



Alpharetta Post 201

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Thursday, August 8, 2024

Bingo Appears On Horizon at Post, Planned Start Date Sunday, Oct. 13

The Auxiliary is taking the lead in a move to restart Bingo later this year with the first game currently scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. The SAL is working with the Auxiliary to make Bingo a reality at the Post once again.

But there is a challenge. Volunteers from the Post 201 Family are needed for a successful launch. If you'd like to volunteer, contact Leah Dunn by phone at 470-907-7363, or drop her an email, leahmdunn25@gmail.com.

In order to participate as a volunteer you will need to be bonded. Instruction on how to do that can be found at <https://sos.ga.gov/how-to-guide/how-guide-charity-bingo>. You will need to be fingerprinted first and then fill out a form for a background check. The cost to do this is just under \$40 which will be reimbursed to you by the Auxiliary. SAL even if your happen to be a member of the Legion.

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1-on1 Assistance Meet for Vets Friday, Aug. 16 in Douglasville

The Warrior Alliance, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Veterans Services and the Veterans Administration will host a 1-on-1 assistance meeting for Veterans to sign up for VA health care and other earned benefits.

The event will take place Friday, Aug. 16, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ike Owings Community Center, [8830 Gurley Road, Douglasville](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8830+Gurley+Road,+Douglasville,+GA+30134).

- Find out what resources you are eligible to receive. Get answers about your toxic exposure options.
- Learn about income-based benefits for war-time Veterans and survivors, VA education benefits, VA burial options, and caregiver support.
- Get help submitting a VA disability claim, check the status of your disability claim or appeal, or find out about how to start using VA health care.
- Learn more about VA health care options for women. And connect with other resources available in your community.

Registration is encouraged, but not required. [Click here to register](#) or get more information on the event. Parking is free and food and beverages will be provided.

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Georgia WW II Vet Burial Set for Saturday, Remains Identified 80 Years After His Death

The remains of a World War II veteran, who was unidentified for nearly 80 years, will be laid to rest Saturday in Fitzgerald, Ga.

The Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame (GMVHOF), on behalf of the family of U.S. Army PFC Luther Elwood "Buck" Bagley, has extended an invitation to all veterans to attend his 10:30 a.m. Military Graveside Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery in Fitzgerald. It will be conducted by the U.S Army 75th Ranger Regiment for World War II, according to the GMVHOF.

In mid-1944, Buck was a replacement for the 5307th Composite Unit Provisional, famously known as "Merrill's Marauders." On July 25, 1944, at the age of 22, he was initially listed as "Missing-in-Action." That was later changed to "Killed-In-Action" as a result of a battle in Myitkyina, Burma (today's Myanmar). This battle was the last combat action for Merrill's Marauders during the war. On August 10, 1944 the Marauders were disbanded.

Sometime later, Buck's widow, Eleanor (who was 19 at the time), was informed of her husband's MIA / KIA status. During the war, Eleanor was a "Rosie the Riveter" working at the Savannah shipyards and she was also the mother of their 11-month-old baby boy, Nathan or "Woody".

Due to the chaos of war, Buck's remains, as were the remains of others, were recovered from the battle field area several years after the war. But at that time they could not be positively identified. However, in April 2024, after almost 80 years, his remains were finally identified via DNA testing at the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in Hawaii.

Eleanor, who will turn 100-years-old on September 6, and son Woody, now 80, were informed on May 14, 2024 that the remains of their husband and father had been identified and would finally be coming home. Their eight decades wait was finally over.

Upon hearing the news, Eleanor's response was, "I have been waiting with a broken heart for 80 years and now the love of my life is coming home."

Buck Bagley was inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame, Inductee #163, on November 4, 2023.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other

Veteran Related Activities

Every Sunday at 7 p.m. Karaoke in the Clubroom/Bar. Lots of Laughs, Good Times, and even Greater People - - - and libations at a much better price than downtown!

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

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

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.

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

Monday, Sept. 2. Labor Day. No special hours or other event plans at the Post have been announced yet for this holiday.

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 is 3:30 p.m. 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

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."***

