

Alpharetta Post 201

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Tomorrow at Post 201

Everybody's Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Wear green if you have it, but if not don't let that stop you. Drop by the Post tomorrow to sample an Irish Whiskey drink special, or a Guinness beer which will also be on special starting when the Clubroom/Bar opens and lasting until the close of the evening - - or until the supply is consumed, whichever comes first!

In addition, a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served starting in the 5:30 p.m. time frame.

The liquor special is Limavady Single Barrel Irish Whiskey from the town of Limavady, northwest of Belfast in Northern Ireland. Limavady's is a single malt, triple-distilled whiskey brewed from 100% malted Irish barley. Master distiller Darryl McNally is a leader on single barrel releases within the Irish whiskey scene.

The whiskey is matured in first-fill bourbon barrels, and finished in Pedro Ximénez casks. The final product delivers a lusciously sweet combination of barley sugar, butterscotch, candied orange peel, and pepperiness.

Beer drinkers who aren't familiar with Guinness will find it has a malty sweetness and a hoppy bitterness, with notes of coffee and chocolate. A roasted flavor also comes through, courtesy of the roasted un-malted barley that goes into its brewing. It has a sweet nose, with hints of malt breaking through, and its palate is smooth, creamy, and balanced. Now for the real serious question: Is Guinness good for you?

You need to decide that for yourself, but <u>check out this link</u> as part of your decision making process. You'll find that the health properties of Guinness are actually more complex than they seem. In fact, thanks to some unique and surprising properties, the drink really can have some tangible benefits - -- - at least according to this article.

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Post News Notes of Interest

Raffle Committee Volunteers Needed - - Now that the Post has a raffle license in hand, Commander Fred Mahony is looking for volunteers to serve on a 'to be created' Raffle Committee. While specific committee responsibilities are still being developed, members of the committee can anticipate being involved in picking/choosing what raffles will be played at the Post, establishing the rules for each of the games, how often they will be played and how the winnings will be distributed - - - with the understanding that the two beneficiaries will be the Post and the winner or winners of each raffle with the expectation that the split will be 50/50. If you want to volunteer, get in touch with the commander on or before close of business Friday, April 24.

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A Big Thank You 'Shout Out' - - Digging ditches isn't fun. Just ask anyone who's done it. So Dave Kirchner, who has be honchoing the concession stand remodeling project, gave a special shout out at Tuesday night's executive committee meeting to Alan Roberts and Wendell Kelly. According to Kirchner the two have done "an incredible, difficult, but very necessary" job of digging a French drain at the rear of the concession stand.

The drain trench is between 75-80 feet long and about 4 1/2 feet deep. It's designed to catch water that rolls down the hill behind the concession stand and divert it further down the hill toward the baseball field. If you need to know why the drain is needed, just ask Kirchner about the condition of the rear wall of the concession stand before the remodel. Does the term "rotting wood that needed to be replaced" sound familiar?

General Membership Meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday - - Be sure to put next Tuesday's General Membership meeting on your calendar and plan to attend. Dinner featuring Chicken à la King along with the ever-famous 'TBD' side dishes will be served prior to the meeting. Paul Sheridan needs two or three volunteers to help him with meal setup and breakdown. Let him know if you're available.

Although a formal agenda has not yet been published the election of officers process for the coming year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 will be on the agenda. Also the Post's recent oratorical contest winner, Vinayak Menon, 18, who is a student at Forsyth County's Lambert High School is scheduled to deliver his winning 10-minute speech at the meeting. His presentation, "The U.S. Constitution - - The Compass to a More Perfect Union" earned him a \$1,000 scholarship check from the Post.

~ ~ Military- Veterans Related News ~ ~

(Not likely to be published locally in other media.)

VA to Cover New Drug for Early Stage Alzheimer's Disease Click here to read.

VA Announces Goal to House 38,000+ Homeless Veterans During 2023 Click here to read.

Commentary: Why the U.S. is Going Full Throttle on Hypersonic Missiles <u>Click here to read.</u>

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, <u>www.legion201.org.</u> Click on the "Baseball" link.

Thursday, Mar. 16, 11:30 a.m. Georgia Mountain Chapter - Military Officers Association of America monthly lunch meeting. Golden Corral, 2025 Market Place Blvd., Cumming. Meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

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. Drink specials and meal service starting a 5:30 p.m.

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.

Thursday, Mar. 23, 6 p.m. Johns Creek Veterans Association monthly meeting, Park Place Building, Newtown Park, Johns Creek.

Monday, Mar. 27, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002. Meets 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Ron Cowan, 404-509-1700, <u>roncowan@bellsouth.net</u> or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, <u>jim.davis@comcast.net</u>.

Wednesday, Mar. 29. Viet Nam Veterans Day. The Johns Creek Veterans Association will celebrate the day with a 12 noon ceremony at The Wall That Heals, Newtown Park, 3150 Old Alabama Rd, Johns Creek. <u>Click here for more information.</u>

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 <u>by clicking here</u>. Regular admission: \$20 donation. Seniors (65+) and Veterans: \$15 donation. Chattahoochee Technical College Auditorium, 100 Campus Drive, Jasper. <u>Click here to purchase tickets online</u>.

Saturday, Apr. 1, 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. First responders who attend are exempt from the 'bring something to share' expectation. For more info contact John Dowd, 770-366-1284, or email jedowd3@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Apr. 4, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Apr. 11, 7 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Thursday, Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Friday, Apr. 28, 7 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night. Taste a flight of three bourbons, smoke of fine 'stogie,' and sample some outstanding hors d'oeuvres - - - all in the interest of raising funds to benefit veterans. Tickets for the 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. event are \$50 each if purchased at the Clubroom/Bar prior Friday, Apr. 21. After that the price jumps to \$60 per person.

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. <u>Click here for more information</u>.

Saturday, Jun. 3, 8 a.m. Ride for Vets - - a motorcycle ride to support veterans with PTSD. Sponsored by the Johns Creek Veterans Association. \$50 entry fee per motorcycle. Click here for more information.

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Club 201 Dance Activities

Visit both <u>www.club201dance.com</u> and the <u>Club 201 Dance FaceBook Page</u> for detailed information about all dance activities and schedules.

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Resource Links

Scholarship Applications - - Forms for the Post's annual scholarship program are available for download <u>by clicking here</u>. This year the Post raised the value of each scholarship from \$1,000 to \$1,500 Plans call for presenting four scholarships to graduating seniors. Applications must be received by Saturday, Apr. 1. Contact Tom Billings, Post adjutant, for more information.

Post 201 Walk of Memories - <u>Click here</u> for more information.

Past Issues of Post 201 E-Newsletter - Visit <u>www.legion201.org</u> and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

Post 201 Website - <u>www.legion201.org</u>.

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.

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

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