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Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water Concern On Tap for Post General Membership Meet, 7 p.m. Tuesday

Matthew Johnson, an attorney and a former U.S. Marine Corps Captain, will be the guest speaker at this Tuesday's 7 p.m. General Membership meeting. His comments will focus on the Camp Lejeune Justice Act and other pending military-related litigation, as well as various veterans benefits that every veteran should know about.

Any USMC veteran who spent more than 30 days at Camp Lejeune during the period of Aug. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1987 should have a special interest in his presentation. This also includes family members or others. And the 30 days does not need to be consecutive.

In addition to his presentation, he will be available following the meeting to answer individual questions. Johnson is the founder and owner of Georgia Veterans Law. A Lawrenceville native, he graduated from the University of Georgia for both his undergraduate studies and law school.

A free dinner will be served prior to the meeting, starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. At publication deadline the menu had not been set.

Although the meeting agenda has not been published yet, no major items requiring membership approval are anticipated. There will be the usual committee reports and updates on various Post projects, and the Finance Officer is preparing a special summary report on the cost of major repairs and expenditures made around the Post during the past year.

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. . . And There's 'Even More' To the Rest of the E-mail Story

This past Thursday, several hours after this e-newsletter was popping into inboxes, the Georgia Department's SVC Jim Fultz distributed an email to leadership which discussed in even greater detail information associated with the emails and postcards sent to Georgia Legionnaires asking them to confirm the accuracy of their records.

Fultz said the mailing, in addition to updating membership information, was a fundraising outreach to raise "at least \$100,000.00 to benefit Georgia Veterans receiving care in a VA Hospital or Clinic."

The company providing the service, Publishing Concepts of Dallas, Tex., has been vetted and ". . . sanctioned by the National organization of The American Legion ," he said. At the Legion's recent national convention in Charlotte, the publishing company was allowed to have a booth and to explain their product, he added.

In his email to leadership Fultz said, "Please relay this information down to the lowest levels of our organization and let's try to head off some of the negatively (sic) that is being associated with the program. We can't get to ALL of our 34,000 members but we can relay this information to as many as possible."

Editor's Note: A copy of the email from the Department of Georgia's SVC Jim Fultz, along with the two other emails previously reported on are available to read by clicking here. Don't forget to refresh the page when you open the link.

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Don't Forget About . . .

The Jimmy Buffett "Celebration of Life" with music, drinks and food in the Clubroom/Bar this Saturday starting at 5 p.m. and lasting until 8 p.m. . . . or perhaps later. [Click here](#) for more details.

Scott Hoehn is leading the charge and he's planning for frozen margaritas, cheese burgers in paradise, buffet style karaoke, and a parrot head costume contest are all on the tentative agenda. Thirty-six leis will be available for the first arrivals. And Scott is also building a playlist of Buffett, Beach Boys, Bob Marley and other island-type sounds for fill-in music around the karaoke stuff.

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

Air Force Expected to Miss Recruiting Goals; First Time in 20+ Years
[Click here to read.](#)

China Mocks US with Cartoon on 9/11 Anniversary
[Click here to read.](#)

Military Must Use Gender Neutral Pronouns in Awards
[Click here to read.](#)

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

Thursday, Sept. 14, 6 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Friday, Sept. 15. National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Commemorated on the third Friday of every September, a date that's not associated with any particular war. In 1979, Congress and the President passed resolutions making it official after the families of the more than 2,500 Vietnam War POW/MIAs pushed for full accountability. For more information [click here](#).

Saturday, Sept. 16. Atlanta World War II History Roundtable. Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody. Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m. Lunch commences at 11:30 a.m. Round Table member Ron Bell will share the story of his father Harry Mack Bell who served in the RAF supporting Westland Lysanders, Boulton-Paul Defiants, and RAF Coastal Command B-24 Liberators. \$20 for Members and \$25 for Non-Members. WW2 Vets are free. Cash or checks accepted at the door. For more information contact Bill LeCount at 404-886-7383 or email atlantaww2roundtable@gmail.com

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., General Membership Meeting. Dinner will be served in the 6 p.m. time frame. The evening's guest speaker will be Matthew W. Johnson, founder and owner of Georgia Veterans Law. A Lawrenceville native, he graduated from the University of Georgia for his undergraduate studies and law school. He was a captain in the Marine Corps. He will discuss the Camp Lejeune Justice Act and other pending military-related litigation, as well as various veterans benefits that every veteran should know about.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:30 a.m. Vet Buds. Uptown Cafe, 9850 Nesbitt Ferry Rd., Johns Creek. Meets third Wednesday each month. [Click here](#) for more information.

Thursday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday each month.

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 22 & 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 9th District Claims Clinic, held in conjunction with Sugar Hill Post 127, the VA and the Georgia VSO's. Lunch will also be offered each day. Veterans needing assistance should bring a copy of their DD-214. If they cannot find it, the team members can help them obtain one.

Saturday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Troop 51's Paint Recycling Fundraiser in the Post's front parking lot. [Click here](#) and scroll the page to see more information.

Monday, Sept. 25, 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.

Thursday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 1. Georgia Military Officers Association of America State Conference. University of North Georgia, Dahlonega. www.gmcmoaa.org

Friday, Sept. 29, "Sinatra & Friends Show" at Post 201. [Click here for details](#).

Saturday, Sept. 30, "Married with Laughter" featuring Jeff Norris and Renee Delorenzo, two stand-up comedians who have been married for 10 years, This is the fifth show in the *Laughter at the Legion* series. [Click here for details](#). Tickets may be purchased online or at the Clubroom/Bar.

Friday Night, Oct. 6. The Simply Awesome Band. Come to the Post for a night of Tina Turner! Smooth Jazz! Blues! R&B! Oldies and More. [Click here for more information](#).

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 7 & 8. Military and Veterans Family Retreat. - - An opportunity is available for military and veteran's families to have a no-cost weekend on Oct. 7 & 8 at YMCA Camp High Harbour at Lake Allatoona. The weekend is made possible through the Brittany &

Kayla Memorial Fund, which was created in memory of two beloved camp staff members who had a passion for serving others. Located only 30 minutes northwest of Atlanta the camp features 84 acres of scenic beauty for campers to explore. [Click here](#) to see more on the program or call 770-532-2267.

Wednesday, Oct. 11. SAL's 6th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament at The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm in Woodstock. [Click here](#) for more information on corporate sponsorship. Contact either Derek Garmon 770-294-4259 or Kevin Solik, 404-483-3230 for more information.

Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 17. The Post's rear parking lot has been rented by the Adult Big Wheel Club for a corporate team building exercise.

Saturday, Nov. 11. Veterans Day.

Sunday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Annual Cruz-In. Planning Lead: Tommy Youngblood. Email - youngbloodtom@att.net. Mobile: 678-462-9023. Leave message if no answer.

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Club 201 Dance Activities

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

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Resource Links

Post 201 Walk of Memories - [Click here](#) for more information.

Survivor Assistance Checklist - [Click this link](#).

Benefits for Georgia Veterans - [Click this link](#).

Past Issues of Post 201 E-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.

VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

Veterans Crisis Line - 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk - 631-720-6022

Emory Healthcare Veterans Program - [888-514-5345](tel:888-514-5345) or [click here](#) for more info.

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*November 26, 1947 - November 26, 2022*

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

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