



## Alpharetta Post 201

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### 'Stand Down' for Vets in Need Set for Saturday in Gainesville

American Legion Post 328 in Flowery Branch and Post 7 in Gainesville, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #17, and the PTSD Foundation of America will jointly host a one-day event to serve Veterans concerning the claims filing process.

The "Stand Down for Veterans In Need" to receive counseling claim services will be held Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Johns Baptist Church, 757 E. E. Butler Pkwy, Gainesville.

Veterans should bring their DD-214 if they have it. If they don't have one, applications to obtain a new one will be available.

The Georgia Department of Veterans Services (GDVS) and The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) will be giving a counseling claims clinic. If you have an existing claim with either the GDVS or the DVA bring your DD-214 to check the status of your claim.

An online registration for the 'stand down' is available by [clicking here](#). For more information contact Johnny Varner by email at [johnnywvarnerir@gmail.com](mailto:johnnywvarnerir@gmail.com) or call 470-577-3617.

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### SafeAmerica, Post 201, Johns Creek Vets Join Others to Plan Launch of VET Serve

Thanks to a Post 201 member, Lt. Col. Mike Mizell, U.S. Army (Ret), who is president of the Johns Creek Veterans Association (JCVA), and the SafeAmerica Foundation, along with other veterans service and civic organizations in the metro area, a new 'VetServe' program which is designed to provide services to the area's homeless veterans population, is approaching the launching pad.

Earlier this fall, Mizell, and Post 201 Commander Tom Billings held initial development discussion meetings with SafeAmerica CEO Len Pagano.

In addition to the JCVA and Post 201, other organizations involved in initial planning include the VFW, VetBuds, American Patriot Village, Warriors 2 Citizens, the Roswell Rotary Club and the Colonels Cup, which Mizell also helped found.

SafeAmerica is planning to host a '*Leap Forward*' conference in Alpharetta on Thursday, Dec. 14. "We're proud of how Mizell started this conversation – and now we're doing some impressive work," said SafeAmerica's Pagano. For more information [click here](#).

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## ~ News Notes ~

**Halloween Celebration at the Post Photos** - - Lots of folks had a 'really good time' at the Post this Past Saturday night. Check out a few photos shot during the evening in both the Clubroom and the Ballroom by [clicking here](#).

**Vision Warriors Cookout** - - Following a Nov. 10 trip for veterans to Fort Moore (formerly Fort Benning) which is hosted by the Roswell Rotary Club, Vision Warriors will be hosting a cookout for the travelers as well as all Post members in the Clubroom that evening upon the group's return. Anticipated cookout time is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Vision Warriors recently hosted an all day event at the Post.

**VHA-Uber (VUHC) Health Connect Initiative** - - [Click here](#) to see a recently published information sheet on the VUHC Initiative. The program aims to 1) Improve veterans' access to healthcare and transportation experience, 2) Reduce missed appointments, no-shows, and cancellations, and 3) Achieve cost-savings for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Marietta Vet Center New Client Orientation** - - The Marietta Vet Center will start conducting new client orientation classes for veterans and service members who are interested in counseling services at the Marietta Vet Center. Orientations will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. Monday orientation will be 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday orientations will be 12 noon to 1 p.m. The orientation classes will cover Vet Center services, intake process for counseling services, and community resources for veterans. The Center is located at 980 South Cobb Drive, Building E, Marietta 30060.

**Vet Legal Services Clinic** - - The Warrior Alliance, in collaboration with a coalition of legal services providers, is hosting the 3rd annual Veteran Legal Services Clinic on Friday, November 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Punch Bowl Social at Battery Atlanta. The event provides free legal consultation to all service members, Veterans, National Guard/Reserves, and their families. Free food and beverages will also be provided. Representatives from Atlanta Legal Aid, University of Georgia School of Law Veteran Legal Clinic, Georgia Legal Services Program, John Marshall Law School, Emory University Law Volunteer Clinic for Veterans, and pro bono attorneys will be onsite for 30-minute consultations in the following legal matters: Landlord/Tenant or Mortgage; Consumer Law/Debts; Family Law; VA Benefits; Military Discharge Upgrade; Wills and Estate Planning; and Other Civil Cases. To register for the event, go to <https://thewarrioralliance.org/vlsn/> and click on "Event Signup" to begin the application process. Click on "Warrior" then accept the event terms and complete the online form.

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## Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

**Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m. Post 201 Finance Committee Meeting.**

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

**Sunday, Nov. 5, 4 p.m. Troop 51 Flag Retirement.** More than 2,000 flags the Troop has collected during the year will be retired. The ceremony will take place on the grassy knoll adjacent to the first base line of the Post's baseball field. The public is invited to attend.

**Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m. Alpharetta City Council.** Post Commander Tom Billings and Roger Wise, the Post's 'ambassador' are scheduled to receive a copy of a special proclamation honoring veterans. Members of the Post are welcome to attend and be recognized for their service. The meeting will take place at Alpharetta City Hall.

**Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m. Post 201 House Committee Meeting.**

**Friday, Nov. 10, 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. 6th Annual Veterans Breakfast.** Realtor Melissa Morgan will host her 6th Annual Veteran's Day Celebration Breakfast at the Maple Street Biscuit Company, 50 Canton Street, downtown Alpharetta. To-go orders and curbside pickup are available. No RSVP are needed. Just show up and enjoy the morning. Visit the "Events" page of [www.legion201.org](http://www.legion201.org) for more information

**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](mailto:davis1824@comcast.net) or 770-235-4858.

**Veterans Day Discounts** - - Military.com has published one of its periodic listings of Veterans Day discounts. [Click here](#) for their Top 7 list. If that's not enough here's another list. [Click here](#) to open.

**Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Veterans Day Blood Drive.** Hosted by Post 239 at their facility, 132 Legion Road, Dahlonga.

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

**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.

**Monday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. Golf Ball Drop Fundraiser** at Brookfield Country Club, Roswell. Sponsored by the Piedmont Chapter Sons of the American Revolution to support women veterans through the Atlanta VA Medical Center. Open this link for details: <https://youtu.be/YWPqTgKUX6g> .

**Monday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m. Johns Creek Veterans Association** meeting at Bridges Brewery, Johns Creek.

**Monday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m. to close. Golden Corral's Military Appreciation Night.** For more information [click here](#).

**Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m. Post 201 Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Thursday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart.** Meets 3rd Thursday each month.

**Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m. Post 201 General Membership Meeting.** Dinner served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

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

**Monday, Nov. 27, 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).

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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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**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."***

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