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Innovation Academy Students Build Unique Table for Post 201

Editor's Note: The following news story written by Legion member Marty Farrell, who handles news media relations for the Post, appeared in this week's Alpharetta-Roswell Herald (an Appen Media publication). [Click here to see the photo](#) of the students and the table (currently located in the Post Clubroom) which accompanied the story.

Four 2024 graduates of the Alpharetta Innovation Academy spent much of their summer producing an impressive piece of furniture they donated to Alpharetta American Legion Post 201.

The students, Logan Rush, Anthony DiRocco, Griffin McLinn and Claxton Jobmann were motivated to engage in a community service project after reading the novel "The Kite Runner" as part of Margaret Garth's English class.

The students decided they would make a table of wood and epoxy that incorporated the logos of the six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces surrounding the American Legion Seal in the center along with shell casings from an M-16 Rifle.

The American Legion seal came from Rush's great-grandfather, a World War II Army Air Corps pilot.

The project took several months, and the table with a custom built stand was delivered to the Legion members earlier in July. It was accepted with gratitude by current Post Commander Bob Byrd and Immediate Past Commander Tom Billings and the post membership.

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\$1.5 Million Capital Campaign Update

Editor's Note: This column will appear periodically in this e-newsletter. It is written by a member of the Capital Campaign team summarizes and updates members of the Post Family on the current status of the recently launched capital campaign.

As most members of the Post Family know, we have recently launched our Community Matters Capital Campaign to secure funds to support facilities repairs and upgrades, as well as increased connections with our surrounding communities.

The summer rainstorms last week are showing us that roof replacement is urgently needed, and there are other projects can no longer be indefinitely postponed.

Currently the Campaign is at a stage in which we're seeking donations from members of the Post 201 Family, and we're looking to all of our Family members to contribute to the Capital Campaign at some level.

Why the ask? - - Membership fees, Clubroom/Bar sales, rentals and other events, and baseball all support the Post's operating budget. But we need additional funds to keep the Post's facilities in top-notch condition.

Currently, a team of Post volunteers have begun calling members of the Family to solicit support AND to assure we have up-to-date records in order to strengthen our overall communication on all Post matters.

As an individual member of the Post Family, you can also proactively make a donation directly the Post's website, <https://legion201.org/community-matters/>, or you may send a check directly to Post 201 (please write "Community Matters" in the Memo line). The Post is a 501(c)(19) charity, so your donation is tax-deductible and we will be happy to provide you a donation letter if you need one for your year-end taxes. If you have questions, please call us at 770.475.9023.

For those who have already contributed, "thank-you". For those who have not yet contributed, we urge you to thoughtfully consider supporting this worthy project. Your contributions will help your fellow veterans and other members of the Post 201 Family today and for many years to come!

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Save the Date!

The next Bourbon and Cigar night is scheduled for 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13. Tickets are \$50 per person for a flight of bourbon, a cigar and hors d'oeuvres. They may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar or [online by clicking here](#).

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

Saturday, July 27. Laughter at the Legion featuring comedians Joseph Anthony and Jeff Norris. Tickets may be [purchased online by clicking here](#). They may also be purchased at the Post's Clubroom/Bar during operating hours.

Saturday, Aug. 3. Old Soldiers Day Honoring All Women Who Served. Ceremony on Post Grounds at 10 a.m. Reception for Women who Served immediately after ceremony. Clubroom/Bar opens at 11 a.m. Special drink prices for all women vets all day. Women Vets or those on active duty who plan to attend the morning ceremony and reception are asked to email one of the event co-chairs: Penny Kumpf at penelopek0877@gmail.com, or Denise Fisher at shirley.denise.fisher@gmail.com or register at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/aUuuhRWC2GNjCPTk6>

to help the Post with determine the approximate number of guest to expect.

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.

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting.

Thursday, Aug. 8, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Dinner served starting at 6 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002. Meets the 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Lee Saffold, 404-667-0581, eelesaffold@gmail.com or Josh Cassan, 912-659-8785, joshuacassan@gmail.com.

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, derekgarmon@yahoo.com or Bruce Hay, 309-657-8528, hayville@att.net.

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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. Visit the "Resource Page" for a more complete list of resources available for veterans.

Past Issues of Post 201 E-Newsletter - [Click here](#).

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

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.

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Post 201 - Serving Vets for 76 Years
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***"It's not the price you pay to be a member,
It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

