



## American Legion Post 201

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### **Young Dirt Bike Riders Damaging John Creek Veterans Memorial Site**

Post 201 member and former Johns Creek Veterans Association (JCVA) commander Mike Mizell reported recently that the grounds surrounding the Veterans Memorial at Newtown Park in Johns Creek are continually “being disrespected by numerous young boys on electric bikes and scooters.”

This includes, he said, young people climbing on top of the Vietnam Veterans “Wall that Heals,” the ½-scale replica of the original wall in Washington, D.C. which lists the names of 58,318 Americans killed during that war.

Mizell, who was the JCVA commander for seven years, was also one of a group of 12-15 veterans and local civic leaders who were instrumental in raising the funds to have the Vietnam Wall replica permanently installed at Newtown Park in 2020.

In an email statement to this publication discussing the issue, Mizell wrote:

“They (the bike riders) are using the lower field as a dirt bike trail to run through our daffodils and jump the top of the hill in front of the Vietnam Wall, tearing up the newly planted grass and killing a large number of daffodils. I have personally spoken to several groups of these boys at least 4-5 times trying to explain the significance of the memorial and what it represents, only to be cursed as they run off.

“Recently another of our JCVA veterans asked another youngster to get off the top of the Vietnam Wall itself. (Not the first one either.) I was contacted again last Friday (May 1) as another of our vets called to let me know they were at it again. He was told by a young boy identified as Nick, who goes to Taylor Road Elementary, to go F\_\_ himself.

“I have repeatedly put up landscape material to block the hill path only to have them tear it down. To my many JC Neighbors, if you have a young son who has an electric bike or scooter, please help us by telling him what he is doing is breaking the law and destroying a veterans memorial.

“I have sent emails to the (Johns Creek) mayor and each city council person. One responded that the same situation was discussed two months ago- - well nothing is getting done! So Far, I would guess that in excess of 90 percent of the comments on *Nextdoor* are supporting our position.”

Mizell said he is scheduled to meet with John Creek Recreation Director Chris Haggard tomorrow to discuss options to include fencing and added signage. “This has to stop,” he added.

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## **Innovation Academy Invites Post Family to May 18 Student Showcase**

The students and faculty at Innovation Academy have extended an invitation to members of the Post 201 Family to attend the school’s 5th Annual Innovation Academy Showcase on Monday, May 18, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Showcase is a signature event where more than 400 students present projects developed throughout the year across the school’s academic disciplines: Engineering, Health Science, Information Technology pathways, Art, Math, Science, and Literature.

According to the school, the students’ work highlights creativity, critical thinking, and the ability to apply learning to real-world challenges.

The Post is considered to be “a valued partner” for the school. The Post’s immediate past commander, Tom Billings, has been the school’s primary point of contact.

The school's invitation to the Post noted that “your presence provides students with an authentic audience and meaningful industry perspective.” They also said the event offers an opportunity to:

- Engage directly with students about their projects and ideas;
- See how pathway-based, project-centered learning prepares students for future careers;
- Share insight, encouragement, and real-world feedback with emerging innovators.

Although the Showcase will open at 5:30 p.m., guests are welcome to arrive at any time during the evening. The school is located in downtown Alpharetta at 125 Milton Avenue. Please RSVP to this online address: <https://fcsia.com/remind/e/showcase-2026> if you plan to attend.

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## **Events/Reminders For Your Calendar**

Roswell High School's Choral Concert "Americana Our Songs of Freedom" is scheduled for 7 p.m.. tonight in the school's auditorium. Admission is free. The school is located at 11595 King Road, Roswell.

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BINGO has been cancelled for this Sunday. The next Bingo at the Post is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, May 24.

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Plan to attend the ground breaking ceremony for the new Walk of Memories pod. The ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 16, which is also Armed Forces Day. A reception for those attending will follow the ceremony. See schedule below for details.

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This month's Golden Ladle Competition is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, May 30 in the Clubroom. It will be a "70's Appetizer" Contest. [Click here](#) for details.

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Baseball season has arrived. Volunteers are needed to help operate the concession stand. A signup sheet is posted on the Clubroom bulletin board.

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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, May 7, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.** Next year's budget is slated to be on the agenda. Following tonight's Finance Committee review, the proposed budget with any revisions made tonight, will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at its May 12 meeting. After that it should be ready to be presented to the membership for approval at the Tuesday, May 19 General Membership 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. Armed Forces Day. 9 a.m. Groundbreaking Ceremony** for a new Walk of Memories remembrance area "For Those Who Served After Vietnam." A reception in the Post Clubroom for those attending will follow the ceremony. Also the Post will celebrate Armed Force Day with an all-day Open House for the general public.

**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.

**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 have been 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 are now available at the Post. 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](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**