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June Membership Attendance 'Light' When Compared to May

“How things change from month-to-month.” That was a side comment overheard at Tuesday night’s General Membership meeting when a member was comparing the turnout of 65 members of the Post for the May leadership election meeting, and the turnout of only 25 members for the June meeting.

Although the turnout was light, it didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of two young men the Post sponsored at last week’s Boys State program at Valdosta State University. Both Timi Akinyele of Innovation Academy, and Ronak Vyas of Alpharetta High School thanked the Post membership for the opportunity to attend the comprehensive one week course in state and local government which is a Department of Georgia program. The third young man sponsored by the Post, Sam Wallace of Mt. Pisgah Christian School, could not attend the meeting.

Nor did the lack of membership participation dampen the enthusiasm of a sister-brother duo, Alexandra and Sergei Boada, both from Forsyth County’s Denmark High School. They were presented their \$1,500 scholarship checks by Post Commander Bob Byrd.

Although no formal Post historical records can attest to it, the general belief is that Tuesday’s check presentation was the first time in the Post’s history that both a brother and sister were presented scholarship checks at the same time.

Alexandra plans to major in business administration at Georgia State University. Long term she sees a professional career in marketing. Her brother, Sergei, will study biology at the University of North Georgia. He sees a career path taking him to vet school and to being a large animal vet.

Turning to the business side of the meeting, the overarching theme was focused on upcoming ‘open house’ events at the Post including July 4th, the visit of the Budweiser Clydesdales on July 6 as part of a Folds of Honor fundraiser in the local area, and Old Soldier’s Day which fall this year on Saturday, Aug. 3.

The big need stressed for all of these events is VOLUNTEERS who can show up and help make these 'open house' days successful for the Post.

Commenting on the year-to-year comparison and downturn in Clubroom/Bar income for the current year, the Post Commander Byrd said an increased emphasis is going to be placed on building participation. This will include more aggressive scheduling of special events and activities in the Clubroom along with more frequent drink special offerings. He said the thought process includes building events around military-related holidays and observances as well as the traditional holidays.

Some quick-and-dirty research suggests that there are at least 40 event “opportunities” that offer promotional consideration during the last six months of this year. So stay tuned-in to activities in the Clubroom. You don’t know what you might be missing if you don’t drop by and spend some time with other members of the Post family.

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Tunnel to Towers Breaks Ground For Mableton Vet Housing Project

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting America's first responders, Gold Star families and military veterans, broke ground last month on its new "Atlanta Veterans Village" in Mableton.

When completed in 2025, the facility at 65 South Service Road will provide permanent and transitional housing for nearly 100 veterans in metro Atlanta and surrounding areas. Details of the plan to turn the former Wingate by Wyndam hotel into a Veterans Village include:

- Long-term living space apartments with a bedroom, living room, kitchen and bathroom.
- The renovated facility will also have a gym, business center, great room, cafeteria and commercial kitchen.
- Male and female veterans will be able to live in the facility

The Mableton facility is part of a nationwide Tunnel to Towers Foundation's Homeless Veteran Program.

For more information on the Mableton project [click here to read](#) an excellent article written by Delaney Tarr which appeared in *SaportaReport*, a metro area publication founded in 2009 by longtime local area business journalist Maria Saporta.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

Monday, June 24, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002. Meets the 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Lee Saffold, 404-667-0581, leesaffold@gmail.com or Josh Cassan, 912-659-8785, joshuacassan@gmail.com.

Friday, June 28. Life Line Screening. Members of the Post are being offered a special \$159 price for four tests plus a free hypertension screening. The four screenings are for carotid artery disease, atrial fibrillation, abdominal aortic aneurysm and peripheral artery disease. To make an appointment call 888-814-0466 and use promo code HSCA001; text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607; or visit <https://www.llsa.social/hsc>.

Tuesday, July 2, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Thursday, July 4, Independence Day, Clubroom/Bar Opens at 12 noon. All Post facilities will be open to the public all day. Alpharetta City Band concert on the grounds starts at 6 p.m. Bounce house and other activities for youngsters will be available. Watch the Wills Park fireworks from the Post grounds. Food will be available for sale.

Saturday, July 6. Clubroom/Bar Opens at 11 a.m. All Post facilities will be open to the public all day. The entire day is a fund raising event for Folds of Honor. The Budweiser Clydesdales should arrive at the Post in the 1 p.m. time frame for a two-three hour visit. Get an 'up close and personal' opportunity to see the horses. Food will be available for sale. A Budweiser beer-on-tap trailer, which will be at the Post for several days including July 4th, will be dispensing draft beer and 16 oz cans of Bud products. A bounce house for children and other activities including a two-day baseball tournament on July 5 and 6, will also be taking place.

Tuesday, July 9, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Dinner served at 6 p.m.

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.

Wednesday, Oct. 16. 7th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament. The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm, 3030 Bradshaw Drive, Woodstock. 9:30 a.m Shotgun start. 8 a.m. Registration. For more information contact Derek Garmon, 770-294-4259 or Kevin Solik, 404-483-3202.

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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](#).

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](#).

Veteran's License Plates Form - [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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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."***

