



American Legion Post 201

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### **Planned Chili Cook-Off For Army-Navy Game Saturday is a 'Maybe'**

Saturday's planned Chili Cook-Off prior to the Army-Navy has moved on the program schedule from a "sure thing" to a "maybe" according to Clubroom/Bar Manager DiAna Casale. Current planning calls for all chili entries to be in place by 2:30 p.m. with judging set for 3 p.m. - - 30 minutes prior to the Army-Navy game's 3:30 p.m. kick off.

However as of 6 p.m. last night, the signup sheet had only one name on it, and it wasn't for chili; it was for a side dish!

The idea of doing a chili cook-off was a suggestion made by a number of members who tend to "hang" at the bar and offer views and opinions on a variety of matters. And needless to say, the chili cook-off was a good idea. But surprisingly - - - or maybe not so surprising - - - the names of many suggesting the chili cook-off have yet to appear on the sign-up sheet as bringing something to the party.

Guess it's way too easy at times to ask others to - - - (1) either bring a chili dish to be judged (and then eaten) or (2) bring a side dish if you're not interested in participating a cook-off contest - - - but to not step up to the plate (so to speak) and volunteer yourself.

Given that, there may - - or may not be a chili cook-of contest on Saturday, but here's the plan as of last night.

- There will be an event with food Saturday afternoon starting at 3 p.m. assuming some food shows up.
- If it turns out to be a Chili Cook-off event with no chili to be judged - - - so be it!
- If only one person brings chili to be judged, that person will be declared the winner. Two or more means we have a cook-off competition.

- If no chili surfaces, then the event will immediately be renamed a “share your side dish pot luck” event that will take place prior to the 3:30 p.m. Army-Navy game kick-off.
- If no food shows up at all there will be no event.

BUT WHATEVER HAPPENS Saturday afternoon, it would still be very helpful if those who are planning to join in the fun Saturday afternoon SIGN UP on the sheet on the bulletin board, or email DiAna at the Post ([americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com)) and let her know what you plan to bring to the watch party.

And it would be most helpful if you can do it before 5 p.m. Friday afternoon so the planning team knows what to expect on Saturday.

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## ~ News Notes ~

**New TV in Post Clubroom** -- Thanks to a donation by Melissa Morgan, the Post has a new wide-screen TV in the Clubroom. The new set made it possible to mount two TV's side-by-side (for the sports fans who want to watch two games at the same time) on the wall where the gaming machines used to be located. For those who might be saying "Melissa's name is familiar, but I just cannot place it," she has hosted veterans to a free breakfast at Maple Street Biscuit Company for Veterans Day every year for the past eight years.

**Post's 2026 Oratorical Competition.** The competition is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan, 24 in the Post's Ballroom. Students in grades 9 - 12 may compete. 1st Place earns \$1,000; 2nd place - \$750; 3rd place - \$500. [Click here for more details](#) about the competition and to register to compete. Currently three students are registered to compete.

**What Every Veteran Needs to Know About Medicare by Age 65** -- An excellent review written by Military.com staff writer Brandon Wile. [Click here to read.](#)

**Atlanta VA Quarterly Town Hall** -- 12 noon to 3 p.m. today, including a virtual broadcast at 2 p.m. [Click here for details.](#)

**Toys for Tots** - Post 201 is a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots drop off location. Please make time to drop a new, unwrapped toy in one of the boxes scattered around the Post. If you don't have time to visit a toy store and buy one, toys are available for purchase at the Post for \$10 per toy. Take a moment to purchase one at the Clubroom/Bar. Then drop it in the collection box. They will be distributed to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas. The last pick up for this Christmas season is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 21.

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## Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

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

**VIEW FEATURED**

## POST EVENTS

**Sunday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom.** This will be the only Bingo afternoon during the month of December.

**Tuesday, Dec. 16. No General Membership Meeting in December.**

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

**Sunday, Dec. 21, 5 p.m. Ugly Sweater & 12 Spirit Raffle Winners Announced.** The prize or prizes for the ugly sweater contest have not been announced. In addition to the Ugly Sweater contest, the winner of the Basket of 12 Spirits raffle will be also be drawn that afternoon. Tickets, which may be purchased at the bar, are 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10, and 10 tickets for \$20. The liquors in the basket include Bombay Gin, Captain Morgan, Glenlivet, Evan Williams, Cuervo Devil's Reserve, Terlato Pinot Grigio, Crown Royal, Jack Daniels Tennessee Fire, Heaven Hill, Mozart Chocolate Cream, Robert Mondavi Cabernet, and Romana Sambuca.

**Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m. Post Clubroom/Bar will close for Christmas.**

**Thursday, Dec. 25. Post is closed for Christmas Day.**

**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.

**Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom.**

**Tuesday, Jan, 13, 2026, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom.**

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

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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**