



Alpharetta Post 201

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FY 24-25 Budget on Tuesday Membership Meeting Agenda

At next Tuesday's General Membership meeting, Legion members will be asked to approve a proposed FY 24-25 operating budget for the Post that was approved by the Executive Committee at their meeting this past Tuesday.

The proposed budget contemplates income of \$298,600 for the current fiscal year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) and total expenses of \$301,870.

Although the proposed budget projects a \$3,270 deficit for the fiscal year, bringing a budget that is not balanced to the membership for approval is not necessarily a "bad idea" noted one member of the Post's Finance Committee.

"Budgets are living documents - - especially in an organization where there is an executive committee who can move money among the various line items within the chart of accounts if that's what it takes to manage the day-to-day operation of the Post," he said.

In this case, the anticipated need to purchase a \$16,000 commercial-grade riding lawn mower to replace a "very well worn" residential-grade riding mower pushed the budget into the negative numbers.

A two-page online summary of the proposed budget is available for review by [clicking here](#).

Other items of note in the proposed budget include:

- Recognition that the cost of operating the bar has increased over the past year with the rising wholesale cost of beer, wine and liquor while income at the bar has decreased on a year-to-year basis compared to two years ago.
- The anticipation that more promotional activity will be taking place in the Clubroom during the year (such as the upcoming Jimmy Buffett "Changes in Attitude" party on Saturday, July 20) to increase member participation and bar sales.
- An increase in ballroom rental income as the space is more aggressively marketed to the area community.
- An expected increase in baseball rental income under a new contract currently being negotiated.

The other major action item on Tuesday night's agenda will be the installation of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL leadership.

Reports from committees will round out the meeting. Those reports are expected to include updates on repairs needed or underway to fix roof leaks in the kitchen and storage area from the rain this past weekend, an overview of plans for Old Soldiers Day which will "Honor All Women Who Served," and a recap of activities during the July 4-6 weekend and funds collected for the Post and for Folds of Honor.

Head Chef Paul Sheridan, and sous chef Ralph Fike have also announced the dinner menu for the membership meeting (buffet service starting at 6 p.m.) which includes pulled pork, mac and cheese, baked beans, chef salad and cucumber salad.

Dessert, however, is problematic. If members have a favorite dessert they'd like to share then please bring it. Otherwise, dessert will be come from the Tuesday morning Publix pastry and bread delivery.

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2 Alpharetta City Band Units Slated To Play at Post on Old Soldiers Day

Two units from the Alpharetta City Band are scheduled to perform at the Post during this year's Old Soldiers Day (OSD) on Saturday, Aug. 3.

The Alpha Brass ensemble will perform for 15 minutes or so prior to a 10 a.m. OSD ceremony at the Walk of Memories honoring All Women Who Served. They will also perform for another 10 minutes or so immediately following the expected 20-25 minute ceremony.

The Brass, all of whom are part of the Alpharetta City Band, consists of 10-12 brass playing members. A range of trumpets, French horns, trombones and baritones makes up this group.

On Saturday evening, the Alpha Jazz, a 22-member group formed in 2018 under the Alpharetta City Band umbrella, will be performing in the Post ballroom for those who want to dance, or just enjoy the sound.

This group brings a distinctly different genre of music to the Alpharetta scene. Made up of trumpets, trombones, saxophones, a rhythm section and vocalists, this extremely talented group of musicians excels in the improvisational nature of jazz. Others may choose to put it into the "Big Band Sound" category.

A partial list of "sounds" the audience that evening can expect to hear and enjoy dancing to include *April in Paris*, *In the Mood*, *Jump, Jive and Wail*, *Moon River*, *Moonlight Serenade*, *String of Pearls*, *Take the A Train*, *The Girl from Ipanema*, *All of Me*, *Fly Me To the Moon* and *The Way You Look Tonight*.

The two-hour Saturday evening performance will start at 8 p.m. A \$12 per person cash or credit card donation to the Post will be requested at the door.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

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

Wednesday, July 17, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Memorial Service in the Ballroom for Nick Anthony Uccello, Oct. 3, 2002 - June 24, 2024. Nik was the grandson of DiAna Casale, the Post's finance assistant and a member of the Auxiliary. The family requests those attending to wear something blue, Nik's favorite color.

Thursday, July 18, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting. Rescheduled from Thursday, July 11.

Saturday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. "Changes in Attitude" in the Post Clubroom/Bar. Music, drinks, food and great times in the style of Jimmy Buffett. Karaoke by VIP of Georgia (that's Post member Scott Hoehn for those 'not in the know.'). Frozen margaritas will be available along with hot dogs, chips and dips. [Click here](#) to see program flyer.

Monday, July 22, 9 a.m. Korean War Veterans Day Ceremony, Korean War Plaza, Veterans Memorial Walk, Newtown Park, Johns Creek. South Korean government officials will preside. Special guests will include the National Commander of the Korean National League.

Monday, July 22, 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.

Saturday, July 27. Laughter at the Legion featuring comedians Joseph Anthony and Jeff Norris. General admission tickets are \$45 per person (non refundable) which includes an Italian dinner prior to the show. Doors open at 6 p.m. for dinner with the show starting at 8 p.m. 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.

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. 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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It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

