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## Two Big Events During September Slated at Post 201: Comedy Show at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3; Concealed Carry Course Sunday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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### Two Major Activities on Tap During First Half of September

*"Laughter at the Legion," 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3;  
Concealed Carry Course, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 18*

Saturday, Sept. 3 is shaping up to be a busy 12-15 hours at the Post with the day being capped off by "Laughter at the Legion" starting at 8 p.m. The show, which features comedians Jim Dailakis and Maria Walsh, is a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased on line through Eventbrite.

Approximately one-third of the 220 reserved seats have been sold at the deadline for this publication. [For more information on the show and to purchase a reserved seat, click here.](#)

Other planned activities during the day include a morning softball game, the regular first Saturday "first responders breakfast," afternoon music in the clubroom and a silent auction.

Fifteen days later, the Post will host a Concealed Carry/Home Defense course. Charles Pinson, a USCCA Certified Firearms Instructor will teach the course on Sunday, Sept. 18 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The course is open to the public

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

For anyone considering owning or carrying a firearm for self-defense the course is comprehensive. The seven hours of class time provides a complete guide to understanding conflict avoidance and situational awareness; home security and home defense; handgun, shotgun and AR-15 basics; shooting fundamentals; the physiology of violent encounters; the legal aspects of using deadly force (including knowing what to do in the aftermath); and a complete guide on gear, gadgets, and ongoing training.

[Click here to register](#) for the course or contact Jeff Rahn at [jrahn@sheepdogia.org](mailto:jrahn@sheepdogia.org), for more information.

One note about taking the course at the Post. Participants should not plan on bringing a weapon with them. According to the Post's Code of Conduct, "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."

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### **Four Chattahoochee High Students Choose Walk Of Memories as their 'Community Service' Project**

If you happened to be at the Post this past Sunday, you might have seen a group of people doing some "sprucing up" on the Walk of Memories. While several in the group had familiar faces since they are part of the Post's 'legion family,' there were four new faces at work: Seth Balskey, Ryan Hooper, Astin Chang, Anderson Agueros.

All are Chattahoochee High School students who decided to undertake, as their service project, helping maintain and improve the Walk. We "thank them" for their commitment, and Post visitors can expect to see them working on upcoming weekends.

College admission officials say that while volunteering may not increase a student's SAT or ACT scores, or boost their GPA, having community service work on an application can provide an applicant with the competitive edge they may need in the college admissions process - - - as well as helping them stand out among other applicants.

So if you happen to see these young men laboring away some weekend, stop by and thank them. You never know when a conversation with a veteran might give them something else to think about when they start contemplating what their adult future might hold.

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### **Still Looking for Volunteers**

**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](mailto: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.)**

#### **Was the Fall of Afghanistan Inevitable?**

The publication "19FortyFive" asked nine top experts a simple question: Was the fall of Afghanistan inevitable? [Click here to read](#) what they said.

**Dueling Views Remain a Year After Afghan Pullout**

Military.com reprinted this Associated Press story written by Lolita C. Baldor. [Click here to read.](#)

**Record VA Disability Pay Raise, Military Retiree Pay Raise Likely for 2023**

[Click here to read.](#)

**Feds Say Commander of Lavonia VFW Post Faked Being in the Military**

Military.com reprinted a story originally published by the Charlotte Observer. [Click here to read.](#)

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## Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

**Thursday, Aug. 25, 6 p.m. Johns Creek Veterans Association Meeting.** Park Place at Newtown Park.

**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](mailto:wshove@hotmail.com). Contact Ralph Jordon or DiAna Casale at the Post's email address, [americanlegionallpharetta@gmail.com](mailto: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. 8, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Saturday, Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m. House Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**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.

**Thursday, Sept 15, 7 p.m., Order of the Purple Heart.** Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

**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](http://www.legion201.org). Only 50 tickets will be sold.

**Monday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002.** Meets 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Ron Cowan, 404-509-1700, [roncowan@bellsouth.net](mailto:roncowan@bellsouth.net) or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, [jim.davis@comcast.net](mailto:jim.davis@comcast.net).

**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. 25, 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. West Coast Swing** Rally practice. \$5. 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m., "Hustle" dance class. 8:15 p.m. - 9 p.m., "Rumba" dance. Elizabeth Williams is the instructor for both classes. \$10 for one class, \$15 for both.

**Friday, Aug. 26. Line dancing with instructor Jean Maggio** from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. \$5 cash per lesson.

**Friday, Aug. 26. "Ballroom Mix" with DJ Dennis Woods.** 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Intermediate "Cha Cha" dance lesson with instructor Woods. Beginning "Cha Cha" dance lesson with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams. 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. DJ Woods will be playing fabulous ballroom dance music. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

**Saturday, Aug. 27. "Country Mix" with DJ Wray Sisk.** 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Beginning and intermediate "Waltz" dance lesson with instructors Mark and Elizabeth Williams. 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. DJ Sisk will be playing fantastic country dance music. \$12 cash or credit card at the door.

**Sunday, Aug. 28. West Coast Swing at Club 201.** 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Levels I and II dance lessons. 6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Levels III and IV and "Competitive Edge" class. Guest instructor for the "Competitive Edge" class is Jake Haning. 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. DJ Rich Kopels will be playing only the best West Coast Swing music.

**Monday, Aug. 29. Line Dancing with instructor Nancy Anthony.** 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. 31. 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](http://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](http://www.legion201.org) and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

**Post 201 Website** - [www.legion201.org](http://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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