



Alpharetta Post 201

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72nd Annual Old Soldiers Day To Honor Women Who Served

This Saturday the Post will celebrate its 72nd Annual Old Soldiers Day (OSD) honoring this year "All Women Who Have Served." Post members Denise Fisher, U.S. Army (Ret.) and Penny Kumpf, U.S. Navy Veteran, are co-chairs for this year's OSD activities.

The Post will be open to the public all day. Official activities begin at 10 a.m. with a 20-25 minute ceremony on the Walk of Memory grounds. It will be followed by a reception in the ballroom for all the women vets (and active duty/reserve members) who attend the event.

The program's guest speaker will be Martina Schmidt, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), Chairwoman of the "She Served Initiative." The Alpharetta City Band Brass Ensemble will provide music before and after the program. Scouts from Troop 51 will present the colors, and a memorial brick "Honoring All Women Who Served" will be added to the Walk of Memories.

For the remainder of the day all women veterans and those who are on active duty or the active reserve will be able to purchase any wine or liquor the bar serves for \$1 less than the published price for that particular beverage.

Big Band Show and Dance

The day will conclude with a two-hour "Big Band" show and dance in the ballroom starting at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by the 22-member Alpha Jazz. Formed in 2018 under the Alpharetta City Band umbrella, this ensemble brings a distinctly different genre of music to the Alpharetta scene.

Composed 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.

Here's a list of Big Band 'sounds' on the Alpha Jazz playlist - - - many of which the audience can expect to hear and dance to Saturday evening: *Ain't That A Kick in the Head*, *Jumpin' At the Woodside*, *Luck Be A Lady*, *Mambo Italiano*, *One O'Clock Jump*, *Pennsylvania 6-5000*, *Sing-Sing-Sing*, *Stardust*, *At the Woodchoppers Ball*, *Chega De Saudade (No More Blues)*, *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*.

So don't miss the evening - - - and if dancing is what's you'd like to do rather than just sitting 'n sipping a good libation while listening to memorable music, grab your dancing shoes, bring your partner, and dance the evening away.

A \$12 per person cash or credit card donation to the Post will be requested at the door for the Big Band evening.

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 gauge the approximate number of guests to expect.

She Served Initiative

The She Served Initiative is committed to honoring and amplifying the extraordinary experiences and achievements of women veterans. Through the powerful combination of photography and storytelling, the organization aims to illuminate the often overlooked roles of women in the military.

Despite facing numerous challenges, women from diverse backgrounds served with honor in every branch of the armed forces. They held positions of authority and made significant impacts every day. Unfortunately, and all too often, the women who served alongside men are overlooked, while much of the public equates military veterans only with men.

With more than two million women veterans in the United States, the Initiative believes it's essential to redefine the perception of a military veteran.

Martina Schmidt, the She Served Initiative chairwoman, served in the U. S. Air Force as a bioenvironmental engineering technician. After her time in the military, she worked for a few years for Battelle Memorial Institute as an Air Force contractor, but finally answered her real calling and joined the Circus! She attended the Creative Circus portfolio school and became a commercial photographer.

Her passion for Veteran Women and photography led her to create the She Served Initiative. She and her husband Bill, who supports her in all her new ventures, love to travel and play pickleball. When not photographing or traveling, she loves to crochet.

For more information visit www.sheservedinitiative.org

Alpharetta City Band

The Alpharetta City Band is a traditional concert band performing under the baton of Dr. Nicole Fallin. In addition to being dedicated amateur musicians from Alpharetta and surrounding communities, all of the band members are volunteers.

The band, and its sub units which include the Alpha Jazz, the Alpha Brass, and a Dixieland group, has entertained audiences throughout the north metro area since its first concert in 1989. The band's diverse repertoire includes patriotic marches, Broadway classics, jazz standards, traditional concert band arrangements, and holiday favorites.

Dr. Fallin, joined the band in 2017. A veteran of the U.S. Army, she performed in the 3rd Infantry Division Band in Wurzburg, Germany, the 9th Infantry Division Band in Fairbanks, Alaska, and was First Sergeant and Enlisted Band Leader of the Fort Gordon Army Band in Augusta. At the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, she was a trumpet instructor and brass branch supervisor.

She earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Appalachian State University, a Master of Music degree from Norfolk State University, and a Doctorate of Education degree from the University of Georgia.

Following her military service, she taught band at Augusta's Glenn Hills Middle School and John M. Tutt Middle School. She also initiated the marching band program while serving as band director at Cross Creek High School. Her teaching extended to the college level as Assistant Professor of Music at Augusta State University.

Visit www.alpharettacityband.com for more information.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

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, eleesaffold@gmail.com or Josh Cassan, 912-659-8785, joshuacassan@gmail.com.

Friday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night. 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](#).

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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