



American Legion Post 201

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### **Catered Meal Planned For Membership Meet**

Members attending this coming Tuesday night's General Membership Meeting are in for a special treat, thanks to DiAna Casale and Ralph Jordan's search for a little something different for the complimentary dinner which proceeds the meeting itself.

Catered Halfway Tree, an Alpharetta-based business, Tuesday's dinner menu will feature baked chicken, rice, peas, and vinegar red coleslaw. Complimentary meal service will begin in the 6 p.m. time frame followed the membership meeting at 7 p.m.

Tuesday night's meeting will also be the Post's last general membership meeting for calendar 2025 as the Post traditionally does not have a December membership meeting.

Halfway Tree will also be preparing 'bar food' for sale in the Clubroom this Saturday from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. So if you want to "try them out" prior to Tuesday night, be sure to swing by the Clubroom on Saturday.

#### ***SAL Dinner Cancelled***

While on the subject of food, the previously announced SAL-hosted dinner for the membership on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23, has been cancelled. When the date was initially selected by the SAL, they failed to take into account that the Auxiliary's twice-a-month BINGO game was also taking place the same afternoon. Currently two reschedule dates have been offered for the SAL to consider. They are Sunday Dec. 21 and Sunday Dec. 28.

#### ***Only One BINGO Sunday During December***

The Dec. 28 date, which would normally be set aside for BINGO, is available for the SAL's consideration because Auxiliary President Ellen Terrell told the Post's Executive Committer this past Tuesday, that the Auxiliary was

planning to schedule only one game during December - - - and that will be on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m., the second Sunday of the month

### ***Cruz-In Highlights***

The Nov. 8 Cruz-In hosted more than 70 vehicles during the day. An actual count was hard to establish as individual owners arrived and departed based on their personal schedules. General attendance during the day was estimated to be between 250 and 300 people. The end-of-the-day raffle generated nearly \$2,500.

According to Cruz-In chair Tommy Youngblood, more than 60 volunteers came together to “make the day” happen. He believes that Cruz-In is now the largest single event that pulls Post volunteers together to host a single event since the annual Old Soldiers Day Parade no longer occurs.

In addition to the event itself, the Post collected an SUV full of non-perishable food to support Canton’s American Legion Post 45’s food pantry. Auxiliary member Karen Hicks transported to the food to Canton.

### ***Executive Committee Meeting Highlights***

Also at Tuesday night's meeting, the Executive Committee approved a donation of \$550 to Wreaths of America to support the local Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Chapter will place wreaths on veteran’s graves at 10 local cemeteries on Saturday, Dec. 13. The donation also includes three wreaths for placement around the Post.

Approved a proposal to make hiring offers to two additional bartenders and a part-time custodian.

Approved a proposal to implement a 4 per cent surcharge on all credit card transactions made at the Post starting Jan. 1, 2026. This will help offset an average monthly credit card processing fee of \$1,200 to \$1,300 which the Post has been absorbing.

The committee was also reminded that the admission fee for dances will be increased from \$12 per person to \$15 per person effective Jan. 1, 2026.

A renewed emphasis is being placed on establishing a functioning House committee to focus on building and grounds maintenance matters. Executive Committee member Penny Kumpf will lead the effort and act as the interim House Committee chair. She is currently developing a list of members interested in volunteering to help. Contact her for details. Her email address is [penelopek0877@gmail.com](mailto:penelopek0877@gmail.com).

Approved a donation of \$1,000 from a designated donations fund the Post maintains to help a female veteran member of Woodstock Post 316 who has significant breathing issues, is on oxygen and has a medically identified need for a new HVAC system in her home. The initial request for help came to the Post from District 9 leadership.

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## **~ Auxiliary Update ~**

**VA Christmas shop** - - The Auxiliary will be collecting items for the VA Christmas shop from now until early December. Items are so VA patients can shop for family. For more information call Judy Lively at 770-490-5672

**Meal Distribution** - - Meals prepared by families at Valor Christian Academy are continuing to be distributed twice a month for individuals in need, recuperating, or have other special needs. Contact Ellen Terrell-Youngblood at 678-462-9003

**Community Outreach** - - Ariel Lewis and Cheiri Lowery helped Tom Billings with a Veterans Day community outreach program for 60-plus 1st - 6th grade students from Restoration Christian Academy at the Post. Also Bruce Hay from the SAL and Legion members Penny Kumpf, Tom Richardson and Ralph Jordan helped with the program.

Kristen Govantes participated in the Valor Christian Academy Veterans Day program at the school.

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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**

**Support Wreaths Across America** - - The Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution are seeking support to sponsor remembrance wreaths to be placed on vet's graves in the Alpharetta area. To support them and sponsor a wreath, or to purchase one for your personal use, [click here](#) to visit the DAR Chapter's web page to place an order.

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**Saturday, Nov. 15, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Halfway Tree catered 'bar food'** for sale in the Clubroom/Bar.

**Tuesday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. Fulton County Veterans Empowerment Commission** is scheduled to meet at Post 201. The commission functions as an advisory body to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Its membership consists of two members, appointed by each county commissioner, who must have military experience or expertise in veteran-related fields. It investigates and provides recommendations to the Board of Commissioners of priorities, objectives, and policies which will support the veteran population in Fulton County, Georgia including relevant funding recommendations for public and private programs.

**Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary dinner served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**Sunday, Nov. 23, 2 p.m. BINGO at the Post. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Sunday Nov. 23. Previously Announced SAL-Hosted Meal Cancelled.**

**Wednesday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m. Post will close in preparation for Thanksgiving Day.**

**Thursday, Nov. 27. Thanksgiving Day. The Post will be closed.**

**Thursday, Dec. 18, 8;30 a.m. - 5 p.m. LifeLine Screening at Post.** [Click here for details.](#)

**Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.** The meeting was rescheduled from Thursday, Dec. 4 to accommodate prior commitments of some key committee members.

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

**Wednesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Gala.** Reserved seat tickets for the Post's annual New Year's Eve Gala are on sale, online now. [Click here](#) for more details and to purchase your reserved seats. And keep in mind - - - tickets are available only through an online purchase.

**Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting.** *Special Note: There will be no SAL membership meetings in November or December according to SAL Commander Derek Garmon.*

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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**