
Post 201's FY 2022-23 Budget Introduced at Membership Meeting; Plans Announced for Day-Long Concealed Carry Course

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FY 2022-23 Budget Proposal Overviewed for Membership

Plans Announced for Concealed Firearms Course, Sunday, Sept. 18

The 25 members of Post who attended Tuesday evening's general membership heard Finance officer Ralph Jordan outline a proposed FY 2022-23 budget which contemplates income of \$612,875 during the year, and expenses of \$561,875 for the same period (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).

The executive committee reviewed the budget proposal 24 hours earlier and suggested some changes prior to Jordan's overview presentation at the meeting. The proposed budget, which reflects the changes requested by the executive committee, [may be reviewed by clicking here](#).

Membership will be asked to adopt a FY 2022-23 budget at the Post's general membership meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20.

House Committee chair Jeff Rahn outlined plans to conduct a Concealed Carry/Home Defense course at the Post on Sunday, Sept. 18 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Charles Pinson, a USCCA Certified Firearms Instructor, would teach the course which would be open to the public as well as members of the Post.

However, Pinson is offering the course free-of-charge to Post 201 members. Others attending would be charged \$100, which is still well below market rate in the area.

Some details still need to be worked through regarding the logistics of Post members being able to take to course for free. For example, to insure that individuals sign up have some

'skin in the game,' they may be asked to pay the class fee in advance, but would receive a full rebate when attending the class.

For more information, contact Jeff at jrahn@sheepdogia.org, or [click here to visit the USSCA Concealed Carry and Home Defense Class registration page](#) for the Sept 18 course.

One very important note for those interested in attending: DO NOT plan on bringing your weapon with you. The Post's Code of conduct is very clear on that matter. "Absolutely no firearms or weapons of any kind will be allowed in Post 201 buildings and structures, to include the deck adjacent to the Club Room, at any time."

In other meeting matters:

Six new members, two transfers and four new members, joined the Post. Transfers are: Martin Piscioti, USN; and Paul C Mangano, USA. New members are: Robert (Mike) Gibson, USMC; David Allen Stocks, USAF; Corey A. Fogle, USN; and Paul Okiyama, USN.

Tina Johnson provided members attending the meeting a VA form titled "Application for Pre-need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery (VA Form 40-1110007 dtd May 2020) along with the strong advice to get it filled out in advance. It will save a lot of "stress" on the family when that time arrives and the information is needed by the VA.

David Kirchner reported that brick replacement and other cleaning work was completed this past weekend on the Walk of Memories. Volunteers doing the work included student from Chattahoochee High School (who have adopted the Walk as their community service project) and Post members "Big" Mike Carrol, Kim and Tony Smith, Bruce Hay and Alan Dudley.

Longer term Kirchner says landscaping, cleaning bricks, improving lighting, replacing signs and bricks that remain unreadable after cleaning, and updating the data base to have the 'actual brick location' are on the work agenda.

During the discussion it was noted that 5 or 6 of the in-ground lights, including several that light the granite stone sign which faces the street are damaged or not working. Also one-half of the back-lighted American Legion pole sign is burned out.

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Jordan Speaks to Senior Vets

Finance Officer Ralph Jordan took time out of his busy day yesterday to visit with seven veterans at Village Park Senior Living on Wills Road. Several weeks ago the facility asked if the Post could set up a program of activities with their residents.

He "road tested" the concept in a meeting with seven vets (two Army, two Navy, one Air Force, one Marine, and one DoD retiree) whose service dates ranged between 1948 and 1974.

In addition to hearing the vets views on recruiting/retention issues and the China situation, Ralph provided them a brief overview about military force structure changes. Longer term, the "road test" with this group could open opportunities to take the concept to other senior living facilities as well as opening the door for some type of ongoing programming for them at the Post which would include responding to their interest in attending membership meetings.

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Volunteer Needed for Various Activities

Hang Lights & Clean Storeroom - - Volunteers are needed on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 22 and 23 between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to help hang lights in the ballroom and do some cleaning up and tossing stuff in the store room. Contact Elizabeth Williams at 404-579-9697 or htjem@comcast.net if you can help either or both days.

Comedy Show Set Up and Break Down - - Bob Byrd needs volunteers on Saturday, Sept. 3 to set up tables starting at 11 a.m. for Saturday evening's "Laughter at the Legion" MDA fundraiser, and to break down and store the tables on Sunday, Sept. 4 starting at 10 a.m. Contact him at bob@catawbaga.com if you can help.

Oratorical Contest - - Post Commander Fred Mahony's search for someone to lead this year's Oratorical Contest continues. At publication time, no volunteer has stepped forward. The Post has not participated in the contest, which is part of The American Legion's national mission outreach, for the past several years. Past members of the Post who have led this program include Marty Ferrell, Bob Byrd and Ed Holben. [Click here for more information](#) about the contest. And be sure to get in touch with Fred soon. A warning: This program requires a real commitment. It's not a one-and-done activity!

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

Special Operations Command Selects New Armed Overwatch Plane
[Click here to read.](#)

Space Force Takes Over All Military Satellite Communications
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U.S. Loses Half its Fighter Jets, Tons of Warships in China War Game
[Click here to read.](#)

Air Force Allows Facebook Comments Criticizing the Service Online After Veteran's Lawsuit [Click here to read.](#)

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

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

Saturday, Aug. 20, 7:30 p.m. Karaoke Night in the Clubroom.

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. Activities Day at Post 201 to Support the MDA Saturday evening fundraiser. SAL member "New York" Mike Carroll is the contact for the morning softball game, the car wash, and the first responder's event. His phone and email are: 518-300-0772; wshove@hotmail.com. Contact Ralph Jordon or DiAna Casale at the Post's email address, americanlegionallpharetta@gmail.com, for information about the silent auction. For more information on plans for the day and to make a [donation directly to MDA click here](#). (Note: at the bottom of this "activities and donation" page there is a link to the site to purchase tickets for the evening comedy show.)

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. Tickets are \$50 per person if purchased prior to Sept. 12. (\$60 at the door). [Click here to purchase tickets](#), or to see a flyer visit the events page at the Post's website, www.legion201.org. Only 50 tickets will be sold.

Saturday, Oct. 1, Casino Day at the Legion Cancelled. To be rescheduled for a future 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. 18, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. West Coast Swing Rally practice at Wills Park. No Thursday Night Focus group this week.

Friday, Aug. 19. Line dancing with instructor Jean Maggio from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. \$5 cash per lesson.

Friday, Aug. 19. "California Mix" with DJ Kurt Senser. 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Intermediate "Cha Cha/West Coast Swing" dance lesson with instructor Kurt Senser. Beginning "Cha Cha/West Coast Swing" dance lesson with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams. 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. DJ Kurt Senser will be playing a mix of Hustle, Two Step,

West Coast Swing, Night Club, Cha Cha and East Coast Swing music. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

Saturday, Aug. 20. "Southern Mix" with DJ Steve Edwards. 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Intermediate "Night Club" dance lesson with instructor Steve Edwards. Beginning "Night Club" dance lesson with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams. 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. DJ Steve Edwards will be playing fantastic country dance music. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

Sunday, Aug. 21. West Coast Swing at Club 201. 6 pm. - 6:45 p.m. Levels I and II dance lessons. 6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Levels III and IV. Guest instructors for a "Combined Levels Class" are Ryan Pflumm and Alaina Rogozhin. 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. DJ Chris Powderly will be playing only the best West Coast Swing music.

Monday, Aug. 22. Line Dancing. 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Intermediate Line Dance Class. 11 a.m. - 12 noon, Improver Line Dance Class. \$10 cash for one class; \$15 for both classes.

Wednesday, Aug. 24. Line Dancing with instructor Nancy Anthony. 6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m., Beginner Line Dance Class. 7:15 p.m. - 8 p.m., Intermediate Line Dance Class. 8 p.m. - 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 the price you paid to be eligible."***

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75th Anniversary - 2022

Nov. 26, 1947 - Nov. 26, 2022



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