



# Alpharetta Post 201

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## 2-Day District 9 'Revitalization' Starts Tomorrow at Post 201

The Department of Georgia's District 9 "Revitalization" kicks off at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning in the Post's Ballroom. This two-day event concludes at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Attendees will be able to visit with American Legion staff members to discuss veterans' benefits, VA benefits, renewing their 2024 memberships, and other associated training opportunities. A department veteran service officer will also be available to assist area veterans with claims or other veteran benefit-related questions. An attorney who practices veterans law will also be available.

Volunteers from the Post 201 are needed to support this activity. Contact House Committee Chair Ralph Fike, [ralphtangofxtrot@gmail.com](mailto:ralphtangofxtrot@gmail.com), or Events Chair David Kirchner, [davekirchnerusmc@yahoo.com](mailto:davekirchnerusmc@yahoo.com) if you can spare some time on either or both days.

Military veterans from the 16 North Georgia counties of Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens, Cherokee, Towns, White, Hall, Habersham, Union, Lumpkin, Dawson, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Rabun, and Stephens have been invited to attend on either day.

District 9 Commander Gary Ely said this two-day event at the Post reflects the Legion's "focus on community service and assistance to veterans."

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## Old Soldiers Day Plans Feature N2U Band from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The well known, local area band, N2U, has been booked to perform during Old Soldiers' Day this year at the Post.

The four-piece combo, whose members have done studio work in Nashville, as well as playing USO tours for servicemen and women in far-flung locations, and locally at American Legion posts in Marietta and Jonesboro, as well as other clubs and civic organizations, will be bringing country, Southern Rock, R&B, Blues, 50's Oldies, 60's 70's, an 80's or 90's sounds along with an occasional touch of jazz to the Post ballroom between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This musical Saturday, Aug. 5 mid-day show will be preceded by a formal OSD ceremony on the Post grounds slated to start at 10 a.m. time frame. The Johns Creek Veterans Association Color Guard and the Greater Atlanta Buffalo Soldiers from Decatur are also scheduled to participate.

The Post's Clubroom/Bar will be open for business at 11 a.m. rather than the usual 1 p.m. "open for business" start time on Saturdays, event chairman David Kirchner said.

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## ~ News of Note ~

**Special Executive Committee Meeting** - - A special meeting of the executive committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. today to discuss Clubroom Operations and Issues Management. At press time the meeting was scheduled to be in the back office area adjacent to the ballroom. The meeting is open to interested members of the Post.

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**Four-legged "Friend of the Post" Dies** - - CiCi, the Southern lady whose first visit to the Post was slightly more than a decade ago, died this past Saturday. She was 10 years, 4 months old.

Her human companions, Ellen and Tommy Youngblood, remember fondly that CiCi was a very young pup when she was introduced to the Post membership. In fact, as Tommy notes, "I took CiCi to the Legion at eight weeks old. We were on the way home after adopting her at the Humane Society and I stopped by the Post first."

CiCi's more than once-or-twice-a-week visits will be missed. We hope that while she is romping around the meadows and hills of the Rainbow Bridge, she'll find time to search out Snoopy and share stories of their time at the Post - - - just like the human members of the Post are known to do at times. [Click here to visit](#) a photo tribute to CiCi.

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**Scholarship Presentations** - - The Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame will present scholarships in memory of "Submarine" Mike Kotler and Tommy Clack at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 2 to Joshua Acklen of Roswell, and David Blackwell of Marietta. Both are recent graduates of the JROTC program at The King's Academy in Woodstock. Both are entering freshmen and ROTC cadets at the University of North Georgia.

The presentations will be made in front of the Vietnam Wall at the Veterans Memorial Walk in Newtown Park in Johns Creek, 3150 Old Alabama Rd.

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## Vet Fair Scheduled Aug. 4-5 At Cobb County Civic Center

We CARE Veterans will host fair on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 4-5 at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta which will provide a variety of on-site services to veterans and their families.

Attendees will have free access to government programs, healthcare services, educational opportunities, job placement assistance, and financial aid options. There will also be representatives from over 100 organizations and agencies, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, Nonprofit

Organizations, and local community groups, who can provide guidance and assistance on various issues.

Additionally, the fair will feature opportunities such as navigating the VA system, understanding and applying for benefits, mental health support, and PACT Act Evaluations.

The fair will provide no-cost, on-site legal assistance, housing resources, and aging information, ensuring that all Veterans, regardless of age, socio-economic background, or military history, have access to comprehensive support networks.

Admission is free, as are all services at the fair. For more information [click here](#), call 770-973-0014, or visit [www.wecarevetfair.com](http://www.wecarevetfair.com).

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## Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

### **[Click here to see the most current baseball schedule for the Post's field.](#)**

Volunteers are needed to work at the concession stand. A signup sheet is posted on the Clubroom bulletin board, or contact a member of the Baseball Committee.

Also [check out this link](#) about American Legion Baseball!

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

**Saturday, July 22, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Summer Rockin' Boots Line Dance Party.** Enjoy an afternoon of line dancing. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. [Click here for details.](#)

**Monday, July 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, July 28, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Scotch and Cigar Night.** Tickets, which may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar, are \$40 per person until July 14. \$50 per ticket after that. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Sunday, July 30, 3 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for "Korea Jim" Kallinen.**

**Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.**

**Saturday, Aug. 5, 8 a.m. First Saturday Pot Luck Breakfast** for members of the Post family and first responders. Rescheduled from Saturday, July 1. 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 are not expected to 'bring a dish to share'. This is an opportunity for members of the Post 201 family to gather in an informal setting. For more info contact John Dowd, 770-366-1284, or email [jedowd3@gmail.com](mailto:jedowd3@gmail.com).

**Saturday, Aug. 5. Annual Old Soldier's Day.** Ceremony on the grounds, 10 a.m. Clubroom/Bar opens at 11 a.m. N2U plays in ballroom from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug 8, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, Aug. 15. 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.**

**Thursday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 1.** Georgia Military Officers Association of America State Conference. University of North Georgia, Dahlonega. [www.gmcmoaa.org](http://www.gmcmoaa.org)

**Wednesday, Oct. 11. SAL's 6th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament** at The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm in Woodstock. [Click here](#) for more information on corporate sponsorship. Contact either Derek Garmon 770-294-4259 or Kevin Solik, 404-483-3230 for more information.

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Annual Cruz-In.** Planning Lead: Tommy Youngblood.  
Email - [youngbloodtom@att.net](mailto:youngbloodtom@att.net). Mobile: 678-462-9023. Leave message if no answer.  
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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

**Emory Healthcare Veterans Program** - [888-514-5345](tel:888-514-5345) or [click here](#) for more info.

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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*

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