



American Legion Post 201

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### **Plans for Independence Day At Post are Coming Together**

Planning for this year's Friday, July 4 Independence Day celebrations are starting to come together. However volunteers are still "desperately needed" to help marshal cars and collect a \$10 per car parking fee from those visiting the Post to celebrate the day, enjoy an evening band concert and finish the day watching the fireworks. If you can help with parking, contact Post Commander Bob Byrd as soon as possible.

The parking fee will not be charged to those who are members of the Post Family or members of other American Legion Posts (which includes SAL and Auxiliary members) and who have and present a current 2025 Legion, Auxiliary or SAL membership card. All others will be asked to pay a \$10 per car parking fee.

In addition to the historic July 4 parking demands at the Post to see the fireworks, the Highway 9 Band will also be providing music for dancing that evening in the Post ballroom. This is expected to create additional parking demands this year.

Those who are not members of the Post, but come to ‘dance’ at the Post will be asked to pay the parking fee upon entering the Post. If they identify themselves as coming to the Post to dance, they will be given a pass (one per car) which they can turn in when they enter the ballroom. That pass will allow one member of their party to pay only \$2 cash or credit as long as they turn in their pass at the reception desk. Of course, all other members of the party will be asked to pay the regular \$12 per person entrance fee.

As always, members of the area community are invited to celebrate the day and take advantage of all the Post’s facilities starting at 1 p.m. and until after the annual fireworks show at Wills Park concludes.

Here’s some additional information about activities at the Post on July 4.

- The Clubroom/Bar will open at 1 p.m. with two bartenders scheduled to be on duty. A third will be added to cover ballroom activities later in the day.
- The Auxiliary will have a 4th of July 50/50 raffle with drawing scheduled to take place prior to fireworks on the evening of the 4th. Tickets will be one for \$5, three for \$10, or 10 for \$20 - - - and you do not have to be present at the drawing to win.
- The all-volunteer Alpharetta City Band concert on the grounds is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.
- The baseball field concession stand will be open from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. selling hamburgers and hotdogs. If they run out of food, then they will close earlier. The SAL will be responsible for concession stand activities this year.
- All alcoholic beverages sold on the 4th will be sold at the Clubroom/Bar. Members of the community and guests of the Post are welcome in the Clubroom/Bar all day and until after the fireworks show.

For those who might not be familiar with the Post’s safety and beverage rules, alcoholic beverages may not be brought onto the Post’s grounds. Consumer fireworks, charcoal grills and small propane grills are also prohibited on Post grounds.

The Wills Park fireworks, which can be seen from the Post’s Walk of Memories and baseball field, are scheduled to start when the sky is dark, which should be in the 9:30 p.m. time frame.

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## ~ News Notes ~

**Bourbon & Cigar Night** - - A “Thanks for Making it Happen” goes to John Dowd who took the lead to re-invigorate Bourbon & Cigar Night at the Post after a rather extended hiatus. Twenty tickets were sold for this past June 13 evening. After all expenses were coded, the evening cleared \$490.65 for the Post’s coffers. In addition to John, an additional “Shout Out” needs to go to Voodoo Brewing Company, [1010 Mansell Road, Suite 180, Roswell](#), who donated the food for the evening. If you’re in the area, drop by and tell them thanks for their participation. For more information on VooDoo [click here](#).

**Patriotic Celebration Concert** - - Roswell United Methodist Church (RUMC) will host their 44th Annual Patriotic Celebration Concerts this year at 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 27 and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 29. This year’s concert features the the 80-voice RUMC Choir, a 13-piece Big Band, and Tom Alderman playing the church’s “Mighty Moeller” organ. Both concerts are free and open to the community. The church is located at [814 Mimosa Blvd.](#) near downtown Roswell. [Click here](#) for more information on the both concerts.

**VA Claims Processing** - - The Department of Veterans Affairs announced this past Tuesday that it processed more than two million disability benefits claims for Veterans in fiscal year 2025, faster than ever before. The VA achieved this milestone more than a month faster than their all-time record reached in FY 2024. At this pace, they will surpass the previous record number of completed disability claims by more than 14 per cent this year. [Click here](#) to read the full story.

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

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

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**Monday, June 30, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Game Nite in the Clubroom.** Come play. Various board games and card games will be set up. This a a no-cost, no-wager, fun way to spend an evening at the Post.

**Friday, July 4, Independence Day.** Clubroom/Bar opens at 1 p.m. Volunteers who can help park cars are needed.

**Tuesday, July 8, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Thursday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, July 15, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** A complimentary dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. Officers will be installed for the coming year.

**Saturday, August 2, Old Soldiers Day.** While not confirmed yet, Post Leadership is hoping to have several certified Veterans Service Officers available who will bring their laptops to the Post so veterans can access there records at the VA. Newly elected Jr. Vice Commander James Timcoe has agreed to pursue the arrangements. Post Finance Office Ralph Jordan will chair the day's overall activities.

**Thursday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m. Purple Heart Day.** The Auxiliary will hold a brief service at the Purple Heart Memorial on the Walk of Memories. All drinks at the bar will be reduced by \$1 for veterans who have earned the Purple Heart. Additional details for the day are still being worked out.

**Wednesday, Oct. 15. 8th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament,** at the Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm, 3030 Bradshaw Drive, Woodstock. A flyer is posted in the Clubroom with more information. The SAL will start having golf tournament planning meetings at the Post every

other Wednesday after the July 4th weekend. Meetings will be on 7/9/25, 7/23/25, 8/6/25, and 8/20/25. After Labor Day meetings will be every Wednesday: 9/3/25, 9/10/25, 9/17/25, 9/24/25, 10/1/25, and 10/8/25. All meetings will start at 6:15 p.m.

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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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