



Alpharetta Post 201

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May is National Military Appreciation Month

Leadership Elections Top Tuesday Membership Meet

The election of the Post's commander for the next two years, which is the only contested leadership position, will highlight Tuesday's General Membership meeting. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Bob Byrd and David Kirchner are the two nominees for the commander's slot. The six other open positions on the executive committee are uncontested.

Voting Tuesday night will be the final item on the agenda said Post Commander Tom Billings. During the vote casting and counting period, the membership will take a break from the meeting, he added.

Members who plan to vote must have in their possession and present a valid 2024 Post 201 membership card, or a Paid Up for Life membership card which reflects your Post 201 membership.

No 2024 membership renewal payments will be accepted on the day of the General Membership meeting.

When the votes are counted by the nominations/elections committee (Fred Mahony - chair, Denise Fisher and Shaheed Ahmedi) the winner and the total votes for each candidate will be announced.

Those elected to office Tuesday evening will assume leadership responsibility effective Saturday, June 1, 2024.

The uncontested 24-25 leadership positions are:

Sr. Vice Commander - - a one-year term. Tom Richardson.

Jr. Vice Commander - - a one-year term. Ralph Fike.

Finance Officer - - a one-year term. Ralph Jordan.

Judge Advocate - - a one-year term. Jim Davis.

Executive Committee member - - a three-year term. Penny Kumpf.

Executive Committee member - - a one-year term to fill the final year of an unexpired term for a member who resigned. Harry Hollingsworth.

Bob Moye, who was elected to a three-year term on the Executive Committee last year, will roll forward to his second year.

Current Post Commander Tom Billings will take over the immediate past commander slot on next year's Executive Committee, replacing Fred Mahony who will be stepping down.

Dinner Menu Prior to the Meeting

Barbara Thurmond, who has been overseeing meal planning for the past several meetings, says the next Tuesday's menu will include an assortment of Publix deli subs; croissants stuffed with assortment of egg salad, chicken salad, tuna salad and ham salad; deli fresh fruit platter; deli Greek style pasta salad; deli bowtie feta pasta; cransational chicken salad bowl; deli peanut butter chocolate bowl; deli banana pudding bowl; carrot cake; coconut cake; homemade flan; and iced tea or water.

The free buffet meal line will open in the 6 p.m. time frame. Barbara also reports that the Auxiliary membership will participate in the evening's buffet before starting their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Clubroom.

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Armed Forces Day 'Beer Bargains At the Bar' Set for this Saturday

Come celebrate Armed Forces Day this Saturday at the Post and recognize fellow service members, both past and present. In honor of the day Clubroom/Bar manager Bob Moye says the bar will be selling eight brands of beer for a buck-and-a-half per beer all day - - - or for as long as they last.

The beer specials are Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light, Miller High Life, Miller Lite, PBR, Yuengling, and Yuengling Light. But before someone asks the question, buckets of beer, which are already discounted, will be sold at their regular price.

Anyone in the bar Saturday - - - vets whether they are members of the Post or not, all Post members including SAL and Auxiliary, and all guests - - - may take advantage of the beer specials.

Beer, and its importance in the military world can be traced all the way to the American Revolution when one of George Washington's first acts as Commander of the Continental Army was to proclaim that every one of his troops would receive a quart of beer with his daily rations.

And Thomas Jefferson was said to have composed the first draft of the Declaration Independence over a cold draft at the Indian Queen tavern in Philadelphia.

Perhaps planners for the Post's July 4th celebrations will keep Jefferson in mind when the subject of specials at the bar for that day 'crop up' during the planning process!

(Historical Source Reference: Beer & U.S. History)

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Cobb County Superior Court Clerk Warns About Firm Charging Vets for DD-214 Services

The Clerk of the Superior Court of Cobb County is warning veterans that DD214 DIRECT, a company operating out of Phoenix, Ariz., is charging veterans fees in the range of \$79 to \$138 to perform a service that she is required to provide free of charge.

Connie Taylor, the court's clerk, said the Cobb County Clerk's Office (Real Estate Division) will no longer accept any filings from DD214 DIRECT.

[Click here](#) to read the FOX5Atlanta news story.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

Thursday, May 16, 1:30 p.m. 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 today via personal computer, smart phone, or tablet. To learn more about the class, see the class flyer [by clicking here](#).

Saturday, May 18. Armed Forces Day. See accompanying story for 'Beer Bargains at the Bar'.

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, 5 p.m. Special Executive Committee Meeting and Finance Committee Meeting to discuss the FY24-25 Budget.

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 or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, 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.

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

Monday, Aug. 5. 3rd Annual Nation's Heroes Golf Tournament presented by the Salute Military Golf Associates of Georgia. Country Club of Roswell, 2500 Club Spring Drive. Registration - 8 a.m. Shotgun Start - 10 a.m. Foursome - \$700; one player - \$175. Points of contact: Email anthony.cunningham@smgageorgia.org or phone Waldo Ikiriko at 673-925-9065.

Saturday, Sept. 14. 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. Watch this space for special ticket pricing information.

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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.

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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](#).

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.

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](#).

Emergency Housing Information Guide - [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."***

