



American Legion Post 201

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### **'Will Trent' TV Show To Use Post Facilities For 2-3 Days Next Week**

ABC's popular crime drama, *Will Trent*, will be filming on the Post this coming Monday, Tuesday and possibly Wednesday. They will be using the baseball field for one of the program's shooting locations and the ballroom as a staging area.

This is the second time the show has used the Post facilities in slightly more than a year. In February 2025 the show used the Post's ballroom as a production staging location to support a scene being shot at the Wills Park equestrian facility.

The show, based on Karin Slaughter's novels, follows a Georgia Bureau of Investigation special agent (Ramón Rodríguez) who has the bureau's highest clearance rating.

Unlike many productions which use Georgia for tax credits but "dress" it to look like elsewhere, *Will Trent* is both set and filmed in metro Atlanta, treating the city as its own character. Production is primarily based at Eagle Rock Studios in Norcross. The show's fourth season premiered this past January.

Members of the production team and the actors are "guests of the Post" while on the Post grounds. This includes access to the Clubroom and bar service at member prices should they choose to take advantage of the Clubroom's offerings.

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Post

Draws Significant Participation

To borrow and slightly revise a phrase from the 1989 film *Field of Dreams*, the new line at the Post might be: “If it’s well prepared and appealing, they will come.” That would be the best way to describe the outstanding meal Ed Holben and his cooking team prepared for St. Patrick’s Day evening at the Post.

They served more than 70 complementary, traditional Irish dinners prior to the Legion’s General Membership Meeting and the Auxiliary’s monthly meeting.

“Clearly the word got out that the Legion was cooking,” Ed observed, “because some folks approached that buffet line like it might be their last supper . . . (and) . . . as expected, the corned beef didn’t stand a chance!”

In thanking each member of the cooking team, Ed said:

- “Margaret (Dyer), thank you for leading the way with your ideas, your sides, and especially your impeccable taste in table settings. You set the tone for the whole evening.”
- “Joan (Ming), even though you couldn’t be there in person, your presence was absolutely felt—and your cakes disappeared with suspicious speed. Thank you for making sure dessert was handled with style.”
- Randy (Comeaux), your extra set of hands made all the difference. I’m not sure we could have pulled it off without you, especially when it came to peeling what felt like a small mountain of potatoes and carrots.”

The clear success of the evening dinner does bring a couple of questions to mind:

First, what’s going to be on next month’s menu? And second, given a combined head count of 60+ Post 201 Family members attending one of the two meetings (although more than 70 meals were served), - - - who came, dined on the complimentary dinner designed to say “thank you” for coming to your organization’s meeting, and then chose to ‘split’ without accepting the responsibility of participating in either meeting which followed the dinner? Just asking.

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~ Post News Notes ~

Auxiliary Updates - - The Auxiliary has voted to send three girls to Girls State this year to send \$500 to the Homeless Veterans in Canton. Scholarship applications (see information in article below) should be submitted by April 15. Also at Tuesday evening's meeting, members voted to increase the payout of regular Bingo games to \$100. It was previously \$75. The jackpot will continue at \$1,000, and Speedy coverall payouts will be based on number of cards sold. Nominations for Auxiliary officers will occur at the April meeting.

Upcoming Golden Ladle Competition - - Mark your calendar for this month's competition on Saturday, March 28 featuring potato dishes, but with one small stipulation - - contestants may enter any potato dish except baked potatoes. Sign up in advance if you plan to compete. The sheet is in the Clubroom. 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.

Vietnam Veterans Day at Post 201 - - Vietnam Vets are encouraged to drop by the Post anytime on Sunday, March 29 to join their comrades and share memories about their in-country experiences. Vets who bring a piece of memorabilia from in-county to share or show to others will be given one drink chip (\$3.50 value) as a thank you for

their effort. FYI: uniform service ribbons don't count. A brief remembrance service will take place at the Circle of Flags (weather permitting) at 5 p.m. In addition, music play in the Clubroom will be from that era, such as Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots are Made for Walkin'" and "We've got to get out of this place" by the Animals. Other activities are still being developed.

Post Closed Easter Sunday - - Just a reminder. The Post will be closed Easter Sunday, April 5. This is one of the three days the Post closes each year. The others are Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Also for those who normally come to the Sunday evening dance, no dance activity is scheduled for Easter Sunday night.

2nd Annual Georgia American Legion Veterans Raffle - - [Click this link](#) for details. Tickets will be available at the Post within the next week or so. Winning tickets will be drawn at 12 noon on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026. You do not have to be present to win. For every \$20 ticket sold by Post 201, the Post gets to keep \$12 for its treasury.

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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.

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

[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, with a copy addressed to Bruce Hay, the SAL's Sr. Vice Commander at 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**

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. Location at Post TBD due to *Will Trent* TV show filming at Post.

Tuesday, Mar. 24, 6:30 p.m. SAL Monthly Meeting. Location at Post TBD due to *Will Trent* TV show filming at Post.

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.

Wednesday, Mar. 25, JCVA Monthly Meeting. The Johns Creek Veterans Association membership dinner and meeting has been changed to Wednesday night this month. The meeting starts at 7 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 update on Thursday, Mar. 26.

Sunday, Mar. 29. Vietnam Veterans Day at the Post.

Sunday, Mar. 29, Honoring Vietnam Veterans, Holly Theater, Dahlonega. 5½- year Hanoi Hilton POW Colonel Lee Ellis book signing at 4 p.m.; *We Were Soldiers* movie at 6 p.m. [Click here for details.](#)

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 Ballrooms. \$1,000 Jackpot.

Sunday, April 12, 4 p.m. Georgia Swarm Heroes Night. A special day when the team highlights the valor and commitment that local heroes provide to the community. Local heroes from the military to police officers, healthcare workers, linemen, firefighters, teachers, and many more are recognized. Veterans and other “heroes” may claim up to four complimentary tickets for the game. [Click here for details.](#)

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

Tuesday, April 21, 5:30 p.m. House & Grounds Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Complimentary dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Saturday, April 25, Community Day of Service. Details still being discussed. Watch this space for more.

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 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 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