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### **A Day We Remember, A Spirit We Carry**

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**September 11th, 2001**

For most Americans, it started like any other Tuesday morning. But before the clock struck 9 a.m., everything changed.

Four hijacked planes. Thousands of lives lost. First responders are running toward the danger. Towers collapsing. The Pentagon is burning. And for the first time in a long time, the American homeland felt the impact of war.

It wasn't just an attack on buildings.

It was an attack on who we are.

### *Why We Observe Patriot Day*

Each year, on September 11th, we lower our flags to half-staff. We pause. We reflect. We remember.

But Patriot Day isn't just a day of mourning.

It's a day to honor the courage that rose from the ashes.

**The firefighters who climbed 100 floors and never came down.**

**The soldiers who re-enlisted the very next day.**

**The civilians who stood in line to give blood, open their homes, or just hold a stranger's hand.**

**And every veteran — past, present, or future — who knew exactly what was coming and still said, “Let's go.”**

### ***This Day Is Personal***

**If you've served in uniform, you probably remember what that day stirred inside you.**

**Anger. Pain. Purpose.**

**Some of you were already deployed. Some signed up because of that very day. Some lost brothers and sisters — overseas or right there in Manhattan.**

**And some are still carrying the weight.**

**We see you. We honor you. We will never forget you.**

*Editor's Note: This column was written by Jack Sparrow. It was originally published on Aug. 27, 2025 on the website [www.proudvet365.com](http://www.proudvet365.com). We thank Tom Billings, the Post's immediate past commander, who called it to our attention. - - hdh*

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## **Auxiliary Clothing Donations Sought**

The Auxiliary is currently collecting donations to support the Women's Clinic, the VA Hospital and the Army Ranger unit in North Georgia. A donations box is located in the Clubroom. Here's a list of the donated items the they are seeking:

For men the most needed items are Socks, Undershirts/T-shirts and Boxers/briefs. Other needed items include, Bathrobes, Sweat pants/shirts, Tennis shoes, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Combs/Brushes, Shampoo/soap/body wash, Water bottles, Deodorant, Pajama pants, Ball caps, Puzzles and Books – crossword, wordsearch, Sudoku.

For Women the most needed items are Socks and Camisoles/Bras. Other needed items include T-shirts, Bathrobes/House coats, Sweat pants/shirts, Tennis shoes, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Combs/Brushes, Shampoo/soap/body wash, Water bottles, Deodorant, Pajama pants/Night shirts/Night gowns, Hair ties/barrettes, Puzzles and Books – crossword, wordsearch, Sudoku.

For the Women's Clinic and the Rangers they are looking for Diapers/Wipes, Onesies/pajamas, Baby wash cloths,

Bibs, Baby thermometers, Bulb syringes, Oragel, Baby books/toys, Antibiotic ointment, Baby shampoo/body wash, Baby socks, Baby spoons, Knitted caps, Blankets, Desitin, Pacifiers, Baby Tylenol/Advil and Band aids.

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## **A 'Last Take' On Labor Day And the Cooks**

For those who showed up at the Post on Labor Day to enjoy the food, libations, and especially the Bar-B-Que, we need to say "Thank You" to the team who really "labored" on Labor Day as well as 24+ hours prior making sure the whole hog (donated by Bob Byrd) was ready to be devoured as promoted on Labor Day.

Here's a list of the cooking team members and their job titles as provided by Ralph Fike. They were: Fred Mahony - Command/Communications; Donald Cooper - Master Q Chef & Engineer; Mark Iannacone - Fireman; Ralph Infanti - Mess Sergeant; John Dowd - Class VI NC0IC; Scott Childress - Quartermaster; Jim Davis - More Commo/Cheerleading; Thomas Loma - Special Projects; and Ralph Fike - Sous Chef.

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## **Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities**

***No Karaoke in the Clubroom/Bar this Sunday.***

***9-Ball Pool Tournament, 2 p.m.  
Every 3rd Sunday in the Clubroom/Bar***

**VIEW FEATURED  
POST EVENTS**

**Sunday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. Jackpot - \$1,000.** With the number of Bingo players continuing to increase, game playing space is on the edge of maxing out, according to Auxiliary Bingo team members. The Aug. 24 game had 136 players. The maximum available space in the room is in the range of 145 or so players. To assure you get a seat at the table (so to speak), members of the Auxiliary team suggest players should plan to arrive at the Post in the 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. time frame.

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

**Thursday, Sept. 18. USAF Birthday.** All scotch whiskey drinks at the Clubroom/Bar (including Irish Whiskey) will be reduced by \$1 off the normal retail price for all veterans carrying appropriate ID (VA issued Veterans ID card, a current American Legion membership card, or a valid U.S. Armed Forces military ID card).

**Friday, Sept. 19. National POW/MIA Recognition Day.** Any veteran who was officially listed as a POW at any point during his or her active duty service, may order any drink the bar offers for \$1 off the retail price.

**Friday, Sept. 19. ALPHA JAZZ is BACK.** Dance the night away to Big Band favorites. Open dance starts at 8 p.m. Dance Lessons at 7:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information. Admission: \$12 per person cash or credit.

**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.

**Saturday, Sept. 20, Atlanta World War II History Round Table.** Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for social time. The meeting will start promptly at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at approximately 11:15 a.m. Reservations are required no later than end-of-the-day Sunday, Sept. 14, RSVP to Bill LeCount at 404-886-7383. Admission is \$23 for members and \$28 for non-members (cash or check accepted at the door. Credit card usage will include a \$2 charge. World War II veterans are free. Guest speaker is Dan O'Lone. Topic: The Man Who Stopped the Trains to Auschwitz. George Mandel-Mantello began a campaign that informed the world of the horrors of Auschwitz and the deportation of Hungarian Jewry to certain death. It's an incredible story of the rescue of the remaining 140,000 Jews in Budapest.

**Sunday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$ 1,000 Jackpot**

**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](#).

**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**