



## American Legion Post 201

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### **Post Leadership Elections Set for Tuesday Night Meet**

Tuesday night's General Membership Meeting will settle the only unanswered question regarding the Post's 25-26 leadership team composition. Either Jeff Davis or James Timcoe will be elected Jr. Vice Commander during the meeting which starts at 7 p.m. A complimentary evening meal will be served to all attending starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. The dinner menu was not available a publication deadline.

Legion members who plan to vote must present to the election committee a 2025 membership card for Post 201. If you do not have a current membership card you will not be given a ballot to vote.

**Both candidates for the Jr. Vice position have crafted not-to-exceed 500 word articles about their qualifications for the position. Those articles follow. Also, both will have the opportunity to present a five-minute campaign speech prior to the vote next Tuesday evening.**

At this past Tuesday night's Executive Committee meeting Post Commander Bob Byrd flipped a coin to determine which individual's article would appear first in this newsletter and would also deliver his campaign speech first at the General Membership Meeting. Jeff Davis won the toss.

The Post's 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 Moye 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.

All other open positions on the leadership team are uncontested. They are: Sr. Vice Commander - Tom Richardson; Finance Officer - Ralph Jordan; Judge Advocate - Jim Davis; and 3-Year Executive Committee Member-Harry Hollingsworth who is also the Post Adjutant.

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## Jeff Davis

My Fellow Veterans,

The American Legion and similar organizations have been a cornerstone of preserving our country's way of life for over a century. Post 201's members are clearly committed to ensuring America and our community remains a leader in an ever-changing world. At the meetings I've joined, I see a small percentage of post membership in attendance and participating in our events. We are missing a majority of our members many of whom can bring their thoughts, ideas, and energy to take what is great about this post and help adapt to the 21st Century. Just as the character of warfare has changed, we too must adapt to maintain our prestige and influence.

What I bring to the table is energy, ideas, community connections, and a track record of driving change by working together to build upon the foundation set by this post. During my 23-year career as a Marine Corps Aviator, six years at DataScan, and six years at the Alpharetta Rotary I've worked tirelessly to help organizations transform for the future. I believe Post 201 is an untapped community treasure that with a few adjustments will continue to shine for its next 75 years. To achieve this, we need to develop, approve, and execute a 2030 American Legion Post 201 Strategy founded on three pillars:

1. **Connection:** Increase member participation, camaraderie, and expand community connections and partnerships.
2. **Business Mindset:** Develop, track, and publish KPIs, and use the Working Together Framework for execution.
3. **21st Century Facility:** Match capital expenditures to requirements.

Within the first 90 days, I'll work with the Executive Committee to take the following actions:

- Personally connect with every member of Post 201 to gather feedback on ways to improve participation, including the development of anonymous feedback loops.
- Conduct a full review of this past year's events for profitability and attendance.
- Review the existing facility investment plan and determine capital expenditure ROI.

I also promise the following:

- We will not get rid of what currently works
- We will experiment to fail fast to determine what works and what doesn't

- We will invest in winners

Thank you for your consideration and look forward to working with everyone to shape our future together. Regardless of whom you vote for, I encourage everyone to participate in the process.

Semper Fidelis,  
Jeff Davis

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## James Timcoe

Why should I be elected Junior Vice Commander?

By James Timcoe

My vision for the future of American Legion Post 201 is to bring in the younger generation of Veterans and to help make our post better for the Veteran community. In looking to the future, we need to have more events and a greater local presence in the community. This will happen through more volunteerism and coordination with other Veterans support groups. A good example of this is the upcoming Bike Night that is on May 17th, Armed Forces Day. As well as the 10th annual American Legion Car Show that will be happening on Saturday November 8, 2025, at Post 201. We will also advertise all events on all social media to promote the Post as much as possible. The goal is to increase membership from the Global War on Terrorism generation, the generation that has followed, as well as all Veterans. Without increased outreach to the current generation of Veterans we will fail as an organization and will not succeed in going to the future.

As of now there are several different avenues of promotion on social media and the internet. We, as a post, need to coordinate an effective and comprehensive marketing strategy across local advertising platforms to increase attendance, revenue and membership.

Now a little about me, I grew up in the Legion. My family are Veterans and were very active in the American Legion in Massachusetts. I have dedicated my life to Veterans. Besides my volunteer work with the Post at various events, I also work with Veterans in my professional life. I want to see this post and the American Legion as a whole continue to succeed in the long term. It is a great resource to all Veterans, regardless of when they served.

In closing, my vision is to continue having events at Post 201, with the backing of whomever is elected to the leadership positions, to promote membership, to promote volunteerism within the post, and to continue to build a great culture for American Legion Post 201.

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## ~ News Notes ~

**FY 25-26 Post Budget Discussions** - A special meeting of the Post's Executive Committee is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 27 to conduct a detailed review of the proposed FY 25-26 annual budget for the Post. The meeting's goal is to finalize the budget and resolve any outstanding questions so the budget can be presented for approval at the Tuesday, June 17 General Membership Meeting.

**Represents Post at Business Conference** - Post Executive Committee member Penny Kumpf and her husband, Don, represented the Post 201 at the recent Job Creators Network's Freedom Fighter Summit, April 30 – May 2, in Savannah. This year, the conference honored the legacy of its founder and Georgia business titan, Bernie Marcus. Keynote speakers were Gov. Brian Kemp and Kellyanne Conway. Other participants included economist Steve Moore, journalist Charlie Gasparino and radio host Hugh Hewitt.

**Health Screening at Post** - Life Line Screening will be offering their service at the Post all day on Tuesday, June 10. They are offering a special screening package for \$159 for Post members. The package includes: Carotid Artery Disease Screening; Atrial Fibrillation Screening; Peripheral Artery Disease Screening; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening; and a free Hypertension Screening. These screenings are designed to identify potential health problems early, before they become serious issues. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 888-814-0466 and use code: HSCA001. The company's website is [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.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***

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**Friday, May 16, 8 p.m. Last Call Band.** Open dance starts at 8 p.m. Beginning and intermediate East Coast Swing dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 per person cash or credit.

**Saturday, May 17. Armed Forces Day in the Clubroom/Bar.** 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 May 17 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.

**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, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cumming Post 307 Annual BBQ Fundraiser**  
hosted by Beaver Toyota with food provided by Socks' Love Barbecue. Tickets: \$10 per person.  
[Click here](#) for more information.

**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 May 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free CPR/AED/Choking Training.** There will be two training sessions, each lasting one-and-a-half hours. The first will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the second from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Space is limited to 30 per session so early sign-up is recommended. [Click here to signup](#). The North Fulton Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 12002, which meets at Post 201, is sponsoring the event.

**Monday, May 26, Memorial Day. Clubroom Bar opens at 1 p.m.** instead of the normal 3 p.m. opening time on Mondays. Visit [www.legion201.org](http://www.legion201.org) for details about the Post's open house from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m..

**Monday, May 26, 2025, 7:30 p.m. "An Ode to America"**. Brooke Street Park, Alpharetta. Each May, the Alpharetta Symphony offers a Memorial Day concert that is free and open to all. This year, the symphony will honor the nation with a slate of patriotic tunes, including favorites like *Stars and Stripes Forever*, *America the Beautiful*, and *The Veteran's Anthem*. Join the symphony for an evening in the park - bring a blanket, some chairs, a picnic, and the whole family to enjoy music by the bandstand! For more information about the concert [click here](#).

**Monday, 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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