



## American Legion Post 201

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### **Post 201 Labor Day Schedule Monday, Sept. 1**

Activities at the Post this Labor Day Monday, Sept. 1, will be focused on members of the Post 201 Family and their guests whom they might want to invite to join them at the Post. Unlike some prior years, the Post is not holding a general "Open House" for members of the local community this year.

Here's a rundown of the day's schedule:

- The Post's Cubroom/Bar will open at 1 p.m. rather than the normal 3 p.m. opening time for Mondays. Bar manager DiAna Casale has identified three drink specials for the day, priced at \$3 per drink. They are a Rum Mule, Bourbon Spritz and Vodka Lemonade. All three specials will be made using "well brand" liquors. Members asking for the special drinks to be made with a "call brand" will be charged the full retail price for their "call brand" purchase.
- Veterans who are members of the Post will be able to renew their membership for CY 2026 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at a table set up in the ballroom. Veterans interested in joining the Legion may also complete new member applications during the same time frame.
- Auxiliary Unit 201 "does not anticipate" having a membership table available during the day according to Auxiliary President Ellen Youngblood.
- Sons of the American Legion Commander Derek Garmon said the SAL voted at their meeting Tuesday night membership meeting to not have a SAL membership table available on Labor Day.
- Post Commander Bob Byrd will purchase a '100-pound whole hog' which will be Bar-B-Qued at the Post during the weekend thanks to Ralph Fike and members of his cooking team.
- Members of the Post 201 family are encouraged to bring a dish to share Labor Day afternoon. A signup sheet is posted in the Clubroom for those who would like to share what they plan to bring.

- Meal service will get started in the 3 p.m. time frame. It will continue until all the food is either consumed or no one has any room to eat any more. There will be no charge for the Labor Day meal.
- Those members of the Post Family who bring guests to the Post are reminded to be sure to have them sign the guest logbook in the Clubroom.

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## **Young Men's Service League Supports Walk of Memories**

Although there is no formal, written agreement between the Post and the Young Men's Service League (YMSL) of North Fulton, it appears that the group has "adopted" the Post as one of its ongoing community projects to support.

WOM chair Wes Stansbury reports that in mid July, 15 young men, along with some of their mothers, brought all the tools they needed to the Post and within two hours had installed 39 bricks at numerous locations throughout the Walk.

"They completed in two hours what it would probably take an equal number of veterans two-to-three times as long to accomplish," he said. And he also noted with a touch of humor, "We all know, and hate to admit, why it would take us so much longer to take care of the same assignment."

If that's not enough, at least 10 of the young men were back again on Sunday, Aug. 17 to move an estimated 800-900 pounds of wood chips and mulch (where a 43-inch in circumference pine tree stump was removed) to make way for one of two planned "memory pods" along the Walk. The mulch they moved was laid around other trees on the Post's front lawn and WOM.

With a little adult help from a couple of members of the Post the mulch-moving job took about two-and-half hours to complete. Again, as one bystander observed, that was much faster than it would have been if Wes had to wait for members of the Post to step forward and volunteer instead of sitting in the cool of the bar offering unsolicited opinions about what others should do, but doing nothing themselves.

The YMSL is a comprehensive, four-year-long program that creates opportunities for mothers and their high-school-age sons to volunteer together to help not-for-profit organizations in their communities.

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## **Entrepreneurship for Vets Program Offered at KSU**

Kennesaw State University is currently collecting expressions of interest for the Startup Training Resources to Inspire Veteran Entrepreneurship (STRIVE) program at KSU. The program is supported by Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF).

The first session launches on Tuesday, Sept. 2 with in-person sessions weekly through Nov. 4, 2025 at HatchBridge Incubator in Kennesaw, says Professor Steven Phelan, director of KSU's STRIVE program.

The program is free of charge and is designed for veterans, service members, National Guard/Reservists, and military spouses who have a clear business idea but haven't yet launched, are validating their concept, or have early traction (prototype, first customers, or initial sales).

The STRIVE program is 100 percent tuition-free. Participants graduate with practical skills in customer discovery, financial planning, and go-to-market strategy; one year of access to business planning tools; weekly mentorship from experienced entrepreneurs; and a joint Certificate of Completion from KSU & IVMF, along with access to the national STRIVE alumni network.

A handful of seats are still available according to Phelan. Virtual orientation will take place on Tuesday, Sept 2, followed by in-person evening sessions (Tuesdays, Sept. 9 – Nov. 4, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.).

For more information contact Kierlee Shaver, program coordinator, at [kshaver6@kennesaw.edu](mailto:kshaver6@kennesaw.edu) , phone 470.578.7025. Or [click here](#) to complete an expression of interest form for the school.

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## ~ News Notes ~

**BINGO Sets New Attendance Record** - - This past Sunday the Auxiliary's BINGO game set another attendance record with 136 players in the room. Given the amount of space individual players who are playing multiple card use up, Auxiliary President Ellen Youngblood said the Sunday afternoon game is on the edge of maxing out available space which, she believes, is in the range of 145 players in the room.

As the attendance continues to grow, she says that those "who really want to play" need to think about arriving in the 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. time frame to be at the head of the line in order to assure that they get a seat to play. She also said this past Sunday's game netted some \$1,100 after expenses for the Auxiliary's treasury.

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**200 See Vietnam Documentary at Legion National Conference** - - Post Member Jim Dickson reports that some 200 conference attendees saw the "Truths and Myths About the Vietnam War" 47-minute documentary this past Saturday during two screenings at the 106th American Legion National Convention in Tampa, Fla. [Click here](#) to read story about the screening published by the national office.

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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.*

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***9-Ball Pool Tournament, 2 p.m.***

***Every 3rd Sunday in the Clubroom/Bar***

**VIEW FEATURED  
POST EVENTS**

**Thursday, Aug. 28, 6 p.m. Johns Creek Veterans Association** monthly meeting. Guest speakers are Nick Salo of Valor & Honor and Dr. Paul Brunswick of Vet Buds. Dinner catered by Events by Pennie. It will include

chicken piccata, broccoli, salad, spaghetti, dessert & drink for \$15. Bring cash or check to avoid any transaction fee.

**Friday, Aug. 29, Club 201 Dance Retro Night.** Dance Lessons start at 7:30 p.m. Open Dance at 8:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more details. \$12 per person cash or credit.

**Monday, Sept. 1, Labor Day.** Post Clubroom/Bar opens at 1 p.m. for Post 201 Family-focused activities. Complimentary Bar-B-Que buffet starts in 3 p.m. time and continues until food runs out.

**Thursday, Sept. 4, 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lifeline Screening at Post.** Get screened for stroke and cardiovascular disease risks. Special screening package for \$159. Includes: Carotid Artery Disease Screening, Atrial Fibrillation Screening, Peripheral Artery Disease Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening, and free Hypertension Screening. Call 888-814-0466 for more info or to schedule an appointment. Use code: HSCA001. Or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA)

**Thursday, Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Sunday, Sept. 7, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Shuffle Board Tournament in the Clubroom.** A signup sheet is available in the Clubroom. The entry fee is \$10. See Patti Fredlund for details.

**Tuesday, Sept. 9, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary buffet meal served in 6 p.m. time frame.

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Hero Games.** Kickball fundraiser for the Manna Fund, which pays for the treatment of veterans' and first responders' mental health issues. [Click here](#) for details.

**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.


**Wednesday, Nov. 5. Metro-Atlanta Veterans Chamber of Commerce** Golf Tournament. BridgeMill Athletic Club, Canton, Ga. [Click here](#) for details.

**Saturday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 9th Annual Cruz-In.** [Click here to see](#) some of the cars on display last year. [Click here to read](#) about last year's event in the *Alpharetta-Roswell Herald*.

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**CLUB 201 DANCE -  
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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](#).**

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**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**