



American Legion Post 201

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### **Community Members Welcomed at Post For 250th Birthday Celebration on July 4**

Post 201 will open its doors to members of the community for Saturday's July 4 celebrations, but with perhaps a little more "sparkle and flair" this year as the nation celebrates its 250th birthday.

The Post's Clubroom/Bar will open at 11 a.m. on the 4th for members of the 201 family. Members of the area community are invited to celebrate the day and begin taking advantage of all the Post's facilities starting 12 noon. The Post's closing time after the Wills Park fireworks show will be 12 midnight.

Guests of the Post, as well as members of the Post family, are invited to bring a blanket and picnic on the grounds during the afternoon and into the evening. Children may enjoy two bounce houses, one of which will be "wet." So parents with children should plan accordingly.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., the all-volunteer Alpharetta City Band will entertain those on the grounds until about 8:45 p.m. Food, prepared by the SAL, will be available for sale from the baseball concession stand and the kitchen starting at 12 noon. Demand will drive how long during the day both locations will be serving. However food service from one of the two locations is expected to remain available until 9 p.m. - - - unless all the food is consumed prior to that time.

Two types of canned beer, Miller Lite and Bud Lite, will be available for sale on the grounds at the front of the main building for a special price of \$2.50 per can. (Think about the price. Can you make the connection?)

Adult guests of the Post may also take advantage of all the Post Clubroom's beverage offerings (at non member prices) throughout the day and until the Post closes at midnight.

For those who might not be familiar with the Post's rules, alcoholic beverages may not be brought onto the Post's

grounds. Consumer fireworks, charcoal grills and small propane grills are also prohibited on Post grounds.

The City of Alpharetta's fireworks show, which can be seen from the Post's Walk of Memories and baseball field, is scheduled to start at 9:15 p.m. If weather delays the show, the absolute latest the fireworks will begin is 10:40 p.m., the City says.

Unlike previous years when donations were requested for general public vehicle access to the Post, this year there will be a \$15 per vehicle charge for those who are not members of the Post 201 Family, but are taking advantage of the Post's convenient parking facilities in order to enjoy the area's Independence Day celebration.

If you are a member of the 201 Family (Auxiliary, SAL or a Legionnaire), be sure to have your current 2026 membership card with you to avoid being charged the parking fee.

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## **Vet-Related TV Program Films at Post Tomorrow**

Bounce TV, a prominent American broadcast network dedicated to African American audiences, will be filming on the Post's Walk of Memories tomorrow morning for an upcoming unscripted original series scheduled to premiere on the network for a 10-week run later this year.

Titled *The SilverFox Squad*, the show "follows accomplished men as they go through personal transformation journeys centered around confidence, growth, and rediscovering purpose," said producer Alvin Williams.

According to Williams, the segment being filmed at the Post focuses on a 45-year-old disabled veteran named Josh and his connection to service, brotherhood, and the veteran community. "The Post's Walk of Memories provides a backdrop for a military-focused moment in Josh's story," Williams said.

"We also have another cast member, TJ, who is a veteran as well, and we hope to capture the shared bond and experiences that come with military service in an authentic and respectful environment," Williams added. Atlanta serves as both the central hub and filming backdrop for the series.

Launched in 2011, Bounce TV was acquired by the E. W. Scripps Company in 2017. Today, the network reaches more than 93 per cent of all African American television homes in the country. On a nightly basis, Bounce TV draws an average audience of 237,000 to 300,000 concurrent viewers during peak primetime slots.

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## **~ News Notes for Vets ~**

- 15 military & veterans groups warn that the "Take Care of America's Veterans Act" (TCAVA) will shift a \$57B financial burden onto 1.5M future veterans who would be forced to pay for benefits earned by those who served before them. [Click here to read.](#)
- Now is the best time to enroll in VA health care - - here's why. [Click here to read.](#)

- VA launches partial claim program to help veterans avoid home foreclosure. [Click here to read.](#)
- Your VA loan after a divorce: what to know before you sign anything. If you do not handle this correctly, you could lose your zero-down buying power for years. [Click here to read.](#)
- VA boosts veteran suicide risk screening, evaluations to record levels. [Click here to read.](#)

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## ~ In Memory ~

**Gary E. Bennett**

*November 6, 1948 - June 17, 2026*

Gary, a Vietnam veteran, was a member of the Post for a number of years. Visitation will be held at Northside Chapel, 12050 Crabapple Road, Roswell, on Monday, June 29, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, June 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The funeral service will follow starting at 10:30 a.m. at Northside Chapel. Graveside services will be held at Georgia National Cemetery, 1080 Scott Hudgens Drive, Canton, on Tuesday, June 30, at 1 p.m. Friends and family are welcome to attend. A reception following the military service will be held at Local on North, 170 North St., Canton. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. [Click here](#) to read his obituary.

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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**

**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.

**Sunday, June 28, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. Jackpot - \$1,000.**

**Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting.** This meeting replaces the June 2 meeting which was cancelled mid afternoon on June 2 .

**Saturday, July 4.** Post Clubroom/Bar opens at 11 a.m. General Public Open House starting at 12 noon.

**Sunday, July 12, 2 p.m. BINGO at the Post.**

**Thursday, July 9, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, July 14, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, July 21, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting** and installation of officers for the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. Complimentary dinner served in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**Sunday, July 26, 2 p.m. BINGO at the Post.**

**Wednesday, Oct. 14. 9th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament.** The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm, 3030 Bradshaw Drive, Woodstock. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Contact Derek Garmon, 770-549-5669, [derekgarmon@yahoo.com](mailto:derekgarmon@yahoo.com), or Bruce Hay, 309-657-8528, [hayville@att.net](mailto:hayville@att.net) for details.

**Saturday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 10th Annual Cruz-In “car show”.** Free for members of the general public who want to visit the Post and look at the cars on display. The registration fee for those showing cars: \$10 pre-show; \$20 day of show. To register [click here](#) , or if you need more details or have questions email [al201carshow@gmail.com](mailto:al201carshow@gmail.com). Food and drinks will be available for sale, and children can take advantage of a jump house and other planned activities during the 4-hour event. Also, a “Stars & Stripes” baseball game pitting the Aviator Nation against the Georgia Jackets, is scheduled for 11 a.m.

**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**

**Legion  
SAL**

**Auxiliary**

**More Veterans Resources**

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It's the price you paid to be eligible."***