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Post's Auxiliary Gives $10,000 Gift To Award Winning Cherokee County Homeless Veteran Outreach Program

The Post's Auxiliary Unit 201 presented a $10,000 check to the award-winning veteran homeless program in Cherokee County during the Auxiliary's Monday, Oct. 19 banquet at the Post honoring visiting National American Legion Auxiliary President Dr. Coral Grout.

Jim Lindenmayer, the executive director of the all-volunteer Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program, accepted the check on behalf of the program which was recently recognized with the 2026 Veteran Impact Award from the Warrior Alliance. The Impact Award recognized Lindenmayer's exceptional leadership and tireless dedication to providing housing, mental health resources, and essential community support to homeless and at-risk veterans across North Georgia.

In the 12 years since its beginning the program has assisted more than 3,000 homeless veterans.
Founded by Lindenmayer, the program operates through the American Legion Post in Canton. It provides rapid crisis intervention, essential stable housing resources, and emergency financial aid to veterans facing critical hardships.

Beyond addressing immediate basic needs, it bridges the gap to long-term stability by connecting former service members with comprehensive VA benefits, crucial mental health counseling, and tailored employment opportunities. Longer term, Lindenmayer said the program is planning the construction of a transition veterans' shelter which will be backed by an anticipated federal grant exceeding $1 million.

The Auxiliary's evening dinner and reception capped off a day long visit by National Auxiliary President Grout to auxiliary units throughout North Georgia. During the 3+ hours she spent at the Post, she also toured the Walk of

Memories with past Post Commander Tom Billings prior to the evening reception and dinner attended by more than 80 Auxiliary, Legion and SAL members.

Click here to read more about Grout's visit to the Post.

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Vet Volunteers Needed To Help Fill Requests for Veterans Day Related Events & Activities

This year the Post has received more than twice the number of requests than it received last year for veterans from the Post to attend various events hosted by local groups and organizations in the area to attend their planned Veterans Day-related activities.

If you can support any of the events listed below, please send an email to the Post at not later than 12 noon Monday, Nov. 2. The address is **americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com** . Put the word "VOLUNTEER" in the subject line and tell us in the text of your email which event or events your schedule will permit you to support. Don't forget to include a telephone number in addition to the email address to which a reply should be sent.

The Executive Committee member coordinating each of the events will get back to you with details for the event(s) you can support by next Tuesday or Wednesday. In some cases the hosting group or organization has requested the name(s) of the veterans coming from the Post and their branch of service. Others have just requested the number of veterans to anticipate at their location.

At publication deadline here's the request list:
Monday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - - Vitality Senior Living, Milton
Tuesday, Nov. 10, 3 p.m. - - Living Well Home Services, Alpharetta
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. - - Birmingham Elementary School
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 12 noon - - Morgan Stanley, Alpharetta office
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 12 noon - - Oaks at Alpharetta Senior Living
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m. - - Huntcliff Summit Independent Living, Sandy Springs
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 3 p.m. - - Claiborne at Roswell (formerly Brickmont)
Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m. - - Village Park Milton

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Halloween Party, Costume Contest, Pot Luck Dinner in Clubroom, 6 p.m. Saturday

If you don't feel like answering your door to trick-or-treaters Saturday evening, the Post has an option for the evening that members of the Post 201 Family may want to consider as an alternative.

Starting at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Clubroom, a pot luck dinner will get the evening underway. That will be followed by a costume competition at 7:30 p.m. with $50 going to the winner, and $25 going to second place. And of course, the bar staff is currently concocting some special Halloween drinks.

Now, while one never knows what will turn up at a pot luck function, here are five, easy-to-make, crowd-pleasing dishes that are worth considering:

- Mummy Hot Dogs - - Wrap store-bought crescent roll dough strips around cocktail frankfurts or hot dogs leaving a small gap for a face, bake at 375°F for 12–15 minutes, and add mustard or ketchup dots for eyes after cooling.
- Spider web Taco Dip / 7-Layer Dip - - Layer refried beans, mashed avocado, sour cream, and shredded cheddar cheese in a baking dish, then pipe sour cream in concentric circles and pull a toothpick through them to create a spider web design. Top with a large black-olive spider.
- Witches' Cauldron Chili - - Simmer your favorite beef, bean, or turkey chili recipe, transport it to the party in a dark slow cooker or cast-iron pot, and top with a dollop of sour cream shaped like a ghost or a handful of green onions.
- Spider Deviled Eggs - - Prepare classic deviled eggs and place a whole black olive in the center as a spider body, then slice another black olive into thin strips to form the spider legs.
- Monster Sliders / Chicken Parm Sliders: Use sweet Hawaiian rolls or brioche slider buns layered with mini chicken patties, marinara sauce, and a slice of mozzarella cheese cut to look like jagged teeth hanging out of the top bun.

If none of the above has any appeal, then be sure to check out the Club 201 dance calendar for Saturday night. They're having a Halloween Party with DJ Wray Sisk which includes prizes for the best costumes! Visit **www.club201dance.com** for details.

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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

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m. SAL Golf Tournament Wrap Up Meeting.

Thursday, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee 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. Winning tickets will be drawn Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026. You do not have to be present to win.

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 the Post. 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.

Monday, Nov. 9, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The 9th Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast hosted by Realtor Melissa Morgan at Maple Street Biscuit Company, 50 Canton Street, downtown Alpharetta. To-go orders and curbside pickup are also available. No RSVP's are needed. Just show up and enjoy the morning with fellow veterans. **Click here** to see invitation flyer.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Wednesday, Nov.11. Veterans Day. First drink of the day in Post Clubroom/Bar will be free for all veterans. Cub Scouts in the Ballroom doing a Veteran-themed scavenger hunt. Need veterans to volunteer for scouts to interview about their service. Hot dogs, toppings, sides and chips free from 5 p.m. until the food runs out. Music in clubroom from from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. by singer Keenan Blount.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m. House and Grounds Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting. Complimentary buffeet dinner served prior to the meeting starting in the 6 p.m. time frame.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m. SAL General Membership Meeting.

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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