



American Legion Post 201

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Georgia Department Mid-Winter Conference Set for Jan. 30 - Feb. 1

The Georgia Department's mid-winter conference will be held at the Sonesta Hotel, 1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, starting Friday, Jan. 30 through Sunday, Feb. 1. There is also a Department Executive Committee meeting that will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 6 pm.

Business meetings are scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. both Friday and Saturday mornings. A memorial service is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning and the Saturday night banquet will get started at 5 p.m. [Click here to see the complete schedule.](#)

Members of Post 201 interested in attending should coordinate their participation with the Post's immediate past commander, Tom Billings. his email address is tombill03@comcast.net.

If you have not reserved your hotel room, paid your registration fee, or purchased tickets for the banquet, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. [Click here](#) for a copy of the conference registration document.

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### **~ Post News Notes ~**

**General Membership Meeting** - - The Post's first General Membership meeting for calendar year 2026 is scheduled for 7 p.m. next Tuesday. As usual, a complimentary meal will be available starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. At publication deadline, the menu had not been determined. And just a hint: don't be too surprised if there's a spot check for 2026 membership cards at the beginning of the line.

Also, during the meeting itself, the general membership will be asked to approve a dues increase for Legion members

of Post 201 to \$50 per year for the 2027 calendar year/membership year. There is every expectation that the national organization may increase their dues for the same membership year. However, the Post must make its decision prior to knowing what National will do. Currently from each \$40 membership at Post 201, the Post keeps \$5, National gets \$23, and the remaining \$12 goes to the Department of Georgia for its operation as well as supporting the Districts in the state.

**SAL Plans 2 Food Functions** - - The SAL is planning to put complimentary food out in the clubroom on Sunday, Jan. 25 in the 4:30 p.m. timeframe. It will be pizza and finger foods for the NFC and AFC Championship games that are held that afternoon and evening.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, SAL plans to do a "NY Roast Prime Rib Dinner" according to SAL Commander Derek Garmon. Dinner service will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost will be \$25 per dinner which includes a "good piece of meat and two sides." More details to follow.

**Clubroom/Bar Updates** - - Effective Monday, Jan. 26, the Monday through Thursday night closing hours in the Clubroom/Bar will be changed to 10 p.m. Hours for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights will not change. The new Monday-Thursday closing time will be effective until further notice.

Also, as of Sunday, Feb. 1, buckets of beer will no longer be available for purchase. All beers will be individually priced by the bottle or can. And be sure to check out the details for 'The Golden Ladle Soup Competition" set for 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31.

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### **'Cooking Team' Volunteer Update**

In last week's edition of this publication, there was a story announcing that Ed Holben was seeking volunteers for a 'cooking team' to help with Post events. As part of his outreach, he posted a rather interesting list of 'qualifications needed' for members of the team. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Clubroom. [Click here to see last week's newsletter](#) if you need to refresh your memory.

Late yesterday, Ed took the time to provide an update on the number of volunteers for the cooking team. Here's his report:

"Great news, everyone. The cook team volunteer list is now officially emptier than the spice cabinet after someone discovers paprika. Truly impressive. I haven't seen this level of participation since we asked who wanted to clean the grill. At this point, even the smoke alarm is doing more work than our sign up sheet."

Or the view from this publication's perspective: "We've had great interest among many about the idea of volunteering to do something - - - But for the actual 'doing' part, not so much!"

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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**

**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 5:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.** Executive Committee member Penny Kumpf is taking the lead in reconstituting the House Committee. This committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. every month immediately prior to the General Membership meeting. If you are interested in helping to oversee the Post's building and grounds, please plan to attend this meeting.

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

**Saturday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m. Post 201 Oratorical Contest.** 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 four students are registered to compete. The competition will take place in the Post's Ballroom

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

**Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting.**

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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](#).**

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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**