



American Legion Post 201

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### **Legion, Auxiliary, SAL Officers To Be Installed Tuesday Night At Monthly Membership Meeting**

This coming Tuesday night's General Membership meeting, which starts at 7 p.m., will take on a slightly different 'flair' than most monthly meetings.

Since the officers of the Auxiliary and SAL, as well as the Legion, are all scheduled to be installed at this meeting, Post Commander Tom Richardson has decided that only those business items which require a membership vote as well as the "Good of the Legion" comment portion of the meeting will be on the evening's agenda.

Due to the time needed to install officers Richardson said the committee reports, which usually take up a significant portion of the meeting time, will be set aside this time.

Students who attended last month's Boys State in Valdosta have been invited to attend and share comments about their experiences, and Sean Sullivan, a District 9 vice commander, is slated to make a brief remarks about Legion activities within the state.

Tuesday evening's complimentary meal menu, with buffet service starting in the 6 p.m. time frame, will be pulled pork sandwiches, Mac & cheese, coleslaw, sauce, pickles, and dessert along with beverages.

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### **Post Leadership Considering Shifting Sunday-to-Thursday**

## **Bar Closing Time Back to 11 p.m.**

The Post Executive Committee is currently being queried by Post Commander Tom Richardson on the question of changing the Post's Clubroom/Bar closing time back to 11 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday nights. Closing time for Friday and Saturday nights would continue to be 12 midnight.

If the committee approves, the new 11 p.m. closing time would take effect starting Sunday evening, Aug. 2.

Approximately one year ago, the closing time on Sunday through Thursday nights was changed from 11 p.m. to 10 p.m. after talking a close look at sales activity on during the one hour 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. time period on those five nights. The results of that examination suggested that minimal, if any bar sales were taking place during the last hour.

However, there appears to be a developing interest among a number of members which suggest that returning the Sunday-Thursday night closing time back to 11 p.m. could prove to be a productive change.

At publication deadline, the results of the executive committee e-mail query were not available. But informally there appears to be strong sentiment to making the change effective the first Sunday in August.

Should the change be approved, members do need to be reminded that even if the clubroom closing time is pushed back to 11 p.m., the decision is being made on the assumption that sales will warrant it. Said another way: if there is no activity during the last hour of the night on any given night, the bar can still be closed as early as 10 p.m.

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## **District 9 Commander Reminds All About Free Insurance for Members**

Late Tuesday afternoon, District 9 Commander Jim Callender dropped an e-mail reminding members of the Legion Family about no-cost accidental death insurance protection for Legionnaires.

"As a member of the Legion Family, you're eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in free coverage. However, your confirmation is required for activation," his e-mail said. He also noted in his e-mail that, "Your beneficiary will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while traveling to or from a covered event conducted for Legion business, or \$1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents. You pay nothing for this coverage."

You must be a member in good standing of the American Legion to take advantage of this Legion-endorsed product, Callender added.

For more information about the policy, [click here](#). Or you may call 1-800-235-6943. You may also contact one of the following via email if interested: James Watson, [gavcwatson@gmail.com](mailto:gavcwatson@gmail.com); Nancy Blake, [d12alc@outlook.com](mailto:d12alc@outlook.com); or Mike Merritt, [mlmerritt63@gmail.com](mailto:mlmerritt63@gmail.com).

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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**

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

**Tuesday, July 21, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting** and installation of officers for the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. Complimentary dinner served in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**Saturday, July 25, 6 p.m. Baseball, Hot Dogs & Picnic Sides Golden Ladle Competition.** Contestants should bring a picnic side dish - slaws, salads and dips, or whatever you would serve as a picnic side. Hot Dogs and all the fixings will be provided. Scott Hoehn with VIP of GA will be the DJ for the evening. The cocktail of the day will be a "Water Hazard" for \$5 per drink. Ingredients are vodka, Blue Gatorade, lemonade, Sprite and ice. Those attending will have an opportunity to win four infield, dugout level seats for the Tuesday, Aug. 11 Braves vs. New York Mets game which gets underway at 7:15 p.m. The winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle, which is raising money to purchase a new AED Defibrillator for the Post, will be drawn at 7 p.m. Watch for more info posted in the Clubroom.

**Sunday, July 26, 2 p.m. BINGO at the Post. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Saturday, Aug. 1. Old Soldiers Day.** The winning ticket for the Auxiliary's Handmade Quilt Auction will be drawn at 4 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. The Auxiliary started selling raffle tickets for the handmade quilt in early July. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, and 10 for \$20. The quilt has a Pioneer pattern which ties in nicely with the nation's 250th birthday. Other planning for the day's activities are still underway.

**Tuesday, Aug. 4. Coast Guard Birthday**

**Friday, Aug. 7. Purple Heart Day.**

**Tuesday, Aug. 25, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting.**

**Wednesday, Aug. 26. Kabul 13 Remembrance Day.**

**Monday, Sept. 7. Labor Day.**

**Friday, Sept. 11. Patriot Day (Informally known as 9/11 Remembrance Day).**

**Friday, Sept. 18. U.S. Air Force Birthday.**

**Saturday, Sept. 19. POW/MIA Recognition Day.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 14. 9th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament.** The Golf Club at Bradshaw

Farm, 3030 Bradshaw Drive, Woodstock. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Contact Derek Garmon, 770-549-5669, [derekgarmon@yahoo.com](mailto:derekgarmon@yahoo.com), or Bruce Hay, 309-657-8528, [hayville@att.net](mailto:hayville@att.net) for 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. The 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.

**Wednesday, Nov.11. Veterans Day.**

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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**