



# Alpharetta Post 201

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*May is National Military Appreciation Month*

## 235 New Ballroom Chairs Set to Arrive at Post Today

Starting midday today, 235 brand new chairs will begin arriving at the Post ballroom - - - thanks in large measure to members of the Post's 'dance community' who reportedly raised more than 90 per cent of the \$5,640 total price tag for the chairs.

Each chair, which cost \$22.79, is slightly wider and taller than the chairs currently in the ballroom. They also have 2.5 inches of black vinyl padding on the seat along with the same type of vinyl padding on the chair back.

When combined with 65 of the best of the Post's original chairs, the Post can now provide much more "comfortable seating" for up to 300 people attending events in the ballroom. Or if not needed in the ballroom, they may start turning up in the Clubroom.

The single largest donation for the chairs was \$200. No records were kept, however, to track how many individual donations were made to the chair fund or whether each donor was a member of the Post 201 Family or not. However estimates suggest that about 40 per cent of those who frequently dance at the Post are members of the greater Post 201 Family.

Getting the new chairs to the Post from BizChair of Canton is only half the job. Lots of real heavy lifting was needed to make room for the new chairs prior to their delivery.

Dave Gordon, event/entertainment committee chair, said "a massive effort was required to organize and clean the storage room" prior to delivery. Also, he said the Clubroom/Bar wooden chairs which were stored in the Bingo storage area were removed and inspected. Those bar stool chairs which can be repaired will be done by Julian Glantz who is a member of the Post as well as the dance community.

In addition to Glantz, here's David's "shout out and thank you" list of volunteers who helped prepare the storage space for the new chairs during the past three days:

- Thomas Williams, Mark Williams, and Elizabeth Williams, Dave Gordon, and Ralph Fike for the herculean effort to sort through the myriad of boxes, bins and identify 65 of the best original chairs to keep.

- Julian Glantz for moving more than 120 of the original chairs out of the facility for pickup last night; and for identifying and agreeing to repair the Clubroom chairs.
- Tom Moore, a dancer, for using his vehicle with trailer to dispose of the original chairs.
- And Glantz and Gordon for helping the Finance office organize and separate outdated boxes containing material that has been slated for shredding which they were cleaning and making space in the store room for the new chairs.

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## **Cinco de Mayo; Bourbon, Cigar Night; Liberty Tree Ceremony Highlight Last Weekend at Post**

Somewhere between 60 and 70 Post members and guests enjoyed 'livin' la vida loca' (the crazy life) on Cinco de Mayo this past Sunday. Scott Hoehn's terrific karaoke entertainment helped set the party mood along with the delicious and savory pot luck dishes members brought which complimented the taco meat and refried bean main course offering.

Without a doubt, the 30 frozen margaritas (thanks to Scott's blender), three tequila sunrises and "one" lonely Modelo beer which were sold that afternoon - - - along with all the other regular libations which make up the bar offerings - - - helped contribute to the evening enjoyment.

Not to be overlooked were those who stayed around and helped Barbara Thurmond with the cleanup afterward. A B-I-G thank you to them.

### ***Bourbon & Cigar Night***

Two days earlier the Post chalked up another successful Bourbon & Cigar evening. According to B&C planner DiAna Casale, two bottles each of Woodford Reserve and Buffalo Trace and three bottles of Eagle Rare (along with cigars) were consumed by the two dozen who attended. After expenses, the Post cleared \$608.78 for the evening. By any measure that's a great evening financially.

### ***Liberty Tree Planting***

The Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) planted a six-foot tall elm tree at the Post Sunday afternoon. The tree planting is part of a national SAR "Liberty Tree" campaign that seeks to plant 250 Liberty Trees throughout the nation prior to July 4, 2026, the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The Post tree planting was the first at an American Legion Post in Georgia. [Click here](#) to see photos and a 4:37 minute YouTube of the event. [Click here for more information](#) about the national Liberty Tree program.

*Editor's Note: Barbara Thurmond & Scott Hoehn contributed to the Cinco de Mayo story.*

## **~ ~ News Notes for Vets ~ ~**

**Free Financial Seminar** - - In honor of Military Appreciation Month the Alpharetta branch of Navy Federal Credit Union is offering an open invitation to a Financial Health Seminar for all

interested veterans. The event will be hosted at the credit union's 5140 Windward Parkway, Milton location at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16. The Seminar will include general financial health information, information on Navy Federal's products and services, and a Q&A. Snacks, beverages, and promotional goodie bags will be available as well. Those interested should RSVP by Sunday, May 12 to Member Service Representative Amanda Chavez, 470-479-6739 or email [amanda\\_r\\_chavez@navyfederal.org](mailto:amanda_r_chavez@navyfederal.org).

**Emergency Housing Information** - - Caring.com, a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses, and other loved ones, has published an emergency housing guide which includes information about emergency housing programs for veterans. The guide can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

**Virtual Health Class for Gulf War Vets** - - The VA is offering a free Gulf War Exposures & Health Concerns virtual class to help Gulf War Veterans understand potential exposures and health effects, steps to manage symptoms, research findings, and available resources. Join this class on Thursday, May 16 from 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. EDT. Vets can attend through their personal computer, smart phone, or tablet. To learn more about the class, see the class flyer [by clicking here](#).

**Women's Vet Day Ceremony** - - The 4th Annual Women Veterans Day ceremony has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Sunday, Jun 15 at Newtown Park in Johns Creek. The ceremony will be held at the Women Veterans Plaza in the Veterans Memorial Walk across from the Gazebo.

**Georgia Tech Military Appreciation Day** - - The Georgia Tech vs Virginia Military Institute football game on Saturday, Sept. 14 will be the school's military appreciation game. Kickoff time that day is still in the TBD category.

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## Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

**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 the event flyer.

**Monday, May 27, 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, 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](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."***

