



## **Alpharetta Post 201**

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### **Post to Celebrate Cinco de Mayo With Taco Bar, Tequila Specials**

Mexican culture and heritage will be celebrated tomorrow and through the weekend in the Post's Clubroom/Bar. Jose Cuervo margaritas will be \$3 each and a shot of any Jose Cuervo product will be available for \$2 each.

In addition a taco bar will be available starting tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. until all the food is gone. The taco bar will be \$6 per person. The back bar and non-members will have the usual \$1 mark up on the drink prices.

In the interest of keeping the Cinco de Mayo "spirit" alive at the Post for the remainder of the weekend, the Jose Cuervo 'specials' will be continued on Saturday and Sunday.

A little Cinco de Mayo background: Cinco de Mayo celebrates the anniversary of Mexico's victory over the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. France had sent troops to Mexico in hopes of taking control of Mexican territory to expand its empire.

Although the victory over the French army was a morale boost for the Mexicans at the time, Cinco de Mayo is not that important in Mexico today. Primarily it's a celebration in the state of Puebla.

In the rest of the county they honor Independence Day on September 16, which is the nation's most important national holiday. In the United States, however, Cinco de Mayo has become a way to honor Mexican culture and heritage.

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### **Post Clean Up Planned For Armed Forces Day**

This year's Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, is slated to be a Clean Up at Post 201 day. In addition to student volunteers from the Beta Club at Johns Creek's Chattahoochee High School the Post is looking for members of the Post 201 'family' to volunteer and join the students starting at 9 a.m.

House Committee Chair Ralph Fike has a number of clean up ‘zones’ which need some attention. His list includes brush on the fence side at the Wills Road entrance, pine cone pick up in the Walk of Memories area, underbrush cleanup around all the Magnolia trees along the baseball field’s outfield fence, some general cleanup around the concession stand, and underbrush cleaning along the grass area next to the fence at the back of the Post.

That’s just his starter list. He has more based on volunteer turnout. In return for services that day he says the Post will be providing free hamburgers, hotdogs and soft drinks for those who help with the general cleanup effort. Get in touch with him for more information, or if you want to volunteer, let him know soonest. His email is [ralptangofoxtrot@gmail.com](mailto:ralptangofoxtrot@gmail.com), or see him in person at the Post.

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## **Advance Sale Laughter at the Legion \$25 Ticket Price Extended Until May 17**

Laughter at the Legion’s advance (early bird) ticket sales at \$25 per person (open seating) has been extended until Wednesday, May 17. After that the price will jump to \$35 per ticket, but the \$10 price jump will include one drink ticket.

Tickets, along with more information about the show, are also available at both pricing levels on EventBrite. [Click here to visit the site.](#)

However, if you want to save a little ‘coin’ buy your ticket at the Clubroom/Bar to avoid the online ticket handling fee and sales tax which is \$4.19 Fee +\$3.04 Sales Tax for the \$35 ticket and \$3.52 Fee +\$2.21 Sales Tax for the \$25 ‘early bird’ ticket.

The Saturday, June 10 show, which starts at 8 p.m., features Atlantans Lace Larrabee and Nick Murphy.

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## **Brief Post News Notes**

**SAL Golf** - - The 6th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 11 at The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm in Woodstock. They are looking for corporate sponsors as well as those who might want to play. [Click here](#) for more information on corporate sponsorship. Or contact either Derek Garmon 770-294-4259 or Kevin Solik, 404-483-3230 for more information.

**Bourbon & Cigar Night** - - This past Friday’s event netted, after expenses, more income than any of the previous five B&C nights. After expenses the April 28 evening cleared \$1,125.68. The next highest was the May 13, 2022 evening with \$800.77. The lowest net income of \$127.39 came on Jan. 27, 2022. In total, the six B&C Nights starting with the first one on Oct. 28, 2021 have netted \$3,650.91 or an average of \$608.48 per event.

**Family Day at the Legion** - - Thanks to all the volunteers who showed up and supported Co Chairs DiAna Casale and Ellen Youngblood. Volunteers included Judy Lively, Karen Hicks, Paul Sheridan, Bruce Hay, Michael Martinez, Melissa Martinez, Bob Anderson, Selina Kent, Cheirie Lowery, Hank Wesloski, Cheryl Guenther, Elaine Van Camp, Linda Stancil-Redner, Kim Oliver, Tommy Youngblood and Ed Lively. Perhaps the best sound of the day was the children enjoying the

bounce house. It sure echoed further than the “thump, thump” of the bags hitting the corn hole targets. Let's don't wait too late to start thinking now about next year.

**Inquiring Minds want to Know** - - How have Bud Light sales been at the Post for the past three months? Here's the answer. February-\$683, March-\$815 and April-\$466. Clearly Bud Light sales as the Post seem to be tracking national sales. A May 1 article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* said, “In the week that ended April 22, the brand's in-store sales plummeted more than 26% . . . And the decline is only accelerating. The week before, sales dropped by 21%. The week before that, it was 11%.”

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

*An Interesting Story in Two Segments from American Military News*

**Navy Ships Appear to Play ‘Chicken’ in San Diego Bay** - - Part 1 of 2

[Click here to read](#) the story and see the video.

**Navy Requested San Diego Webcams Shut Down** - - Part 2 of 2

[Click here to read](#) the follow up story.

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**Feds Wrote \$128M in Duplicate Checks to Docs Caring for Vets, Report Finds**

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

**2 Lawmakers Trying to Expand Access to Outside Doctors for Vets Despite VA Push to Rein in Costs**

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

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## **Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities**

**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).

**Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m. Shuffleboard Tournament.** Blind draw doubles, double elimination. Signup starts at 1:30 p.m.

**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.**

**Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart.** Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

**Saturday, May 20. Armed Forces Day.** Post 201 clean up day starting at 9 a.m.

**Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cumming American Legion Post 307** Armed Force Day BBQ fundraiser at Beaver Toyota, 1875 Buford Highway, Cumming. Tickets are \$10 per person. Enjoy live music and Socks' Love Barbecue.

**Saturday, May 20, 7 p.m. AboutFace-USA Charity Poker Tournament** to help prevent veteran suicide. Stars and Strikes, 133 Merchant Square, Cumming. [Click here](#) for details.

**Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. 8-Ball Pool Tournament.** Play starts at 2 p.m.

**Monday, May 22, 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).

**Monday, May 29. Memorial Day.**

**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. Visit [www.legion201.org](http://www.legion201.org) for more information.

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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 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*

