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Post Operating Hours Set For Upcoming Holidays

Operating hours at the Post for the various holidays during the upcoming weeks have been set. On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26 the post will be closed all day even though the day also marks the Post's 79th Birthday.

Since the Post will be closed on its official birthday, plans call for celebrating the Post's 1947 founding two days later in conjunction with the Golden Ladle "Tailgate Appetizers" competition in the Clubroom which gets underway at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, with judging at 6 p.m. **Click here for more information**.

For Christmas, the Clubroom/Bar will close at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve and will be closed all day on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25. On the day after Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 26, the Clubroom will open at its regular Saturday 1 p.m. opening time.

On New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1 the Clubroom will open at 1 p.m. and will close at 7 p.m. Also, no dance classes or other dance activity is scheduled on New Year's Day

In addition to the holiday schedule, Post Family members are reminded that for the next several months the Clubroom/Bar will be closing at 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

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Veterans in the Arts Program Featured Tonight at Post 201

Members of the Post 201 Family are invited to a special program in the Post Ballroom tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Titled *From Service to Self-Expression: Veterans in the Arts,* tonight's program is

one of a series of conversations exploring the relationship between military service, creativity, and artistic expression - - - and it's free and open to the public.

Tonight's program features Atlanta-based saxophonist, Brandyn Taylor, principal saxophonist of the 116th United States Army Band. He will talk with Dr. Philip Auslander about balancing the life of a musician with his service. Taylor and Auslander will discuss his trajectory from his early start in Milton, to performing with award-winning organizations and teaching the next generation of musicians.Taylor will share how his passion for music shaped his career. He will also perform during the evening.

Taylor is a versatile musician who is in demand as a performer and clinician throughout the Southeastern U. S. He has performed with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Atlanta Ballet, Columbus Symphony Orchestra, and the Atlanta Saxophone Quartet. As a commercial player, he has performed with Grammy Award winners Patti LaBelle, Maxwell, and Brandon Bush, and has been featured on various NPR programs broadcast across the southeast, including "Atlanta Music Scene" and "In a Mellow Tone." He made his Nashville recording debut in the summer of 2014 with the band RYE.

Auslander, who is editor of The Art Section, is a professor in the School of Literature, Media, and Communication at Georgia Institute of Technology. His primary interest is in performance: music, acting, performance art and media. He is the author of ten books, including Women Rock! Portraits in Popular Music and In Concert: Performing Musical Persona. He has written reviews and feature articles for art publications including Art Forum, Art Papers and Art Voices, and catalog essays for museums in the US, the UK and Europe.

Funding for this program is provided by the Fulton County Arts Council and the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, The Georgia Council for the Arts, the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, and the Homestead Foundation.

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~ News Notes ~

Free Night at the Theatre - - The Horizon Theatre in Inman Park/Little 5 Points is giving two free tickets per veteran for an upcoming show, *Too Fast Too Festivus 2*, which runs from December 11 through December 31. Their promotional material on the show says "Dad's Garage and Horizon Theatre take on the holidays in Atlanta with scenes, songs and laughs to get you through the festivus season."

The theatre is also offering a free playwriting workshop for women veterans. No experience needed. The theatre describes it as a chance to "tell your story in your own words, alongside other women who've served."

Click here for more information about both offerings and to arrange for free tickets to see *Too Fast Too Festivus 2*.A Veterans Arts Services Grant from Fulton County Arts and Culture which was awarded to the Horizon Theatre helps support both programs.

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Army-Navy Game Watch Party at the Post - - If you're planning to watch the Army-Navy game on Saturday, Dec. 12, the Clubroom is planning a special watch party on the deck from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Details for the afternoon are still not available, or perhaps they are "under wraps" - - -

which generally means secret, hidden, or confidential. In this case, however, we suspect the definition is more along the lines of "we've got a great idea, but haven't yet thought through the details, but let's start telling everybody about it to generate some enthusiasm."

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Party in the Clubroom - - Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 19 for a potluck dinner starting at 6 p.m. that will include a Secret Santa gift exchange at 7:30 p.m. as well as an Ugly Sweater Competition at the same time. Look for more specific to be posted in the Clubroom, but the deadline to sign up for the Secret Santa exchange will be close of business Monday, Dec. 7 - - - which also happens to be Pearl Harbor Day.

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10th Annual Cruz-In Draws 78 Registered Vehicles to Show

"The 2026 Cruz-In was a wonderful day. With great weather, music, food and beverages, fun was had by all." That's how Patti Fredlund, who was instrumental in bringing this year's show to a successful conclusion, summarized the day.

She especially noted and thanked the "team leads and the many volunteers that worked under their direction for yet another successful event." She also recognized and expressed a "huge thank you to our sponsor Carl Black and the many local businesses that donated to the silent auction and raffle." With their help and as well as the car community, the Legion was able to make a donation to Vet Buds for their Cars for Vets program, she added.

Attendees were heard praising the opening ceremony emceed by WSB-TV's Karyn Greer, as well as the Johns Creek Veterans Association color guard, and children's play area. At its height, more than 200 people were prowling the grounds, looking at the 78 cars registered for the show, chatting with the car owners, or watching the Aviators beat the Georgia Jackets - - - although no one could remember the final score.

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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, Nov. 22, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. $1,000 Jackpot.

Monday, Nov, 23, 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.

Thursday, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day. Post is Closed.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m. SAL General Membership Meeting.

Thursday, Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m. Exective Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. No Food Service will be offered prior to this meeting.

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CLUB 201 DANCE - LEARN MORE

VETERANS RESOURCES

Visit the **Resource Page** at Post 201's website, 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
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 not the price you pay to be a member,
It's the price you paid to be eligible."



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