



Alpharetta Post 201

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Thursday, June 13, 2024

General Membership Meet On Tap for 7 p.m. Tuesday

This coming Tuesday's General Membership meeting, which is scheduled to start at 7 p.m., has no major items on the agenda calling for a membership vote. Initially there was an expectation that the FY 24-25 proposed budget for the Post would be presented to the membership.

However, at this past Tuesday's executive committee meeting the decision was made to delay bringing the proposed FY 24-25 budget to the membership until the July General Membership meeting.

During the executive committee's review of the proposed budget a number of questions were raised concerning increased income projections for the Clubroom/Bar for next fiscal year when the current fiscal year has experienced a significant sales decrease when compared to FY 22-23.

Financials also show an overall increase in the cost of beer and liquor from the distributor during the past year with no overall price increases in the cost of individual drinks to offset the increased distributor costs.

Other budget projection issues also under discussion include baseball field rental income since the five year contract with Auterson Baseball is currently up for renewal; and income projections from hall rentals.

Members attending Tuesday's General Membership meeting will hear from the Post's three representatives who attended Boys State. They are Timi Akinyele of Innovation Academy; Ronask Vyas, Alpharetta High School; and Sam Wallace, Mt Pisgah Christian School.

Also a sister-brother duo, Alexandra and Sergei Boada, both from Forsyth County's Denmark High School, will receive their \$1,500 scholarship checks. Although no formal Post historical records can attest to it, the general belief is that Tuesday's check presentation will be the first time in the Post's history that both a brother and sister have ever earned scholarship checks in same year.

For those members who primarily read the General Membership meeting announcement in this publication to learn what's on the free dinner menu preceding the meeting, House Committee Chair Ralph Fike says it will be pork chops, fried chicken (mixed cuts), mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and fruit for dessert --- all provided by AJ's Home Cooking.

Located at 11770 Haynes Bridge Rd., #902, AJ's is a "down home, all-you-can-eat Southern grub, cafeteria-style" restaurant. In addition to AJ's food, more than likely members may also see pastries from the every Tuesday morning Publix bread and pastries contribution to the Post.

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Variety of Georgia License Plates Available Free for Vets

Every once in a while it's good to be reminded of a benefit the State of Georgia provides veterans. At Tuesday night's Executive Committee meeting, newly elected Sr. Vice Commander Tom Richardson reminded those attending that a veteran can save \$20 per year on the cost of the tag (unless you choose the mail-in option which will cost \$1).

There are a number of tag options including branch of service, plates for selected decorations, campaign and tour of duty plates, as well as plates for private trucks and in some cases motorcycles.

Rather than trying to cover all the options, [click here to see and download](#) an application. It may not seem like much, but \$20 is \$20. Not bad for taking the time to fill out a form and mail it in, or take it with you to the tag office when your current plate registration expires.

But most important, displaying the plate reminds others that "**you are a veteran.**"

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Local Company Provides '1-Pager' On Free VA Caregiving Services

BrightStar Care, a local area home care and medical staffing company, recently provided the Post an excellent one-page information sheet on the steps a veteran, or family members need to take if they want to qualify for free caregiving services from the Veterans Administration.

Their guidance reminds vets that the VA case manager needs to schedule an appointment with a VA doctor for a "one-time" visit noting that it is important to request "In-Home Respite Care" and "Homemaker/Home Health Aide" services. They also note that the VA physician will not replace your primary care provider if you do not wish for them to do so.

To access BrightStar Care's one-pager, [click here](#).

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting. Rescheduled from Thursday, June 6. Meeting will focus the FY 24-25 proposed budget.

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.](#)

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

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.

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.ilsa.social/hasca>.

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. 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.

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](#).

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."***

