



## American Legion Post 201

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### **'Breakfast at Dinner' Vet Fundraiser Set for 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow At Eggs Up Grill on Rucker Road**

Pancakes for Roger, a nationally-oriented vet serving organization, is bringing its “Breakfast for Dinner” fundraising campaign to Eggs Up Grill, 270 Rucker Road, Alpharetta, tomorrow night between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

“This is the first time we’ve done something in the Alpharetta area,” said area resident Cyan Sattin, who is a Pancakes for Roger board member. She said ticket’s for tomorrow night’s fundraiser may be purchased online by [clicking here](#). Or they may be purchased at the door for \$20 per person.

The meal includes pancakes, bacon or sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage. If you cannot attend, but would like to support the event you may purchase a virtual breakfast ticket for \$10 by [clicking here](#).

Since 2019, Pancakes for Roger has raised more than \$55,000 for the University of Missouri Veterans Clinic, awarded scholarships to Veterans pursuing law degrees, and launched Housing Support and Improvement Grants to help Veterans with rent, home repairs, and accessibility needs.

The organization was founded to honor of Maj. Gen. Roger E. Combs who served for more than 39 years, including combat service as a CH-46 "Sea Knight" helicopter pilot in Vietnam. But the 'story behind the story' perhaps is best told the by General's by daughter, Susan L. Combs:

"My dad, Major General Roger E. Combs, served our great country for more than 39 years in three branches of the military (Marines, Army, and Air Force). When he was coming to the end of his life, I was fortunate enough to return

home . . . to be present and help care for him.

"Each morning we had a pretty specific routine as the early risers of the family. I would go to the gym at 5 a.m., return home around 6 a.m. to get ready for the day, and then help him have breakfast and get him prepped for his day.

"One morning, as I came downstairs, he was setting the kitchen table for himself and I looked at him rather quizzically and asked what he was doing. He looked at me and said, 'I want pancakes for breakfast.' I smiled at him as my heart broke inside.

"Such a simple request was by this time impossible for my dad. Ten years prior, (he) was diagnosed with Agent Orange-related throat cancer, from exposure during his service as a combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He'd beaten that cancer and enjoyed a relatively good ten years, but he relapsed twice, and his final treatments required him to have a feeding tube.

"He was unable to eat solid foods – and my dad loved food – but he never complained. He knew the journey he was on. So his desire for pancakes became a rallying point for me and Pancakes for Roger became my way to honor his greatness.

"I share this story as often as I can to help remind myself and others to enjoy the simple things in life because you never know when they could be taken away."

For more information visit [www.pancakesforroger.org](http://www.pancakesforroger.org)

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## **Post's FY 26-27 Leadership Nominations on Tuesday Membership Meet Agenda**

Next Tuesday night's General Membership meeting will bring to a close the first step in electing Post 201's leadership for FY 26-27. Nominations are currently open for Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate and a 3-year slot on the Executive Committee.

The list with nominations to date is posted on the 'Legion' bulletin board in the Clubroom.

At the meeting's conclusion the nominations period for next year's leadership will be officially closed. Elections are scheduled to take place at the Tuesday, May 19 General Membership meeting. Following the May elections, the new leadership will begin their terms on June 1.

Other major items currently on the Tuesday night's agenda include a look at the Post financials for the first three quarters of the Post's current fiscal year and a first look at budget planning for FY 26-27. The Finance Committee will be looking at the details during the coming month, with a recommended budget scheduled to be presented to the Executive Committee on May 12 and then to the membership on May 19 at the General Membership meeting.

The membership will also see a proposed change to the Post's By-Laws. Since 10 days notification is required prior to voting on by-laws changes, the membership will be asked to vote on the change (which was unanimously approved that

this past Tuesday's Executive Committee meeting) at the May 19 meeting.

Next Tuesday's meeting will start at 7 p.m. with complimentary buffet meal service (thanks to Ed Holben and his cooking team) scheduled to begin in the 6 p.m. time frame. The menu will be BBQ Pulled Chicken Sliders, Roasted Garlic Butter Potatoes, Carolina Slaw, Blueberry Lemon Cheesecake Bars and Chocolate Cake.

For those who plan to enjoy the meal, here's a gentle reminder: The meals are prepared for those who attend the General Membership meeting, or the Auxiliary's membership meeting. If you are planning to eat, but not attend either of the meetings, you should be prepared to 'fork over' \$5 to offset some of the meal service overhead.

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## **Golden Ladle 'Create Your Own Poison' Drink Contest Set for Saturday, April 25**

This month's Golden Ladle competition in the Clubroom, which is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, will be taking a slightly different 'twist' - - - thanks to competition creator and bartender Glynda Shipp.

Instead of a food dish competition, this one challenges your thinking to create your own original drink. So do some taste testing at home prior to the 25th and bring your drink recipe to the Post prior to 5 p.m. that afternoon.

Here's how the competition is going to work:

- No one other than the bartender will be allowed to mix/pour the ingredients of your concoction.
- You may choose a maximum of three liquors, three/chasers and two garnishes.
- Tell the bartender if it's a drink or a shot; if it is served neat, over ice or chilled; and if it's shaken, stirred or layered.
- Make sure the bartender knows the amount of each liquor and mixer your recipe calls for and in what order they should be poured.
- Then give your concoction a catchy name.

Three judges will rate the drinks on a five-point scale based on appearance, name, taste and originality. The winner will be the individual with the most points. In case of a tie, a fourth judge will be charged with breaking the tie.

The winner will walk away with a shot glass, bragging rights, and your drink will be feature as the bar's special of the week.

But - - - inquiring minds do what to know: Would you rather be a contestant, or one of the judges?

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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, April 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Veterans Brain Health Summit.** This event is free and especially relevant for many Korean and Vietnam era veterans, but it is open to veterans of all service eras, family members, and professionals. It will be held at Dunwoody United Methodist Church. Expert speakers, including specialists from Emory's Veterans Program, will be sharing practical strategies, education, and local resources focused on brain health and dementia risk reduction. [Click here to see flyer](#) with more information.

**Thursday, April 16, 12 noon. Georgia Mountain Chapter, Military Officers Association of America** monthly meeting at the Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 2025 Market Place Blvd., Cumming.

**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.

**Friday, April 24, 7 p.m. Club 201 Dance Spring Showcase Performance** and Ballroom Dance Party. Come watch and cheer on the Club 201 dance community as they showcase their skills and artistry.

Visit [www.club201dance.com](http://www.club201dance.com) for more details. If you are interested in performing, contact Dance Director Elizabeth Williams at (404) 579-9676.

**Saturday, April 25, Community Day of Service.** [Click here for details.](#)

**Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Monday, April 27, 7 p.m. VFW Post 12002** Month-End Meeting. Held in the ballroom at American Legion Post 201.

**Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m. SAL Monthly Meeting.**

**Saturday May 2, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Basset Hound Rescue of Georgia "Paws of Honor"** fundraiser at Post 201. [Click here](#) to for event details.

**Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, May 12, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Wednesday, May 13, 12 noon. VFW Post 12002** Mid-Month Meeting. Held at Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill, 10729 Alpharetta Hwy., Roswell.

**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.

**Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 p.m. House & Grounds Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting** and leadership elections for 26-27 Legion Year (June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027). Complimentary dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**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.

**Saturday, Nov. 7, 12 noon. 2nd Annual Georgia American Legion Veterans Raffle Drawing.** [Click this link](#) for details. Tickets will be available at the Post 201 in April or early May. Winning tickets will be drawn 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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**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.](#)**

**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**