



American Legion Post 201

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### **June Membership Meet Set for 7 p.m. Tuesday**

This coming Tuesday's General Membership meeting, which is scheduled to start at 7 p.m., has no major items on the agenda calling for a membership vote. Initially there was an expectation that leadership installations for the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL would take place as has traditionally occurred at the June meeting; however, they have been rescheduled to take place at the July meeting.

The delay in installing the Legion Leadership does not change the fact that they have already taken over those responsibilities effective June 1 as provided in the organization's by-laws. During next Tuesday's meeting, outgoing Post Commander Bob Byrd will formally "pass the gavel" to new Post Commander Tom Richardson at the start of the meeting.

Newly-elected Finance Officer Joan Ming, who, in musical terms "will be doubling in brass" Tuesday as she leads the cooking team, said the meeting's complimentary dinner menu includes baked spaghetti with meatballs, salad, garlic bread and cake for dessert. Food service is scheduled to start in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Turning to this past Tuesday evening's Executive Committee meeting, Byrd advised the Executive Committee he was resigning his "immediate past commander" position on the Post's Executive Committee. With this announcement, the Executive Committee moved immediately to unanimously elect former Post Commander Tom Billings to fill the vacancy.

Other Tuesday meeting highlights include:

Reemphasized the need to advise membership of the planned increase in most drink prices effective Wednesday, July

1. This increase was approved by the membership at the May general membership meeting when those attending unanimously approved the FY 26-27 budget. A price list is expected to be posted in the bar sometime within the next several days.

Outlined basic plans for **July 4 activities at the Post**. The Post Clubroom will open for bar service open at 11 a.m. The Concession stand at the baseball field (operated by the SAL) stand will start selling hamburgers and hotdogs will all the trimmings (as well as draft beer) at 12 noon with the expectation that food and beer service at the concession stand will be available until the 9 p.m. time frame. The Post will be open to the General Public starting at 12 noon. At some point during the day, those coming onto the Post to watch the Wills Park fireworks will be asked for a parking fee for their automobile of \$15 per car. Members of the Post 201 Family (Legion, Auxiliary and SAL) who have and show a valid 2026 Post 201 membership card will not be charged to park. Bounce houses will be available to entertain children and the Alpharetta City Band will provide "Concert on the Lawn" music starting at 6:30 p.m. until shortly before the fireworks are launched. The Post will officially close at 12 midnight.

Authorized the Finance Officer to begin researching the possibility of moving the Post's bank accounts to another area financial institution. The objective is to find better interest rates for the Post's banking relationship which is in the range of a quarter of a million dollars.

Approved cancelling the Clover point-of-sale system contract due to persistent failures during the testing phase prior to going live. The Post will continue with the current NCR system on a month-to-month basis while soliciting new proposals from other vendors.

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## **Tomorrow: For Women Veterans \$1 Off First Mixed Drink Special**

The Post will honor Women Veterans Day, which is tomorrow (Friday, June 12), with a first-drink (only) discount of \$1 on any mixed drink any woman vet orders at the Clubroom/Bar. Guys, take note, this is for women vets only.

Celebrated annually on June 12, the day commemorates the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1948. The Act officially allowed women to serve as permanent, regular members of the U.S. Armed Forces. While not an official federal holiday, it is formally recognized as a commemorative day by proclamations and legislation in more than 20 U.S. states including Georgia.

Women Veterans are the fastest-growing demographic within the U.S. military community. With more than two million throughout the nation, they represent about 11 per cent of the veteran population.

Despite serving in every conflict since the American Revolution, they often face invisibility in civilian life. Today, these trailblazers serve across all branches and career fields. However, returning to civilian life can present unique hurdles. Many navigate specialized healthcare needs, underrepresentation, and the societal assumption that a "veteran" is always a man.

The [VA Women Veterans Program](#) and the [Military Women's Memorial](#) work continuously to honor their sacrifices, expand gender-specific healthcare, and preserve their rightful place in history.

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## **Army Birthday, Flag Day Recognized With \$1 Off Drink Special this Sunday**

This Sunday the Post will simultaneously observe Flag Day and the U.S. Army Birthday, two cornerstones of American history and patriotism. Both institutions share a deep connection, having been established exactly two years apart to forge and protect the new republic which is celebrating its 250 Anniversary.

The Post Clubroom/Bar will recognize both of these days by offering any veteran or active duty member a first drink (only) discount of \$1 on any drink sold at the bar. Veterans do not have to be a member of the Post to take advantage of the special, but you must carry some proof that you are a veteran - - a VA card, a membership card from a veterans serving organization or a military ID card.

Post Commander Tom Richardson will make a brief presentation about the day to those in the ballroom prior to the start of the Bingo game; and Army veteran and nurse Linda Barker, who heads up the Boxes for the Troops program and was just elected to a three-year term on the Executive Committee, has been asked to draw the winning ticket for the \$1,000 jackpot later that afternoon

### ***The U.S. Army Birthday (June 14, 1775)***

The U.S. Army is the oldest branch of the U.S. military. It was officially established on June 14, 1775, when the Second Continental Congress authorized the enlistment of expert riflemen to serve the United Colonies. Formed more than a year before the Declaration of Independence was signed, this ragtag Continental Army was organized to secure independence from Great Britain. Today, the total Army Force includes active duty, reserve, and National Guard personnel who continue to protect the nation and its interests globally.

### ***Flag Day (June 14, 1777)***

Exactly two years after the Army's inception, the Continental Congress passed a resolution adopting the first official design of the American flag. The resolution stated that the flag of the United States would feature 13 alternating red and white stripes and a union of 13 white stars on a blue field, symbolizing a new constellation. Today, National Flag Day commemorates this milestone, honoring "Old Glory" as a symbol of American independence, unity, and liberty.

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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, June 11 & 18, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free Dance Lessons at the Post for Vets, First Responders and their Partners.** If interested, or for more information, contact dance instructors Elizabeth or Mark Williams via email at [htjem@comcast.net](mailto:htjem@comcast.net).

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

**Tuesday, June 16, 5:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.** More volunteers are needed for this committee. Get in touch with Penny Kumpf and let her know you are available. Her email address is [penelopek0877@gmail.com](mailto:penelopek0877@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, June 16, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** A complimentary buffet meal will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Annual Picnic** for the Georgia Mountain Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. Forsyth County Central Park, 2300 Keith Bridge Road, Cumming. There is no charge, but please bring enough food for you and your spouse or partner and a little extra to share with your friends. Contact Tom Billings for more details.

**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.**

**Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting.** This meeting replaces the June 2 meeting which was cancelled mid afternoon on June 2 .

**Saturday, July 4.** Post Clubroom/Bar opens at 11 a.m. General Public Open House starting at 12 noon. See above story about July 4 for more details.

**Saturday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 10th Annual Cruz-In “car show”.** Free for members of the general public who want to visit the Post and look at the cars on display. Registration fee for those showing cars: \$10 pre-show; \$20 day of show. To register [click here](#) , or if you need more details or have questions email [al201carshow@gmail.com](mailto:al201carshow@gmail.com). 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, a “Stars & Stripes” baseball game pitting the Aviator Nation against the Georgia Jackets, is scheduled for 11 a.m.

**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

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It's the price you paid to be eligible."***