



## American Legion Post 201

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### **Post's New Leadership Takes the Helm Monday**

Although the Post's newly elected leadership team will not be sworn-in until the Post's June 16 General Membership meeting, they will officially take the leadership helm of the Post this coming Monday, June 1.

Tom Richardson will begin his two-year term as Post Commander, taking over from Bob Byrd who be stepping down as post commander at month-end.

Two members of the next year's leadership team will begin serving their inaugural terms as part of the Post's governing body. They are Joan Ming, who was elected to a one-year term as Finance Officer; and Linda Barker, who was elected to a three-year term as an executive committee member.

Former Finance Officer Ralph Jordan will be stepping into a one-year term as Sr. Vice Commander, while both James Timcoe and Jim Davis were re-elected to another one-year term as Jr. Vice Commander and Judge Advocate respectively.

Executive Committee member Penny Kumpf will begin serving the final year of her three-year term; and Harry Hollingsworth, who also serves as the appointed Post Adjutant will begin the second year of his three-year stint on the Executive Committee.

Departing Post Commander Bob Byrd has announced that while he will continue being involved with Post activities, he has decided, for personal reasons, to not accept the Immediate Past Commander slot on the Executive Committee. At the June 9 Executive Committee meeting he plans to recommend that Tom Billings, who is also a past commander, be appointed by the Executive Committee to fill that slot for the coming year.

The recent change to the Post By-Laws, which was unanimously approved by the membership at its May 19 General Membership Meeting, established a process for that action to take place.

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## **Vets, First Responders & Partners Offered Free Dance Lesson at Post**

Dance instructors Elizabeth and Mark Williams, who are mainstays at the Club 201 dance scene at the Post, have announced they will be offering free, one-hour dance lessons at the Post for all veterans, first responders, and their partners, on three consecutive Thursday evenings in June.

Lesson dates are Thursday, June 4, 11 and 18 between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. If interested, or for more information, contact them via email at [htjem@comcast.net](mailto:htjem@comcast.net).

Elizabeth began her dance career with Arthur Murray Dance Studios. She successfully managed award-winning studios in both Madison, Wisc., and Sandy Springs. After a 14-year run with Arthur Murray, she recognized an opportunity to offer quality, affordable dance lessons to more people by collaborating with various Atlanta-area communities, including the Post's "Club 201". She currently holds a number of certifications in all styles of dance.

Mark is a professional dance instructor and former manager of the Arthur Murray Dance Studios in Madison, Wisc., and Atlanta. He presently teaches ballroom, swing and country/western dancing. His method of instruction focuses on balance, rhythm, and movement, which provides the foundation for his students to become comfortable, confident, and relaxed social dancers.

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## **~ Save the Date ~**

The Post's 10th Annual Cruz-In "car show" is scheduled for 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7 - - - four days prior to this year's Wednesday, Nov. 11 Veterans Day, The show will be free for members of the general public who want to visit the Post and look at the cars on display.

However, unlike the past seven years when no registration fee was charged for those who brought their car to the show, this year's planning team is asking for a registration fee from those who want to show-off their automobiles. The advance registration will be \$10. The fee will be \$20 on the day of the event.

Food and drinks will be available for sale, and children can take advantage of a jump house and other planned activities during the 4-hour event. Also, after skipping the game last year because the baseball field had just been seeded, a "Stars & Stripes" baseball game, pitting the Aviator Nation against the Georgia Jackets, will be back on tap this year with the first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m.

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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, May 30, 5 p.m. "70's Appetizer" Golden Ladle Competition.** [Click here](#) for details. The bar will also be offering a Pina Colada Punch for \$3 each for a Virgin, \$5 each for the 'spiked' version.

**Monday & Wednesday, June 1 & 3. Alpharetta Aviators Opening Day.** First Pitch scheduled for 7 p.m. both days. The Post is the Aviators home field. The Choccolocco Monsters are the visiting team. Come watch college-level baseball. The concession stand says they will have cheeseburgers, BBQ platters with Brunswick stew, hotdogs, French fries, ice cream and more, including beer! Food sales are scheduled to start around 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting.**

**Thursday, June 4, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, June 9, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Life Line Screening.** To schedule an appointment visit <http://www.llsa.social/HABC>; Call 800-324-9458 and use promo code HABC001; or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1067. For those interested, Life Line is offering a special price of \$129 for four screenings: carotid artery disease screening, atrial fibrillation screening, abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, and peripheral artery disease screening.

**Tuesday, June 9, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Sunday, June 14, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. Jackpot - \$1,000.**

**Tuesday, June 16, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Post, Auxiliary and SAL leadership will be officially installed at this meeting. The Auxiliary has announced they will not hold their regular monthly membership meeting this month. A complimentary buffet meal 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.

**Sunday, June 28, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. Jackpot - \$1,000.**

**Saturday, Nov. 7, 12 noon. 2nd Annual Georgia American Legion Veterans Raffle Drawing.** [Click this link](#) for details. Tickets are now available at the Post. 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**