



Alpharetta Post 201

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Post Kitchen is Open For Business - - Again

Scrubbed down from stem-to-stern; carrying a new red, white and blue paint scheme; brand new lights; and sporting two Alpharetta Fire & Emergency Services approval permits on the wall, Post 201's kitchen is open for business - - -once again!

Nearly 16 months after the Alpharetta Fire Marshal stopped by one day to "inspect" the kitchen and concluded that a new kitchen hood needed to be installed over the stove, or meals could no longer be prepared in the kitchen, the work is done.

During those months the work progress was punctuated with a number of starts and stops, delays in order to deal with and respond to the inevitable 'I know someone who can do it cheaper,' or 'I know someone who knows someone who can get us a used hood so we can save some money' observations.

More than once the repair team, headed by House Chair Ralph Fike and Dave Kirchner, had the "pleasure" of discovering other problems which needed be fixed.

But they 'soldiered on' - - - over-powering the gremlins who kept rearing their ugly heads to slow the repair team's march to victory.

Issues such as making electrical and gas line repairs to meet updated code requirements, finding a company to construct and ship a new hood to the Post (which is not as easy as it seems), finding a company to install the hood who could first be approved by the City's Fire Marshal, and second, produce satisfactory engineering drawings required by the City before the hood install work could begin - - - and that took more than one try - - - were among the major headaches on the list.

And then, at the absolute end of process, learning that the kitchen's existing fire suppression system needed to be replaced in order to meet updated codes.

In addition to Fike and Kirchner, thanks also go the other kitchen repair team members, Nik Uccello, "Big" Mike Carroll and Alan Roberts, as well as all those dropped in to see the progress, hand a wrench or screwdriver to someone whose head was buried in the ceiling tiles and their hand was reaching down for a tool, or holding a ladder when needed, or just standing on the side cheering the work crew on.

Looking beyond the kitchen itself, the pantry also has a new look, thanks to Gaye Summerall.

No detail in the immediate area was overlooked, Fike reports. Even the janitor's closet and maintenance room have a new look.

Given all the volunteer time, energy, and elbow grease committed to getting the kitchen open, there's now a rumor floating around the Post that a "the kitchen is back in business" celebration is being planned by the Entertainment Committee, now chaired by Dave Gordon.

So stay plugged in. There's more to the kitchen story to come!

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WarOn Addictions Plan Major Event at Post, Sunday, Oct. 15

WarOn Addictions, a ministry of Vision Warriors Church in Alpharetta, will host a Warrior Freedom Fest Celebration at the Post on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 12 noon to 5:30 p.m.

Activities scheduled for the day, which is open and free to the public, include live music, a Jeep show, a series of speakers on various topics related to veterans, recovery, and mental help, food, and a raffle drawing for a Vision Warriors Freedom Jeep at the end of the day which one must be present to win.

For more information on this and a related Thursday, Oct. 12 benefit concert and dinner at West Milford Farm [click here](#).

The ministry's mission is focused on ending addiction. According to WarOn a person is more likely to die from an overdose than a car crash, or gun violence.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

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. Guest speakers will be attorneys Jim Swain, a member of the Post, and Matthew Johnson. They will be discussing VA benefits for veterans and spouses and "What the VA Doesn't Tell You that You Need to Know."

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 or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, 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 for more information.

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Club 201 Dance Activities

Visit both 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 and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

Post 201 Website - 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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It's the price you paid to be eligible."*

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