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### Post's Memorial Day Plans Beginning to Take Shape

The Post's Clubroom/Bar will open at 1 p.m. on Memorial Day, which this year is Monday, May 26. In addition to the early opening, the general public will be invited to participate in the day's activities at the Post. That will include access to Clubroom/Bar. All drinks that day, whether for members or guests, will be served at member prices.

Other activities currently scheduled that afternoon will include a bounce house for children, and two showings of the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association Foundation's 47-minute documentary video "Truths and Myths About The Vietnam War" which includes an introduction by actor Sam Elliott. The two showings on the large screen in the Post's ballroom are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Complimentary hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by the SAL will be available for members of the Post and guests visiting the Post until all the food is consumed. The day's planned activities will conclude with a brief memorial ceremony at 5 p.m. at the Post's Circle of Flags.

Post 201 member Jim Dickson, who is chairman of the film committee which produced the Vietnam documentary, said "the video honors those who served in the Vietnam War by addressing the decades of misinformation that has presented a skewed historical perspective of the war which officially ended 50 years ago."

Dickson will introduce the documentary and answer audience questions about its production following each showing. He also said the documentary is scheduled to be presented during the American Legion's 2025 National Convention in Tampa Bay, Fla., Aug. 22-28.

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### Walk of Memories ID'd as Artist's Site

The Post's Walk of Memories will again this year be one of many locations throughout the area that's a designated painting location for visiting "plein air" artists from throughout the Southeast who are participating in Alpharetta's annual Paint the Town.

Sixty-one artists from throughout the Southeast will start 'painting the town' on Tuesday, May. 6. All of their finished paintings will be on display at the Alpharetta Arts Center starting Saturday, May 10 through Sunday, June 8 said Nancy Murphy, president of Arts Alpharetta who is hosting the event.

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## **Clubroom Dinner Menu Set for Tomorrow; Derby Day Activities Saturday**

Short ribs and baked beans will be on the Clubroom's 'dinner menu' Friday evening. Post Commander and Bar Manager Bob Byrd said Olga and Gina will be preparing the food. A donation is requested from those who wish to partake.

Looking to Derby Day on Saturday, the bar will be offering a special "Bourbon Spire" cocktail for \$3.50 per drink. The formula for this special is well bourbon, lemonade and cranberry juice topped with a lemon peel. For those who prefer a brand name other than the 'well brand', the appropriate up charge will be added to compensate for the more expensive choice of distilled spirit.

In addition to the drink special, there will be a Kentucky Derby hat contest. And guys, the contest isn't just for the ladies - - - as one might think when they hear (or read) the words 'hat contest.' A top hat that best reflects Derby Day could be a winner.

The hat contest winner - - - who ever she or he might be - - - will walk away with a bottle of premium bourbon. In addition to the hat contest, someone in the Clubroom will walk away with 'winnings' from the one-and-a-quarter mile, or 10 furlongs race a few minutes after the Saturday's 6:57 p.m. ET post time.

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## **Post 201 Helps Cumming Post 'Over the Top' to Reach Boys, Girls State Fundraising Goal**

Post 201's contribution of \$3,500 to Cumming Post 307's \$11,900 fundraising goal for Boys and Girls State "pushed us over the top" said 307 Commander Dave Mullis when he learned of 201's gift.

"Your contribution allows us to completely fund and send 34 Forsyth County High School students (10 girls and 24 boys) to the week-long Boys State and Girls State this June in Valdosta," he added.

Both initiatives are comprehensive one week "leadership action programs" in state and local government where participants develop a working knowledge of the structure of government. Delegates have the opportunity to learn the political process by organizing a mythical 51st state. Each level of government is run by those delegates who are elected to serve. Instruction is presented on the law and court system, parliamentary procedure and Georgia political history.

Post 201 Commander Bob Byrd said having the opportunity to help others is a core mission of the American Legion. "We are pleased when we can share with our bother organizations, and look beyond the confines of Post 201 to help a neighboring Post with its youth outreach," he said.

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## **Free CPR/AED/Choking Training at Post May 24**

The North Fulton Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 12002, which meets at Post 201, is offering free CPR/AED/Choking training on Saturday, May 24 in the Post's ballroom. This training is open to the general public.

There will be two training sessions, each lasting one-and-a-half hours. The first will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the second from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Space is limited so early sign-up is recommended. [Click here to signup.](#)

The training is being presented by instructors Steve Cory and Marc Gelber, both who are members of the Rotary Club of North Fulton. For more information contact Ron Cowan at 404-509-1700 or [roncowan48@gmail.com](mailto:roncowan48@gmail.com).

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## Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

**Every Sunday at 7 p.m. - - Karaoke in the Clubroom/Bar.**

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**9-Ball Pool Tournament, 2 p.m.**

**Every 3rd Sunday in the Clubroom/Bar**

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**Thursday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting rescheduled to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8.** The meeting change provides more time to develop the FY 25-26 budget for review as well as having fiscal year-to-date financials through April 30 available for review.

**Tuesday, May 6, 11 a.m. AVVBA Monthly Membership Meeting.** The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Dunwoody United Methodist Church, 1548 Mount Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338, and a lunch will be served. The speaker will be AVVBA EVP Clyde Romero. His presentations will be about the Vietnam War's Operation Eldorado Canyon. Contact Jim Dickson at 770-500-6794 for details and to register if interested in attending.

**Tuesday, May 6, 6 p.m. House Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, May 13, 6 p.m., Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rally Point Grille Veteran Block Party** and Business Expo. 10009 Hwy 92, Woodstock. [Click here](#) for details.

**Saturday, May 17. Armed Forces Day.** Every drink of any variety sold at the at the Clubroom/Bar and purchased by a veteran for his or her consumption (or active duty member) on this day will be reduced by \$1 off the regular price. Veterans need to be prepared to verify they are veterans (if asked by the bartender) and the same procedure will be in place for members of the Armed Forces on active duty. A military ID card will be acceptable for those on active duty.

**Saturday, May 17, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. SAL Saturday Night Dinner.** The SAL will be cooking and selling dinners to members of the Post 201 Family and dancers. The menu includes: Porterhouse T-Bone dinner - \$25 per meal; regular T-Bone dinner - \$20 per meal; and chicken and pork chop dinners - \$15 each. A sign-up sheet to order your meal will be posted in the Clubroom two weeks prior to the event.

**Tuesday, May 20, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary dinner served at 6 p.m. FY 25-26 Leadership will be elected at this meeting.

**Monday, May 26, Memorial Day. Clubroom Bar opens at 1 p.m.** instead of the normal 3 p.m. opening time on Mondays.

**Monday, June 9, 11 a.m. America 250 Commemorative Marker Dedication.** Lou Sobh Amphitheater, 450 Vision Drive, Cumming. [Click here for details.](#)

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## VETERANS RESOURCES

Visit the [Resource Page](#) at Post 201's website, [www.legion201.org](http://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.](#)

**Veterans Crisis Line**  
Call 988 and Press 1 or Text 838255  
Visit [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)  
VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk - 631-720-6022

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