



American Legion Post 201

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### **Needed IT Overhaul At Post Completed**

Thanks to two Legion members who volunteered more than 100 hours of their personal time during the past couple of months, a long-needed and major IT upgrade at the Post has been completed, giving the Post a stable, fully operational, and secure network.

Volunteers Joan Ming and John Lee took the lead responsibility on the project, with some additional support from Peachtree Computers. When they undertook the assignment in late August, they along with DiAna Casale conducted several walkthroughs of the Post with individual vendors who, at the time, were being considered to provide support services.

During the same time frame John also crawled into various nooks and crannies around the Post in order to diagram the entire network, which included devices and their locations. His drawings represent the first time the entire IT network at the Post had ever been mapped.

The key problems the team was working to resolve included: the Point of Sale system was frequently down or had a frozen screen and which made the system unusable, back office desktops were also experiencing frozen screens or were unable to use; buffering or delays in streaming was experienced when programs /events were conducted in the ballroom; and WiFi access was inconsistent.

When all of the initial prep work was completed, and Peachtree Computers identified as the best among four proposers to support the Post, the hands-on work needed to update the system was identified. That included replacing all existing hardware such as the Access Points (AP), switches/routers, as well as create a new internal network with a secure gateway to the Internet.

Work began on Friday, Sept. 26 at 10:30 a.m. During the day all 5 Access Points for the WiFi were replaced, three new switches and gateways were installed and devices were moved to the new switches. The firewall was configured and a new private network was created to ensure priority to the Point of Sale system, a new Guest access and a new Event access were created, and all closet cabling were tied up and secured.

All devices were then directed to the new network. The security cameras control was moved to the back office and cameras connected to the new network. All TV's, back office desktops and printers were connected to the new network or the new WiFi. By 3 p.m. opening time that afternoon the POS was operational. The remainder of the clean-up of each switch and installation area was completed by 5 p.m.

Once the system was fully operational, some additional issues surfaced which needed to be fixed. The switch for the bar showed a loop which was preventing transactions from processing, so the loop was disabled. A reboot of the Keno machine was needed. A deteriorating cable to one of the APs was identified and replaced which corrected an issue of the POS in the concession stand not connecting to the POS server in the back bar area.

In addition to the work on the system, the team also removed and recycled 34 unused, outdated or non-functioning screens, printers, and other electronic devices which had been donated over the years and were just stacked up in the office.

Going forward, John and Joan, along with backup support when needed from Peachtree Computers will continue to serve as the Post's IT team. But they "would be happy to train any volunteers - - - Legion, SAL or Auxiliary members - - - who would like to join their Post 201 IT team of 2."

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## **Celebrate U.S. Navy's 250th Birthday On Monday with \$1 Off Rum Specials**

All Rum drinks served in the Post's Clubroom/Bar this Monday (Oct. 13) will be sold for \$1 less than the normal retail price to honor the U.S. Navy's 250th Birthday. The \$1 price reduction is limited to all veterans, regardless of branch of service, as well as active duty, guard and reserve members.

The U.S. Navy's origins trace back to the Continental Navy, established by the Second Continental Congress on October 13, 1775, to counter British naval power. It consisted of purchased merchant vessels and 13 frigates built for the war effort. However, after the Revolutionary War, the Continental Navy was disbanded in 1785 due to a lack of funding.

A decade later, attacks on American merchant ships by Barbary pirates spurred a reevaluation of naval needs. President George Washington signed the Naval Act of 1794, authorizing the construction of six warships, including the USS Constitution. This act created a permanent naval force, which was formally organized under the Department of the Navy in 1798.

In 1972, Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized October 13 as the official Navy birthday, a tradition continued by subsequent CNOs.

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## Kickball Tourney Playoff Ends with Games Today

The two-day Kickball tournament between teams from Data Scan of Alpharetta and the American Honda Southeast Regional office, also located in Alpharetta, concludes today with play scheduled to start on the Post's baseball field at 5:30 p.m. The first round of games were played last Thursday.

The Post's concession stand is scheduled to be open again today as it was last week 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 today.

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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.** Come celebrate one year of Bingo returning to the Post.

**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.

**Sunday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom.**

**Tuesday, Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting.**

**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 -  
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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**