



American Legion Post 201

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### **Post Parking Lot to be Repaved, Restriped Starting Friday Night; Work Completed Saturday P.M**

Access to the Post's parking lot from Wills Road will be closed starting in the 5 p.m. timeframe tomorrow afternoon in preparation for the entire parking lot to be resurfaced and restriped between midnight Friday and mid-afternoon Saturday.

While the Wills Road entrance/exit is closed, access to the Post will be via the back driveway off Rucker Road (through the small wooded area) with parking available in the grass area adjacent to the baseball field. Auto access via Rucker Road will be available starting early tomorrow. afternoon.

In addition to parking in the grass area, a portion of the back parking lot will be available for parking Friday evening until 11 p.m. Friday evening's scheduled dance will conclude at 10:30 p.m. and the Clubroom/Bar will close at 11 p.m. After 11 p.m. Friday no vehicles should be parked on any of the Post's existing, asphalted parking area. Cars left on the lot after that time will be subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Since parking will be available in the grassy area Saturday, the Post's Clubroom/Bar will open at 1 p.m. - - - the normal opening time for Saturday operations.

Discussing the decision to move forward with the resurfacing, Post Commander Tom Richardson said, "The opportunity, which presented itself midday yesterday, required an immediate decision." Pink Panther Paving, Inc., the company doing the work, had a major job fall through with materials already in hand. That material could be used at the Post if the job could be done within the next 72 hours, Richardson said.

The company's donation of paving material will save the Post in the range of \$10,000 to get the parking lot repaved. According to Pink Panther their work will extend the life of the parking lot for seven years.

After working out an access/parking plan, four members of the Executive (all who happened to be at the Post for various reasons yesterday) agreed to take advantage of the offer since it fell within the approved amount in the budget. Their decision also recognized that the Post had just received a \$1,000 donation for parking lot repairs at Tuesday evening's general membership meeting.

After the resurfacing is completed, the Post's House and Grounds committee will "re-sign" parking spaces in the lot to identify both handicapped parking spaces and specific spaces identified only for disabled veterans.

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## **More Than 160 Attend Post's 9/11 Ceremony**

With more than 160 people in attendance, Alpharetta American Legion Post 201 remembered nearly 3,000 people who perished in the attack on September 11, 2001, on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and a field in Pennsylvania 25 years ago.

The solemn ceremony included the dedication of a new area in the post's "Walk of Memories." It was built to honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in conflicts since the end of the Vietnam War. The first brick set on Patriots Day in the new memorial section remembers the 16 individuals with Georgia connections killed in the Pentagon and World Trade Center.

Bricks were also placed in memory of Sergeant Major George Wallace, who was killed in the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon and was a close friend of current Post Commander Tom Richardson; Flight 93 co-pilot Leroy Holmes, an Air Force Academy classmate of former Post Commander Fred Mahoney, who died when the hijacked airliner crashed in Pennsylvania; and Army Captain Tyler Feehan of Cobb County, who was killed in July in a missile attack on his military post in Jordan. His relatives, Betty and David Feehan, placed his brick.

Keynoting the observance was retired U.S. Navy SEAL, Chief Petty Officer Nicholas Bellenbaum, who served more than 20 years and had multiple deployments with SEAL Teams 1, 2, and 8.

Bellenbaum said he has seen first-hand the consequences of years of combat and multiple deployments, which too often end with suicide. "For a long time, our military culture has taught us how to endure almost anything which is a necessary trait in combat, but sometimes the same people who run to danger to help someone else have difficulty asking for help when they need it." He added, "We need to change that."

The retired sailor praised the post's "Walk of Memories" saying it serves to educate the community about America's wars and the people who sacrificed to preserve our way of life.

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*Editor's Note: Appen Media published a story about this event on the front page of this week's "Alpharetta-Roswell Herald" (circulation 28,000). Extra copies of the paper are available in the Post's Clubroom. The story was also the lead story in Tuesday's online edition of Appen's "North Atlanta Now" newsletter. Readership of the online publication*

is reported to be 17,000 daily. [Click here to read](#) the story published online. This newsletter would like to thank Post member Marty Farrell for writing the above story and also providing it, along with photographs, to the Appen Media for their consideration. - - hdh

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## Bourbons For 'Bourbon & Cigar Night' Announced

The names of the three bourbons to be tasted at next Friday's Bourbon and Cigar Night (see event details in calendar listing below) have been announced. They are Americus, Ga.-based Thirteenth Colony Distilleries' Southern Bourbon; 1792 Ridgemont Singal Barrel produced by Barton 1792 Distillery in Bardstown, Ky.; and Louisville (Ky.) Distilling Company's Angel's Envy Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey.

Here are tasting notes for each:

**13th Colony Southern Bourbon** - - offers a rich profile at 95 proof. On the nose, expect inviting aromas of cherry wood, mulling spice, toasted oak, sweet corn, butter cookies, candied fruits, and baked figs. The palate opens with rich oak that quickly shifts into caramel and warm cider, accompanied by bready cornbread, toasty walnuts, and smooth orange blossom honey. Finally, the finish leaves a lingering warmth of gentle spice, delicate floral notes, faint anise, and a bright hint of apricot. It is a wonderfully well-rounded pour balancing sweet and savory depths.

**1792 Ridgemont Single Barrel** - - offers a rich nose of sweet caramel, creamy butterscotch, and warm vanilla, underlined by subtle oak and bright citrus. On the palate, a bold high-rye spice emerges immediately, blending rich toffee and brown sugar with zesty cinnamon, black pepper, and faint dark cherry notes. The mid-palate balances this sweetness with a robust, earthy oak depth. It leads into a long, warming finish where lingering caramel meets a vibrant pop of dry baking spices and toasted oak. This complex profile delivers a bold yet smooth sipping experience.

**Angel's Envy Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey** - - begins with four to six years of aging in new American white oak barrels, then is finished for up to six months in port wine casks imported from Portugal's Douro Valley. Bottled at 86.6 proof, it opens with subtle aromas of vanilla, raisins, maple syrup, and toasted nuts. The palate can expect a smooth mix of vanilla, ripe dark fruits, maple syrup, toasted oak, and a touch of bitter chocolate. It finishes leaving a clean, lingering sweetness that slowly fades with gentle warmth.

Tasting notes aside, the deadline to purchase tickets for \$50 per person is tomorrow. After that, the stated price to attend is \$65 per person.

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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, 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.**

**Monday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Monday Madness in the Clubroom.** During this two-hour period 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, starting when the bell rings at 7 p.m. and ending when the bell is rung at 9 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Bourbon & 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 brand of 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, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Brain Health Summit for Vets, Families.** 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. [Click here for more information](#) about the event, the keynote speakers and to register to attend. Registration is required due to limited seating. Boxed lunches will be served.

**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. 23 & 30, and Oct. 7. All meetings are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17. Two Toys for Tots Fundraisers** featuring ventriloquist Doug Mickan. Friday night starts at 7 p.m., Saturday morning gets underway at 11 a.m. [Click here for Oct. 16](#) details, and [click here for information](#) on the Saturday morning show. And be sure to [click here to show the little ones](#) a 2-1/2 minute FaceBook video with Doug and a couple of his friends who will be coming to the Post.

**Monday, Oct. 19. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Auxiliary National President Dr. Coral May Grout** will visit the Post. 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 Thursdy, Oct. 1. Her email address is [eftot57@gmail.com](mailto:eftot57@gmail.com) or phone her at [678-462-9003](tel:678-462-9003).

**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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