



# Alpharetta Post 201

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## Five Leadership Positions Contested, Two Skate Uncontested; Elections Set For Tuesday, May 16 Membership Meet

All the nominations for next year's leadership team are now in place with elections scheduled for the 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 general membership meeting. Two positions, the Finance officer and the Jr. Vice Commander, only have one nomination each. So Ralph Jordan is the presumptive winner of the Finance officer slot, and Tom Richardson is the presumptive winner of the Jr. Vice Commander vacancy.

However the remaining five open positions have two candidates running for each slot. They are:

Commander - Tom Billings, nominated by Fred Mahony; and Dave Kirchner, nominated by Jim Nessia. The winner of this race will serve for one-year, completing the unexpired term of the current Post Commander Fred Mahony who announced previously that he will not serve the second year of his two-year term due to personal plans which will be taking him away from the local area.

Sr. Vice Commander - Alan Dudley, nominated by Dave Kirchner; and Jeff Rahn, nominated by Ed Holben.

Judge Advocate - Bob Byrd who was self nominated; and Ralph Fike, nominated by David Kirchner.

Executive Committee Member (3 year term) – Tina Johnson, nominated by John Dowd; and Bob Moye, nominated by Alan Dudley.

When questioned about running for Judge Advocate while he has one year remaining on his three-year term as a member of the executive committee, Byrd said if he was elected Judge Advocate he would resign his executive committee position. Then that open position would be filled by next year's Leadership team who would appoint a member of the Post to fill the remaining year of Byrd's executive committee member term.

If he is not elected Judge Advocate Byrd said he would remain in his executive committee member slot for the remainder of his term.

Candidates must provide a copy of their DD-214 to the Post Adjutant to be certified as eligible by the Credentials Committee prior to the election. And members who plan to vote at next month's

election must be a Post 201 Legionnaire in good standing and paid up for Calendar Year 2023. They will also be asked to present their current membership card prior to being provided a ballot.

### *Other Meeting Activities*

In other action the members approved:

- a budget of \$2,000 to support the upcoming Family Day at the Legion on Saturday, Apr. 29.
- \$150 to bring the already approved \$350 donation to the “Submarine” Mike Kotler Scholarship up to \$500. This would be the Post’s contribution to fund an anticipated \$4,000 scholarship in his memory. Mike’s VFW Post (which meets at Post 201) has committed \$2,000 toward the goal and the Johns Creek Veterans Association anticipates making up the difference to bring the scholarship to the \$4,000 goal. The scholarship would be presented by the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame to a JROTC high school senior who plans to attend a university or college in Georgia, continue to participate in ROTC and accept a commission upon graduation.
- spending \$1,350 to complete the flooring in the Clubroom/Bar area.
- purchasing a new beer tub for the Clubroom/Bar for \$1,553.71.
- a \$2,490.73 contract with EMC Security of Suwanee for a new security system which would be installed by John Dowd at no cost. In addition, the EMC charges of \$99 sign up fee and a \$30.95 monthly monitoring fee. The monthly monitoring fee is slightly less than half the fee charged by American Alarm who currently has the Post’s contract.

The 28 meeting attendees approved two transfers and four new members. Transfers are Douglas H. Swift, USAF; and Mark D’atangelo, USN. New members are Thomas Scrimo, USMC; John Kimber, USN; Adam Riggs, USCG; and Horace W. Strand, Jr., USMC. The Post’s membership now stands at 96 per cent of the 700 member goal.

Bob Byrd announced plans to start a raffle game in the Clubroom/Bar sometime during the month of May. He also called attention to the Military Unit plaques hanging on the wall in the Clubroom that honor Legion member’s military units.

If members would like to have their unit, or a member of their family’s unit displayed, contact him. His email is [bobbyrd947@gmail.com](mailto:bobbyrd947@gmail.com). Plaques range in cost from \$80 for a 20” x 16” to less than \$80 for smaller sizes. As an alternative, members may want to add their distinctive unit insignia to a plaque already displayed.

Alan Dudley reported that the concession stand has grossed in the range of \$5,000 in sales during the King’s Ridge baseball season.

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## **'Family Day' Planners Need Volunteers For 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 29 Event**

“Family Day” planners will meet in the 6:15/6:30 p.m. time frame tonight at the Post to continue pulling together the Saturday, Apr. 29 event which is schedule to start at 10 a.m. and run until 2 p.m.

In addition to asking any interested in helping to attend tonight's meeting if possible, they are also putting out a "Desperately Need Volunteers" call for the day. "This is the first Family Day event the Post has hosted and we want it to be a success for our members as well as our community," said co-chair Ellen Terrell-Youngblood.

Many of the volunteer activities can be done in shifts including: set up/clean up; cooking and serving hamburgers/hotdogs; cashiering; working at a membership solicitation table for the Legion, SAL and the Auxiliary; working an arts and crafts table; the bounce houses; the cake walk which includes a need for cakes in addition to volunteers; the scavenger hunt; parking; and possibly the corn hole game.

If you can volunteer, but cannot attend tonight's meeting drop an email to the Post at [americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com) and put the words "Family Day Volunteer" in the subject line. And in the text ID what you'd like to do. Either Ellen or the other co-chair, DiAna Casale, will find you.

American Legion Family Day is an annual event that the National Executive Committee unanimously supported at its meeting on Oct. 12 & 13, 2022 in Indianapolis. It should be celebrated each year on the last Saturday of April. Posts are encouraged to use the opportunity to open their doors to members of their community 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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## **Bourbon & Cigar Night Ticket Price Jumps to \$60 per person Saturday**

If you are planning to attend the Friday, Apr. 28 Bourbon and Cigar Night at the Post, don't forget that the ticket price jumps from \$50 to \$60 per person after close of business on Friday. So why waste \$10 on a more expensive ticket, if you can buy one during the next two days and apply the \$10 you save to a follow-up drink!

Bourbon tastings at the April 28 event scheduled for 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. will be Eagle Rare, 1792, and Redneck Riviera. The selected cigar for the evening is Oliva. And remember that 10 per cent of the proceeds from sale of bottles of Redneck Riviera are donated to the veterans charity Folds of Honor,

So get your ticket and plan to 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.

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## **Looking for Japan Occupation-Era Veterans**

The Atlanta World War II Round Table has been contacted by an Atlanta-based documentary filmmaker who is producing a program about the U.S. Occupation of Japan. The filmmakers are interested in interviewing living World War II veterans who participated in the occupation and would be willing to share their experiences, particularly regarding the conditions in post-war Japan and personal encounters with the Japanese people, and attitudes of the Allied leadership, GI's and the Japanese people.

If you are such a World War II veteran or know of someone who was part of the Allied Occupation forces, please contact Jeff Johnson of the Atlanta World War II Round Table at (678) 230-6705 or [heyitzjj@gmail.com](mailto:heyitzjj@gmail.com).

Japan was occupied and administered by the Allies of World War II from the surrender of the Empire of Japan on Sept. 2, 1945 until the Treaty of San Francisco took effect on Apr. 28, 1952.

Unlike the occupation of Germany and Austria, the Soviet Union had little to no influence over the occupation of Japan, declining to participate because it did not want to place Soviet troops under General Douglas MacArthur's direct command.

(Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occupation\\_of\\_Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occupation_of_Japan) )

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## Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

**Thursday, Apr. 20, 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, Apr. 20, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart.** Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

**Monday, Apr. 24, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002.** Meets 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Ron Cowan, 404-509-1700, [roncowan@bellsouth.net](mailto:roncowan@bellsouth.net) or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, [jim.davis@comcast.net](mailto:jim.davis@comcast.net).

**Friday, Apr. 28, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night.** Tickets are \$50 each if purchased at the Clubroom/Bar prior to COB Friday, Apr. 21. After that the price jumps to \$60 per person.

**Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. American Legion Family Day at the Post.**

**Tuesday, May 2, 4 p.m. Special Executive Committee Meeting** to discuss the Post's FY 23-24 Budget.

**Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.**

**Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Saturday, May 6, 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](mailto:jedowd3@gmail.com).

**Monday, May 8. 13th Annual MSgt. George "Rip" and Barbara Masters Golf Tournament.** Cobblestone Golf Course, 4200 Nance Rd. Acworth. Shotgun start 9 a.m. Individual player registration \$125. Proceeds to benefit The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund. Contact Craig Moore, tournament director, for more information, sponsorship opportunities and registration details. Email: [craigmoore10@hotmail.com](mailto:craigmoore10@hotmail.com), phone 404-934-6337.

**Tuesday, May 9 - Saturday, May 13. 8 a.m. to Sunset. Paint the Town.** The Post will host artists who may wish to create paintings at the Post. Paint the Town is a five-day artist invitational where artists of all media from around the country will paint outdoor locations around Alpharetta. Their work will be on exhibition at the Alpharetta Arts Center May 13 - June 10.

**Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting and Election of New Leadership for Next Year.**

**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.](#)

**Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m. Laughter at the Legion** featuring Atlanta-based comedians Lace Larrabee and Nick Murphy. Individual general admission tickets are now on sale at the Clubroom/Bar only. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$150 for a table for six. **Buy your tickets now,** because on Tuesday, May 2 the price jumps to \$35 per ticket or \$210 for a table of six. Each of the \$35 tickets include one free drink.

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## ***Club 201 Dance Activities***

Visit both [www.club201dance.com](http://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](http://www.legion201.org) and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

**Post 201 Website** - [www.legion201.org](http://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

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It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

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