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### **VA Services Available During Gov. Shutdown**

The Veterans Administration (VA) released a statement yesterday outlining which services would be available during the government shutdown and which services would be curtailed. Here's the information provided in their statement.

"During the current lapse in funding, the vast majority of VA benefits and services will continue uninterrupted, but the government shutdown is not without consequences to VA. Here is what you need to know:

"The following critical Veterans care and assistance programs will be impacted by the government shutdown:

- VA will not provide Veteran career counseling or transition assistance program activities.
- The GI Bill Hotline will be closed.
- VA regional benefits offices will be closed.
- VA will cease public affairs and outreach to Veterans.
- VA will not permanently place headstones or maintain the grounds at VA national cemeteries.
- VA will not process applications for pre-need burials.
- VA will not print new presidential memorial certificates.

"Thankfully, the government shutdown will not impact the following VA services:

- Veteran health care is not impacted. VA Medical Centers, Outpatient Clinics, and Vet Centers will be open.
- VA benefits will continue to be processed and delivered, including compensation, pension, education, and housing benefits.
- Burials will continue at VA national cemeteries. Applications for headstones, markers, and burial benefits processing will continue.
- The Board of Veterans' Appeals will continue decisions on Veterans' cases.

“VA Contact Centers (1-800-MyVA411) and the Veterans Crisis Line (Dial 988, Press 1) are open 24/7.”

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## **Oktoberfest Beer Promo Underway In Post Clubroom**

The Post’s month-long Oktoberfest beer promotion kicked off yesterday. From now until close of business on Friday, Oct. 31 all beer sold in the Clubroom/Bar is reduced by 50-cents per beer off the regular retail price.

For ‘bucket beer drinkers’ however, there will be no change in prices since bucket prices already receive a 50-cents per beer price break.

There are some “rules” for who is eligible to take advantage of the beer promotion. Here they are:

- All members of the Post 201 Family - - Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL - - who hold a current (paid up) membership card for calendar year 2025 and/or 2026, or a paid up for life (PUFL) card. Be prepared to show your membership card if asked.
- All members of the greater American Legion Family - - Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL - - who hold a current (paid up) membership card for calendar year 2025 and/or 2026, or a PUFL card from any Post anywhere in the world. Again, be prepared to show your membership card if asked.
- Any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who holds an ID card. This includes active duty, reserve, national guard and retired.

The question has been asked, “How about guest of a member of the Post? Can they buy beer at the reduced price? The answer:

- Any individual who holds the appropriate membership card or ID outlined above may purchase a beer at the reduced price for a guest. BUT, if the guest is buying, he or she may not take advantage of the reduced price.

Other Oktoberfest events are in the “discussion/planning” stage, but no details are available yet, so stay alert for updates.

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## **DataScan, Honda South East Launch 2-Day Kickball Tourney At Post Today; Thursday, Oct. 9**

Data Scan of Alpharetta and the American Honda Southeast Regional office, also located in Alpharetta, will be holding a two-day Kickball tournament on the Post’s baseball field with the first games being played this afternoon. The second round will be on Thursday, Oct. 9. All games will be played between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. There is no charge to watch the teams play.

Today’s games will be elimination rounds among multiple teams from each company. Next Thursday’s games will be the final rounds including the championship game.

The Post's concession stand will be open on both game days selling hot dogs and hamburgers as well as beer and wine. Game attendees will also be welcome to visit the Post's Clubroom/Bar as guests of the Post on both game-days.

Post member Jeff Davis, who is a Senior VP at Data Scan, referred his team to the Post as a possible field location to compete with the Honda team. The Post also thanks its baseball partner, Jeff Auterson, for changing the Jackets baseball team's practices schedule to accommodate the DataScan - Honda Southeast Region tournament.

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## **~ Auxiliary News Notes ~**

*By Correspondent Ellen Youngblood*

**BINGO Birthday** - - Auxiliary Bingo plans to celebrate one year of hard work and success with a birthday party on Sunday, Oct. 12 - - which also happens to be the first to the two Bingo game days for the month of October. The second game day will be Sunday, Oct. 26. Come to the party on the 12th and wear your favorite sports team gear!

**Clothing Drive** - - New items for VA/Women's Clinic/Rangers will be collected through beginning of December. Collection will then be paused for the Post's Toys for Tots campaign.

**Meals to Say Thinking About You** - - The Auxiliary has partnered with Valor Christian Academy to deliver meals twice-a-month, and on a very limited basis, to individuals who need to know others are thinking about them. The thought which comes with the meal could be "We are thinking of you," "We appreciate you," "Get well soon," or whatever is appropriate to support the meal delivery reason.

If you know someone who qualifies, or you'd like "to bless" someone with a meal who may need it, contact Ellen Youngblood. Email - [eftot57@gmail.com](mailto:eftot57@gmail.com); Phone - 678-462-9003.

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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, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m. Post Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Sunday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m. Bingo in the Ballroom.**

**Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6 p.m. Post Executive Committee Meeting.**

**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.

**Tuesday, Oct. 21., 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary dinner served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**Friday, Oct. 31. Halloween at the Post.** Event planning is underway, but there will be a costume contest with \$\$ prizes along with some very special spooky season sips and creepy cocktails.

**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*. Bounce houses will be available for children and the Auxiliary is planning a bake sale in conjunction with the event. [Click here](#) for more details.

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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**