



Alpharetta Post 201

Telephone: 770-475-9023

americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com

www.legion201.org

Thursday, Mar. 21, 2024

50-Plus Youngsters Scrambled For Easter Eggs at Auxiliary Hunt

Despite the dire predictions of rain this past Sunday, it turned out to be a beautiful day -- one that was perfect for children to scramble around the Post's front yard hunting for Easter Eggs while accompanying adults and "hunt volunteers" enjoyed the warm weather.

This year the Auxiliary's Community Easter Egg Hunt, which was free to the public, saw more than 50 children, ages 1-12, scrambling around the front lawn and finding the "tons of eggs" hidden around the area. While no one put a stop watch to the length of the hunt, observers noted that the grounds were cleared of all the eggs within 12 to 15 minutes of the 2 p.m. start time.

A few children found the special golden eggs which had secret numbers inside. For those lucky enough to find one of the 'special eggs', their reward was a special Easter basket filled with goodies.

This reporter also wants to make a special mention about Alpharetta Elementary School, first grade, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 23149. They not only brought their baskets to hunt for eggs, but they also performed community service by cleaning up after the event.

"It's awesome to see young people getting involved in giving back to their community," observed one of the adults watching the hunt. Overall, it was a fantastic day filled with fun, laughter, and of course, lots of eggs.

A special shout out needs to be made to the organizers of the event and the volunteers who helped that day. They did an amazing job putting everything together and making sure that everyone had a great time.

Hunt organizers and volunteers included Ellen Youngblood, Judy Lively, Ed Lively, Karen Hicks, Cheiri Lowry, Selina Kent, Serena Martin, Debbie Risberg, Cheryl Guenther, Leah Dunn, Elaine VanCamp and her grandsons Aiden and Owen, and Teri Rondone.

(Editor's Note: Denise Fisher, who joined the Post about three weeks ago, covered the hunt for this publication. She also shot a series of photos which are available for viewing by visiting the Auxiliary page on Post's website, www.legion201.org, or by [clicking here](#) to go directly to the page.)

~ ~ ~

Post's 24-25 Leadership Elections Time has Arrived

The nomination period is now open for 24-25 Leadership positions at the Post. A nomination sign-up sheet will be posted on the clubroom bulletin board this weekend. The following positions are open:

- Commander - - a two-year term.
- Sr. Vice Commander - - a one-year term.
- Jr. Vice Commander - - a one-year term.
- Finance Officer - - a one-year term.
- Judge Advocate - - a one-year term.
- Executive Committee member - - a three-year term.
- Executive Committee member - - a one-year term (filling the final year of an unexpired term where the existing member has resigned).

Nominations may be made between now and the April General Membership meeting. You may self-nominate, or nominate someone else. If you do nominate someone else, please check with that person to make sure they are interested in running for that leadership position. Nomination may only be made by Legion members whose dues are paid for 2024.

Nominations will be officially closed at the conclusion of the April General Membership meeting.

Elections will take place at the May General Membership meeting. If you plan to vote during the May meeting, you must have a present a valid 2024 membership card for Post 201 or a Paid Up for Life membership card for Post 201.

The leadership elected at the May meeting will assume the responsibility for leading the Post on June 1, 2024.

~ ~ ~

Post 201's News Notes

Continuous Years Membership - - Three members of the Post were recently recognized for 50 or more years continuous membership in the American Legion. They are:

Thomas E. Day of Alpharetta, U.S. Army, World War II, 70 years of continuous membership;

John W. Dorris of Dawsonville, U.S. Army, Vietnam, 50 years of continuous membership; and,

David D. Taylor of Ellenwood, U.S. Army, Vietnam, also 50 years continuous membership.

Bourbon and Cigar Night Scheduled - - The next Bourbon and Cigar Night will be Friday, May 3 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each and may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar or online by [clicking here](#).

New Post Members Approved - - Twelve new members were approved at Tuesday night's General Membership meeting. They are:

Transfers - - Carol Crookston, US Army, Gulf War; and William Stock, US Army, Vietnam.

New members - - Jack Coons, USAF, Other Conflicts; Christopher Cunningham, USMC; Alexis Fisher, USAF, Other Conflicts; Denise Fisher, US Army, GWOT; Adam Francola, US Navy, Active Duty; James Kennedy, US Army, Panama; Russell Recka, US Army, Gulf War; Jimmy Robbins, US Navy, Gulf War; Donald Sather, US Army, Other Conflicts; and, Diane Schmidt, US Army, Other Conflicts.

Sinatra & Friends Wrap Up - - Although there may be another small invoice or two that has not been accounted for yet, 248 tickets were purchased for last Friday night's show, and more than 400 drinks were sold for the show.

The performers opened their show within two minutes of the published 8 p.m. start time, and were on stage for an hour and 45 minutes before taking a 20 minute break. They returned to the stage for another 40 minutes at 10:05 p.m., drawing the show to a close at 10:45 p.m.

Income for the Post after expenses is expected to be in the \$3,500 range. The Finance office expects to have the final hard numbers by month end. Initial discussions to bring the show back for a return engagement are already underway.

SAL Liquor Raffle Results - - SAL Commander Derek Garmon reports that the winning ticket for the \$600 liquor basket was held by a member of the Duluth Post Auxiliary. He did not have the winner's name at publishing deadline.

~ ~ ~

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

VA Plans to Cut 10,000 Jobs This Year on Medical Side of the House

[Click here to read.](#)

Drones Reduce US Military Capabilities; Pentagon Pricing Itself Out of Drone Warfare

[Click here to read.](#)

Pentagon Panel says Integrate Women into Marine Platoons as Part of Recruit Training

[Click here to read.](#)

Air Force Transforms Cargo Planes into Bombers

[Click here to read.](#)

~ ~ ~

Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

King's Ridge Baseball at the Post.

JV vs West Forsyth, 5:30 p.m., Monday, Mar. 25

Varsity vs Weber, 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Mar. 26

Varsity vs Whitefield, 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Mar. 27

JV vs Cambridge, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 28

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

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.

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.

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 or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, jim.davis@comcast.net.

Friday, March 29, 12 noon, National Vietnam Veterans War Day Ceremony at the Vietnam Wall, Newtown Park, Johns Creek. Sponsored by the Johns Creek Veterans Association and the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association.

Friday, March 29, Vietnam Vet Day at Post 201. Any Post 201 member who performed active military, naval, or air service in the Republic of Vietnam and its surrounding waters during the Vietnam War will be given a drink chip at the Clubroom/Bar on the 29th. They may use the chip that day or any other time they choose.

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

~ ~ ~

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.

###

Resource Links

Post 201 Walk of Memories - [Click here](#) for more information.

Post 201 Website - 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](#) or [click here](#) for more info.

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

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

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."***

