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Alpharetta Rotarians to Make 'Getting To Know You' Visit Tuesday Afternoon *Bar Sales Tuesday Support New Flag Pole Purchase*

Members attending Tuesday evening's membership meeting learned approximately 20 men and women from the Alpharetta Rotary Club will be visiting the Post this coming Tuesday (Feb. 28). The visit is part of the Rotary Club's outreach to other groups and organizations in the area that also have 'community service' as part of their mission.

The Rotarians informal 'getting to know you' visit at the Post is expected to start at 5 p.m. time frame and last for two-to-three hours.

During Finance Officer Ralph Jordan's discussion of the planned Rotary visit, and in response to House Committee Chair Ralph Fike's report he is working with a local company to buy and install a new U.S. flag pole in the ring of flags at the front door, the membership unanimously approved a motion made by Jordan that proceeds from bar sales on Tuesday be designated to help purchase the new flag pole.

Fike said the estimated cost to replace the existing, non-functioning pole with a new, "real flag pole" was in the range of \$1,700. A pulley on the old metal pole broke more than two months ago, which prohibited flying the U.S. flag.

District 9 Commander Gary Ely was a guest at Tuesday night's meeting. During his comments to the 25 Legionnaires in the audience Ely said his objective was to visit all 21 Posts in the district during the year. He also discussed in some detail how he tracks paid membership in District 9 and commended Post 201 for having reached 92 per cent of goal (643 paid memberships against a goal of 700) for calendar year 2023.

He also discussed the National organization's focus on the membership year being a Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 year. As part of that new emphasis, National currently provides a 31-day grace period if dues are not paid on time.

Responding to an observation from a member of the Post that historically membership counting for purposes of voting at the state convention has always been extended to a week or so before the State's mid-year convention, Ely said the Legion's Constitution identifies the membership year as ending on Dec. 31.

Although he, as well as Post Adjutant Tom Billings, noted that currently the membership “grace period” has been extended beyond the Jan. 31 cutoff, it would be unwise to assume the same “laxness” in identifying late dues payers would continue in future years.

Six new members and four transfers were approved for membership.

Transfers are Salvador Taguba from Post 163, Statham, Ga.; and Robert Wiser, Michael Turner and Roy Kiefer, all of GA Post 400.

New members are John A. Bolt III, USA, Gulf; Mason D. Bean, USN, GWOT; Ronald Bass, USA, Viet Nam; James W. Kelley, USAF; Hannah Finck, USN, GWOT; and Thomas Scrimo, USMC, GWOT.

Other meeting notes include:

- - Recognizing the deaths of ‘Submarine Mike’ Kotler and Fred Pike.
- - Announcing that Paul Sheridan is looking for a continuing stream of volunteers to support the baseball field concession stand operations which will generate income for the Post.
- - The Post plans to present four \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors this year. Applications will be available soon. Contact Tom Billings, Post adjutant, for more information.
- - There are growing concerns with the inability to get performance issues with equipment leased for Bingo resolved. Consideration is being given to finding another vendor.
- - Post Commander Fred Mahony asked he and the Post Adjutant be contacted direct when a member learns of another’s death. Passing messages to whoever might answer the Post phone, depending on the time of the call is answered, have slowed the notification process to him and the adjutant.
- - SAL reported that they have reached 74 per cent of their membership renewal goal.
- - John Dowd was commended for his work to hook up point-of-sale equipment at the concession stand.
- - Much of the information reported by the various committees during the meeting duplicated reports previously provided to the executive committee at its Feb. 14 meeting. [Click here to read](#) coverage of that meeting in the Feb. 16 issue of this publication.

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

VA Says Key Agreement Reached with Union to Better Serve Vets, Support Employees [Click here to read.](#)

U.S. Military had Terabytes of Emails on the Open Web for Weeks
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Air Force Built One of the World's Fastest Computers Out of PlayStations
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Viet Nam Era Special Forces Officer to Receive Medal of Honor after Decades of Delays [Click here to read.](#)

NASA Says China Likely Behind Green Lasers Over Hawaii
[Click here to read.](#)

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

King's Ridge Baseball at Post 201. Season schedules for the Varsity and JV teams are published on the Post's web site, www.legion201.org. Click on the "Baseball" link.

Thursday, Feb. 23, 6 p.m. Johns Creek Veterans Association (JCVA). Meeting will be at Taylor Lodge which is part of St. Benedict Catholic Church in Johns Creek, 11045 Parsons Road, Johns Creek 30097 (between Abbotts Bridge Road (Hwy 120) and Medlock Bridge Rd (Hwy 141). This venue is temporary until repairs are complete at Park Place at Newtown Park - hopefully in time for JCVA's March 23 meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. "The Untold Story of the Rise of Imperial Japan" with Jeff Johnson. Northeast Georgia Veterans Society meeting at the North Georgia Barbeque's banquet room, 897 South Main St., Cleveland, Ga. To RSVP contact Ron Webb at jrwgman@yahoo.com.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rocking Boots Line Dance Party in the ballroom. Participants can enjoy dancing to their favorite sounds. Admission is \$15 cash or credit at the door. Bring lunch or food to share. Bottled water will be provided. Door Prizes. All proceeds support troops and veterans services. See the flyer on the "Events" page of www.legion201.org or email nancyjanthony@comcast.net for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 25, 6 p.m. Membership Appreciation Night hosted by the SAL and Auxiliary. Activities include Karaoke with Jeff Martin, food (pizza, wings, sliders, etc.) and beverages. Members are welcome to bring a side dish to event. Beverages will be until the "SAL/Auxiliary budget for the evening is spent." Contact Derek (SAL) or Joanna (Auxiliary) Garmon for more information.

Monday, Feb. 27, 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, Mar. 2, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Friday, Mar. 3, U.S. Navy Reserves Birthday.

Saturday, Mar. 4, 8 a.m. First Saturday Informal 'Pot Luck' Breakfast for members. Cooking generally starts around 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. Meal served in 9 a.m. time frame. Be sure to bring something to share. For more info contact John Dowd, 770-366-1284, or email jedowd3@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Mar. 7, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting. Note: This is the shift back to Tuesday evenings from the previous Saturday morning meetings.

Tuesday, Mar. 14, 7 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, Mar. 15. American Legion's 104th Birthday

Thursday, Mar. 16, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

Friday, March 17. St. Patrick's Day in the Clubroom. Irish whiskey will be the day's special drink. And other, as yet-to-be disclosed plans are being developed.

Sunday, Mar. 19. National Medal of Honor Day. Recognizes all Medal of Honor recipients. Created in 1861, it is the highest military award for valor in the United States.

Sunday, Mar. 19, 2 p.m. 8 Ball Pool Tournament

Tuesday, Mar. 21, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Wednesday, Mar. 29. Viet Nam Veterans Day. President Donald J. Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 on Mar. 28, 2017 to officially recognize March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. On this day in 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived on American soil. It is also the date President Richard Nixon chose for the first Vietnam Veterans Day in 1974.

Friday, Mar. 31, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. "Variety of Legends" Tribute Show starring Conner Lorre. Funds raised benefit American Legion Pickens Post 149. Doors open at 5 p.m. Check him out by [clicking here](#). Regular admission: \$20 donation. Seniors (65+) and Veterans: \$15 donation. Chattahoochee Technical College Auditorium, 100 Campus Drive, Jasper. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets online.

Saturday, April 29, 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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