



Alpharetta Post 201

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Three Members of Auxiliary Recognized For Half-Century of Service to Organization

Three members of the Auxiliary - - Lee Harrison, Karen Hicks, and Burma Anderson - - were recognized at Tuesday night's General Membership meeting for 50 years of service as Auxiliary members.

Each received a 50-year Continuous Member Certificate which was jointly presented by Auxiliary President Linda Stancil-Redner and Post Commander Tom Billings. They were cited for "consistent loyalty to the American Legion Auxiliary" and for being an "outstanding contributor to the accomplishments" of the Auxiliary's programs.

Other highlights of Tuesday's meeting, which was attended by 27 Legionnaires as well as members of the Auxiliary who later adjourned to conduct their own meeting, and members of the SAL included:

- Celebrating the opening of the newly renovated kitchen which was followed by one of the best buffet meals served recently at General Membership meeting.
- A special "shout out" to Dave Kirchner, "Big" Mike Carroll and House Committee Chair Ralph Fike who spent countless hours on the kitchen renovation project.
- An update by Post Commander Tom Billings on the recent review of the Post and its activities which was conducted by District 9's Junior Vice Commander David Mullis.
- An announcement by Billings that he has requested an audit of the Post which will be conducted by the Department of Georgia. Billings said the review was expected to take two-three days and would consist of looking at the Post's overall operations, the CARES Act loan the Post received during Covid, how the Post has managed various programs including the Home Depot grant, various on-going entertainment programs at the Post, and how the Post administers activities that most Posts do not offer. He also said the audit would probably take place sometime during November. This is the first audit in more than a decade.

- Learning that SAL's recent 6th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament was considered to be the "most successful" of the six they have hosted over the years. The tournament had 36 foursomes (144 golfers) which was the maximum the course could accommodate. Scott Hoehn (also recently recognized for pulling together the Jimmy Buffett celebration) has produced a 5:40 video of the day's activities that may be viewed at this YouTube address. Note: it may be necessary to cut and paste this URL.

<https://youtu.be/OG6tiWEj32o?si=tDMuP1bbMFC7eBcv> .

- Hearing an excellent summary by attorney Jim Swain about "What Veterans and Their Spouses Need to Know about Pension Benefits - - - that the VA Does Not Disclose." A hand out which supports his presentation can be found by [clicking here](#).

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Scouts to Retire 2,000 Plus Flags During Ceremony Set for 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 5

Scout Troop 51, which is sponsored by the Post, has scheduled their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. It will take place on the grassy knoll adjacent to the first base line of the baseball field.

Scoutmaster Dave Cunnold said the public is invited to attend the ceremony, during which more than 2,000 flags the Troop has collected during the year will be retired..

"We conduct a really nice ceremony which includes music, speeches, as Troop members honorably retire each flag," Cunnold said. The ceremony typically lasts approximately one and a half hours, but he said there is no need for those attending to stay the entire time.

He also said the Troop would appreciate some veteran participation.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 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.

Saturday, Oct. 21, Atlanta World War II Round Table. Social hour begins at 10:30 a.m.; lunch commences at 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall of the Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Road Dunwoody. Guest Speaker: Critically acclaimed author Lew Paper presents *IN THE CAULDRON: Terror, Tension, and the American Ambassador's Struggle to Avoid Pearl Harbor*. [Click here for more information](#) or contact Bill LeCount at 404-886-7383.

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.

Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Saturday, Nov. 4, 8 a.m. Informal first Saturday breakfast on the deck.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Friday, Nov. 10, 17th Annual Freedom Fighters Open Golf Tournament. Held at BridgeMill Athletic Club in Canton. The format is a 4-person scramble with a shotgun start. The cost per golfer is \$175. The tournament is limited to 128 golfers. [Click here](#) to register. For more information contact Jim Davis at davis1824@comcast.net or 770-235-4858.

Saturday, Nov. 11. Veterans Day. SafeAmerica.org is planning a major event at the Post for veterans and their families.

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.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Dinner served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Thursday, Nov. 24. Thanksgiving Day. Clubroom/Bar plans TBA.

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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](tel:888-514-5345) or [click here](#) for more info.

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

