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### Today is Pre-Vet Day 'Work Day' at Post

Lots of volunteer "workers" will be swarming the Post this morning and early afternoon getting the Post ready for Saturday's Cruz-In as well doing general spruce-up cleaning around the Post.

Today's workday comes on the heels of the Young Men's Service League of North Fulton spending two days during the past couple of weeks pressure washing and staining the exterior walls of deck. Also, members of the Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) planted red, white and blue pansies at the Huey helicopter/T-33 entrance to the Walk of Memories to honor the nation's upcoming 250th birthday the past Monday.

Today's volunteers include of team 18 from the Lowe's stores at Windward and Mansell Roads, and perhaps some other Lowe's stores in the area, 20 students from Restoration Christian Academy (RCA) along with some parents and teachers. RCA is a K-6 school located at 410 Rucker Road in Alpharetta, and the Martha Stewart DAR Chapter who will be cleaning up a memorial area along the walk.

The Lowe's team will be improving the landscape around the marquee sign at the intersection of Old Milton/Rucker Roads and Wills Roads and cleaning out some of the underbrush around the Magnolias which hide the baseball field's outfield fence. And if time permits, they also plan to install two ceiling fans the bar area.

Now to the big question: Who from the Post 201 Family will also be seen 'volunteering' with the volunteers today. Anybody want to take any bets?

Editor's Note: <u>Click here</u> to see pictures DAR members planting pansies. <u>Click here</u> to see photos of work on the deck.

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## **Baseball Game Scheduled** for Cruz-In Day Cancelled

The second annual 'Stars and Stripes' baseball games, slated to be played during this Saturday's Cruz-In, has been cancelled due to not enough time elapsing between the field being seeded for next year and game day itself.

After seeding, the soil needs to be kept consistently moist but not soggy until the seed germinates which takes a period of time. Thus, no play on the field this Saturday or on Veteran's Day when another event was in the process of being scheduled.

However, in the larger scheme of things, the cancelled game is not expected to reduce the interest in the primary reason for the day - - - to come out and see more than 100 classic, exotic, vintage, custom, military, off-road, muscle and military vehicles on display at the Post's The 9th Annual Cruz-In which takes place between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday.

Last year's Cruz-In had 139 cars on display. The big question in Chair Tommy Youngblood's mind is: Will this year top last year?

In addition to the vehicles, other activities during the day include the Post's Clubroom/Bar opening for business at 10 a.m., food for sale as well as an Auxiliary-sponsored bake sale, bounce houses for children to play, and the Forsyth County Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron Honor and Color Guard presenting the colors at the opening ceremonies.

Also the Auxiliary is collecting non-perishable food items during the day to be delivered to the food bank at American Legion Post 45 in Canton.

<u>Click here to read</u> about last year's event in the *Alpharetta-Roswell Herald*. <u>Click here</u> for more details about the day itself.

#### ~ News Notes of Interest ~

**2025 Veterans Day Freebies** -- A list of free meals, restaurant deals, and discounts thanks to Military.com. <u>Click</u>
<a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.com">here</a> to see the <u>military.com</u> list. And don't forget Monday morning's Maple Street Biscuit Company event in downtown Alpharetta hosted by Melissa Morgan. <u>Click here</u> for Maple Street details.

U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Party at Rally Point Grille -- Click here for details.

**Veteran's Service Dog Telethon on Veterans Day** - - WXIA-TV 11Alive will host an all-day telethon dedicated to veterans who need but cannot afford service dogs on Veteran's Day. All donations taken in that day will go to the Top Dogg K9 Foundation in Lilburn. Think about making a donation – the dogs and the veterans would appreciate it. **Click here** for details.

Support Wreaths Across America - - Again this year the Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the

American Revolution are seeking support to sponsor remembrance wreaths to be placed on vet's graves in the Alpharetta area. To support them and sponsor a wreath, or to purchase one for your personal use, <u>click here</u> to visit the DAR Chapter's web page to place an order.

**Swim with the Gentle Giants** - - The Cherokee County Homeless Veteran program has been certified to participate in the Georgia Aquarium's "Swim with the Gentle Giant's" program for Vets for more than five years. The program takes eight veterans to swim and allows the veterans to invite up to two guests to watch. Recently Post 201's Senior Vice Commander Tom Richardson was invited to 'take a dip with the giants'.

The Aquarium's program for vets provides general admission to all the participants on swim day and all the swim equipment needed for the Veterans. Veterans from across the conflicts from Vietnam to Afghanistan have participated, including veterans with mental health conditions since this swim can be therapeutic for them. For details on the Cherokee County program contact Jim Lindenmayer, the service officer at American Legion Thomas M. Brady Post 45 in Canton, Email: <a href="mailto:jlindenmayer80@gmail.com">jlindenmayer80@gmail.com</a> . <a href="mailto:Click here">Click here</a> to see photos shot on Richardson's 'swim day.'

# **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

Thursday, Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

**Saturday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 9th Annual Cruz-In.** Click here to see some of the cars on display last year. Bounce houses will be available for children and the Auxiliary is planning a bake sale in conjunction with the event. The Forsyth County Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron Honor and Color Guard will present the colors for the opening ceremonies. The Post's Clubroom/Bar will open for business at 10 a.m. Click here for more details.

Sunday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m. BINGO at the Post.

Monday, Nov. 10, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. 8th Annual Veteran's Day Complimentary Breakfast hosted by local Realtor Melissa Morgan at The Maple Street Biscuit Company, 50 Canton Street in downtown Alpharetta. No RSVP's are needed. Just show up and enjoy the morning with fellow veterans. To-go orders and curbside pickup are also available. Watch for posters to appear in the Clubroom with more details later this month, and also in future issues of this e-newsletter. Click here for more details.

Monday, Nov. 10, U.S. Marine Corps 250th Birthday. All rum-based drinks sold in the Clubroom/Bar will be

reduced in price by \$1 off the regular retail price for all veterans of any service, and active-duty, guard and members of the reserve forces. The Marine Corps was established on November 10, 1775, in Philadelphia's Tun Tavern. Before 1921, there was no organized annual celebration for the Corps' founding. A historic recreation of the Tun Tavern, near its original location, will be part of the Marine Corps celebration in Philadelphia.

**Tuesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day at Post 201.** The Clubroom/Bar will open at 1 p.m. on Veterans Day instead of the normal 3 p.m. opening on Tuesdays. There will be drink specials for veterans and active duty, guard and reserve, but what they will be is still being discussed. The next issue of this publication will have the details.

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

**Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary dinner served starting in the at 6 p.m. time frame.

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2 p.m. BINGO at the Post.

**Sunday Nov. 23. Early Thanksgiving Meal Hosted by SAL.** No details available yet. Watch this space for more information next week.

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m. Post will close in preparation for Thanksgiving Day.

Thursday, Nov. 27. Thanksgiving Day. The Post will be closed.

**Wednesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Gala.** Reserved seat tickets for the Post's annual New Year's Eve Gala are on sale, online now. <u>Click here</u> for more details and to purchase your reserved seats. And keep in mind - - - tickets are available only through an online purchase.

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2025, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting. <u>Special Note: There will be no SAL membership meetings in November or December according to SAL Commander Derek Garmon.</u>

CLUB 201 DANCE -LEARN MORE

#### **VETERANS RESOURCES**

Visit the <u>Resource Page</u> at Post 201's website, <u>www.legion201.org</u> 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 <u>www.veteranscrisisline.net</u> VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

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