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## NEWS RELEASE

### *The American Legion Ira Weaver Post 121's First Italian Dinner Fundraiser Well Attended*

Volunteers from each of the Blairsville American Legion family (Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and Legion Riders) teamed together to host its first Italian dinner fundraiser June 26.

The Post served 72 dinners, and everyone complimented the spaghetti and side dishes served. There was also a lot of community fellowship along with the hard work.

“I want to thank all the wonderful and dedicated volunteers that helped make our 1<sup>st</sup> fundraising dinner a success,” Melanie Reed, Post 121 Auxiliary president and team lead for the event said. “This was a great effort by all entities of the American Legion and proves that when we work together as a team, great things can be accomplished.”

The Post 121 team also thanks the community that came out and supported the dinner and because of that, its missions to help local veterans.

“We are grateful for our sponsors, Ingles for their very generous donations of paper products and items to help make the Italian Dinner successful. Also, a big thank you to Crane Creek Winery for the donation of wine and Mountain Outlet for the donation of pasta for the event,” Reed added.

The next Post 121 event planned is hosted by The Sons and Legion Riders with a bike/car wash fundraiser Saturday from 9 am - 3 pm at BankOZK. There will be no set cost, however donations would be appreciated.



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“Anyone willing to volunteer is more than welcome,” explained Glen Cousins, Legion Riders director. “We will also accept any supplies (i.e., hoses, buckets, etc.) that anyone would like to lend us. July 17 is our rain date.”

The Post 121 Auxiliary has scheduled an Ice Cream Social and Bounce House for all veterans and their children, as well as the community to come and see what the American Legion is all about and what it does for veterans. This event is planned for August 21 from 1 to 4 pm at the veteran’s center.

Additionally, October 23 the Post will host a Chili Cook-off for all to come sample some of its veterans’ prize chili recipes and cast your votes for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. This event is open to everyone in the community with more details to come. If any veteran would like to have his or her chili in the cook-off please contact Melanie Reed at [mflake1@bellsouth.net](mailto:mflake1@bellsouth.net) or call or text 404-316-4694.

Most military veterans are eligible to join the American Legion. Interested veterans can check out the Post 121 website [legionpost121.org](http://legionpost121.org) or email [alpost121@gmail.com](mailto:alpost121@gmail.com) for more information.

Members and veterans are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of each month, July 20 this month, at the Major Leon Davenport Veteran's Center at 78 Blue Ridge Highway. The meetings start at 6:30 pm with a complimentary meal starting at 5:30 pm. The Post 121 Auxiliary meets at the same time also in the veteran’s center.

The Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders meet the second Thursday of each month at 6 pm with the next meeting being July 8.

The American Legion is the largest and one of the oldest and most inclusive of all veterans’ organizations worldwide and devotes itself to mutual helpfulness, mentoring youth, advocating patriotic honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to fellow service members and veterans.

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