



American Legion Post 201

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### **Sufficient Number of Members Attend to Provide Quorum For General Membership Meet**

There was some good news - - - and then there was more good news at Tuesday night's general membership meeting.

The first good news marker of the night was a great complimentary meal of baked ziti, meatballs, rolls, tossed green salad and dessert prior to the meeting being called to order. Thanks and a shout out to DiAna Casale who stepped away from her finance duties and orchestrated the meal service.

The second good news marker of the evening was the 24 members of the Legion who showed up for the meeting. This count exceeded by six the needed quorum to conduct business - - - only the second time in the first four months of 2025 that Post has had quorum for its monthly General Membership meetings. The quorum enabled the Post to approve 14 new and five transfers for membership in the Post.

The new members are: Oscar Beltran, USN, Vietnam; Nicholas Cmar, USMC, Global War on Terrorism (GWOT); John Curtis, USAF, Gulf War; Phillip Gilcreast, USAF, GWOT; Kristine Jones, USN, Gulf War; Steve LaChance, USN, Gulf War; Santiago "Jim" Machado, USN, Vietnam; Edward Postell, USA, Gulf War; Robert Sergile, USAF, Vietnam; Harry "Russ" Steele, USAF, Vietnam; Richard Story, USAF, Gulf War; Ronald Tracz, USA, Vietnam; Richard Ulatowski, USN, GWOT; and Philip Wierson, USA, GWOT.

Transfers are: Julian Edge (from Post 400, Georgia), USN, GWOT; Harry Gibbs (from Post 106, Jackson, Miss.), USA, Vietnam; Jennifer Kunkler (from Post 29, Marietta), USAF, GWOT; Max McFarlin (from Post 77, Conyers), USN, Vietnam; and, John Rushin (from Post 127, Sugar Hill), USN, Vietnam.

The nominations for next year's leadership positions, the last business item on the agenda prior to the Good of the Legion comments, were closed by a unanimous vote. Candidates for four of the five slots are uncontested for next month's leadership election. The only contested position is for Jr. Vice Commander with James Timcoe and Jeff Davis both seeking to fill the job.

The uncontested positions included Tom Richardson for Sr. Vice Commander, Ralph Jordan for Finance Officer, Jim Davis for Judge Advocate, and Harry Hollingsworth for the three-year slot on the Executive Committee. All served in the same position this leadership year with Hollingsworth filling the remaining year of the three-year Executive Committee position previously held by Mike Roman.

Other meeting highlights included:

A brief financial update on the first nine months of the current fiscal year which shows a positive net income of \$14,900 against a budgeted loss of \$8,000. Finance Officer Ralph Jordan reminded all that they may review the Post's financials upon request and making an appointment with him.

Post Commander Bob Byrd announced that the Post will host an Easter Eve meal in the Clubroom for members of the Post 201 Family. Subsequent to the meeting, Patti Fredlund, who is overseeing the arrangements, said meal service will start at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 19. Service will conclude at 7 p.m. that evening unless all the food is consumed earlier than that time. The menu includes ham sliders and various TBD side dishes, salad and dessert.

Post Service Officer Tina Johnson reminded all who are eligible to be sure to get registered for benefits with the Veterans Administration. She noted that process may require as many as three meetings to complete process which will lead to having a social worker assigned to work with the individual veteran. She also noted that at the present time VA staffers are "very service oriented." She also told those attending that the VA can no longer ask an individual veteran for his or her personal income situation as part of the benefits evaluation process. She emphasized that the rules about asking for that information have changed and a veteran, if asked, can refuse to share personal financial matters.

Significant upcoming events at the Post include Bingo at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 27; Live Bands for Dancing on Friday, April 18 (Highway 9 Band), Friday May 2 (Gold Standard Band), and Friday May 16, (Last Call Band).

And the last of the good news for the night: When Byrd closed the meeting at 7:45 p.m. he announced that the Clubroom/Bar would be opened immediately for drink service. That announcement drew a smattering of applause and positive comments since there is past history of having to wait for the Auxiliary's meeting in the Clubroom to be concluded.

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## **Cumming Post 307 Seeking Financial Help for Boys, Girls State Applicants**

Post 307 in Cumming is looking for financial help to send all 33 of their Boys State and Girls State candidates to the week-long training session in Valdosta this June. For comparison purposes, Post 201 only has four applicants for Boys State. At publication deadline the Auxiliary had not responded to a request for the number of Girls State applications they are considering. Last year the Cumming Post sent 27 of Forsyth County's finest young people to the two programs.

District 9 Adjutant Kathy Merritt, said the Cumming Post needs to raise \$4,200 to send all of the Post 307's candidates to the hands-on "leadership action programs" which are designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government for participating high school juniors.

After receiving the request yesterday morning, the Post 201 Executive Committee is considering a donation to help their neighboring Post just across the county line, after receiving the request yesterday.

Donations may be mailed to Post 307 of the American Legion, Inc., P.O. Box 2624 Cumming, GA 30028-6507. Donations may also be made online at <https://www.legionpost307.com/donate>. For further information or if you have questions contact Post 307 Commander Dave Mullis at 678-446-9074, or email him at [chaplain23@comcast.net](mailto:chaplain23@comcast.net). Please put "Boys/Girls State" in the subject line.

Merritt also noted that other Posts within District 9, or elsewhere in the State may also need support for their Boys or Girls State applicants. For further information regarding those needs, contact her via email at [gad9adjutant@gmail.com](mailto:gad9adjutant@gmail.com). Please put Boys/Girls State in the subject line of your correspondence.

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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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**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.**

**Thursday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, May 6, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, May 13, 6 p.m., Executive Committee Meeting.**

**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. Armed Forces Day.** Every drink of any variety sold at the at the Clubroom/Bar and purchased by a veteran for his or her consumption (or active duty member) on this day will be reduced by \$1 off the regular price. Veterans need to be prepared to verify they are veterans (if asked by the bartender) and the same procedure will be in place for members of the Armed Forces on active duty. A military ID card will be acceptable for those on active duty.

**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.

**Tuesday, May 20, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary dinner served at 6 p.m. FY 25-26 Leadership will be elected at this meeting.

**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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[CLUB 201 DANCE - LEARN MORE](#)

**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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