplains aboard during World War II. They gave up their lives for soldiers during the Dorchester sank in the waters of Greenland on Feb 3, 1943. The four chaplains, also known as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains," represented three faiths: Catholic, Jewish and Protestant. [For more information click here.](#)

Super Bowl Pot Luck Dinner Planned - - Members of the Post Family can plan to enjoy a pot luck dinner (and other activities) at the Post on Super Bowl LIX Sunday (Feb. 9) starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. But keep in mind that the dinner start time may be pushed forward a little since game time kick off is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Alpharetta Rotary, Post 201 Partnership - - For those who did not see the story about the Rotary Club's funding of improvements at the Post in last Thursday's edition of the Alpharetta – Roswell Herald, [check out this link.](#)

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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, 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 are available at the Clubroom/Bar and are being distributed on a first come, first serve basis. 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. At publication deadline approximately 50 tickets were still available.

Saturday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Funeral Services for Stephen Enoch (Steve'O) Olesnevich (*Dec. 5, 1940 - Jan. 2, 2025*) will be held at the Post. The family will receive friends starting at 1 p.m. in the Ballroom. A 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.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Friday, Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day. Something will be happening at the Post in the Clubroom/Bar, but details haven't be announced yet - - - or perhaps the plans are still in the "visioning stage!"

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Dinner, provided by the Post served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

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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.](#)

Veterans Crisis Line
Call 988 and Press 1 or Text 838255
Visit www.veteranscrisisline.net
VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk - 631-720-6022

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