



## Alpharetta Post 201

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### Ga. Vet Services Announces Suicide Prevention Forum, 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5

The Georgia Department of Veterans Service will host a discussion on suicide prevention at the Georgia State Capitol, Room 341 on Thursday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Titled the “Staff Sergeant Fox Forum” the discussion will focus on suicide prevention awareness and outreach for active-duty military service members, veterans, and their families.

State Veterans Service Board Chairman Shawn Hanley will moderate the program. Other scheduled participants include the parents of Staff Sergeant Gordon Parker Fox, Georgia Congressional Representatives Austin Scott and Sanford Bishop, leaders from the Department of Defense’s Suicide Prevention Office, and the Veterans Health Administration’s Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.

A limited number of seats are available for those interested in attending so please RSVP by Tuesday, Oct. 3 to [veteran.information@vs.state.ga.us](mailto:veteran.information@vs.state.ga.us). The event will also be live streamed on Facebook at this link:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/229101149755831/?post\\_id=229101156422497&view=permalink](https://www.facebook.com/events/229101149755831/?post_id=229101156422497&view=permalink) .

“This is one of the must if you have time,” Department of Georgia Adjutant Zeste Debro recently told state-wide leadership in his email.

More information on the forum is available [by clicking here](#). To learn more about the Georgia Department of Veterans Service, visit <https://veterans.georgia.gov>. Information on the SSG Fox SPGP can be found at [www.mentalhealth.va.gov/ssgfox-grants/](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/ssgfox-grants/).

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### VA Expands Burial Benefits For Veterans, Families

Earlier this week the the VA announced that veterans, and their families, caregivers, and survivors now have access to expanded burial benefits to help with end-of-life expenses related

to a Veteran's gravesite, burial, funeral and transportation of remains to their final resting place.

Burial benefits are available to individuals who pay for a Veteran's burial and funeral costs that are not reimbursed by any other organization. The updated burial benefits are:

- Expanded reimbursement of transportation expenses, to include costs for transporting remains, to state or Tribal Veterans' cemeteries in addition to previously eligible national cemeteries.
- Instituted a more generous single payment rate for non-service-connected burial benefits.
- Extended the VA plot or interment allowance to tribal organizations.

[Click here to read](#) the complete VA announcement.

### *On Hospice Care*

In addition to the VA announcement, Post Commander Tom Billings recently surfaced an interesting piece concerning hospice care for veterans. Written by Rev. Peter R. Hook, Past National Chaplain for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he discusses hospice care companies that appear to be targeting veterans and their families for end-of-life business.

"Take a look at the fliers and notice the picture of the veteran with a service cap on the Vitas sheet and the flag under the title *Veteran to Veteran Hospice Volunteering* . . . Both are good marketing techniques," Hook writes.

"When families hear that a company services and caters to veterans they can automatically jump to the conclusion that they will be getting a discount or some special care. This may or may not be true," he adds.

Included in his text is a list of questions that an individual prepared as instructions for her family about selecting her hospice care, when her time comes.

Although Hook's article is somewhat dated by a reference to some 2014 statistics, it's still well worth some eyeball time. [Click here to read](#).

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

***Legion Editorial Comment - Congress Must Ensure Our Troops are Paid***

[Click here to read](#).

**Long Compensation Road for Camp Lejeune Victims Takes a Turn**

[Click here to read](#).

**Space Force Chief Says Commercial Satellites May Need Defending**

[Click here to read](#).

**USAF Refocuses Boot Camp 'Zero Week' to Get More Recruits Through**

[Click here to read](#).

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## Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

**Thursday, Sept 28, Johns Creek Veterans Association.** Social hour begins at 6 p.m. along with dinner and beverages for \$10. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Guest speaker, Len Pagano, president and CEO of the Safe America Foundation. Newtown Park, 3125 Old Alabama Rd., Johns Creek.

**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)

**Friday, Sept. 29, "Sinatra & Friends Show" Has Been Postponed** to a future, as yet to be announced, date.

**Saturday, Sept. 30, 8 p.m. Laughter at the Legion.** The fifth show in the series features Jeff Norris and Renee Delorenzo and their "Married with Laughter" performance. [Click here for details.](#) Tickets may be purchased online or at the Clubroom/Bar.

**Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.**

**Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Friday Night, Oct. 6. The Simply Awesome Band.** Come to the Post for a night of Tina Turner! Smooth Jazz! Blues! R&B! Oldies and More. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Saturday Morning, Oct. 7. 8 a.m. First Saturday Informal Pot Luck Breakfast** for members of the Post family.

**Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**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.

**Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 17.** The Post's rear parking lot has been rented by the Adult Big Wheel Club for a corporate team building exercise

**Tuesday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Dinner served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart.** Meets 3rd Thursday each month.

**Monday, Oct. 23, 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).

**Saturday, Nov. 11. Veterans Day.**

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Annual Cruz-In.** Free to participants and the Public. Sponsored by Ferrari Maserati of Atlanta. Visit the "Events" page at [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

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

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## **Post 201 - Serving Vets for 75 Years**

*November 26, 1947 - November 26, 2022*

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

