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### **Legion, Auxiliary, SAL Officers To Be Installed Tuesday Night At Monthly Membership Meeting**

This coming Tuesday night's General Membership meeting which starts at 7 p.m. will take on a slightly different 'flair' than most monthly meetings, Post Commander Bob Byrd told the Executive Committee members at their meeting this past Tuesday.

Since the officers of the Auxiliary and SAL as well as the Legion are all scheduled to be installed at the General membership meeting, only those agenda items which require a membership vote as well as the "Good of the Legion" comment portion of the meeting will be on Tuesday night's agenda. Due to the time needed to install officers Bob said the committee reports that are usually part of the meeting will be set aside this time.

For those members who always ask about the menu for the complimentary dinner served prior to the meeting, once again it was not available at publication deadline.

#### ***July 4 Recap***

Although no formal head count was taken, best estimates suggest that between 800 and 1,000 people visited the Post during the Independence Day celebration. The general consensus suggests that this year was not as hectic as the 2024 celebration. That observation could be attributed to the fact that this year July 4 occurred at the beginning of three-day weekend. Perhaps more people were travelling this year.

The other observation was that this year was just "too bloody hot" for folks to to leave the house and spend an afternoon/early evening sitting outside. But whatever the reason,, there may be some 'learning lessons' from this year that could be applied to next year since July 4, 2026 will fall on a Saturday - - - and it will formally be the nation's 250th Birthday.

However those who did visit the Post this year were well-entertained by the all-volunteer Alpharetta City Band's outstanding concert on the lawn. This year's concert suggest that a tradition may be developing since this was the band's fourth consecutive year playing an evening

Independence Day 'gig' at the Post. Also thanks to It's My Party Rentals who arranged for a tent for the band on rather short notice.

In addition to a big THANK YOU to all the members of the band who gave up their day to play at the Post, another Thank You and shout out needs to go to all the volunteers who stepped up at the last minute to 'make Independence Day events happen' at the Post this year.

Parking - John Dowd took the lead at the last minute and corralled his two daughters, Abigail and Maggie, to join him for the day. Also other volunteers directing traffic that afternoon and early evening were Bob Davis, Don Kumpf, Fred Mahony, Tommy Youngblood, Jim Davis, Andy Dutton, Bill Cook and James Timcoe.

Among the challenges those who were parking cars realized during the day were the number of drivers who apparently got their driver's license but never really learned how to park a car - - and especially those who didn't know how to back into a space!

Auxiliary membership support - They seemed to be everywhere, picking up loose ends where needed and when they were not hitting up folks in the crowd for the 50/50 raffle. According to incoming President Ellen Youngblood, the raffle raised \$2,095 making their split \$1047.50!

The lucky winner was Milo Wilbank, a guest from Pensacola. As Ellen noted, that's "a pretty good return on a 3-ticket purchase." The volunteers who made it happen were Patti Fredlund, Leah Dunn, Elaine (and John) VanCamp, Kim Oliver, Terry Brown, Cheiri Lowery, Michelle Jones, Ariel Lewis, and DiAna Casale.

Food Service - The SAL's food service at the baseball concession stand was very well received. They ran out of food - - even though Derek Garmon was overheard "complaining" that he had to make two trips to the grocery store during the afternoon for more supplies.

Thanks to those who volunteered to help with food service, the SAL netted approximately \$1,400 for their treasury. The volunteers (according to the list Derek provided) included John McSween, Rick Larose, Aaron Dunn, Algie Allen, Chris Thompson, Matt Gill, Stewart Crouncher, Papa Joe, Carter Jarrett, Bruce Hay, Abby Dowd, and Patti Fredlund.

#### ***An Editorial Note***

Whenever a list of volunteers is pulled together and published, you can be assured someone's name was not included. And we're confident that this will be true with the names listed above. So if your name is missing, we apologize on behalf of those who pulled the names together. Just know that the Post 201 Family members say "Thank You" for your support.

You can rest with the knowledge that you helped - - and that is what's important. You said "Yes, I'll step forward." Unfortunately, too many don't. - *hdh*

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### **~ News Notes ~**

**Upcoming Drink Specials at the Clubroom/Bar** - Old Soldiers Day, Saturday, Aug. 2. Bloody Mary Special. \$1.00 off the regular price. Don't forget: the Clubroom/Bar will open at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, Coast Guard birthday. \$1.00 off all rum drinks. Thursday, Aug. 7 Purple Heart Day, \$1.00 off all drinks for all Purple Heart recipients.

**Shuffleboard Tournament Planned** - The Post will host a shuffleboard tournament on Sunday, Aug. 3 between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. The entry fee is \$10 per person. A signup sheet for those interested is posted on the black board in the Clubroom.

**Custodian Needed** - The Post is looking for a part-time custodian who can work two days per week and more at times depending on scheduled activities at the Post. Details are posted on the bulletin board in the Clubroom.

**Great Video: USAF & USN Operation Midnight Hammer Mission** - This 21-minute video delivers a detailed reconstruction of how the U S military coordinated B-2 stealth bombers, submarine-launched Tomahawks, and more than 120 supporting aircraft to strike Iran's hardened nuclear facilities. Thanks to Tom Billings for the find. [Click here](#) to watch.

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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***

**VIEW FEATURED POST EVENTS**

**Thursday, July 10, Finance Committee Meeting Rescheduled** to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17 to accommodate CPA's schedule to attend the meeting.

**Monday, July 14, 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 an evening at the Post.

**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.

**Thursday, July 17, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**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 their records at the VA. Newly elected Jr. Vice Commander James Timcoe has agreed to pursue the arrangements. Post Finance Officer Ralph Jordan will chair the day's overall activities.

**Thursday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m. Purple Heart Day.** The Auxiliary will hold a brief service at the Purple Heart Memorial on the Walk of Memories. All drinks at the bar will be reduced by \$1 for veterans who have earned the Purple Heart. Additional details for the day are still being worked out.

**Wednesday, Oct. 15. 8th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament**, at the Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm, 3030 Bradshaw Drive, Woodstock. A flyer is posted in the Clubroom with more information. [Click here](#) to see the online version. The SAL will start having golf tournament planning meetings at the Post every other Wednesday after the July 4th weekend. Meetings will be on 7/23/25, 8/6/25, and 8/20/25. After Labor Day meetings will be every Wednesday: 9/3/25, 9/10/25, 9/17/25, 9/24/25, 10/1/25, and 10/8/25. All meetings will start at 6:15 p.m.

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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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