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### **Post to Host Memorial Day Open House for Community**

Post 201 will celebrate Memorial Day this Monday by holding an Open House for the general public from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. In addition to the Post's Walk of Memories, which is always open to the public, members of the local community are invited to participate in other activities that afternoon.

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 is the main item on the activity list. The showings, on the large screen in the Post's ballroom, are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Post 201 member Jim Dickson, who is chairman of the film committee which produced the documentary will introduce it at each showing and then answer audience questions about its production following each showing.

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.

In addition to the video, members of the Post and guests from the local community can take advantage of:

- Complimentary chicken wings, chicken strips, hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by the Sons of the American Legion. Food service will start at 2 p.m. and will continue until all the food is consumed.
- A bounce house to entertain the children, along with other outdoor "yard" games which will be set up set up on the Post's front lawn.
- Access to the Post's Clubroom/Bar. All drinks purchased during Memorial Day will be served at member prices to both members and guests.

The day's last scheduled activity will be a brief memorial ceremony at 5 p.m. at the Post's Circle of Flags. This gathering will honor the courage, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of the men and women who gave their lives in service to the United States and to also remember the Nation's Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action.

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## **10 Young People Represent Post 201 at Boys, Girls State**

Six boys and four girls representing Post 201 are scheduled to attend the Georgia Department's Boys State and Girls State programs in Valdosta next month.

Girls State delegates and their respective high schools are: Allison Yang, home schooled; Saanvi Kadiyala, Milton HS; Shree Patadia, Innovation Academy; and Santana Uppaluri, Fulton Science Academy.

Boys State delegates are: John Cario and Michael Herger, both from Blessed Trinity Catholic HS; Daniel Dri, West Forsyth HS; Raunak Gupta, Johns Creek HS; Lijun Xu, Mt. Pisgah Christian School; and Edwin Tang, Northview HS.

Both programs are comprehensive one week "leadership action programs" in state and local government for qualified high school rising seniors. It is held at Valdosta State University during the week of June 8-14.

The two programs are designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon the young citizens an understanding that the nation's government is "just what we make it."

During the week, the 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.

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**~ Post News Notes ~**

**New Jr. Vice Commander Elected** - - In a very close election James Timcoe defeated Jeff Davis for the Jr. Vice Commander's slot for the coming year. James garnered 22 votes to Davis' 19, with one abstention. James will replace outgoing Jr. Vice Commander Ralph Fike on June 1.

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**Post Represented at Alpharetta Memorial Day Event** - - The Post's Finance Officer, Ralph Jordan, will be 201's "official representative" at this year's Memorial Day Tribute at Alpharetta City Hall. The program begins at 9 a.m. The Post has had a representative on the podium every year since 2016, with Marty Farrell representing the Post since 2019. Members of the Post who are planning to attend this event are asked to wear their Legion cover or some other outerwear to ID you as a member of the Post.

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**Bourbon & Cigar Night Returns** - - After a nine month hiatus Bourbon & Cigar Night is back! Although the bourbons to be tasted and the cigars to be smoked are yet to be announced (*Translation: no decision have been made yet*), mark your calendar for 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, June 13. Cost is \$50 per person. Tickets may be purchased online by [clicking here](#). They may also be purchased at the bar. For more information [click here](#). And yes, hors d'oeuvres prepared by DiAna Casale are also on the bill of fare. Thanks to John Dowd who was the 'driver' to get this activity back on the event calendar.

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**Boxes for the Troops Update** - - "Big" Mike Carroll, who took the responsibility for the Box program following Stephen (Steve'O) Olesnevich's death, reports that this fiscal year the Post has sent more than 275 Boxes to the Troops (July 1, 2024 – to date). Prior to his death last year Steve'O said he had mailed some 13,000 boxes to the troops during the more than 20 years that he was the mainstay for the Post's Box program.

According to an article published by Appen Media on Nov. 22, 2022, funds donated by area residents and local businesses to support the box program at that time exceeded \$100,000. Since then additional donations have pushed the total to well over \$150,000.

Big Mike said it currently costs the Post \$25 per box to mail to an APO or FPO address. He also said he is looking for volunteers to help him with packing and mailings as well as any new or updated addresses that Post members can suggest where he can send boxes.

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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!*

***9-Ball Pool Tournament, 2 p.m.***  
***Every 3rd Sunday in the Clubroom/Bar***

## VIEW FEATURED POST EVENTS

**Saturday May 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free CPR/AED/Choking Training.** 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 to 30 per session so early sign-up is recommended. [Click here to signup.](#) The North Fulton Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 12002, which meets at Post 201, is sponsoring the event.

**Sunday, May 25, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom.**

**Monday, May 26, Memorial Day. Clubroom Bar opens at 1 p.m.**

**Monday, May 26, 2025, 7:30 p.m. "An Ode to America".** Brooke Street Park, Alpharetta. Each May, the Alpharetta Symphony offers a Memorial Day concert that is free and open to all. This year, the symphony will honor the nation with a slate of patriotic tunes, including favorites like *Stars and Stripes Forever*, *America the Beautiful*, and *The Veteran's Anthem*. Join the symphony for an evening in the park - bring a blanket, some chairs, a picnic, and the whole family to enjoy music by the bandstand! For more information about the concert [click here](#).

**Tuesday, May 27, 5 p.m. Special Executive Committee Meeting** to discuss the proposed FY 25-26 Budget. The meeting's goal is to finalize the budget and resolve any outstanding questions so the budget can be presented for approval at the Tuesday, June 17 General Membership Meeting.

**Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m. Women Veterans Day Ceremony** to recognize the strength, sacrifice, and service of women who have worn the uniform with pride. Women's Plaza, Veterans Memorial Walk, [3125 Old Alabama Rd., Johns Creek](#). Guest Speaker: Joanne Melear, U.S. Navy Nurse Corps (Vietnam Era). Presented by the Johns Creek Veterans Association.

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

**Tuesday, June 10, Life Line Health Screening in the Post's Ballroom.** Life Line is offering a special screening package for \$159 to Post members. The package includes: Carotid Artery Disease Screening; Atrial Fibrillation Screening; Peripheral Artery Disease Screening; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening; and a free Hypertension Screening. These screenings are designed to identify potential health problems early, before they become serious issues. For more information or to schedule an appointment call 888-814-0466 and use code: HSCA001. The company's website is [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

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## CLUB 201 DANCE - LEARN MORE

## 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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