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### **Today Marks Women Vets Recognition Day**

Today is Women Veterans Recognition Day. Observed annually on June 12, the day celebrates the contributions made by women who have served in the United States military. Today also marks the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, which granted women permanent military status.

Post 201 is recognizing all women veterans today, whether members of the Post or not, by reducing all drink prices at the bar by \$1 for women veterans and those who are currently serving on active duty or who are in the National Guard or Reserves. For those who may drink only soft drinks, dollar-off price translates into any soda produced by the bar's "gun," and normally sold for \$1, will be free today for any qualified woman.

#### ***Background***

Women have served in the U.S. military throughout its history, initially in non-combat roles and later expanding into combat-related positions. The 1948 Integration Act officially allowed women

to serve in all branches of the military.

Over time, women in the U.S. military have gradually gained access to more and more military job classifications, eventually including combat positions. Today women make up about 17.5 per cent of the active-duty force and 21.4 percent of the National Guard and Reserves.

### ***Key Milestones and Stats***

- More than 300,000 women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.
- Over 9,000 women have earned Combat Action Badges.
- Women make up about 33 per cent of DoD civilians.
- More than two million women veterans currently live in the U.S. .
- General Ann E. Dunwoody was the first female four-star general in the Army, serving as a commander in the 82nd Airborne Division.
- Captain Linda Bray was the first woman to lead U.S. troops into combat during Operation Just Cause in Panama in 1989. She was one of more than 700 women who participated in the operation.
- Captain Kristen Griest and 1st Lieutenant Shaye Haver were the first female soldiers to successfully complete the U.S. Army's Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga.
- General Lori Robinson was the first female officer to command a major Unified Combatant Command.
- Michelle J. Howard was the first woman to become a U.S. Navy four-star admiral and the first African American and woman to hold the post of Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

### ***Most Difficult Branch Evaluation***

The Marine Corps is often considered the most challenging branch of the military for women, due to its rigorous training standards and physically demanding roles. While the Army also offers physically demanding opportunities, the Marines are generally seen as the most difficult of the branches in terms of overall training intensity.

The Air Force is often seen as the least physically demanding branch, but it's also the most challenging to get into due to its high educational requirements. The Navy and Army present a mix of physical demands and opportunities, making them more varied in terms of difficulty.

Ultimately, the "hardest" branch for a woman to join depends on individual preferences and goals. Some may find the physical demands of the Marines or Army to be more challenging. The Navy is generally considered a middle ground in terms of overall difficulty, while others may find the Air Force's high educational requirements the most demanding.

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## **~ Post News Notes ~**

**Bourbon & Cigar Night** - - At close of business Tuesday, 23 tickets were still available for Friday night's Bourbon & Cigar evening which assumed a maximum of 35 tickets being available for the 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. event. Looks like the "tradition" of waiting to the last minute to make a decision continues to challenge the event planners. Although no last minute "up charges" for waiting so late to make reservations are on the docket for this event, the subject of up charging those who wait until the last minute to commit has entered the future event planning discussions - -

- particularly since the bourbons, cigars, and food orders need to be placed as much as a week or so prior to the event.

Tickets, at \$50 per person for Friday night's event, may be purchased online by [clicking here](#), but at this point buying them at the bar may be the better option. For more information on the bourbons to be tasted and cigars to be sampled, read last week's e-newsletter which can be found by visiting [www.legion201.org](http://www.legion201.org), opening the Newsletter dropdown box and clicking on the June 5 newsletter. And don't forget: Those attending can look forward to trivia questions based on Friday the 13th, with prizes awarded to the winners.

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**Executive Committee OK's Draft FY 25-26 Budget** - - Members of the Post will be asked to approve the Post's proposed FY 25-26 budget at next Tuesday night's general membership meeting. A copy of the budget will be posted on the Clubroom's bulletin board prior to the Clubroom/Bar opening this afternoon.

The budget assumes that the Post's total income for the year will be \$669,000.00. Cost of Goods sold during the year are projected to be \$322,250.00. This line item primarily includes liquor, mixers, food for concessions, DJ's and band expenses, and staff salaries.

Other expenses, which include taxes, casual labor, insurance, Post and baseball utilities, community outreach activities, scholarships, general office and cleanup supplies, equipment rentals, Post baseball field and yard maintenance, general repairs and maintenance, and repayment of the SBA (Covid time frame loan to keep the Post open), and licenses and fees to conduct business are estimated to be \$331,400.00.

The combination of the cost of sales and other expenses leave a projected net FY 25-25 income of \$15,350.00.

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**Parking Policy Adopted** - - The Executive Committee unanimously approved a Parking Policy for the Post this past Tuesday which will take effect on Aug. 1. A copy of the policy is posted on the Clubroom/Bar bulletin board. The policy defines the rules and restrictions for all parking areas, both marked and unmarked and outlines procedures under which vehicles left on the property for extended periods could be towed at the owners expense. Recently the Post has needed to address issues of unidentified vehicles being left on Post property for an extended period.

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**BINGO Needs Volunteers** - - The Auxiliary's twice-a-month Bingo 'party' on Sunday afternoon is drawing 80 to 100 or more players each afternoon. In short this level activity means **MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with the games. And you don't have to be a member of the Auxiliary to volunteer. Legion members and SAL members are more than welcome - - - and some are already sharing their time. But more cashiers, floor walkers, 50/50 raffle sellers, callers, set-up and break down muscle and friendly faces to welcome people to the Post are needed. If you can help please get in touch with Leah Dunn soonest at [leahmdunn25@gmail.com](mailto:leahmdunn25@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**

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**Friday, June 13, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bourbon & Cigar Night.** See Post News Notes for Details.

**Saturday, June 14. Flag Day and the U.S. Army's 250th Birthday.** To celebrate the day all veterans who purchase drinks at the bar will receive a \$1 discount. Also, the SAL will provide complimentary food service to members, starting at 4 p.m. Bedoe Bar and Grill will be serving wings, egg rolls, quesadillas, etc., according to the SAL. Flag Day marks the adoption of the U.S. flag by the Continental Congress in 1777. The U.S. Army's birthday traces back to 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the formation of the Continental Army.

**Tuesday, June 17, 7 p.m. Post General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary food service will start in the 6 p.m. time frame. Presentations by Boys State attendees and scholarship check presentations are on the meeting agenda as well as voting on the proposed FY 25-26 budget for the Post.

**Friday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. ALPHA JAZZ BIG BAND.** Grab your dancing shoes and swing to the Big Band sound of this 20+ member orchestra. Or just sit, sip and enjoy an evening of being "In the Mood". Open Dance starts at 8 p.m. Jitterbug lessons at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$12 per person cash or credit.

**Saturday, June 21, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The SAL will be selling BBQ boxes.** \$15 gets you a choice of smoked pulled pork, Beef Brisket, or St Louis spare ribs with coleslaw and potato salad.

**Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom.** Future games are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

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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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