



American Legion Post 201

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### **Ground Breaking for Post Vietnam War Remembrance Bricks Set for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 16 - - Armed Forces Day**

The Post plans to hold a groundbreaking ceremony for a new pod on the Walk of Memories on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16. The ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m.. It will be followed by a reception at the Post immediately after the event.

The new, pentagon-shaped pod, located on the north side of the brick walk path near the two aircraft on display, will be set aside for bricks honoring veterans who served during the following war eras: Global War on Terror, the Gulf War, Panama, and Lebanon/Granada.

In addition to the groundbreaking ceremony and reception, the Post's Clubroom/Bar will open at 9 a.m. to welcome guests attending the ceremony as well as other members of the community who might want to visit the Post during Armed Forces Day and say "Thank You" to a veteran. The bar will also offer Bloody Mary, Screw Driver and Mimosa drink specials from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. when the Clubroom/Bar normally opens on Saturdays.

Those interested in volunteering to help with the ground breaking ceremony or the reception that follows should contact Executive Committee member Penny Kumpf, or drop her an email via the Post's email address, [americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com) . In the subject line please put the words "Groundbreaking Volunteer" and tell her what you're volunteering to do.

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~ May Clubroom Promotions ~

In addition to the Saturday, May 16 Armed Forces Day plans at the Post (see above story) there are three other Clubroom promotions currently scheduled for the month of May. Here's the list.

Saturday, May 2. Kentucky Derby Day. A Kentucky Derby Mule is the special drink of the day. Priced at \$5 per drink (for a 'well-bourbon' and ginger beer concoction) is will be available all day. If you want the drink made with a 'call brand', expect an appropriate added charge to the price. But inquiring minds wonder why one would choose to ruin an upscale bourbon by adding ginger. Guess the answer is "to each his (or her) own."

For Cinco de Mayo, Tuesday, May 5, the drink special will be a \$5 margarita. Interestingly, Cinco de Mayo is not a major national holiday in Mexico because it commemorates a regional military victory, not national independence. While it is widely celebrated in the U.S. and in the state of Puebla, Mexico—where the 1862 battle against the French took place—it is not a federal holiday in Mexico, and it is frequently mistaken for Mexico's Independence Day which is September 16.

This month's Golden Ladle Competition is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 30. It will be a "70's Appetizer" Contest. Rather than explaining the details of the competition in this paragraph, it's a lot less difficult for the editor of this publication to send you to a copy of the flyer by asking the reader to "[click here.](#)"

Since nothing seems to be planned yet for Memorial Day, as a reader here's your chance. Drop an email note to the Post prior to the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 12. Offer your thoughts/suggestions, etc. Put the words "Memorial Day Suggestions" in the subject line and email it to americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com.

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~ SAL News Update ~

Following SAL's membership meeting this past Tuesday, Derek Garmon reported that the SAL's 2026-2027 leadership team will be: Commander - Derek Garmon; Sr Vice Commander - Bruce Hay; Jr Vice Commander - Joe Finley; Finance Officer - Aaron Dunn; 3-year Executive Board Term - Jeff Carter; 2-year Executive Board Term - John McSween; and 1-year Executive Board Term - Bob Anderson. The new leadership team's term of office begins July 1, Garmon said.

The SAL will not hold a May membership meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m.

The first SAL golf tournament planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. and every other Wednesday after that until September. After Labor Day tournament planning meetings will be held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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~ Auxiliary News Update ~

At this past Sunday's Bingo afternoon, the Auxiliary was pleased to be able to present a \$500 donation to William Hicks on behalf of the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans program.

Also, Kristen Govantes, the Auxiliary's Poppy Chairman, provided an update on the Poppy Program. She told the

Bingo crowd that poppies are available throughout the year, but are especially evident around Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The poppies are free but donation canisters are available. Donations go directly to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans in our community.

The Auxiliary will be participating in the Moonlight Farmers Market on Friday, May 22 (which is National Poppy Day) from 5 p.m.-10 p.m. in downtown Alpharetta's City Center. Members of SAL and Legion are encouraged to join us to promote poppies, membership, and community engagement.

Members of the Auxiliary who participated in the Day of Service this past Saturday included Gina Dawson, Jan Bauer, Patti Fredlund, Cheiri Lowery, Sarah Kotowski, Katie Carito, and Ellen Youngblood.

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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**

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.

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

Tuesday, May 12, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, May 13, 12 noon. VFW Post 12002 Mid-Month Meeting. Held at Mazzy's Sports Bar & Grill, 10729 Alpharetta Hwy., Roswell.

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 to be the first to know who the performers will be and when tickets are available.

Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 p.m. House & Grounds Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting and leadership elections for 26-27 Legion Year (June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027). Complimentary dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Monday, May 25. Memorial Day. No special or extended hours or promotions announced yet by Clubroom Event planners.

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 April or early May. 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 -
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VETERANS RESOURCES

Visit the [Resource Page](#) at Post 201's website, 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.](#)

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Visit www.veteranscrisisline.net

VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

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