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May is National Military Appreciation Month

Ed Sullivan Tribute Show Cancelled

Late Monday afternoon, after looking at extremely slow ticket sales four days before the scheduled performance, Post leadership decided to cancel tomorrow's Ed Sullivan tribute show.

Writing in a jointly-signed email to all who had purchased tickets, current Post Commander Tom Billings and Post Commander-elect Bob Byrd said, "Cancelling the show was a difficult decision to make, but ticket sales were not reaching our expectations."

However they also said that cancelling this Friday's show was not a harbinger for the future shows. "We are not stepping away from seeking opportunities to bring our community entertainment which recalls fond memories of earlier years," they said in the email.

Tribute performers for the cancelled show included the Blues Brothers, Mick Jagger, Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper and Joe Cocker. All ticket holders received a full refund including fees associated with purchasing tickets online. Only 46 tickets had been sold when the cancel decision was made.

Noting that the Ed Sullivan Show was following the "recent, and highly successful, Frank Sinatra tribute show" they said expectations were high for The Ed Sullivan tribute show. Trying to pinpoint why ticket sales were slow the email said, "We believe there were several reasons for (slow ticket sales) - - - among them the choice of the last Friday in May as the show date."

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Your Post Wants You . . .

Yes, in this case Post 201 is making the ask, although the headline idea came from a certain, rather well-known ask by Uncle Sam - - - to which most of this newsletter's readership has already responded.

The official launch of the Post's \$1.5 million capital campaign is about to be take place - - - and the Post is in desperate need of volunteers to make some solicitation calls. If you have time and are

willing to help, call or email Dave Gordon ASAP and say, "You can count on me." His cell phone number is 864-364-0356; email flashgordon4942@gmail.com .

A telephone training session to teach volunteers how to make these calls is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday (June 3) at the Post. The training, provided by Johnny Barrett, should last no longer than an hour and a half.

For more than a quarter-of-a-century Johnny and his organization have helped groups similar to the Post raise millions of dollars to fund needs like ours. So the training you'll receive will be top flight. - - - And who knows, once you have benefitted from his knowledge, you may find it valuable, not only for helping the Post, but in a variety of situations you might be involved with in the future.

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A BIG Shout Out and 'Thank You' To All Memorial Day Volunteers

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

This quote by American author Elizabeth Andrew, encapsulates the concept that the time volunteers give is valuable and the receiving organization deeply appreciates the time they gave. In this case it reflects the Post's appreciation to all those who helped make the Memorial Day open house successful.

In no particularly order of priority they were Penny and Don Kumpf, Ralph Fike, Wes Stansbury, Fred Mahony, Judy Lively. Scott Childers, John Dowd (and his two daughters, Maggie and Abby), Rick LaRose, Denise Fisher, Charles Turner, Lee Harrison, Jim Roberts, Bob Byrd, Dave Gordon, Barbara Thurmond, Karen Hicks, Bruce Hay, Jane Turner, Selena Kent, Tom Billings and Harry Hollingsworth. If anyone has been overlooked, we do sincerely apologize.

We conclude with two thoughts on volunteering:

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."

- Oscar Wilde, Irish poet and playwright.

"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another. Thank you."

- Joseph Addison, English political writer and poet.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

Friday, May 31, 8 p.m. The Ed Sullivan Tribute Show. Cancelled

Tuesday, June 4, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Thursday, June 6, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, June 11, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Saturday, 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. [Click here to see an event flyer.](#)

Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Dinner served at 6 p.m.

Monday, June 24, 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.

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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***"It's not the price you pay to be a member,
It's the price you paid to be eligible."***
