



American Legion Post 201

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### **Weather Forecast Closes Post Saturday Afternoon, Sunday, Monday; Will Reopen Tuesday**

Due to the expected inclement weather this weekend, Post Commander Bob Byrd announced yesterday afternoon that the Post will close midday Saturday, immediately after the Oratorical Contest is completed. The contest is scheduled start at 10 a.m. and is expected to draw to a close in the 12 noon time frame.

The Post will remain closed for the remainder of day on Saturday, as well as Sunday and Monday. It will reopen for regular business Tuesday.

The closure means Bingo this Sunday is also cancelled, with the next Bingo at the Post scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8. Also there will be no dance activities at the Post Saturday and Sunday night as well as Monday morning's dance class.

SAL's Sunday afternoon complimentary pizza and finger foods watch party for the NFC and AFC Championship games being played that day will be rescheduled in conjunction with another sporting event at a later date, said SAL Commander Derek Garmon.

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Post 201's Oratorical Contest Still Set for 10 a.m. Saturday

Although the weather is expected to start turning rather unpleasant sometime mid-to-late afternoon Saturday, the

Post's Oratorical Contest is still on tap for 10 a.m. Saturday morning in the Post's Ballroom.

Each of the four contestants, all active high school students in grades 9 to 12, are preparing 8-to-10 minute presentations on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with an emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to the nation's government.

In addition to the prepared presentation, each contestant must also be ready to provide a second, three-to-five minute presentation on an 'unannounced in advance topic' from one of the following four amendments to the Constitution

- Amendment IV – Rights against unreasonable searches and seizures
- Article III Section 3 – Treason against the United States
- Article IV Section 4– Guarantees States a Republican Form of Government and protection against invasion
- Article VI Clause 3– States shall be bound to support the Constitution

The top three winners in the competition will be awarded the following prizes: 1st Place - \$1,000; 2nd place - \$750; and 3rd place - \$500.

The winner of the Post's competition will advance to the next level, with the winner at each level moving to the next higher level and ultimately the national competition. Those competition dates are: District 9 - TBD but no later than March 1; Area 3 - TBD but no later than March 15; Department of Georgia – 2 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at Mary Persons Auditorium in Forsyth, Ga.; and the national finals - May 15 – 17 at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich.

Additional scholarship money is earned at each level of competition. The national competition winner's earnings will be in the range of \$25,000 in scholarship awards.

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~ In Memory ~

Jack M. Coons

December 20, 1929 – December 12, 2025

Jack was a longtime member of the Post. He died after struggling with a prolonged illness. An Air Force veteran, he was assigned to the 12th Radio Squadron in Germany. He was a recipient of the Occupation Medal Germany, the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He is survived by his two daughters, Terry and Vicky, along with his granddaughters. His ashes were taken to his home State of Michigan and placed with those of his wife, Irene. [Click here](#) to see his photograph.

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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. 27, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting.

Saturday, Jan. 31, 4:30 p.m. The Golden Ladle Soup Competition in the Clubroom/Bar.

Thursday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Sunday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom.

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Friday, Feb. 13, 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 2nd Annual Golden Heart Gala. A special celebration for the golden people of the community. [Click here for details.](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Complimentary dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom.

Saturday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. SAL's "NY Roast Prime Rib Dinner." The cost will be \$25 per dinner which includes a "good piece of meat and two sides." More details to follow.

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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 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

VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk - 631-720-6022