



American Legion Post 201

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### **Canton's Post 45 Seeks to Convert Thrift Store to Homeless Vet Housing**

American Legion Post 45 in Canton is spearheading a community project to convert its existing thrift store facility at 111 Faye Drive, near Bells Ferry Road in southwest Cherokee County, into a dedicated transitional housing center for homeless veterans. The initiative targets what has been described as "a glaring service gap in the region" by transforming the 13,000 square-foot building into a safe, structured environment designed to help former service members successfully reintegrate into civilian society.

When fully operational, the facility is expected to accommodate 40-to-50 male veterans concurrently. Operating under Cherokee County regulations, the program would cap individual stays at nine months, allowing the facility to cycle through and support an estimated 150-to-175 veterans annually.

The renovation plan includes private bedrooms, communal bathrooms, a full-service kitchen, laundry amenities, and dedicated administrative offices. Beyond physical shelter, the center will offer essential wrap-around services—including mental health counseling, job training, and case management—staffed by professionals committed to addressing the root causes of veteran homelessness.

Highlighting the urgency of the initiative, Jim Lindenmayer, founder and director of the Cherokee County Homeless Veteran Program, outlined the core philosophy which is driving the Post's massive undertaking - - - "We're trying to tell veterans to not struggle alone," Lindenmayer said. "Reach out to us. We're going to make sure we help you. We're going to work with you in a matter of hours, not a matter of days or weeks," he added.

The primary hurdle for Post 45 is securing the necessary financial capital. The Post needs an estimated \$2.5 million to complete the specialized build-out. While the initial funding strategy relied heavily on utilizing state and federal

grants, project organizers have faced significant roadblocks due to a lack of targeted government funding specifically allocated for veteran housing infrastructure in the Cherokee County jurisdiction. So now the project's success hinges on a combination of grassroots fundraising, corporate sponsorships, local philanthropic donations, and alternative public funding avenues.

Contributions to support the project can be made by [clicking here](#) to visit the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program Donation Portal.

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## **~ Save the Date ~ Bourbon & Cigar Night to Return Friday, Sept. 25**

After a 14-month hiatus "Bourbon and Cigar Night" is returning to the Post on Friday, Sept. 25, starting at 7 p.m. For the record, the last one was held on June 13, 2025. Tickets are \$50 per person if purchased prior to Sept. 18. They are available at the Clubroom/Bar. If you'd prefer to pay using Venmo, find one of the flyers scattered around the Post and grab the QR code from it.

In addition to tasting a flight of good bourbons and a cigar (no information yet on the brands of bourbon or cigar) your ticket also gets you some tasty hors d'oeuvres. So mark your calendar, save the date, and get your ticket before Sept. 18. After that date, you can expect the price to increase to an "as yet to be announced" dollar value.

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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**

**Friday, Aug. 28, 6:30 p.m. Veterans Memorial Cup Football Game** at the Centennial High School football stadium. This annual game pits the Johns Creek HS Gladiators against the Centennial HS Knights. Established in 2017, the game pays tribute to U. S. military veterans as well as fostering intense local athletic competition between the two schools. Veterans interested in attending will need to purchase a game ticket unless they have made prior arrangements with the Johns Creek Veterans Association to participate in the pre-game ceremonies at the 50-yard line. General admission tickets must be purchased digitally through the [Centennial vs Johns Creek GoFan Page](#) for \$11 (\$10 ticket + \$1 fee). Fulton County Schools enforce digital-only ticketing via smartphone. No cash is accepted at the gate.

**Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.** Note: this meeting has been moved from its normal Thursday night meeting for the month of September only.

**Monday, Sept. 7, Labor Day.** The Post's Clubroom/Bar will open at 12 noon instead of the normal 3 p.m. Monday opening since Labor Day is a national holiday. Other member-related activities are being considered, but no firm plans are in place as of publication deadline.

**Tuesday, Sept. 8, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Friday, Sept. 11, 9 a.m. Patriot Day - 9/11 Remembrance Day Ceremony** to Dedicate the new pod on the Walk of Memories to recognize all conflicts since Vietnam.

**Sunday, Sept. 13, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 15 5:30 p.m. House and Grounds Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 15. 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** A complimentary buffet dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**Friday, Sept. 18. U.S. Air Force Birthday.** Celebrate with a \$1 off regular price (any drink) for the first drink you order at the bar.

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

**Sunday, Sept. 27, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Monday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. VFW Post 12002 Month-End Meeting.** The VFW's month-end meeting at Post 201 is scheduled for 7 p.m. on the 4th Monday of every month. The mid-month meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Brimstone Restaurant & Tavern, 10595 Old Alabama Connector Road, Alpharetta.

**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. Tournament meeting planning dates between now and tournament day are Wednesday, Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, and Oct. 7. All meetings are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting.**

**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**