
Post 201 General Membership Meet Set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, No Complimentary Meal Service Anticipated

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Exec Committee Reviews Program, Project Updates for Next Tuesday Membership Meet

Set Special Budget Review Meet for 7 p.m. Monday

This past Tuesday evening's executive committee was punctuated with a number of reports and updates on the status of various programs and projects, all of which led to the decision that next Tuesday's 7 p.m. general membership meeting will not be populated with a significant number of items requiring an extra effort to generate member attendance. Translate that into no free meal prior to the meeting is anticipated at publishing deadline!

Here's a summary look at the key reports:

Old Soldiers Day - The program was well executed this year given the shortness of prep time. The Appen newspaper chain covered OSD. [Click here to link](#) to the story and photography (including a series of seven photos that will probably not appear in the newspaper's printed version). Issues to think about for next year included:

- Greater participation by the Buffalo Soldiers in the program itself.
- Food pricing following the event. This year there was a charge, in previous years the meals were free; but no food was donated to the Post for this year's event as it has been in past years.
- Greater advance prep to build attendance is needed. This year's crowd was somewhere between 75 and 100 people.

Upcoming Sept. 3 "Laughter at the Legion" MDS-fundraising comedy show - Ticket sales are getting off to a slow start. There was some concern about how best to assist Legion members who cannot handle purchasing tickets online. The resolution: task bartenders to assist, and also hope other members who are at the bar will be willing to help. Other activities being considered for the day include a morning softball game, a food truck on site most of the day, and other as yet to be determined and "being worked on" activities.

Bingo - Possible training dates are being “shopped” among those who have volunteered to help. It is important to start the Bingo games very shortly after training has been completed.

Kitchen Hood over the stove - Still awaiting some repair estimates.

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget Review and Approval - Finance Officer Ralph Jordan presented a “work-in-progress” draft budget. More refinements are needed which will be completed prior to a special called executive committee meeting at 7 p.m. this coming Monday. At Monday's meeting the proposed budget will be reviewed/revised. The proposal will then be presented to the membership at Tuesday's general membership meeting for review prior to voting on it at the Tuesday, Sept. 19 general membership meeting.

Walk of Memories - A clean up day has been scheduled for this Sunday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Also discussions are underway with a group of students who will adopt the “Walk” as part of their required community involvement commitment expected by their academic institutions.

SAL Wednesday, Oct. 12 Golf Tournament - The Post will sponsor a hole for \$500.

Labor Day special activities - Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5, has traditionally been membership renewal day. While plans are not in place yet for any special activities at the Clubroom/Bar, they are under consideration. Adjutant Tom Billings will be on site to renew Legion memberships. At publication deadline no information on SAL and Auxiliary renewal plans were available.

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Volunteer Needed to Guide Post 2023 Oratorical Contest

Post Commander Fred Mahony is looking for a volunteer to head this year's Oratorical Contest which is part of The American Legion's national mission outreach. The Post has not participated for the past several years, so this is the year to turn that non-participation record around. Past committees from the Post for this program have included Bob Byrd and Ed Holben.

Contests at the Post level are scheduled to take place on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023. District 9 will be Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023; Area 3, Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023; Georgia Department, Sunday, Mar. 5, 2023; and National, Friday through Sunday, April 21, 22 and 23, 2022 in Indianapolis.

More than \$203,500 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship.

High school students under age 20 are eligible. Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to 10 minutes long; three- to five-minute speeches on an assigned topic also are part of the contest.

[Click here for more information](#) about the program. And be sure to get in touch with Fred soon. One warning: working on this program requires a real commitment. It's not a slam dunk!

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~ ~ Military- Veterans Related News ~ ~
(Not likely to be published locally in other media.)

Vets Can Apply for Pact Act Benefits - The Pact Act, the historic new law that provides care and benefits to Vets suffering from more than 20 toxic exposure-related conditions is effective as of yesterday (Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022) according to VA Secretary Denis McDonough. Vets who think they might be eligible for benefits may apply by filing a claim at the VA, or you may learn more by visiting www.VA.gov/PACT or calling 1-800-MY-VA-411.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

Monday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m. Special Executive Committee Meeting. Review Post budget for FY 2022-2023.

Tuesday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Thursday, Aug 18, 7 p.m., Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

Sunday, Aug. 21, 2 p.m. 8-Ball Pool Tournament.

Monday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002. Meets 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Ron Cowan, 404-509-1700, roncowan@bellsouth.net or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, jim.davis@comcast.net.

Saturday, Sept. 3 , 8 p.m. "Laughter at the Legion," a fundraising event to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The show features comedians Jim Dailakis and Maria Walsh. Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased on line through Eventbrite. Approximately 220 reserved seats are available. [Click here](#) for more information on the evening's performers and to purchase reserved seat tickets.

Thursday, Sept. 15, 12 noon. Georgia Mountain Chapter, MOAA. Golden Corral, [2025 Market Place Blvd., Cumming](#). No host lunch starts at 11:30 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Bourbon & Cigar Night. Save the Date.

Saturday, Oct. 1, Casino Day at the Legion. Save the Date.

Wednesday, Oct. 12. 5th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament. The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm, 3030 Bradshaw Dr., Woodstock. 8 a.m., registration. 9:30 a.m., shot gun start. \$150 per player. Contact Kevin Solik, 404-483-3202 or Derek Garmon, 770-294-4259 for more information, or [click here to download](#) either of two flyers, one for player registration, one for corporate sponsors.

SAVE THE DATE

**Post 201's 75th Anniversary "Black Tie" Gala
Saturday Evening, Nov. 12, 2022**

Sunday, Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cruz-In Car Show.

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Club 201 Dance Schedule

Thursday, Aug 11, 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. . West Coast Swing Rally Practice.

7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., "American Smooth Tango" dance class with instructor Dennis Woods. 8:15 p.m. to 9 p.m., "Rumba" dance class with instructor Dennis Woods. \$10 for one class. \$15 for both.

Friday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Line Dancing Class with instructor Jean Maggio. \$5 cash per lesson.

Friday, Aug. 12, 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Buddy's Ballroom Bash with DJ Buddy Stotts playing fabulous ballroom dance music. 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Beginning "Waltz" lesson with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams; intermediate "Waltz" dance lesson with instructor Robert Tolentino. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

Saturday, Aug. 13, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., "Southern Mix" with DJ Steve Edwards playing fantastic country dance music. 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., intermediate "Night Club" dance lesson with instructor Steve Edwards; beginning "Night Club" dance lesson with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

Sunday, Aug. 14, West Coast Swing at Club 201. 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., Levels I and II dance lessons; 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Levels III and IV and "Competitive Edge" class. Guest "Competitive Edge" instructor is David Killinger. 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. DJ Rich Kopels will be playing only the best West Coast Swing music..

Monday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Line Dancing with instructor Nancy Anthony. 10 a.m. to 11 .m., Intermediate Line Dance Class. 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Improver Line Dance class. \$10 cash for one class; \$15 for both classes.

Wednesday, Aug. 17, Line Dancing with instructor Nancy Anthony. 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., beginner class; 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m., intermediate class. 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Open Line Dancing. \$10 cash at the door.

Visit both www.club201dance.com and the [Club 201 Dance FaceBook Page](#) for more details about all dance activities and schedules.

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Post 201 Resource Links

Walk of Memories - [Click here](#) for more information.

Past Issues of this Newsletter - Visit www.legion201.org and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

Post 201 Website - www.legion201.org.

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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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75th Anniversary - 2022

Nov. 26, 1947 - Nov. 26, 2022



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