



American Legion Post 201

Telephone: 770-475-9023

americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com

www.legion201.org

Thursday, July 24, 2025

~~~~~

### **Veterans Support Experts Available to Assist Vets With VA-Related Questions At Post's Upcoming OSD**

Veterans who may have questions about how to access various VA benefits which they may be interested in applying for will have an opportunity to 'Ask the Experts' about their individual situations during Old Soldiers Day (OSD) at Post 201.

This includes questions about the paperwork they will need to have or actions they may need to take to assure that "all the boxes are correctly checked" when making the formal ask, and what they need to know or information they need to leave for their survivors if interested in being interred at a national cemetery.

Representatives from the National Cemetery in Canton, and from the Georgia Department of Veterans Services will be on hand to meet with veterans on a 1-to-1, first come-first served basis between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2 in the Post ballroom. They will provide individualized guidance and make resource assistance recommendations so individual vets can be well-prepared when it's time to 'file the paperwork'.

At 4 p.m. there will be a showing of the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association Foundation's 47-minute documentary "Truths and Myths about The Vietnam War." Post 201 member Jim Dickson, who is chairman of the film committee which produced the documentary, will introduce it and answer audience questions about its production following the showing. The film will also be previewed at two showings at the American Legion's Aug. 22-28 national conference in Tampa Bay, Fla.

Also, members of the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL who would like to renew their membership for 2026 will be able to take care of that between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the appropriate organization's table in the ballroom. Area veterans who are not members of the American Legion, or who may be members of another Post and are interested in transferring to Post 201 will also be accommodated and new member applications for the SAL and Auxiliary will also be accepted.

OSD activities will open at 10 a.m. with a concert on the lawn provided by the Alpharetta City Band Brass Ensemble. Post leadership will hold a brief ceremony honoring the day starting at 10:30 a.m. The Post's Clubroom/Bar will open at 11 a.m. and will be offering (for those who either need - - - or want it) Bloody Mary specials all day at a reduced price.

The Post's newly refinished outdoor bar-b-que pit and grill will be put to the test starting at 12 noon. Although the menu is still being finalized, according to the event planning chair Ralph Jordan, food will be available for sale from 12 noon until it is all consumed.

All OSD activities at the Post between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. will be open to the general public.

~ ~ ~

## **Tennessee Legion Post Suspended for 6 Months**

American Legion Post 95 in East Ridge, Tenn. has had its charter to operate suspended for a minimum of six months by the American Legion Department of Tennessee. In a July 9, 2025 letter from Department Commander Todd McKinley to members of the Post, McKinley said the Post "has or has been known to have gaming events . . . which violates Tennessee's Gaming Laws." He also noted that the Post "failed to meet its obligations imposed by State Law and Statute as well as the Department Constitution and Bylaws . . ."

Post 201 Judge Advocate Jim Davis, in his discussion and briefing paper he presented about the Tennessee Post's suspension at Monday night's Post 201 Special Executive Committee meeting noted the following:

### **Tennessee Post 95's Infractions**

- Failure to check current Membership status of Post/SAL/Aux Members
- Improper "sponsorship" of Guests
- Drinking during Meetings
- Intoxicated Members in Clubroom
- Check Cashing, Credit, Loans in Clubroom
- Illegal Gaming activities on premises (e.g., Ace of Diamonds)
- No State License for permissible games of chance
- No disciplinary actions for destruction of Post property

Davis also outlined some areas which he recommended that Post 201 focus on. They included:

- Ensure all Guests are logged and that the "sponsor" remains until they leave
- Remind the Membership that our Members are responsible for the conduct of their Guests and may face disciplinary action for their misconduct
- Remind all Clubroom Staff and Officers that they are empowered to ask intoxicated and/or unruly Members and Guests to leave the premises
- Continue to conduct and document all Roll-the-Dice and other Raffles in accordance with State and County regulations
- Continue to use our (Post 201) Code of Conduct to address significant violations thereof and update it accordingly

*Editor's Note: A copy of the letter sent to Post 95 members by the Department of Tennessee Commander is available by [clicking here](#).*

~ ~ ~

**~ News Notes ~**

**Weekend Custodian Needed** - - The Post is still looking for a part-time custodian who can work Saturday and Sunday mornings and plus additional days at times depending on scheduled activities at the Post. Details are posted on the bulletin board in the Clubroom. If interested contact the Post at 770-475-9023 or email [americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com).

**Clubroom/Bar Special Drinks for August** - - Old Soldiers Day, Saturday, Aug. 2, Bloody Mary Special. \$1.00 off the regular price. Don't forget: the Clubroom/Bar will open at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 4, Coast Guard birthday. \$1.00 off all rum drinks. Thursday, Aug. 7, Purple Heart Day, \$1.00 off all drinks for all Purple Heart recipients.

**SAL Spaghetti Dinner** - - Interested in a spaghetti dinner evening? If so, the SAL will be preparing a Spaghetti Dinner Box (at \$15 per box) on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The meal includes spaghetti, meat sauce, meatballs, salad, and garlic bread. No word from the SAL yet on whether a signup sheet will be posted in advance, or if they're just going to be ready to dish-it-out to all who show up and order it that evening.

**Wreaths Across America** - - Christmas in July, and August, too has landed on the Patriots of Liberty chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. As part of fund raising outreach to support the organization prior to the annual, year-end Wreaths Across America campaign, wreaths may be purchased now for \$17, of which \$5 will revert back to the local chapter. For more information the program contact Jennifer Boren at [jfboren52@gmail.com](mailto:jfboren52@gmail.com) or [visit this link](#).

~ ~ ~

## 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**

**Sunday, July 27, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom**

**Monday, July 28, 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 is a no-cost, no-wager, fun way to spend an evening at the Post.

**Saturday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Old Soldiers Day Open House at Post.**

**Sunday, Aug. 3, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Shuffleboard Tournament.** Entry fee is \$10 per person. A signup sheet for those interested is posted on the black board in the Clubroom. Six are signed up to play as of Wednesday, July 23.

**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. Light refreshments will be served in the Clubroom following the ceremony. RSVP to Ellen Terrell-Youngblood at 678-462-9003 or email her at [eftot57@gmail.com](mailto:eftot57@gmail.com) All drinks at the bar will be reduced by \$1 for veterans who have earned the Purple Heart. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Thursday, Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Sunday, Aug. 10 and 24 at 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom.**

**Tuesday, Aug. 12, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary dinner served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**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. [Click here](#) to see the online version. The SAL will start having golf tournament planning meetings at the Post every other Wednesday after the July 4th weekend. Meetings will be on 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.

~ ~ ~

**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**

**Legion**

**SAL**

**Auxiliary**

**More  
Veterans  
Resources**

**Photo Gallery**

## POST 201 - SERVING VETERANS SINCE 1947



201 Wills Road  
Alpharetta, GA 30009  
(770) 475-9023  
[americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com)

