



# Alpharetta Post 201

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*May is National Military Appreciation Month*

## Post's Weekend Activity Calendar Sees Bourbon & Cigar Night, Gold Standard Band, Kentucky Derby, Cinco de Mayo with Pot Luck Meal

It's going to be a really busy at the Post this weekend. Tomorrow night at the ballroom end of the Post, the Gold Standard Band, an eight-member party band composed of Atlanta-area musicians, will take the stage at 8:30 p.m. for a three-hour show of Motown, Carolina Beach and Classic Soul sounds.

Free dance lessons are offered for a hour prior to Gold Standard taking the stage. The price is only \$12 per person for those wanting to take advantage of one of the larger dance floors in the state.

Bourbon and Cigar Night will be underway on the deck at the Clubroom/Bar end of the Post starting at 7 p.m. The three bourbons on the tasting list will be Woodford Reserve, Eagle Rare and Buffalo Trace. Cigars will come from the Forged Cigar Company.

Established in 2020 by the Scandinavian Tobacco Group (STG), Forged was created to offer premium cigars to brick and mortar cigar shops and their customers. Their ever-expanding portfolio includes well-known cigar brands such as Chillin' Moose, Diesel, FLVR as well as non-Cuban versions of Bolivar Cofradia, La Gloria Cubana and Partagas.

Don't forget about the outstanding hors d'oeuvres that are also part of the Bourbon and Cigar package. It's not too late to get a ticket. They are \$50 each and can be purchased at the bar or online by [clicking here](#).

The 150th Running of the Kentucky Derby will certainly be on one or more television screens in the Clubroom/Bar on Saturday afternoon. Twenty horses are set to compete in the race that's happened annually – and without interruption – since 1875. The official post time for the main event is 6:57 p.m. EDT.

Traditionally the Post has offered some special “Derby Drinks” on Derby Day. However, at publication deadline nothing has been announced for this year. But surely something special should be on a Derby Day Drink menu this Saturday.

The weekend will draw to a close Sunday with Cinco de Mayo. Members of the Post 201 family are being asked to bring a pot-luck Mexican food dish to share. [Click here](#) to see the event flyer.

The following drink specials will be offered: \$2 for a Modelo Especial bottle; \$3 for a Margarita, and \$3 for a Tequila Sunrise, and Scott Hoehn will be providing karaoke entertainment starting a 6 p.m.

If you can't think of something to bring and share, buy a take-away dish from a local Mexican restaurant; or as an alternative try out one of the *29 Recipes That Are Perfect for Any Cinco de Mayo Party* published in an article written by Carlos Olachea and posted on the Food Network web site ([click here to read](#) - - - warning: it's a long piece that loads slowly).

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## **‘Family Day’ Earns Top Ratings With Community, Post Members**

By all measure, last Sunday's ‘Family Day’ earned an outstanding rating with all who participated. While no one was standing around with a “counter” (think entering Costco or Sams) there was plenty of activity for all.

There was a little bit of food left over, but all the hamburger buns which were purchased for the day were consumed. This might be a testimony to the magic Coach worked on the grill, especially with the hamburgers which were marinated in his secret sauce before being served.

The bounce houses stayed busy most of the afternoon - - particularly the waterslide house. And the cornhole toss, the scavenger hunt and the cake walk were all well received by both young and old - - especially those who went home with some great looking (and probably great tasting) cakes.

While face painting was primarily a children's activity, apparently it appealed to some adults too. The “Judge” sported some of the artist's work, and there's an unconfirmed report that a small dragon was spotted on Ralph Fike's arm.

Post Commander Tom Billings also spent some time 'working the parking lot' greeting guests who arrived with their children for an afternoon of fun.

Even though no one was taking a head count of Family Day participants, the Clubroom/Bar sales for the day provide a rather good measure to support the 'successful day' claim. Bar sales for the day were \$1,076.00. For comparison purposes, the Family Day bar sales were 80 per cent higher than the average bar sales for the three prior Sundays.

All-in-all, it was a great day. A special “shout-out” to all the volunteers who helped make it happen. Apparently no one kept a list, but you know who you are - - - so Thank You All.

*Editor's Note: Barbara Thurmond contributed content this story.*

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**Cronley, Kallinen, Dudley Photo Pops Up in Legion Magazine** - - A story from several years ago appears on page 8 of the May 2024 *American Legion Magazine*. No, it didn't take that long to publish it. They covered the same story when the Post, in October 2020, was among the first Posts in the nation to fly the flag of the newest and sixth branch of the Armed Forces - - - the U.S. Space Force. Matt Cronley, a prior member of the Post, Jim Kallinen, who died last year, and then Post Commander Alan Dudley are shown raising the Space Force flag. Although not mentioned, the photo and story were produced by Marty Ferrell, a still active member at the Post. Be sure to check it out in your copy of the magazine.

**Post Presents 5 JROTC Members Legion Awards** - - Post member JROTC program coordinator Roger Wise recently presented American Legion award certificates and medals to the following JROTC cadets:

- Cadet LTC Aaron Frank, North Springs High School, the American Legion Military Excellence Medal.
- Cadet PC Samantha Jefferson, North Springs High School, the American Legion Scholastic Excellence Medal.
- Cadet Captain Sam Harris, Roswell High School, the American Legion Military Excellence Medal.
- Cadet Anna Cortes, Centennial High School, The American Legion Military Excellence Medal.
- Cadet Cade Alcendor, Centennial High School, The American Legion Scholastic Excellence Medal.

**District 9 Meeting and Election** - - The 9th District meeting and leadership elections are scheduled for this Saturday at Sugar Hill Post 127, 6196 Suwanne Dam Road, Sugar Hill. Meeting times during the day are: American Legion Riders, 9:30 a.m.; Sons of the American Legion, 10:15 a.m.; Registration, 10:15 a.m.; District Executive Committee, 11 a.m.; Joint Session, American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, 11:30 a.m.; Business Session 1 p.m.

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## **Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities**

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

**Sunday, May 5, Cinco de May Day at the Post.** [Click here for details](#).

**Tuesday, May 7, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting.**

**Thursday, May 9, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, May 14, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Saturday, May 18. Armed Forces Day.** Watch this space for event planning announcements.

**Sunday, May 19, 2 p.m. 8-Ball Pool Tournament.**

**Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting** and 24-25 Leadership Election. Free dinner served starting at 6 p.m.

**Thursday, May 23, 6 p.m. Johns Creek Veterans Association** meeting. Park Place at Newtown Park. Business meeting starts at 7 p.m.

**Monday, May 27. Memorial Day.** Planning is underway for a special Walk of Memories program that will be part of the Capital Campaign. The event will take place between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and will be open to the public. [Click here](#) to see event flyer.

**Friday, May 31, 8 p.m. The Ed Sullivan Tribute Show.** Reserved seat tickets are available only through online purchase. [Click this link](#) to purchase a reserved seat. Open seating tickets at tables located in the rear of the ballroom may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar by those who don't want a reserved seat or do not (for personal reasons) desire to purchase tickets online. Online tickets cost will cost \$30 each plus a \$3.85 fee and \$2.62 sales tax which totals \$36.47 per ticket. Open seating tickets purchased at the Clubroom/Bar are \$30 per ticket with no fee or sales tax added. Tribute performers for the show include the Blues Brothers, Mick Jagger, Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper and Joe Cocker. Doors will open at 7 p.m. [Click here to see](#) a two minute "trailer" of the performers.

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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](#).

**VET/Trans** - Free metro Atlanta area transportation (Monday –Friday) for Vets to medical appointments as well as other social service appointments such as going to a housing provider, a job program or a social security office. Availability depends on the location along with the day and time. At least 48 hours advance notice needed. Contact Safe America at 770-973-7233 or email Steve Mason at [steve.mason@safeamerica.org](mailto:steve.mason@safeamerica.org).

**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.](#)

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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."***

