



Alpharetta Post 201

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Members Approve Funding \$5K to Seed \$20K Fund Raising Effort to Replace Baseball Seats

With 36 members of the Post attending, out of paid-up 2023 membership base of 580, the proposal to allocated \$5,000 to begin the process of replacing all the seats along the first and third base lines of the baseball field was unanimously approved.

However, before the funds can be spent, the Baseball Committee must raise an additional \$20,000 from donations, and the sale of advertising and concessions. During discussions Post Finance Officer Ralph Jordan noted, without revealing details, that several tentative commitments which could be as much as 50% of the \$20,000 needed are on the horizon.

Other highlights of the meeting include:

- A successful Commander's Chili Cook-Off with Mike Roman taking first place in the competition winning \$50. However, when asked following the meeting to share his recipe, he demurred saying that he wouldn't have time to commit it to an email prior to publication deadline. Paul Sheridan, who also prepared the evening's pasta and salad meal took second place (\$30), and Selina Kent's entry took third place (\$20).
- Post Commander Fred Mahony presented Judge Advocated Alan Dudley with an American Legion 100th Anniversary commemorative coin for services to the Post during the past couple of years. Created by acts of Congress to honor a person, place, or event these commemorative coins produced by the U.S. Mint help fund a variety of organizations and projects that benefit the public. The American Legion Coin was created by the Philadelphia mint in 2019. The coin's head design depicts the American Legion emblem adorned by oak leaves and a lily, commemorating the founding of the American Legion in Paris, France. The reverse side design represents the founding of the American Legion in Paris in 1919. Above the

crossed American and American Legion flags is a Fleur-de-lis and the inscription “100 Years of Service.”

- Three students will be participating in the Post’s Oratorical Contest taking place at 10 a.m. this Saturday in the Post’s ballroom. This is the first contest the post has hosted in the past several years and is one of only two in the state’s 9th District this year, according to Post Adjutant Tom Billings. The good news for the contestants is that each of the three will be awarded a cash prize with the first place winner this weekend taking home a check for \$1,000. Second and third place participants will receive checks for \$750 and \$500 respectively. Each participant will speak twice during the competition. The first will be an 8-to-10 minute presentation on the U.S. Constitution. The second will be a 3-to-5 minute presentation on one of the Amendments. A brief reception is scheduled to follow the formal presentation and awards to the winners.
- Committee chairs were reminded that they should plan to present budgets for the coming fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2023, to the Executive Committee at its February meeting.

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Carl Black Buick GMC to Celebrate Post's 75th Anniversary Saturday

Carl Black Buick GMC in Roswell will celebrate Post 201’s 75th anniversary celebration at the dealership this Saturday. Ceremonies are scheduled to start at 12 noon. Several north Fulton mayors are expected to attend and present the Post “Anniversary Greetings” from their cities. A cake-cutting followed by a cookout with hamburgers and hotdogs will follow the formal event.

Post Commander Fred Mahony will lead the delegation from the Post. Also, the dealership has announced that all veterans are eligible for a “We appreciate your service” discount on Saturday. The dealership is located at [11225 Alpharetta Hwy., Roswell.](#)

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Veterans in Suicidal Crisis Can Access Free Mental Health Care from VA, non-VA Sites; Enrollment in VA System Not a Requirement

Starting this past Tuesday, veterans in acute suicidal crisis will be able to go to any VA or non-VA health care facility for emergency health care at no cost – including inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and outpatient care for up to 90 days.

Veterans do not need to be enrolled in the VA system to use this benefit. This expansion of care will help prevent veteran suicide by guaranteeing no cost, world-class care to veterans in times of crisis. It will also increase access to acute suicide care for up to 9 million veterans who are not currently enrolled in VA. [Click here for the full story](#) prepared by the American Legion's national office.

Or [click here for a news story](#) about the new entitlement for veterans in crisis prepared by NBC News.

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'Widow's Tax' on Survivors Ends Feb. 1

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 1 benefits checks won't have the so-called "widow's tax" reducing income for the surviving spouses of military retirees who participate in two programs.

Until 2020, survivors couldn't receive the full amount of two survivor benefits at the same time. Under the rule known as the Survivor Benefit Plan "offset," the government reduced payments that were part of that program by the amount of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation that beneficiaries received from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

[Click here to read the Military.com story.](#)

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

Thursday, Jan 19, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m. Post 201 Oratorical Contest in the Ballroom. This is the first one Post 201 has conducted in five years. Four contestants are currently registered to speak. The annual American Legion Oratorical Contest seeks to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students.

Saturday, Jan 21, Atlanta WW II Roundtable Monthly Meeting. 10:45 a.m., Social period & brief meeting. 11:15 a.m., Lunch meeting (\$20 per person cash or check accepted at the door) with 100-year-old WWII veteran Bill Norberg as the guest speaker. Norberg was on the bridge of the USS Enterprise during the entire war. The Enterprise fought more major actions than any other U.S. ship. Reservation are required. Contact Bill LeCount, 404-886-7383, by close of business, Tuesday, Jan. 17 to RSVP. Meeting location: Dunwoody United Methodist Church, [1548 Mt. Vernon Rd., Dunwoody.](#)

Monday, Jan. 23, 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.

Friday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night. \$50 includes a flight of three bourbon tastings, a cigar and hors d'oeuvres. Purchase tickets at the Clubroom/Bar.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 3 p.m. Atlanta Gladiators Military and First Responders Day. The Atlanta Gladiators invite all American Legion members, friends, family and supporters out to cheer on the Atlanta Gladiators as they take on the Savannah Ghost Pirates on Military and First Responders Day. As part of the pre-game action, select members of the American Legion will be our official game starters, by performing the traditional "Let's Play Hockey." [Click here for more details.](#)

Saturday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. Laughter at the Legion, III - - a Valentine's Day Sweetheart Special. Doors open at 6 p.m. Individual non-reserved seats are \$40 each and can be purchased online [by clicking here](#), or they may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar. Tables (6 seats) are \$240 each. Tables should be purchased through the Clubroom/Bar when the bar is open for service.

Saturday, April 29, All Day. American Legion Family Day. The American Legion National Executive Committee unanimously passed a resolution at its meeting on Oct. 12 & 13, 2022 in Indianapolis which establishes American Legion Family Day to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April. It encourages Posts to open their doors to members of their community for a day and celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members, and the American Legion Auxiliary. [Click here](#) for more information.

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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.

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

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

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

**Post 201 - Serving Vets for 75 Years**  
*November 26, 1947 - November 26, 2022*

