



American Legion Post 201

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### **Busy Weekend on Tap at Post 201: Alpha Jazz 'Big Band,' Friday Night; Bingo - 2 p.m. Sunday, Super Bowl Watch Party Planned for 5:30 p.m.**

Lots of activity is on tap at the Post for the next three days starting at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow evening.

The 7:30 p.m. Friday evening dance this week features music by Alpha Jazz, a 22-piece ensemble which has a full complement of saxophones, trumpets, trombones, a rhythm section, and two vocalists. Established in 2018 to bring classic swing and big band sounds to the community, Alpha Jazz is the specialized big band ensemble of the Alpharetta City Band.

Known for their dance-friendly, high-energy performances that celebrate both traditional big band hits and contemporary jazz arrangements, the group brings a distinctly different genre of music to the Alpharetta scene.

Come dance the night away if the mood strikes, or simply enjoy the music of a superb group whose music repertoire includes hits like *April in Paris*, *In the Mood*, *Moon River*, *Moonlight Serenade*, *String of Pearls*, *Take the A Train*, *The Girl from Ipanema*, *All of Me*, *Fly Me To the Moon* and *The Way You Look Tonight* and more.

The twice-a-month "Bingo at the Post" is on tap for Sunday afternoon. Game play starts in the Ballroom at 2 p.m., so if you're planning to play consider arriving at least 45-minutes or so earlier in order to purchase your cards and be settled in for the first game.

Shortly after Bingo draws to a close, the Super Bowl LX Watch Party in the Clubroom will be getting underway in the

5:30 p.m. time frame. Bring your favorite snack to share with others and get settled in for the 6:30 p.m. kick off.

In addition to Alpha Jazz, Bingo and the Super Bowl Watch party, keep in mind that Saturday night's dance this week will feature Country Night with DJ Wray Sisk, and Sunday night's regularly scheduled West Cost Swing evening is hosted by Swing Invasion. Visit [www.club201dance.com](http://www.club201dance.com) for more details on all the dance events.

Also, the Post's Executive Committee recently approved admitting those who are between the ages of 18 and 21 years to the Post's dance activities although the Club201 website has not be updated to reflect the age change.

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## **SAL to Host Daytona 500 Watch Party; Pizza, Wings Service Starts at 4:30 p.m.**

The SAL will host a Daytona 500 watch-party on Sunday, Feb. 15. While the race starts at 2:30 p.m., complimentary pizza and wings will be available starting in the 4:30 p.m. time frame - - -approximately 1½ hours before the winning car normally crosses the finish line, unless factors such as yellow flag cautions, red flags, and weather delays extend the average race duration which is normally in the range of 3½ hours.

### *A Little NASCAR History*

Conceived by NASCAR founder Bill France Sr. to replace a dangerous beach-road course, the 2.5-mile high-banked, tri-oval was completed in 1959. Lee Petty won the inaugural 1959 race in a dramatic photo finish.

Throughout its history, the race has been defined by speed and drama. In 1960, Junior Johnson used the "draft" to win against more powerful cars, uncovering a crucial superspeedway strategy. The 1979 race was a turning point; with the East Coast snowed in, a CBS live broadcast showed a final-lap crash and a fight between Cale Yarborough and the Allison brothers, launching NASCAR into national prominence.

The fastest Daytona 500 in history was won by Buddy Baker in 1980 with an average speed of 177.602 mph. Driving the #28 "Gray Ghost" Oldsmobile, Baker completed the 500-mile race in 2 hours, 48 minutes, and 55 seconds - - - a record that has stood for more than four decades.

"The King," Richard Petty, holds the record for most wins with seven, cementing his legacy in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. Other legendary moments include Dale Earnhardt Sr.'s emotional first win in 1998 after years of heartbreak, followed by his tragic death on the last lap of the 2001 race, which triggered major safety improvements.

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## **Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities**

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

**VIEW FEATURED**

## POST EVENTS

**Thursday, Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Friday, Feb. 6. ALPHA JAZZ 'Big Band' is Back.** Dance the night away to your favorite sounds from yesteryear. Open dance 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Lessons at 7:30 p.m. Admission: \$15 per person cash or credit. Open to those 18 years old and older.

**Sunday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Sunday, Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m. Super Bowl LX Watch Party in Club room.** Bring a snack to share with others.

**Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Friday, Feb. 13, 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 2nd Annual Golden Heart Gala.** A special celebration for the golden people of the community. [Click here for details.](#)

**Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. The Rotary Club of Alpharetta will host the meal service.

**Saturday, Feb. 21, 4:30 p.m. Chili Cook Off.** Come early, bring your entry. Tasting will get underway at 4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Saturday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. SAL's "NY Roast Prime Rib Dinner."** The cost will be \$25 per dinner which includes a "good piece of meat and two sides." More details to follow.

**Saturday, Mar. 14, 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Lucky Paws and Patriots Casino Night.** Sponsored by the Alpharetta Lions Club, all proceeds from this fundraiser will go to Warrior Freedom Service Dogs. Tickets are \$75 per person. Visit [www.alpharettalions.com](http://www.alpharettalions.com) to purchase tickets. For more information call 410-708-6331 or email: [casino@alpharettalions.com](mailto:casino@alpharettalions.com).

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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**