



## American Legion Post 201

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### **107 Years of Service: The American Legion Celebrates a Legacy**

This Sunday, March 15, the American Legion will mark its 107th birthday, celebrating more than a century of unwavering service to veterans, their families, and communities.

While Legion members across the nation and elsewhere in the world will be hosting birthday dinners, conducting Buddy Checks, and inviting communities into their Posts to share their rich history, the team at Post 201 has concocted a rather unique “member & friends way to raise a glass to the Legion’s 107th Birthday.”

Here’s the Post’s celebration plan: For every drink purchased at the bar this Sunday the individual buying the drink may have an extra one ounce of liquor added to the drink for an additional \$1.07. This is for liquor only. Beer, wine and other drinks are not included.

For example, if your drink of choice normally costs \$4.00, you may have an extra ounce of liquor added to your drink for only \$1.07 more. And that extra \$1.07 will be put aside in a special fund being started to repair the roof of the Post’s main building.

Now, before any of the Post’s ‘Guard House Lawyers’ jump in and say, “Ah ha, for just \$2.14 extra, I can make my drink a double rather than paying full price for a double,” - - - be assured that the deal doesn’t work that way.

If you want a double, then you’ll pay full price for the double, and then you may add an extra ounce on top of the double for \$1.07 more. Or you may buy two drinks, each for the regular price, and then add an extra ounce to each drink for \$1.07 each. But “no,” you cannot buy one \$1.07 pour and ask the bartender to split it between two drinks.

You'll need to pick which drink gets the extra ounce. Also, you may not buy only a one ounce pour and nothing else. One regular drink with liquor brings you the option to have an extra ounce added for \$1.07.

### ***More on the Legion's Birthday***

Founded in Paris during a three-day (Mar. 15-17) meeting in 1919 by members of the American Expeditionary Forces, the American Legion has grown from a war-weary caucus into the nation's largest veterans service organization.

Initiated by Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. and 20 officers, the leadership's objective was to boost soldiers' morale by creating a veteran organization and to establish the association's structure, name, and foundational principles.

For 107 years, the Legion has stayed true to its four pillars: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth. From championing the original GI Bill to advocating for modern veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, the organization continues to lead the way in veteran advocacy.

"The American Legion takes care of not only our veterans and their families, but takes care of the community," National Commander Dan Wiley said recently during a 107th birthday event at the nation's oldest post in Wheeling, W.Va.

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*Editor's Note: An excellent historical piece about the three-day founding meeting in Paris is available by [clicking here](#). It was written to celebrate the Legion's 100th Anniversary.*

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## **~ News Notes ~**

**Post General Membership Meeting** - - The Post's March General Membership Meeting, which falls on St. Patrick's Day (Tuesday, Mar. 17), will feature Irish cooking for the evening's complimentary meal service starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. The meeting itself will get underway at 7 p.m. Here's the menu, described by Ed Holben who leads the recently established cooking team.

"The Post will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a hearty, home style Irish meal that's sure to please. The menu features slow braised corned beef brisket, cooked low and slow for rich flavor and tenderness, served alongside traditional Colcannon mashed potatoes made with buttery potatoes and cabbage. A fresh mixed greens salad paired with a honey mustard vinaigrette, will round out the meal. And of course, finishing strong with a special St. Patrick's Day dessert from our in residence baker—sweet, festive, and worth saving room for!"

**March Golden Ladle Competition** - - Mark your calendar for the next Golden Ladle Competition on Saturday, March 28. Conducted under the auspices of Ariel Lewis, this month's competition will feature potatoes, but with one small stipulation: Contestants may enter any potato dish except baked potatoes. Please sign up in advance if you plan to compete. The sign up sheet is in the Clubroom on the cork board. Have your dish at the Post before 4:45 p.m. Judging/voting begins at 5 p.m. For more details, [click here to see the flyer](#) on the Post website's events page. For more information, or questions, drop Ariel an email at [amoreleyevents@gmail.com](mailto:amoreleyevents@gmail.com).

**Georgia Swarm Heroes Night** - - The Georgia Swarm, a professional lacrosse team in Duluth, has scheduled their annual "Heroes Night" game on Sunday, April 12 at 4 p.m. The team, which plays at Gas South Arena in Duluth, is scheduled to play San Diego Seals. "This is a special day when we highlight the valor and commitment that our local

heroes provide to our community. We will honor local heroes from the military to police officers to healthcare workers to linemen to firefighters to teachers, and many more,” said Logan Kennedy, the team’s fan services coordinator. Logan also noted that local donors have arranged for “heroes” claim up to four complimentary tickets for the game. [Click here for details.](#)

**JCVA March Meeting Date Change** - - The March JCVA (Johns Creek Veterans Association) membership dinner and meeting has been changed from Thursday, March 26 to Wednesday, March 25 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. The change is necessary because the City of Johns Creek will hold their annual State of the City (SOTC) update on Thursday, March 26. Johns Creek Mayor John Bradberry plans to recognize the JCVA’s contributions to the city during the Thursday meeting. JCVA members are encouraged to put both nights this month on their planning calendars.

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### **~ Scholarship Information ~**

Applications are now available for the **Legion’s annual awards** to graduating high school seniors, both male and female. Forms are available in the Clubroom, or may be downloaded by [clicking here](#). April 15 is the deadline to apply. The value of each Legion scholarship to be awarded this year is \$1,500, with plans to award at least four. For more information about the Legion scholarships contact the Post’s Immediate Past Commander Tom Billings, Email: [tombill03@comcast.net](mailto:tombill03@comcast.net).

**The Auxiliary Unit of the Post has two scholarships available** for this year only. They are the Randall Porter scholarship which will be offered in the amount of \$2,000. This scholarship is available to a graduating senior in any of the greater metro area high schools, including the private schools. The second Auxiliary scholarship, which will be offered this year and the next two years, is the Coalson scholarship. This \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded only to a Milton High School senior. [Click here](#) for a copy of the Auxiliary's application form for both scholarships. For more information email Ellen Youngblood at [eftot57@gmail.com](mailto:eftot57@gmail.com)

[Click here](#) for the **SAL scholarship application form**. Questions about the SAL scholarship program should be directed to SAL Commander Derek Garmon at [derekgarmon@yahoo.com](mailto:derekgarmon@yahoo.com), with a copy addressed to Bruce Hay, the SAL’s Sr. Vice Commander at [hayville@att.net](mailto:hayville@att.net).

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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**

**Saturday, Mar. 14, 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Lucky Paws and Patriots Casino Night.** Sponsored by the Alpharetta Lions Club, all proceeds from this fundraiser will go to "Warrior Freedom Service Dogs." Tickets are \$75 per person. Visit [www.alpharettalions.com](http://www.alpharettalions.com) to purchase tickets. For more information call 410-708-6331 or email: [casino@alpharettalions.com](mailto:casino@alpharettalions.com).

**Tuesday, Mar. 17, 5:30 p.m. House and Grounds Committee Meeting.**

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

**Thursday, Mar. 19, 12 noon, Georgia Mountain Chapter, Military Officers Association of America.** Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 2025 Market Place Blvd., Cumming. Business meeting starts at 12 noon. Come early for lunch prior to the meeting.

**Sunday, Mar. 22, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Monday, Mar. 23, 7 p.m. VFW Post 12002** month-end business meeting. Post 201 Ballroom

**Tuesday, Mar. 24, 6:30 p.m. SAL Monthly Meeting.**

**Wednesday, Mar. 25, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Life Line Screening.** Special Package for \$129 which includes screening for Carotid Artery Disease, Atrial Fibrillation, Peripheral Artery Disease and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. To schedule an appointment call 800-324-9485 and use code HABC001.

**Sunday, Mar. 29. Vietnam Veterans Day.** Discussions are underway about the possibility of holding a relatively 'low key' ceremony at the Post's Circle of Flags to commemorate the Day. Details in March 19 issue of this newsletter.

**Monday, Mar. 30, 10 a.m. JCVA Vietnam Veterans Ceremony** at the "Wall that Heals." Newtown Park, 3125 Old Alabama Road, Johns Creek.

**Thursday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Tuesday, April 14, 10, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m. "Song Writers for Vets, Atlanta 2026"** at The Hotel at Avalon. Help VetBuds help Vets as songwriters join together for an unforgettable night performing their #1 hits and sharing the stories behind the songs. Sign up at [www.sw4vets.com](http://www.sw4vets.com) to be the first to know who the performers will be and when tickets are available.

**Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28. Department of Georgia Convention.** The meeting will be held at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Hotel, 1775 Pleasant Hill Rd., Duluth.

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**CLUB 201 DANCE -  
LEARN MORE**

## 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**