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Two Toys for Tots Events Highlight Weekend at Post

The holiday spirit will come alive this weekend as the Post hosts two special events, one on Friday evening and the second on Saturday morning. Both are designed to maximize community support for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation and feature the captivating, family-focused comedy talents of renowned comic ventriloquist Doug Mickan.

Friday night's dance activities, which features this week the "big band sounds" of Alpha Jazz, will get started at 7 p.m. with Doug and his cast of characters. Following his show Alpha Jazz will take over for the remainder of the evening. Admission for Friday night's activities is $25 per person (cash or credit) UNLESS the patron brings an unwrapped toy to donate to the Toys for Tots campaign. The gift of an unwrapped toy to the campaign will lower the cost of admission for the evening's activities to $15 per person (cash or credit).

Doug and his crew will return to the Post's stage Saturday at 11 a.m. Saturday as he once again brings a delightful twist to standard puppet shows, blending comedy and interactive storytelling to an audience of children and their parents. Admission to this program is $10 per person for adults. For children under 16, the price is $5 per person unless the child brings an unwrapped toy to give to Toys for Tots. Children who bring unwrapped toys to donate will be admitted for free.

Click here for details about Friday evening; and **click here for information on the Saturday** morning show. But most important, 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 at the Post.

Popular donations for the this weekend's campaign include board games, action figures, books, and creative kits.

The coupling of two live performances by Mickan and his crew with this meaningful toy drive, allows the Post to offer local families a wonderful opportunity to teach younger generations about generosity, community service, and compassion.

So don't miss this chance to gather your family along with some new unwrapped toys, and head to the Post 201 ballroom for an evening show followed by dancing to the “big band sound,” or the Saturday morning show offering laughter, smiles, and the opportunity to experience the true meaning of holiday giving for the younger set.

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Innovation Academy Fencing Team Helps Prepare Boxes for the Troops

More than 150 care packages destined for America’s military personnel oversees were filled by members of the Innovation Academy fencing team and their parents at the Post on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4.

In assembly line fashion the boxes were filled with snacks, toiletries, paperback books, military bibles, pens, pencils, socks and t-shirts and even ibuprofen. Most of the items were donated by individuals or local organizations such as the Alpharetta Adult Activity Center or by merchants such as Costco and Walmart.

The work that afternoon is the latest edition of a project started at the Post more than a decade ago. Post member Linda Barker, who also is a member of the Executive Committee and volunteers as an Assistant Adjutant at the Post, manages the care package program.

She said the Oct. 4 effort brings the total number of boxes shipped out by Post 201 to well over 13,000.

Innovation Academy Fencing Coach William Donges arranged for the student volunteer effort that will result in the care packages being shipped initially to Hunter Army Airfield near Savannah where they will then be sent to military units overseas.

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~ News Notes ~

October General Membership Meeting Set for Tuesday, Oct. 20

The October General Membership Meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20. A complementary buffet dinner will be served starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. The menu will be baked ham, sweet potatoes, corn casserole, salad, rolls and Elvis Presley Cake for dessert.

For those who have not heard of Elvis Presley Cake, this publication did a little research. Here’s what we learned:

Elvis Presley Cake (also known as Jailhouse Rock Cake) is a classic Southern 13 x 9-inch poke cake made with a yellow cake base, soaked in hot crushed pineapple and sugar, and topped with cream cheese frosting and chopped pecans. Despite its name, historians and biographers note there is no concrete proof that Elvis Presley ever requested

or ate this specific pineapple-and-pecan cake during his life.

The recipe emerged and grew famous as a potluck staple through community cookbooks, church gatherings, and newspaper recipe columns in the South which named the recipe after the 'King of Rock and Roll' to give a flashy, nostalgic title to a trendy poke cake.

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Melissa Morgan's Maple Street Biscuit Breakfast for Vets Set for Monday, Nov. 9

The 9th Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast Celebration hosted by Realtor Melissa Morgan at Maple Street Biscuit Company, 50 Canton Street, downtown Alpharetta, is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

To-go orders and curbside pickup are also available. No RSVP's are needed. Just show up and enjoy the morning with fellow veterans.

Melissa hosts this annual breakfast "to honor the many who served," but there is a special place in her heart for her grandfather, retired Lt. Col. A. E. Peterson. He was a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps who flew B-17's and B-24's out of England during World War II. During the Korean War he was based in Japan, flying B-29's over Korea. He retired from the USAF just prior to the beginning of the Vietnam conflict.

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Beyond the Ribbon Car Show At Post Saturday, Oct. 24

The Driven Against Breast Cancer Car, Truck and Bike Show will take place on the Post's parking lot this Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Co-hosted by the nonprofit organization Beyond the Ribbon and the Driven Divas, this annual charity event serves as a community gathering to celebrate, honor, and remember individuals affected by cancer.

The exhibition is open to all years, makes, and models of cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Attendees can look forward to a vibrant community atmosphere featuring a live DJ, unique door prizes, and various food and drink options provided by Voodoo Brewing. Specially designed trophies will be awarded across multiple vehicle categories at the conclusion of the event. **Visit this site** for more information.

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Upcoming Post 201, Other Veteran Related Activities

Monday Madness in the Clubroom

Every Monday - - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

1st Drink - $1 Off the Regular Price for any Brand

9-Ball Pool Tournament, 2 p.m.

Every 3rd Sunday in the Clubroom/Bar

VIEW FEATURED POST EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 19. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Auxiliary National President Dr. Coral May Grout visit to the Post**.** Auxiliary Unit 201 will host a reception and dinner during her visit plus giving her a tour of the Walk of Memories.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 5:30 p.m. House and Grounds Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Complimentary buffet dinner served prior to the meeting starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 5 p.m. Golden Ladle Brews & Stews. Bring your best stew for consideration. A number of beers will be on sale for a "buck per beer."

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2 p.m. BINGO in the Ballroom. $1,000 Jackpot.

Monday, Oct. 26, 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.

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***. 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.

Sunday, Nov. 8, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony. Post 201-sponsored Scout Troop 51 will hold its annual U.S. flag retirement ceremony on the grassy knoll in back of thePost. The event is open to the public. In addition to the flag retirement ceremony, the Scouts will also be collecting canned food donations for the North Fulton Charities Food Pantry.

Wednesday, Nov.11. Veterans Day. First drink of the day in Post Clubroom/Bar will be free for all veterans.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m. AboutFace-USA 2nd Annual Salute to Service. Click here for details.

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CLUB 201 DANCE - LEARN MORE

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.

Veterans Crisis Line
Call 988 and Press 1 or Text 838255
Visit www.veteranscrisisline.net
VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

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

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