



Alpharetta Post 201

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May is National Military Appreciation Month

Post to Hold Memorial Day Open House, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The Post is initiating this year a new community “open house” outreach on Memorial Day from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is designed to provide members of the community an opportunity to visit the Walk of Memories and learn more about the various static displays from members of the Post who will be at displays which represent their branch of service.

In addition the three-hour opportunity to learn more about the Walk of Memories and focus on remembering and honoring those who have died in military service to the United States, a brief brick-laying ceremony will take place at on the Walk a 2 p.m. The brick will be laid to honor long-time Post 201 member Gene Haynes, 92, who died on Nov. 1, 2023.

At 3 p.m. all activity at the Post will cease for the National Moment of Remembrance. This is an annual event that asks Americans, wherever they are at 3 p.m., to pause for one minute to remember those who have died in military service to the nation.

In honor of the day, the Clubroom/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. They are the same brands that were sold on Armed Forces Day: Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light, Miller High Life, Miller Lite, PBR, Yuengling, and Yuengling Light.

Also a new spirit, Thirteen Heroes bourbon, gin and vodka, will be sold for \$1 less than regular price. The Post is the first establishment in Georgia to sell this brand of spirits, which is produced by a distillery in Cumming.

In preparation for this year’s Memorial Day, scouts from Post-sponsored Troup 51 placed crosses and Stars of David along Wills Road Tuesday evening. The crosses and stars commemorate those who died in various wars and conflicts beginning with World War I.

The First World War also points to the founding of the American Legion on March 15-17, 1919 in Paris by members of the American Expeditionary Forces still stationed in Europe and awaiting passage home from the War.

U.S. Flag etiquette on Memorial Day is also unique. At sunrise, flags are raised to full staff then immediately lowered to a half staff position where they remain until 12 noon. At noon, the flags are raised to full-staff and displayed at full-staff for the remainder of the holiday.

Other Area Memorial Day Events

The City of Alpharetta and the Rotary Club of Alpharetta will host a Memorial Day Tribute starting at 9 a.m. The event will take place at 2 Park Plaza (Alpharetta City Hall). Retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Dale Alford, who is also a member of Post 201, will be the keynote speaker. Post member Marty Ferrell will also speak during the program.

Milton will host a Memorial Day event starting at 10 a.m. on the Green at Crabapple Market, 1625 Crabapple Road. The featured speaker will be Maj. Gen. William B. Dyer II, the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Reserve's 108th Training Command.

The 25th Roswell Remembers ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. at Roswell City Hall. The program is sponsored by the City of Roswell and the Roswell Rotary Club. Retired U.S. Army Col. Rick White will be the guest speaker. Following the program a barbecue lunch featuring chicken and pork will be served. Tickets for the meal can be purchased at the site that morning.

The National Memorial Day Concert on PBS will air on Sunday evening before Memorial Day. Most PBS stations will air the concert at 8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT and repeat the program immediately after the first program concludes. The concert will be broadcast to U.S. troops serving around the world on the American Forces Network.

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Membership Meeting Turnout Largest in Recent Memory

The turnout for Tuesday evening's General Membership meeting was one of the largest in recent memory with 65 Legionnaires attending. Sixty-two voted in Post Commander contest. Bob Byrd received 45 votes; Dave Kirchner received 17 votes.

For the six uncontested positions, Senior Vice Commander Alan Dudley cast a single vote for each to formalize the election process.

Next year's Post leaders, effective June 1, will be: Post Commander – Bob Byrd, elected for a two-year term; Sr. Vice Commander – Tom Richardson, a one-year term; Jr. Vice Commander – Ralph Fike, a one-year term; Finance Officer – Ralph Jordan, a one-year term; Judge Advocate – Jim Davis, a one-year term; Exec. Committee – Penny Kumpf, a three-year term; and Exec. Committee – Harry Hollingsworth, a one-year term.

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 become the immediate past commander, replacing Fred Mahony who will be stepping down.

In other meeting activity, House Committee Chair Ralph Fike was named Legionnaire of the Year. This is the first time this award has been presented in recent years.

Also, two of the Post's four scholarship winners received their \$1,500 checks. They were Madison Ashe of Alpharetta High School who will attend the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill,

and John Watkins of Cambridge High School who will attend Mississippi State University in Starkville.

The Auxiliary also elected new leadership at their meeting Tuesday evening. They are President, Lee Harrison; 1st Vice President, Selina Kent; 2nd Vice President, Karen Hicks; Secretary, Terry Brown; Treasurer, Cheryl Guenther; Chaplain, Ellen Youngblood; Sergeant-at-Arms, Ariel Lewis; and Executive Committee members Joanna Garmon, DiAna Casale, and Leah Dunn.

A shout out is also due to David Gordon and Barbara Thurmond. Given the tight meal budgets they have to work with, once again they worked a miracle with the evening dinner. Also thanks to David Avery, Lee Harrison and Karen Hicks who volunteered to help set up the dinner. And the for the flan (crème caramel) and apple cobbler lovers, a big "Thank You" to Olga Harris.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

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. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. [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](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."*

