



## **American Legion Post 201**

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### **Post's FY 25-26 Leadership Nominations On Tuesday's Membership Meet Agenda**

Next Tuesday night's General Membership meeting will bring to a close the first step in electing Post 201's leadership for FY 25-26. Nominations are currently open for Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate and a 3-year term on the Executive Committee.

During the meeting the nominations period will be officially closed. Elections are scheduled to take place at the Tuesday, May 20 General Membership meeting. Following the May elections, the new leadership will begin their terms on June 1.

Currently Post Commander Bob Byrd has one remaining year to serve as Post Commander, having been elected to a two-year term last year. Tom Billings will continue to serve as immediate past commander. Bob Moyer has one year remaining on his 3-year term as a member of the executive committee, and Penny Kumpf has two years remaining on her term.

At 2 p.m. yesterday, the official nomination form posted in the Clubroom showed the following:

Sr Vice Commander - Tom Richardson

Jr Vice Commander - James Timcoe

Finance Officer - Ralph Jordan

Judge Advocate - Jim Davis

3-Year Exec Committee Member - Harry Hollingsworth

Other major items currently on the meeting agenda include a look at the Post financials for the first three quarters of the fiscal year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) and an overview of budget planning for FY 25-26. Also, at least a dozen names will be presented for approval to join the Post.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. with a complimentary buffet meal (no menu available at publication deadline) scheduled to begin in the 6 p.m. time frame.

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## **Executive Committee OK's Dropping Gaming Machines**

The Executive Committee unanimously voted at its meeting Tuesday night to remove the four gaming machines in the Clubroom effective May 1. Also, the contract with the State of Georgia to provide gaming services at the Post on those machines will not be renewed when the contract lapses in June.

The decision was based on a nine-month financial review of the cost of providing the service and the bottom line income the machines produced which can be applied directly to Post operations - - - which currently averages slightly more than \$300 per month.

Those numbers, when combined with previously announced changes to the gaming process which have not been introduced yet at Post 201 - - - and appear to require more staff time to support than is currently required - - - led to an understanding that the machines are not cost-productive for the Post.

In other activity at the meeting it was announced that Patti Fredlund has agreed to serve as the Clubroom's 'social director.' Her objective is to build the Clubroom's revenue stream. Her initial undertakings in the Clubroom include the recently-initiated 'donation-requested' meal service on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

During the meeting she said this weekend's fare includes:

Friday - Cheese Enchiladas, Mexican rice, pinto beans and a salad

Saturday - Kielbasa with sauerkraut, Kielbasa with pineapple, rice and coleslaw.

Sunday - A special "Masters Watch Party" starting at 5:30 p.m. which includes pulled pork, egg salad and chicken salad sandwiches, deviled eggs, chips & dip, moon pies - - and the possibility of pecan pies if they are available from the store. She's also arranged for a special "Azalea" drink (lemonade, vodka, grenadine, and cherry) at \$4 per drink for members (\$5 for non members). And watch for a special raffle opportunity that evening also.

Looking to the future, she's planning a special Easter dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Apr. 19. This dinner will also will have a special drink for the day. She's named it "Jelly Bean". It

contains vodka, blue curacao, and Sprite. It will be priced at \$4 per drink for members (\$5 for non members).

On Saturday, May 3, she putting together a Kentucky Derby Watch Party - - again with a special drink. But rest assured, the drink will not be the classic mint julep which has long been associated with the Derby. Why? Because that drink doesn't sell well at the Post. Instead she planning on a whiskey sour/bourbon lemonade drink. Again it will be priced at \$4 per drink for members (\$5 for non members). More about these upcoming events she's planning as they get closer.

In other matters, the Post has received a \$500 donation which will be applied to buying and installing a digital soundboard for the ballroom. The current, rather old analog system doesn't have "presets" which allows each band to set up the "sound" they like to work with. Currently each band has to, in effect, start from "0" each time they perform at the Post. A digital board can store individual band's preferred sounds which should significantly reduce set-up time.

Also, by general consensus the Executive Committee approved a special drink price at the Clubroom/Bar for all veterans (who can verify they are veterans if asked) and members of the Armed Forces on active duty (again by showing a military ID) for Saturday, May 17 which is Armed Forces Day.

Every drink of any variety at the bar purchased by a veteran (or active duty member) on Armed Forces Day will be reduced by \$1 off the regular price. So, as one person observed, "that means I can get my \$1 Coke for free that day." And 'yes' that is correct!

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## **Deadline is Tuesday, Apr. 15 For High School Scholarships, Boys/Girls State Admission**

**Georgia Boys State** will be held June 8-14, 2025 at Valdosta State University. [Click here](#) to download an application. For additional information visit <https://www.dogboysstate.org/>. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, Apr. 15, 2025. Do NOT send applications to Georgia Boys State, Inc. as stated on the application document. Applications and all supporting documents should be submitted to Post 201 who will select the participants, assure all requirements are met, pay the tuition, and submit to the Boys State Director. Mail or drop off applications at: Alpharetta American Legion Post 201, [201 Wills Road, Alpharetta, GA 30009](#), ATTN: Boys State Chair Tom Billings.

**Girls State in Georgia** this year is scheduled for June 8-13, 2025, also at Valdosta State University. The website <https://www.georgiagirlsstate.org> can provide individuals interested in the program with forms and additional information. For additional information from the auxiliary, if needed, contact Auxiliary President Lee Harrison at [leeharrison.1954@gmail.com](mailto:leeharrison.1954@gmail.com).

**Legion Scholarships** - - Applications are now available for the Legion's annual awards to graduating high school seniors. Forms are available in the Clubroom, or may be downloaded by [clicking here](#). April 15 is the deadline to apply. The value of each Legion scholarship to be awarded this year is \$1,500, with plans to award at least four. For more information about the Legion scholarships contact the Post's Immediate Past Commander Tom Billings, Email: [tombill03@comcast.net](mailto:tombill03@comcast.net).

**Auxiliary Scholarships** - - In addition to scholarships awarded by the Legion, Auxiliary Unit 201 also plans to award two scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, to graduating high school seniors. [Click here](#) to download the Auxiliary Scholarship Application. The deadline to apply is April 15. For more information about the Auxiliary scholarship contact Ellen Terrell-Youngblood, 678-462-9003, [eftot57@gmail.com](mailto:eftot57@gmail.com).

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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 Apr. 11, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Veteran Benefit and Resource Expo.** Newnan Centre, [1515 Lower Fayetteville Road, Newnan, Ga. 30265](#). For more information and to register to attend, [click this link](#). Walk-ins are welcome, but registering in advance for this free event will be helpful for the Expo planners.

**Sunday, Apr. 13, 2 p.m. Bingo in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Tuesday, Apr. 15, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary dinner served at 6 p.m. (more or less).

**Friday, Apr. 18. Highway 9 Band** plays at Post Ballroom. Hustle dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. The band takes the stage at 8 p.m. \$12 per person cash or credit card for admission. [Click here](#) to see band's flyer.

**Sunday, Apr. 20. Post Closed for Easter Sunday** except for the regularly scheduled Sunday night dance. Clubroom/Bar reopens Monday, Apr. 21 at 3 p.m.

**Friday, April 25, 6 p.m. Georgia Tech Baseball Military Appreciation Game vs. Virginia.** Discounted tickets available by [clicking here](#).

**Sunday, Apr. 27, 2 p.m. Bingo in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Sunday, May 4, 3 p.m. The Chestatee River DAR Chapter has invited Post 201 veterans**, particularly those who served during the Vietnam War period, to join them for their monthly chapter meeting. Post 201 Ambassador Roger Wise will be the guest speaker. A signup sheet, if you can attend, is posted in the Clubroom. They have asked for an approximate attendance count from the Post by mid April. The meeting will be in the Bennett Community Room, first floor

of Building 1400 on the Northside Forsyth Hospital campus, [1200 Northside Forsyth Drive, Cumming, 30041](#). [Click this link](#) to see the invitation.

**Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rally Point Grille Veteran Block Party** and Business Expo. [10009 Hwy 92, Woodstock](#). [Click here](#) for details.

**Saturday, May 17, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. SAL Saturday Night Dinner.** The SAL will be cooking and selling dinners to members of the Post 201 Family and dancers. The menu includes: Porterhouse T-Bone dinner - \$25 per meal; regular T-Bone dinner - \$20 per meal; and chicken and pork chop dinners - \$15 each. A sign-up sheet to order your meal will be posted in the Clubroom two weeks prior to the event.

**Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m. America 250 Commemorative Marker Dedication.** Lou Sobh Amphitheater, [450 Vision Drive, Cumming](#). [Click here for details](#).

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## VETERANS RESOURCES

Visit the [Resource Page](#) at Post 201's website, [www.legion201.org](http://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](http://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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