



## American Legion Post 201

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### Post's High School Scholarship Deadline Extended to Friday, May 2

The Legion-side of the Post 201 Family has extended its deadline for graduating high school seniors to apply for a scholarship from the Post. The revised deadline is close-of-business Friday, May 2, 2025. The original deadline was April 15. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the application form.

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's scholarship program contact Post 201's Immediate Past Commander Tom Billings, Email: [tombill03@comcast.net](mailto:tombill03@comcast.net).

The deadline extension is for Legion scholarship program only. The Auxiliary did not extend their deadline beyond April 15.

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**5 p.m. Clubroom Dinner**

## Planned for Tomorrow

Pulled pork, baked beans, mac & cheese and coleslaw are on the dinner menu in the Clubroom starting at 5 p.m. tomorrow. The cost is \$5 per plate. Don't wait too long after 5 p.m. to show up since food service will end when the food runs out.

Friday night's dinner is the only meal on the 'formal' Clubroom schedule this weekend. The 'Friday, Saturday, Sunday night meals' which were featured in the Clubroom for the past several weeks is going through a "rethink process." Post Finance Officer Ralph Jordan said the weekend meal service was proving to be "unsustainable" in its current format. Stay tuned for more updates as this may be on an upcoming Executive Committee meeting agenda.

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### **Former Vietnam War Pilot, POW Shares Story at 2 p.m. Tomorrow At Roswell's First Baptist Church**

Retired USAF Colonel Leon (Lee) Ellis is scheduled to give a free talk at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Chapel of First Baptist Church, [710 Mimosa Blvd, Roswell](#).

During the Vietnam War he was a POW for 5½ years after his and his commander's F-4 Phantom was shot down over North Vietnam. He was tortured from 1967 to 1970 after which all torturing stopped as President Nixon took office and threatened to resume bombing North Vietnam.

Colonel Ellis' presentation is meant to be inspirational and will include a description of how he and his fellow prisoners used a tap code to communicate in the Hanoi Hilton. He grew up in Commerce and was commissioned through the USAF ROTC program at UGA in 1965.

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### **4 COAM Machines Removed from Post**

Earlier this week the vendor who supplied the four COAM gaming machines to the Post removed them following a decision by Post leadership to not renew the annual COAM gaming license. The license was due to be renewed in June.

Individuals who may still be holding winning receipts from playing the machines need to turn their receipts in for payment no later than 9 p.m. this Saturday, Apr. 26. Questions concerning payment should be directed to DiAna Casale in the Post's Finance Department.

The Executive Committee unanimously voted at its meeting two weeks ago to remove the machines. The decision was based on a nine-month financial review of the cost of keeping the machines in operation and the lack of bottom line income they were producing which could be applied directly to Post operations.

The review showed that income for the Post averaged slightly more than \$300 per month from all four machines. When those numbers were combined with previously announced changes to the gaming process which were not yet introduced at Post 201 - - - as well as license renewal and

machine rental costs for the upcoming year - - - the resulting information led to a decision that the machines were not cost-productive for the Post.

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### **Candidate Position Articles Planned for Contested Jr. Vice Commander Slot**

Legion members Jeff Davis and James Timcoe, who are competing for the Jr. Vice Commander position, the only contested position on next year's leadership slate, have each been asked to write a not-to-exceed 500 word article on why he should be elected to the slot.

Their position statements will be published in the Thursday, May 15 edition of this newsletter - - - five days prior to the Tuesday, May 20 General Membership meeting at which one of the two will be elected.

Both have been asked to attend the Tuesday, May 13 Executive Committee meeting at which time a coin toss will determine whose article will be presented first in the publication. Neither candidate will be asked to address any specific questions as part of the piece they are preparing. Effectively each has a 'clean slate' to address any matter he thinks is important to the success of his campaign.

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### **Billings' Jelly Bean Guess Wins Contest**

Immediate Past Commander Tom Billing bested 30 other bar patrons and won the Godiva Chocolates and other goodies with his guess of 2,142 jelly beans in the glass jar. The actual number of beans in the jar for those who might be interested in knowing was a whopping 2,368 beans - - - or slightly more than 197 dozen beans in the jar. The contest raised \$31 which has been deposited into the Post's unrestricted donations account.

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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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**Thursday, April 24, 6 p.m. Johns Creek Veterans Association** monthly meeting featuring highlights of the recent Vietnam War Veterans 50th Anniversary of the End of the Vietnam War

event. A catered dinner will include lasagna, salad, dessert & drink for \$15 per meal. Cash or check is requested to avoid any transaction fee.

**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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