



American Legion Post 201

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Rehab Work at Post Set to Start Monday

Construction to upgrade the Post's ballroom, entrance foyer, vestibule and the two bathrooms adjacent to the ballroom is scheduled to start Monday. Plans call for the contractor, Couch Construction, to work a schedule that should not affect daily Clubroom/Bar operations; but some of the daytime ballroom activities may be affected. Work is expected to take up to three weeks to complete.

The rehab is being done as part of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Alpharetta Rotary Club and the Post. The Rotary is raising the significant majority of the currently estimated \$77,000 cost of construction with the Post committed to a 10 per cent match not to exceed \$10,000. In addition to the Rotary fundraising, they have also given the Post a \$10,000 grant which the Post plans to use as its portion of the match.

In return for the upgrades, the Rotary Club will start holding their regular Friday morning meetings at the Post sometime before the end of the year. Under the terms of the MOU the Rotary Club will be meeting at the Post for the next five years.

Additional fundraising for the Post's rehab project undertaken by the Rotary Club recently includes two concerts at Brook Park, the second of which will be a Yacht Rock concert this Saturday evening; auctioning Walk of Memories bricks; VIP tickets to Atlanta Braves games; and a football signed by former UGA head coach Mark Richt who is now an analyst for the ACC Network. Last February the Post also benefitted from a donation made by Donna Murphy who participated in the polar bear plunge sponsored by the Alpharetta Rotary Club.

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Vietnamese-American War Memorial Dedication Set for 11 a.m. Oct. 5 At Dunwoody's Brook Run Park

Dunwoody's political leaders will join the Vietnamese American Community of Georgia and the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association to dedicate a new Vietnam War Memorial at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5.

Located in Brook Run Park, [4770 North Peachtree Road](#), near the existing DeKalb Veterans Memorial, the new monument features an American Infantry soldier and a soldier from the former Republic of South Vietnam standing side-by-side.

According to the Dunwoody officials this is the only memorial like it in the U.S. It was created through a partnership between Vietnamese Refugees and U.S. Veterans who fought in Vietnam.

The ceremony will feature two speakers: Major General Lapthe Chau Flora, U.S. Army (Ret), who escaped Communist Vietnam in 1980 as a child with his family in a boat; and Lieutenant General Ron Helmly, U.S. Army (Ret.), who served two tours in Vietnam and later served as Commanding General of the U.S. Army Reserve Command.

[Click here for more information](#) about this event and to see a photo of the statue.

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~ ~ News Notes ~ ~

Chillin' and Grillin' - This Saturday the SAL will host a Chillin' and Grillin' dinner during the UGA - Alabama football game. Food service will start at 7pm. Game kickoff starts at 7:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please bring a side if you can. The SAL will also host a 50/50 raffle during the evening.

Bingo is Back – The Auxiliary has scheduled the first of two 'bingo afternoons' at the Post for Sunday, Oct. 13 and Sunday, Nov. 10. Bingo play will start at 2 p.m. on both days. There is a \$1,000 jackpot for the Oct. 13 game. [For more details click here.](#)

Need An Oil Change But Low on Funds? - On Saturday, Oct. 5 Christian Brothers Automotive, [5690 Bethelview Rd., Cumming](#), is offering a free oil change, car wash and interior vacuuming to those in need. You must be scheduled so call for an appointment at 470-253-7376! Enjoy a bounce house for the children, breakfast, lunch, treats, golf simulator and more!

8th Annual Cruz-In Planning Underway - Volunteers are still needed for this year's Cruz-In which is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Currently volunteers are visiting other car shows in the area to "pitch" participation in the Post's show. However, several shows on

Tommy Youngblood's list still need to be covered. Give Tommy a call at 678-462-9023, or drop him an email at youngbloodtom@att.net if you can help.

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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.
Libations at a much better price than downtown!***

VIEW FEATURED POST EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Troop 51 Paint Recycling Fundraiser. Post parking lot. All latex and oil based paints, regardless of size, including pints, quarts, spray cans, etc. accepted. For more information [click here](#).

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association monthly luncheon at Fellowship Hall, Dunwoody United Methodist Church, [1548 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody](#). The guest speaker will be U. S. Army Col. (ret.) Barry Pencek who will discuss his powerful book entitled “Operation Tail Wind” about a very significant covert operation in Laos during September 1970. For more information or to register for the lunch and get pricing information, contact Jim Dickson at 770-500-6794.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 5 & Friday, Nov. 1 We CARE Vet Fairs - - United We Care (www.unitedmilitarycare.org), an East Cobb County-based veterans service organization has scheduled two We CARE Vet Fairs this fall. The first will be at Ebenezer Baptist Church, [101 Jackson St. NE, Atlanta](#) on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024. The second will be at the Cobb County Civic Center, [548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta](#) on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. [Click here](#) for more information on the Ebenezer Baptist Church event; and [click here](#) for more information on the Cobb County Civic Center event.

Monday, Oct. 7, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting. Note: This meeting was moved from Tuesday, Oct. 8 to Monday, Oct. 7.

Sunday, Oct. 13. U.S. Navy Birthday. On Oct. 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet of privateers could attack British commerce and offset British sea power. To honor the Navy's birthday, the price of any rum-based drink served at the bar will reduced by \$1 for any veteran from any branch of service. In the U.S. Navy the daily rum ration was one-half U.S. pint of distilled spirits until 1842, when it was reduced to one gill (1/4th of a U.S. pint). The ration was abolished in 1862.

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Dinner service scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

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.

Monday, Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Veterans Day Lunch Celebration at Preston Ridge Community Center, [3655 Preston Ridge Rd., Alpharetta](#). Hosted by the City of Alpharetta Recreation Parks & Cultural Services. Reservations need to be made by Friday, Oct. 25. [Click here](#) to make reservations.

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VETERANS RESOURCES

Visit the [Resource Page](#) at Post 201's website, www.legion201.org for a significant amount of information concerning various resources available for veterans. You'll find a Survivor Assistance Checklist, Benefits for Georgia Veterans, Burial at Sea Information, Veteran's License Plates Information, Emergency Housing Information Guide and many other resources.

Past Issues of the Post's E-newsletter - [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

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