



American Legion Post 201

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### **Post's \$600,000+ Budget For Next Year Approved**

With only 24 members voting at Tuesday night's General Membership meeting, the Post's proposed FY 25-26 budget was unanimously approved, but not without some friction.

Questions were raised about how the numbers were presented on the budget document itself, what information was believed to be missing from the document, and the lack of specific dollar amounts expended in prior years on individual line items which would justify or support the projected income or expense line item in the proposed budget.

However, in the absence of Post Finance Officer Ralph Jordan, other members of the Executive Committee were able to provide satisfactory explanations. They also noted that the Post's existing accounting structure was developed more than two decades ago. Modifying that structure to permit more in depth revenue/expense reporting which is generated through Post's multiple sources of income (bar, dance, hall rental, baseball, etc.) is an ongoing activity. It has received significant

attention during the past year and is still being modified in conjunction with guidance from the Post's newly retained accounting firm.

The approved 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.

Members attending the meeting were also reminded that the Post's accounting documents are available for review upon making an appointment with the Finance Officer. Also, they are welcome to attend the Post's monthly Finance Committee meetings which are announced in the Post's weekly e-newsletter.

### ***Other Meeting Activities***

In other activity, the membership approved seven requests to join the Post. Six are new members and one is a transfer. The new members are: Brian Will, USAF, Other Conflicts; Marc Noviello, USMC, Vietnam; Margaret Dyer, USAF, Other Conflicts; Scott Brown, USMC, Gulf War; Michael Herger, USN, Gulf War; and Michael Brand, USA, Gulf War. William Sittard, a U.S. Army Vietnam vet is transferring his membership from Post 426 in Boston, Mass. to Post 201.

Post service officer Tina Johnson distributed and updated PACT Act FAQ document produced by the VA to those attending. A copy of that document is available by [clicking here](#).

The SAL announced that they were 20 members short of reaching their 2025 membership goal. Currently the SAL has 270 members, SAL Commander Derek Garmon said. He also reminded members that the SAL will be selling food Saturday evening and orders can be placed via a signup sheet in the Clubroom. Garmon also announced that the 8th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 15 at the Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm, 3030 Bradshaw Drive, Woodstock. A flyer about the tournament is posted on the Clubroom bulletin board.

Blessed Trinity Catholic High School student John Carino, one of six students the Post supported at this year's Boy's State program in Valdosta, provided members a brief recap of his week at the program. He called it a "great experience," said he didn't get enough sleep during the week as scheduled activities kept the participants really busy, and that in the mock Georgia government experience he was elected to be a Supreme Court Justice.

Other boys attending this year's Boys State program included Daniel Dri, West Forsyth HS; Raunak Gupta, Johns Creek HS; Edwin Tang, Northview HS; Lijun Xu, Mt Pisgah Christian School; and Michael Herger, also from Blessed Trinity, was elected Lieutenant Governor.

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**Post Awards 3 High School  
Seniors \$1,500 Scholarships**

At Tuesday's General Membership meeting three young women, all graduating high school seniors, were presented \$1,500 scholarship checks from the Post to help with their continuing education. The recipients were: Raleigh Lynn Blanton, Creekview HS; Anna Donges, Innovation Academy; and Azlyn Walker, Roswell HS.

Blanton plans to pursue a degree in pediatric nursing at Georgia Southern University, Statesboro; Donges sees a degree in Computer Science and Cyber Security from University of Georgia, Athens in her future; and Walker plans to earn a degree in petroleum engineering from Mississippi State University, Starkville.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic standing which includes accumulated grade point average, class ranking, participation in school and community activities, and writing a 300-500 word essay on the subject of "Patriotism and Citizenship – What America Means to Me".

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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 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.

**Monday, June 23, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Game Nite in the Clubroom.** Come play. Various board games and card games will be set up. This is a no-cost, no-wager, fun way to spend a (what is predicted to be) hot Monday evening at the Post.

**Friday, July 4, Independence Day.** Be sure to have your membership ID with you as the Post will be charging a fee of \$10 per car for area residents who plan to park their cars at the Post and watch the Will Park fireworks from the Post grounds. Members of the Post Family will not be charged the parking fee as long as they have a current 2025 membership card for the Legion,

Auxiliary or the SAL. Special arrangements are being made to accommodate non-members who will coming to the Post for Club 201 activities that evening. Volunteers who can help park cars are needed.

**Tuesday, July 8, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Thursday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, July 15, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** A complimentary dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. Officers will be installed for the coming year.

**Saturday, August 2, Old Soldiers Day.** While not confirmed yet, Post Leadership is hoping to have several certified Veterans Service Officers available who will bring their laptops to the Post so veterans can access there records at the VA. Newly elected Jr. Vice Commander James Timcoe has agreed to pursue the arrangements. Post Finance Office Ralph Jordan will chair the day's overall activities.

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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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