



American Legion Post 201

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## Post Invites Public To 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Tomorrow

A solemn ceremony remembering the victims and heroes of the terrorist attack on America which killed nearly 3,000 people on September 11, 2001, will take place on the Post's Walk of Memories tomorrow.

Starting at 9 a.m. the dedication activities will include placing the first memorial brick in the new section of the Walk which is shaped like a Pentagon. The brick will serve to honor and remember the 16 individuals with connections to Georgia who died that day at the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Among them, Roswell resident Michael Gann who perished at the World Trade Center.

Retired U.S Navy SEAL Nicholas Bellenbaum will be guest speaker for the Patriot Day event. Music will be provided by the Alpha Brass, part of the Alpharetta City Band, as well as by members of the Innovation Academy Chorus. Also, the Alpharetta-based Patriots of Liberty Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will lay a wreath as part of the new section's dedication.

Bellenbaum retired from the Navy in 2019 after more than 20 years of service. Most of his military service was as a Navy SEAL with multiple operational deployments with SEAL Teams 1, 2, and 8 as well as service with the Naval Special Warfare Training Command.

During the morning, the Post will observe a moment of silence to mark the time each of the four hijacked jetliners crashed. Of the 2,977 killed that day, 415 were first responders.

The new section of the Walk also provides space for bricks placed in memory of those who died during conflict periods since Vietnam. They include Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Gulf War, and the Global War on Terror as well as other conflict interventions throughout the world since 1975.

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*Editor's Note: [Click here](#) to see a short WSB-TV News video about the Post's new Walk of Memories section. It first aired yesterday afternoon.*

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## **National Auxiliary President To Visit Post Monday, Oct. 19**

Dr. Coral May Grout, the recently elected national president of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA), is scheduled to visit Post 201 on Monday, Oct. 19 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Post's Auxiliary Unit 201 will be hosting a brief reception and dinner during her visit plus giving her a tour of the Walk of Memories.

Members of the Legion and SAL are invited to join the Auxiliary for a reception and dinner that evening. HOWEVER, for planning purposes an RSVP is mandatory. The deadline to reply to Auxiliary President Ellen Youngblood is close-of-business Tuesday, Oct. 1. Her email address is [eftot57@gmail.com](mailto:eftot57@gmail.com) or phone her at [678-462-9003](tel:678-462-9003).

Prior to her election to the ALA's highest volunteer office, Grout held numerous leadership positions in the organization at the unit, district, department, and national levels. At the national level, she served as chair of several programs, Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Education (twice), Americanism, Constitution & Bylaws, Public Relations, Legislative, Leadership, Community Service, and Junior Activities committees.

She also served on the National Executive Committee, and as national secretary, national historian, and national vice president.

Grout is a long standing member of the ALA's Eugene M. Connor Unit 193 in Winchendon, Mass. She is eligible for membership through her late father, Charles E. Grout, who served in the U.S. Air Force in the Philippines and Australia during World War II, and her grandfather, World War I veteran Stanislas Laplante.

In her professional life, she worked for more than 50 years in positions ranging from an English teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent before retiring as the Superintendent of Schools in Acushnet, Mass. She later evaluated underperforming schools for the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and served on multiple nonprofit boards.

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## **Post to Host Brain Health 'Summit' for Vets, Families, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14**

Brain-health and mental-health challenges can follow veterans long after military service. Recognizing these changes is an important first step toward support and recovery. On Wednesday, Oct. 14, the Post, along with a number of sponsoring veterans organizations, will host a 3-hour "Summit" starting at 11 a.m. in the Post's Ballroom.

The Summit will explore PTSD, TBI, moral injury, cognition, treatment, recovery, purpose, and the lasting effects of military service. Presented by Skylark Senior Care in collaboration with the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program, the Summit is free for veterans and their families. Registration is required due to limited seating. Boxed lunches will be served.

[Click here for more information](#) about the event, the keynote speakers and to register to attend.

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## **~ Post News Notes ~**

**General Membership Meeting** - - Don't forget about the Post's General Membership Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15. It starts at 7 p.m. A complimentary buffet will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. According to the cook team, you'll be getting an early start on Oktoberfest with a buffet meal which includes grilled brats with onions, sauerkraut, German potato salad, Boston crème cake and apple strudel.

**Monday Madness** - - The Clubroom/Bar will be introducing a new promotion starting this Monday and continuing every Monday as long as it proves successful. During the two-hour period of 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. your first drink, whatever you order (from well brands to the most expensive on the shelf) will cost you \$1 less than the normal retail price. But remember, it's only for two hours. It starts with the bell ringing at 7 p.m. and stops when the bell is rung at 9 p.m.

**Walk of Memories Chair Needed** - - Post Commander Tom Richardson is looking for someone to volunteer to be the Walk of Memories Chair. If interested, please let him know. His email is [richardsonthom@gmail.com](mailto:richardsonthom@gmail.com) . Or call him at [404-583-6477](tel:404-583-6477).

## **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**

**Sunday, Sept. 13, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 15 5:30 p.m. House and Grounds Committee Meeting.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 15. 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.** A complimentary buffet dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

**Friday, Sept. 18. U.S. Air Force Birthday.** Celebrate with a \$1 off regular price (any drink) for the first drink you order at the bar.

**Saturday, Sept. 19. POW/MIA Recognition Day.**

**Friday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night.** Tickets are \$50 per person if purchased prior to Sept. 18. They are available at the Clubroom/Bar. If you'd prefer to pay using Venmo, find one of the flyers scattered around the Post and grab the QR code from it. In addition to tasting a flight of good bourbons and a cigar (no information yet on the brands of bourbon or cigar) your ticket also gets you some tasty hors d'oeuvres. Mark your

calendar, save the date, and get your ticket before Sept. 18. After that date, the price will be \$65 per person to attend.

**Sunday, Sept. 27, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. \$1,000 Jackpot.**

**Monday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. VFW Post 12002 Month-End Meeting.** The VFW's month-end meeting at Post 201 is scheduled for 7 p.m. on the 4th Monday of every month. The mid-month meeting is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Brimstone Restaurant & Tavern, 10595 Old Alabama Connector Road, Alpharetta.

**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](tel:770-549-5669), [derekgarmon@yahoo.com](mailto:derekgarmon@yahoo.com), or Bruce Hay, [309-657-8528](tel:309-657-8528), [hayville@att.net](mailto:hayville@att.net) for details. Tournament meeting planning dates between now and tournament day are Wednesday, Sept. 16, 23 & 30, and Oct. 7. All meetings are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m. SAL Membership Meeting.**

**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.

**Monday, Nov. 9. Save the Date.** Annual Breakfast for Vets hosted by Melissa Morgan. Details to follow.

**Wednesday, Nov.11. Veterans Day.**

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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](tel:1-877-222-8387)

Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk - [631-720-6022](tel:631-720-6022)

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***"It's not the price you pay to be a member,  
It's the price you paid to be eligible."***