



# Alpharetta Post 201

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## Post Takes Steps to Launch \$1.5 Million Capital Campaign

Tuesday evening the Executive Committee took the first step of a process to put the Post on a firm financial footing when it approved a plan to launch a \$1.5 million capital campaign that will take place between now and the end of the summer.

The planning process assumes that solicitation material development and other pre-campaign launch activities will take place during the March-early May time frame, with the formal launch taking place in late May – early June window. The formal portion of the campaign will be complete by August, although it is reasonable to expect some residual funds will flow into the Post for the next 60-days or so.

Insight Political Group, LLC of Cumming, a well-known and respected fund raising organization that works in the non-profit capital campaign marketplace as well as on both sides of the aisle in the political environment' is guiding the Post's campaign.

The campaign is looking at four primary funding areas:

- Repairs and maintenance which include the need to replace to building roof, resurface the parking lot, improving the entry-way to the Post, and establishing a reserve fund for future, unplanned major expenses - - something the Post has not done for more than a decade.
- Venue Upgrades which include new furniture in the ballroom, restoring the dance floor, bringing the kitchen to a commercial grade standard, rebuilding the sound stage, and making significant improvements to the entrance foyer and the men and women's restrooms that serve the ballroom.
- Educational upgrades which include Walk of Memory maintenance, funds for maintaining the two aircraft, the tank and the gun platform (all of which are on loan with the understanding that they will be kept in good repair), signage enhancements that could include an interactive discussion associated with each plaza on the Walk, and other educational outreach undertakings to more aggressively promote the Walk as a destination location for local area tourism.
- Sports facility improvements which include replacing the 500 seats along the first and third base lines, a new scoreboard, updated broadcasting equipment for the press box, and additional concession stand improvements.

“This campaign provides us the opportunity to put the Post on a firm, healthy, long-term financial footing. That's something we did not have in place when Covid-19 forced us to close the Post for a period of time. At that time no steps had been taken to build a reserve fund that would protect the Post financially, or much less to build the resources to undertake major updates to our aging facilities,” said Post Commander Tom Billings.

“We don’t need to have that happen to us again at some future date. This campaign will take us a long way toward ensuring our future,” he added.

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## **Help a Vet Celebrate His 100th Birthday**

Cave Springs, Ga., WWII vet Harvey Dempsey, who endured 165 days of heavy combat on Luzon Island in the Philippines, will celebrate his 100th Birthday on March 16. His cousin, Allison Powers, has asked Post 201’s help. She and her family are trying to collect 100 birthday cards to give to him on his birthday.

DiAna Casale and “Big” Mike Carroll are already working on the project. Any Post members who have a moment to contribute are asked to bring a card to the Post before close of business this Sunday and leave them with the bartender.

The cards will be gathered and shipped to Ms. Powers on Monday. If you don’t have time to find a card, email your birthday wishes to [allisonpowers@comcast.net](mailto:allisonpowers@comcast.net). She will reproduce all the messages and give them to him along with the birthday cards she collects and give them to him on his birthday.

[Click here to read his story.](#)

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## **New Documentary on Vietnam Produced by Atlanta Vet Group**

“Truths and Myths About the Vietnam War,” a new documentary film with an introduction by actor Sam Elliott, has been posted on the landing page of the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association (AVVBA) website - [www.avvba.org](http://www.avvba.org).

According to the AVVBA, this film is the one that finally captures the information, and lessons learned most Vietnam War Veterans want reported about the war. It’s said to be an important and long overdue film.

Produced by the AVVBA Foundation and Emmy award winning film producer David Naglieri, it features Medal of Honor recipient Patrick H. Brady – and seven historians including 5-of-the-6 who were featured on the Fox Nation documentary, “The Unauthorized History of the Vietnam War” which was moderated by Bret Baier.

Viewers may link to the 47 minute film through the AVVBA website or copy and paste the following link into your web browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GjwyCaiJ0IE&t=30>

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# Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

## **King's Ridge Baseball at the Post.**

JV vs South Forsyth, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 7

Varsity vs Mt. Bethel, 5:30 p.m., Friday, Mar. 8

Varsity vs Paidea, 4:30 p.m. & 7 p.m., Monday, Mar. 11

Varsity vs Mt Bethel, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 12

JV vs King's Academy, 5 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 14

Varsity vs Prince Avenue, 5:30 p.m., Friday, Mar. 15

[Click here to see the season schedule.](#) Game times and dates are subject to change.

**Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee - - CANCELLED.** Next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4.

**Tuesday, March 12, 6 p.m. Executive Committee meeting.**

**Friday, March 15, 8 .p.m. "Sinatra and Friends."** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 8 p.m. General admission non-refundable tickets are \$20 each. They may be purchased online by [clicking here](#), or at the Clubroom/Bar.

**Saturday, March 16. Clean Up Day at the Post.** Lunch will be provided for all who participate. Let Ralph Fike know soonest if you can help. Text: 770-365-4855 E-mail, [ralphtangofoxtrot@gmail.com](mailto:ralphtangofoxtrot@gmail.com).

**Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by the Post 201 Auxiliary on the front lawn of the Post. Free to the public. Children ages 1-12 are welcome to participate.

**Sunday, March 17. St. Patrick's Day in the Clubroom.** SAL Liquor Basket Raffle Drawing at 5 p.m.. Tickets available at Clubroom/Bar: 1 ticket for \$5; 3 tickets for \$10; 10 tickets for \$20. You do not have to be present to win. Karaoke with Scott Hoehn at 7 p.m. Other St. Patrick's Day activities, including corn beef and cabbage cooked by Bob Moye and drink specials (TBD) are also being planned for the day.

**Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m. General Membership meeting.** Dinner served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. Guest speaker will be Jeff Auterson of Auterson Baseball. He will discuss the history of baseball at the Post.

**Friday - Sunday, March 22-24, Department of Georgia Spring Conference** at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta Hotel in Duluth. If interested in attending coordinate with Post Commander Tom Billings, 404-668-3454, [tombill03@comcast.net](mailto:tombill03@comcast.net).

**Saturday, March 23. Clean Up Day at the Post.** Lunch will be provided for all who participate. Let Ralph Fike know soonest if you can help. Text: 770-365-4855 E-mail, [ralphtangofoxtrot@gmail.com](mailto:ralphtangofoxtrot@gmail.com).

**Monday, March 25, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002.** Meets the 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, March 29, 12 noon, National Vietnam Veterans War Day**, at the Vietnam Wall, Newtown Park, Johns Creek. Sponsored by the Johns Creek Veterans Association and the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association.

**Saturday, Apr. 27, 2024, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. VFW Post 12002 Life Member Recognition Luncheon.** This event includes a social hour, luncheon, and a formal recognition program. It will be followed immediately by a Post Meeting dedicated to the Election of Officers for the 2024-2025 year. For more information contact Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, [davis1824@comcast.net](mailto:davis1824@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.

**Post 201 Website** - [www.legion201.org](http://www.legion201.org).

**Past Issues of Post 201 E-Newsletter** - [Click here](#).

**Post 201 Facebook Page** - [Click here](#).

**VA Survivor's Pension & Eligibility for Veterans Pension** - [Click here](#) to read.

**Survivor Assistance Checklist** - [Click this link](#).

**Benefits for Georgia Veterans** - [Click this link](#).

**Burial at Sea Information** - [Click here](#).

**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.

**United Military Care** - [Click this link](#).

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**Post 201 - Serving Vets for 76 Years**  
*November 26, 1947 - November 26, 2024*

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

