



## American Legion Post 201

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### Alpha Jazz Returns to the Post For Friday Club 201 Dance Night

Tomorrow night's dance evening at the Post once again features Alpha Jazz, a 22-member group formed in 2018 under the Alpharetta City Band umbrella. Known for their dance-friendly, high-energy performances, the group brings a distinctly different genre of music to the Alpharetta scene.

Made up of trumpets, trombones, saxophones, a rhythm section and vocalists, this extremely talented group of local musicians excels in the improvisational nature of jazz as well as producing what others may choose to call the "Big Band Sound."

According to the Club 201 Dance web site, the evening gets started at 7:30 p.m. with both beginner and intermediate Rumba dance lessons taught by instructor Elizabeth William. Open dance gets underway at 8:15 p.m. In addition to music provided by Alpha Jazz, a DJ will provide music during band breaks.

Be prepared to 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.

Admission for the evening is \$15 per person (cash or credit card).

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**SAL 26-27 Leadership  
Nomination, Election  
Process Announced**

At Tuesday night's SAL monthly membership meeting, attended by less than a dozen members, SAL Commander Derek Garmon outlined the leadership opportunities and election process for the coming year, which like the Legion side of the house, takes effect on June 1.

Open SAL position include Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, and Finance Officer (all one-year terms); and a three-year term on the SAL's executive board. The SAL Commander's position is a two-year term. Garmon has one more year to serve on his current term as SAL Commander.

In order to be a candidate for an SAL leadership position, or to nominate anyone including yourself for office, Garmon said the individual SAL member's 2026 dues must be paid before the next SAL membership meeting. That meeting is currently scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28.

At the April 28 meeting, the SAL Commander and Adjutant will have a current list of all the SAL members who are paid up for 2026. Also, nominations for FY 26-27 SAL Leadership will close at that meeting.

Elections for any contested positions will take place at the SAL's May membership meeting, which will take place Tuesday, June 2 since the Tuesday, May 26 (the 4th Tuesday of the month and the regular meeting day) is the day after Memorial Day. If there are no contested positions, then the proposed June 2 meeting will not take place, Garman said.

Also Garmon said an SAL leadership nomination form will be posted on the SAL bulletin board in the Clubroom not later the Saturday evening, April 4.

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### **~ Just a Reminder ~**

**The Post will be closed all day Sunday, April 5  
in observance of the Easter Holiday.**

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### **~ Scholarship Information ~**

Applications are now available for the **Legion's annual awards** to graduating high school seniors, both male and female. Forms are available in the Clubroom, or may be downloaded by [clicking here](#). April 15 is the deadline to apply. The value of each Legion scholarship to be awarded this year is \$1,500, with plans to award at least four. For more information about the Legion scholarships contact the Post's Immediate Past Commander Tom Billings, Email: [tombill03@comcast.net](mailto:tombill03@comcast.net).

**The Auxiliary Unit of the Post has two scholarships available** for this year only. They are the Randall Porter scholarship which will be offered in the amount of \$2,000. This scholarship is available to a graduating senior in any of the greater metro area high schools, including the private schools. The second Auxiliary scholarship, which will be offered this year and the next two years, is the Coalson scholarship. This \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded only to a Milton High School senior. [Click here](#) for a copy of the Auxiliary's application form for both scholarships. For more information email Ellen Youngblood at [eftot57@gmail.com](mailto:eftot57@gmail.com)

[Click here](#) for the SAL scholarship application form. Questions about the SAL scholarship program should be directed to SAL Commander Derek Garmon at [derekgarmon@yahoo.com](mailto:derekgarmon@yahoo.com), with a copy addressed to Bruce Hay, the SAL's Sr. Vice Commander at [hayville@att.net](mailto:hayville@att.net).

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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, April 2, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Sunday, April 12, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Sunday, April 12, 4 p.m. Georgia Swarm Heroes Night.** A special day when the team highlights the valor and commitment that local heroes provide to the community. Local heroes from the military to police officers, healthcare workers, linemen, firefighters, teachers, and many more are recognized. Veterans and other “heroes” may claim up to four complimentary tickets for the game. [Click here for details.](#)

**Tuesday, April 14, 10, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Thursday, April 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Veterans Brain Health Summit.** This event is free and especially relevant for many Korean and Vietnam era veterans, but it is open to veterans of all service eras, family members, and professionals. It will be held at Dunwoody United Methodist Church. Expert speakers, including specialists from Emory’s Veterans Program, will be sharing practical strategies, education, and local resources focused on brain health and dementia risk reduction. [Click here to see flyer](#) with more information.

**Tuesday, April 21, 5:30 p.m. House & Grounds Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** Complimentary dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**Friday, April 24, 7 p.m. Club 201 Dance Spring Showcase Performance** and Ballroom Dance Party. Come watch and cheer on the Club 201 dance community as they showcase their skills and artistry.

Visit [www.club201dance.com](http://www.club201dance.com) for more details. If you are interested in performing, contact Dance Director Elizabeth Williams at (404) 579-9676.

**Saturday, April 25, Community Day of Service.** Details still being discussed. Watch this space for more.

**Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 p.m. SAL Monthly Meeting.**

**Saturday May 2, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Basset Hound Rescue of Georgia "Paws of Honor"** fundraiser at Post 201. [Click here](#) to for event details.

**Saturday, May 16, 7 p.m. "Song Writers for Vets, Atlanta 2026"** at The Hotel at Avalon. Help VetBuds help Vets as songwriters join together for an unforgettable night performing their #1 hits and sharing the stories behind the songs. Sign up at [www.sw4vets.com](http://www.sw4vets.com) to be the first to know who the performers will be and when tickets are available.

**Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28. Department of Georgia Convention.** The meeting will be held at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Hotel, 1775 Pleasant Hill Rd., Duluth.

**Saturday, Nov. 7, 12 noon. 2nd Annual Georgia American Legion Veterans Raffle Drawing.** [Click this link](#) for details. Tickets will be available at the Post 201 in late March or early April. Winning tickets will be drawn Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026. You do not have to be present to win. For every \$20 ticket sold by Post 201, the Post gets to keep \$12 for its treasury.

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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**