



American Legion Post 201

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### **Post Leadership for 26-27 in Place Since No Positions are Contested; Formal Elections Set for May 19**

For the first time in recent memory, there are no contested positions for next year's Post leadership team since no additional nominations were put forward during Tuesday night's General Membership meeting.

After calling three times for additional nominations for each of the open positions, Post Commander Bob Byrd closed the nomination window which had been open since March 19.

Voting for next year's leadership will still take place at the May General Membership meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19. However members will not cast ballots that evening. Voting will take place when Election Chair Tom Billings, who is also the Post's immediate past commander, will be asked to cast a single unanimous vote for each of the candidates.

The leadership team scheduled to be elected in May are:

- Post Commander - Tom Richardson (a two-year term).
- Sr. Vice Commander – Ralph Jordan (a one-year term).
- Jr. Vice Commander – incumbent James Timcoe (a one-year term).
- Finance Officer – Joan Ming (a one-year term).
- Judge Advocate – incumbent Jim Davis (a one-year term).
- Executive Committee – Linda Barker (a three-year term).

Byrd also introduced a proposed change in language to revised language to a section of the Post's By-Laws to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee or officer positions should a vacancy occur. Essentially a "housekeeping"

revision, the proposed change recognizes that if the Immediate Past Commander either chooses not to serve, or is unable to serve on the Executive Committee, a prior Post Commander can be appointed to serve for a one-year term.

The specific language of the proposed changes reads as follows:

Article II - Management. Section 3. All vacancies existing in the Executive Committee, or in any office of the Post, with the exception of the appointed Adjutant and the Immediate Past Commander, from any cause other than expiration of the term, shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the committee, and the individual so appointed shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member of the committee or officer that individual succeeded, provided the unexpired term is less than one (1) year. A vacancy shall exist when a member or officer is absent from their Post for a continuous period considered detrimental to the interest of the Post by the Executive Committee. In the event the Immediate Past Commander can not or desires not to serve, the Executive Committee may appoint a prior Past Commander to serve for a term period of one (1) year.

Proposed changes to the Post Constitution & By-Laws, as well as the Code of Conduct, must be posted for 10 days prior to asking membership approval. That 10-day clock started with Tuesday night's meeting, however the membership will be asked to vote on this proposed change at the May General Membership meeting.

### ***Other Meeting Highlights***

The 37 members of the Post attending Tuesday's meeting was the largest attendance recorded during the past year. Inquiring minds think the complimentary meal provided by Ed Holben and his team may be a 'significant contributory factor' to the sudden attendance jump.

But whether it was the food or not, the membership attending Tuesday evening unanimously approved six applications to join the Post. They are:

- New members - Alexis "Charlie" Morton, U.S. Navy, GWOT; Raymond Smith, U.S. Army, Vietnam; and Nicholas Matthews, U.S. Navy, Other Conflicts.
- Transfers – Raul Fernandez, U.S. Marine Corps, GWOT, from Georgia Post 251; Jerry Pacella, U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam, from Florida Post 347; and Scot Curry, U.S. Navy, Gulf War, from Georgia Post 400.

Guests Shelly and Ford Matthews from the Young Men's Service League were recognized with certificates of appreciation for their organization's (and the young men who are members) multiple days of work at the Post - - - mostly on the Walk of Memories but also general yard work and clean up.

A special award was presented to Donald Kumpf for his continued and long-term volunteer work around the Post. In addition to a certificate of appreciation he was presented a little something extra (his favorite) that was wrapped up in a nice take-away bag with only the top of the bottle showing!

And last, but certainly not least - - - by any stretch of the imagination - - - Executive Committee member Penny Kumpf was presented the Post's Legionnaire of the Year Award. Thank you Penny. Your commitment and leadership is evident every day when you look at the Post grounds and other facilities on the Post.

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**Bingo, Spring Showcase,  
Community Service Day,  
Golden Ladle Day, All Set**

## For this Weekend at Post

Lot's of activity is on tap at the Post this weekend starting at 7 p.m. tomorrow with **Club 201 Dance's Spring Showcase Performance and Ballroom Dance Party**. Come watch and cheer on the Club 201 dance community as they showcase their skills and artistry. For more details visit the calendar page of [www.club201dance.com](http://www.club201dance.com).

Saturday morning will get started in the 8 a.m. time frame with the kick off meeting at the Post of the city-wide **Community Service Day** sponsored by the Alpharetta Rotary Club. Volunteer teams will be working a a number of projects around the City, including the Post. Plans for the Post include general yard clean up, mulch spreading, some painting in the bar area, and some touch ups around the building to list a few. Following a morning of work, volunteers are scheduled to return to the Post in the 1 p.m. time frame for a Rotary-provided lunch. [Click here for details.](#)

Coming on the heels of the community service activity, the Post's **Golden Ladle "Create Your Own Poison"** drink competition will get underway in the Clubroom at 5 p.m. This one will challenges your thinking to create your own original drink. So do some taste testing at home prior to Saturday afternoon and bring your recipe that afternoon.

Here's how it's going to work: No one other than the bartender will 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 amount of 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. Also, the winner will walk away with a shot glass, bragging rights, and your drink will be featured as the bar's special of the week.

The Auxiliary's twice-a-month **Bingo** game will get underway Sunday afternoon. As usual, players should plan to arrive well ahead of the 2 p.m. start time so you will be all settled in and ready to play when the number-caller goes to work. Maybe you'll also be the \$1,000 jackpot winner.

And if you dance, don't forget that **Swing Invasion** will close the weekend starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. Again, visit the calendar page of [www.club201dance.com](http://www.club201dance.com) for details.

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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**

**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 -  
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**