



American Legion Post 201

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### **‘ . . . Now for the Rest of the Story’ On a Couple of Post 201 Matters**

*Editor’s Note: During the past week or so, a couple of questions have surfaced about activities at the Post which, for some reason or the other, call for a little more detail to fill out and complete the story. So, putting a slight twist on the line made famous by legendary radio broadcaster Paul Harvey, here’s “The Rest of the Story.” - hdh*

#### ***Drink Chips at the Bar***

During an 18-month period in 2023 and 2024, the bar purchased a total of 900 new drink chips for use/sale to patrons. The new heavy duty, yellow chips (which could double as a challenge coin) replaced the old red plastic poker chips which were rapidly deteriorating or otherwise disappearing.

As of yesterday afternoon, the bar has exactly 114 chips remaining available for use. The other 786 (again as of yesterday) are out there - - - somewhere - - - in somebody’s pocket - - - maybe for use at some future date - - - unless they have become permanent challenge coins - - - or are being used for some kind of give away purpose instead of being redeemed at the bar.

This means at the present time, slightly less than 13% (12.6667% to be exact) of the original drink chip purchase are available to meet existing needs. Hence, the limit on the number of chips a patron can buy at the present time. Also, at a current value of \$4 per chip, the Post is looking at an accounting liability of slightly more than \$3,100.

Now for the good news for chip holders. Most of those 700+ chips that are “out there somewhere” recently increased in value from \$3.50 per chip to \$4 per chip. So those holding on to the chips made wise investments.

But current thinking suggests that if a significant number of those chips don’t get back into circulation - - - and

relatively soon - - - they will need to be replaced. And for the old timers who served in Vietnam - - - do you remember the periodic MPC conversion and what happened to the value of the old MPC?

So if you're one of those holding a number of drink chips, you might consider getting them back into circulation relatively soon. . . . just to be on the safe side and take advantage of your investment.

### ***The Paving that Didn't Happen***

The lede (yes, that's the correct spelling – see \*\*note below) story in last week's newsletter discussed plans to repave the parking lot this past weekend. Obviously, that didn't happen.

About three hours before the deadline to produce last week's newsletter an agreement in principle to repave the lot was reached. Understanding the possible implications associated with Friday night parking on the Post, the need "get the word out" became the driving factor in reporting what was known at the time without referring to the "agreement in principle" portion of the discussion.

However, between the time of the virtual "handshake" and the time paving was to get underway, several "legalities" had to be dealt with - - - and they didn't come to fruition. Hence, no resurfaced parking lot.

Now, as Paul Harvey might say . . . . "You know the rest of the story."

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\*\*Years ago newspaper newsrooms adopted the spelling "lede" to avoid confusion with lead (the heavy metal used in traditional printing presses). It's pronounced the same as lead (rhyming with need).

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### ***~ ~ In Memory ~ ~***

#### **John Davis Forshee**

***October 19, 1946 – September 18, 2026***

*"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day."*

Funeral services for John D. Forshee, a member of the Post for more than 32 continuous years, will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Southcare Chapel, 225 Curie Dr, Suite 100, Alpharetta. The family will receive friends starting at 12 noon until 1 p.m.

Committal service with military honors will be held at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton at a later date and time to be determined later. [Click here to read](#) his obituary.

In addition to the funeral home's obituary, Kim and Tony Smith, who for eight years John would refer to as his kids, and they called him their dad, wrote the following about John for Post 201's newsletter readership:

"John was a very loving, caring, and giving man. He never met a stranger and would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need and did countless times. He had an enormous love for animals; dogs and cats alike. Any of them would know to come to John for some loving and of course treats that would likely be in his front pocket.

"He was an avid outdoorsman with numerous stories of his accomplished skill in hunting and fishing. Some of his

best memories were hunting and fishing with his daughter, Nicki.

“John served in the U.S. Army as a 1st Lieutenant in the Vietnam War. While serving in Vietnam, John went through a lot of difficult encounters. One of which, he lost 17 out of 21 men in his unit in a single day. Another time he ignored his own safety to fight on the perimeter of a well-planned enemy attack. Additionally, he spent the entire day and night equipping his men with ammunition and supplies while checking on them.

“John was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with “V” Device for this event. He was proud to lead his men on the front line of the war. John was a true war hero, always going above and beyond to make sure all surrounding men were able to come back home safely. At the end of his tour in Vietnam, John received several service medals of accomplishments including a purple heart.”

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## **DON'T FORGET . . .**

### **BOURBON & CIGAR NIGHT 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. TOMORROW NIGHT**

Tickets are now \$65 per person since the Sept. 18 deadline has passed. In addition to tasting a flight of three very good bourbons:

**Angel's Envy Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey  
1792 Ridgemont Single Barrel  
13th Colony Southern Bourbon**

and a cigar. Your ticket also gets you some tasty hors d'oeuvres.

**&**

**The Golden Ladle Apple Desert Competition  
Starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday  
Bring Your Best Apple Dish**

**&**

**Enjoy Music in Clubroom  
From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
By DJ David Santos**

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## **Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities**

***Monday Madness in the Clubroom***

***Every Monday - - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.***  
**1st Drink - \$1 Off the Regular Price for any Brand**

***9-Ball Pool Tournament, 2 p.m.***  
***Every 3rd Sunday in the Clubroom/Bar***

**VIEW FEATURED  
POST EVENTS**

**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, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Brain Health Summit for Vets, Families.** The Summit will explore PTSD, TBI, moral injury, cognition, treatment, recovery, purpose, and the lasting effects of military service. Presented by Skylark Senior Care in collaboration with the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program, the Summit is free for veterans and their families. [Click here for more information](#) about the event, the keynote speakers and to register to attend. Registration is required due to limited seating. Boxed lunches will be served.

**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](tel:770-549-5669), [derekgarmon@yahoo.com](mailto:derekgarmon@yahoo.com), or Bruce Hay, [309-657-8528](tel:309-657-8528), [hayville@att.net](mailto:hayville@att.net) for details. Tournament meeting planning dates between now and tournament day are Wednesday, Sept. 30, and Oct. 7. All meetings are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17. Two Toys for Tots Fundraisers** featuring ventriloquist Doug Mikan. Friday night starts at 7 p.m., Saturday morning gets underway at 11 a.m. [Click here for Oct. 16](#) details, and [click here for information](#) on the Saturday morning show. And be sure to [click here to show the little ones](#) a 2-1/2 minute FaceBook video with Doug and a couple of his friends who will be coming to the Post.

**Monday, Oct. 19. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Auxiliary National President Dr. Coral May Grout** will visit the Post. The Post's Auxiliary Unit 201 will be hosting a brief reception and dinner during her visit plus giving her a tour of the Walk of Memories. Members of the Legion and SAL are invited to join the Auxiliary for a reception and dinner that evening. HOWEVER, for planning purposes an RSVP is mandatory. The deadline to reply to Auxiliary President Ellen Youngblood is close-of-business Thursdy, Oct. 1. Her email address is [eftot57@gmail.com](mailto:eftot57@gmail.com) or phone her at [678-462-9003](tel:678-462-9003).

**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.

**Monday, Nov. 9. Save the Date.** Annual Breakfast for Vets hosted by Melissa Morgan. Details to follow.

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

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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](tel:1-877-222-8387)

Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk - [631-720-6022](tel:631-720-6022)

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***Post 201 - Serving Vets Since 1947***

***"It's not the price you pay to be a member,  
It's the price you paid to be eligible."***