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3rd Annual Kabul 13 Remembrance Ceremony Set for Saturday, Aug. 24

The Johns Creek Veterans Association will hold their 3rd annual ceremony honoring the Kabul 13 on Saturday, Aug. 24, at 10 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Walk's Afghan Plaza at Newtown Park in Johns Creek. The Knights of Columbus will be working with the JCVA Color Guard to conduct the ceremony.

Eleven Marines, one Navy corpsman and one Army soldier were killed during a suicide bombing on Aug. 26, 2021, near the Abbey Gate of the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan. The blast also killed hundreds of Afghan civilians.

Eighteen U.S. military service members and many more Afghans were wounded in the attack at the crowded entry gate where they were working to rescue Americans and Afghans fleeing the Taliban.

The 13 U.S. service members killed were:

U.S. Marine Corps - - Sgt. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, 25, Lawrence, Mass.; Sgt. Nicole L. Gee, 23, Sacramento, Calif.; Staff Sgt. Darin T. Hoover, 31, Salt Lake City, Utah.; Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, Indio, Calif.; Cpl. Daegan W. Page, 23, Omaha, Nebr.; Cpl. Humberto A. Sanchez, 22, Logansport, Ind.; Lance Cpl. David L. Espinoza, 20, Rio Bravo, Tex.

Also Lance Cpl. Jared M. Schmitz, 20, St. Charles, Mo.; Lance Cpl. Rylee J. McCollum, 20, Jackson, Wyo.; Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, 20, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.; and Lance Cpl. Kareem M. Nikoui, 20, Norco, Calif.

U.S. Navy - - Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Sowiak, 22, Berlin Heights, Ohio.

U.S. Army - - Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Knauss, 23, Corryton, Tenn.

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Mark A. Sharples

Oct. 20, 1965 – Aug. 10, 2024

Mark was an eight-year member of Post 201 and was also a member of SAL for one year. During his time at the Post he served a term as Judge Advocate. He moved to Hardeeville, S.C. a couple of years ago. Sauls Funeral Home, www.saulsfh.com, in Bluffton, S.C. is handling the arrangements, however no information regarding services were available at publication deadline.

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Post's General Membership Meet Set for 7 p.m. Tuesday

The Post's August General Membership meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday night. Dinner service, which the House Committee reports will be chili and cornbread along with several "as-yet-to-be announced" side dishes is scheduled to start in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Although a formal meeting agenda has not been published yet, no major actions which would require a membership vote are currently contemplated.

However, members can expect to hear a summary wrap-up of last Tuesday night's 2 ½ hour Executive Committee meeting where a number of significant topics were discussed.

Among them were: plans for Labor Day and the 4-day Veterans Day weekend; proposed Memorandums of Agreement with the Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, and the Alpharetta Rotary Club; the contract with Auterson Baseball; and a minor directional change in the activities of the Post's \$1.5 million Capital Campaign.

Other anticipated updates include final reports on Old Soldiers Day, and the recent comedy show; July's financial update, SAL's upcoming golf tournament; and the Auxiliary's plans to restart Bingo. The House Committee may also have an update on plans to fix the roof leaks and the need to remove several trees on the property.

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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.

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Friday, Aug. 16, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. One-to-One Assistance Meet for Vets hosted by the Warrior Alliance, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Veterans Services and the Veterans Administration will host the meeting for Veterans to sign up for VA health care and other earned benefits. The event will be at the Ike Owings Community Center, [8830 Gurley Road, Douglasville](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8830+Gurley+Road,+Douglasville,+GA+30134/@33.708775,-84.731111,15z). 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.

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 determined yet for this holiday. However, several as-yet-to-be announced drink specials are being contemplated.

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

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

