



Alpharetta Post 201

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D-Day

80th Anniversary

Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force:

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months.

The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you.

In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped, and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944. Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations¹ have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned. The free men of the world are marching together to victory.

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory.

Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Order of the Day, Delivered June 6, 1944

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"Today we come together to honour those nearly 160,000 British, Commonwealth and Allied troops who, on 5th June 1944, assembled here and along these shores to embark on the mission which would strike that blow for freedom and be recorded as the greatest amphibious operation in history.

"Let us, once again, commit ourselves always to remember, cherish and honour those who served that day and to live up to the freedom they died for."

- HRH King Charles III, Delivered June 5, 2024, Portsmouth, England

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Budweiser Clydesdales Set Visit at Post, July 6

A team of Budweiser Clydesdales is scheduled to visit the Post on Saturday afternoon, July 6. Their visit is part of joint fundraising and promotion campaign with Folds of Honor.

While some details associated with their visit still need to be nailed down, the horses will take a two-mile walking tour of Alpharetta starting late morning, July 6. The tour will start at Innovation Academy in the 11 a.m. time frame, swing by City Hall and the Saturday morning Farmer's Market, make a brief stop at Wills Park (the parking lot along Milton Avenue next to the tennis courts) and then stroll over to the Post where their "visit to the city" will draw to a close.

They'll rest at the Post for a couple of hours before being loaded onto their trailers and leave for the next stop on their promotional itinerary. While at the Post members of the community are welcome to come see them.

Since their visit will be part of the Thursday though Saturday, July 4-6 period, the Post will be making arrangements to entertain guests from the community who would like an 'up close and personal' opportunity to see the horses with food for sale, a Budweiser beer-on-tap trailer which will be at the Post for several days including July 4th, a bounce house for children and other activities including a two-day baseball tournament on July 5 and 6.

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Post News Notes

Drink Specials for Women's Vet Day - - The Post Clubroom/Bar will recognize Women's Veterans Day on Saturday, June 15 with martini and margarita specials for \$3 from the 1 p.m. opening time until the end-of-the-day closing.

Life Line Screening Visits Post Friday, June 28 - - Life Line Screening, a privately run prevention and wellness company founded in 1993 that has visited the Post once or twice a year during the past several years, will be at the Post again on Friday, June 28.

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.ilsa.social/hasca>.

July 4 Band Concert at Post - - The Alpharetta City Band will play a July 4 concert on the grounds. The start time has not been announced, but it will probably start mid afternoon. The concert will be part of a number of activities being contemplated, which will include a bounce house for children. Other activities and events have not been announced yet; however, the Post is always a good spot to watch the Wills Park fireworks that evening.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Georgia Mountain Chapter, Military Officers Association of America Annual Picnic. Cumming Central Park, Pavilion # 2, 2300 Keith Bridge Rd. The end of spring/beginning of summer picnic event is a BYOE (bring your own everything) event. For more information contact Tom Billings, 404-668-3454, tombill03@comcast.net.

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

Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting. Rescheduled from Thursday, June 6.

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.](#)

Saturday, June 15. Atlanta World War II History Round Table Lunch Meeting. Fellowship Hall, Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Rd. Doors open at 10 a.m. for social hour; meeting starts at 11 a.m. Lunch service begins at 11:15 a.m. followed by guest speaker from 12 noon to 1 p.m. RSVP's are mandatory - - no later than Monday, June 10. Contact Bill LeCount, 404-886-7383. Admission pricing: \$23 each for members, \$28 for non-members (cash or check at the gate). WWII veterans are free. The guest speaker will be Seymour (Sy) Goodman, Regents Professor at Georgia Institute of Technology. He will discuss the race for the atomic bomb.

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 Lee Saffold, 404-667-0581, eleesaffold@gmail.com or Josh Cassan, 912-659-8785, joshuacassan@gmail.com.

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](#).

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."***

