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Roswell Rotary to Honor Vets With 1-Day Trip to D.C., April 9

The Roswell Rotary Club has announced that their 11th Honor Air, day-long trip to Washington, D.C. to honor veterans, is scheduled for Wednesday, Apr. 9. This year's trip anticipates honoring 80 veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Post members learned about the trip during the Roswell Rotary Club hosted dinner for members this past Friday evening.

Plans call for departing Roswell at 6 a.m. and traveling to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport for the day-long, round-trip flight to the nation's capital and back on a chartered aircraft.

While in Washington, veterans will visit the World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Lincoln memorials. The day will conclude at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery to see the Changing of the Guard ceremony. During their Washington visit the group will be escorted by the National Park Police.

There is no cost to veterans who make the trip. Guardians who travel with individual veterans are expected to cover their expenses which are \$45 per person.

The Roswell Rotary Club is also seeking contributions to support the program. For a contribution of \$911 an individuals can honor a veteran. The contribution reserves a space for a veteran to make the trip and also offers the individual making the contribution the option of travelling as a guardian.

[Click here](#) for more information on the program, and to download a veteran application to participate or a guardian application. For additional information on donations [click here](#) or contact Alicia Hughes at 678-283-7098, or email ahughes@wsnielsen.com.

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Innovation Academy Freshman Wins Post Oratorical Contest

Viraj Das, a 15-year freshman from Innovation Academy bested three other high school juniors and two seniors as he took winning honors in this year's Post Oratorical Contest which was held on Tuesday night, Jan. 21.

His winning presentation, "The Constitution's Enduring Relevance" earned him twice as much as he expected since his \$1,000 first place prize was doubled by a matching \$1,000 contribution from the Post's SAL squadron.

The second and third place finishers of the six competing students, which included two other Innovation Academy students and one each from Chattahoochee High School, Milton High School, and Lassiter High School, also doubled their winnings of \$750 (second place) and \$500 (third place) thanks to similar matching contributions, also from the SAL.

Advait (Adi) Singh, 18, a senior at Chattahoochee took the second place award with his presentation, "Taxes: We Love to Hate Them, but We Still Need Them." The third place slot went to another Innovation Academy student, 17-year-old Junior Siddarth Suresh, whose presentation was titled "Obedience to the Rule of Law: The Foundation of our Constitutional Republic."

As the winner of the Post's competition, Das will compete in the District 9 competition scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Mar. 1 at Post 7, [2343 Riverside Drive, Gainesville](#). The other levels of competition in the Post 201 chain include the Area 3 competition (Districts 9,10, and 11) which is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 9, at Post 56, 309 Lee Street, Jefferson.; and the state finals which are scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Mar. 30 at the Historic Mary Persons Auditorium, [27 Brooklyn Ave.](#) in Forsyth, Ga.

These competitions lead to the American Legion's national competition at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich. on May 16 – 18. Additional scholarship money is earned at each succeeding level of competition with the winner at the national level earning more than \$25,000.

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~ Entertainment News Notes ~

Hustle Time! - Thursday, Feb. 6 & 13. Here's an opportunity to do a four-week dance course in only two weeks. Beginner lessons (2 sessions each night) taught by Elizabeth William; Intermediate lessons (2 sessions each night) taught by Jiffy and David Sarver. \$10 per session, \$20 for both.

[Click here for more information](#) or contact Elizabeth Williams at 404-579-9676.

Valentine Dance Party, Friday, Feb. 14. Rock the night away with the Highway 9 Band. Open dance, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Beginner and intermediate lessons, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. [Click here](#) to see flyer. Admission: \$12 per person cash or credit only.

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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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Sunday, Feb. 2, 4 p.m. Ground Hog Day Chili Cook-Off. All chili dishes must be in place and ready to be served at 4 p.m. Current plans assume a winner will be declared in the 5 p.m. time frame. The prize for winning - - 'bragging rights' until the next next chili cook-off.

Monday, Feb. 3. Four Chaplains Day. The Post will recognize the day by reducing the price on all wines served at the Clubroom/Bar by \$1. Feb. 3 is the anniversary of the 1943 sinking of the United States Army Transport Dorchester in the waters of Greenland, and the selfless acts of Lt. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister from Pennsylvania; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, a Reform rabbi from New York; Lt. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic priest from New Jersey; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, a Reformed Church in America minister from Ohio. They gave up their lives for soldiers during as the Dorchester sank. [For more information click here.](#)

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$ 1,000 Jackpot.

Sunday, Feb. 9, 6 p.m. Super Bowl LIX Pot Luck Dinner. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a pot luck dinner (and other activities) 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.

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

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

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$ 1,000 Jackpot.

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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