



Alpharetta Post 201

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'Who's On What Committee' List Published By Post; Current as of Tuesday, Jan. 24

At times around the Post it's not strange to hear the question: "Who's responsible for (fill in the blank)?"

To help with the answer, Senior Vice Commander Jim Kallinen recently took time to pull together a "who is volunteering to do what" list at the Post. The following is current as of this past Tuesday, Jan. 24.

For further information, or if you think your name should either be added to, or removed from the list, Jim can be contacted at kallinenj@aol.com or call him at 470-512-4583.

Officers and Executive Committee Members: Fred Mahony, Commander; James Kallinen, Sr. Vice Cmdr; Tom Richardson, Jr. Vice Cmdr; Tom Billings, Adjutant; Alan Dudley, Judge Advocate; Ralph Jordan; Finance Officer; Dave Kirchner, Bob Byrd and Mike Roman (executive committee members); Derek Garmon, SAL representative; and JoAnna Garmon, Auxiliary representative.

House Committee: Ralph Fike (chair), Scott Childress and Mike Carroll.

Finance Committee: Harry Hollingsworth (chair), Penny Kumpf, Larry Warner, Jim Davis, Marty Farrell, Ralph Jordan and DiAna Casale.

Walk of Memories: Dave Kirchner (chair), Mike Carroll, Ralph Fike, Alan Dudley, Bruce Hay and Tony Smith.

Canteen (Clubroom Bar): Bob Byrd (chair), James Kallinen, Alan Dudley, Dave Kirchner.

Entertainment (sub committee of House Committee): Dave Gordon (chair), Elizabeth Williams, Mark Williams, Bob Byrd and Barbara Thurmond.

Baseball: Alan Dudley (chair), Ralph Jordan, Brad Baker, Paul Sheridan, Roger Wise and Sam Hardin.

Flag: Mike Carroll (chair), Alan Dudley, Ralph Fike, Dave Kirchner and Steve Olesnevich.

Oratorical: David Cunnold (chair).

Boys State: Ken Christian (chair).

Scholarship: Tom Billings (chair), Marty Ferrell and Bob Byrd.

Sons of the Legion: Derek Garmon (chair), Chris Anderson, Tommy Youngblood, Kevin Solik, Bruce Hay, William Wideman and Paul Sheridan.

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Post News Notes of Interest

Friday evening's **Bourbon and Cigar Night** will feature tastings of Elijah Craig small batch, Bulleit and Basil Hayden along with an Oliva cigar. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at the bar. Unfortunately, at publication deadline, only eight reservations are on the books - - - although the event planners are hearing lots of "I can't commit, but I'm planning to be there." Please remember that this kind of 'wavering, middle-of-the-road commitment' really makes it difficult for event planners to prepare the evening's hors d'oeuvres.

At last count, fewer than 60 tickets have been sold to the Saturday night, Feb. 11 Valentine "**Laughter at the Legion**" show. Event planners understand that they have 18-24 "pending" ticket sales. Post Finance Officer Ralph Jordan said 87 tickets need to be sold to break even. Check the event list in this publication for more information and ticket purchase details.

During the first seven months of the Post's fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) more than \$20,000+ has been spent on **Maintenance and Repairs to Post** facilities. Proceeds raised through the comedy show and Bourbon and Cigar night will help replenish those funds as well as be used to support veterans outreach activities.

Less than a week remains for **2023 Membership Renewals** to be completed. At publication deadline, the Post stands at an 87% of goal ranking. That's 91 renewals short of the Post's 700 members goal. Keep in mind that effective Wednesday, Feb. 1 customers at the bar who are not current with their membership will be charged public (guest) pricing and will be required to sign the guest book.

King's Ridge Varsity **Baseball** begins its current season at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. JVs play their first game on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 5:30 p.m. Both games are home field games on the Post baseball field. The full season schedules for both the Varsity and JV teams are on the Post's web site, www.legion201.org. Click on the baseball link.

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Forsyth County High School Student Wins Post's 1st Oratorical in 5 Years

Vinayak Menon of Forsyth County's Lambert High School took first place in last Saturday's oratorical competition hosted by the Post. His 10 minute presentation, "The U.S. Constitution - - The Compass to a More Perfect Union" earned him a \$1,000 scholarship check from the Post.

Phillip Kittila from Cambridge High School in Fulton County took second place and walked away with \$750, and Jackson Kennedy of the Wesleyan School earned the third place award and a \$500 check from the Post.

Thanks to Tom Billings who would not let the idea of holding the contest die. He searched out David Cunnold and convinced him to take the lead and “make the contest happen” this year. The last time the Post hosted a local oratorical contest was five years ago.

Since 1938 the American Legion Oratorical Contest has sought to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. The program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation’s laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

The overall national contest winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest’s first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion’s scholarship awards may be used at any college or university in the U.S.

Let's wish all the best for Vinayak as he starts the climb toward this year's national competition.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

Friday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night. \$50 includes a flight of three bourbon tastings, a cigar and hors d'oeuvres. Purchase tickets at the Clubroom/Bar.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 8 a.m. First Saturday Informal 'Pot Luck' Breakfast for members. Cooking generally starts around 7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. Meal served in 9 a.m. time frame. Be sure to bring something to share. For more info contact John Dowd, 770-366-1284, or email jedowd3@gmail.com.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 12 noon. House Committee Meeting. Note: This is a change from the previous 10:30 a.m. start times for House Committee meetings.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 3 p.m. Atlanta Gladiators Military and First Responders Day. The Atlanta Gladiators invite all American Legion members, friends, family and supporters out to cheer on the Atlanta Gladiators as they take on the Savannah Ghost Pirates on Military and First Responders Day. As part of the pre-game action, select members of the American Legion will be our official game starters, by performing the traditional "Let's Play Hockey." [Click here for more details.](#)

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

Saturday, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. Laughter at the Legion, III - - a Valentine's Day Sweetheart Special. Doors open at 6 p.m. Individual non-reserved seats are \$40 each and can be purchased online [by clicking here](#), or they may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar. Tables (6 seats) are \$240 each. Tables should be purchased through the Clubroom/Bar when the bar is open for service.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Monday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., VFW Post 12002. Meets 4th Monday of every month. For more information contact Ron Cowan, 404-509-1700, roncowan@bellsouth.net or Jim Davis, 770-235-4858, jim.davis@comcast.net.

Saturday, April 29, All Day. American Legion Family Day. The American Legion National Executive Committee unanimously passed a resolution at its meeting on Oct. 12 & 13, 2022 in Indianapolis which establishes American Legion Family Day to be observed annually on the last Saturday of April. It encourages Posts to open their doors to members of their community for a day and celebrate the accomplishments of Legionnaires, Sons of The American Legion members, and the American Legion Auxiliary. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Club 201 Dance Activities

Visit both www.club201dance.com
and the [Club 201 Dance FaceBook Page](#)
for detailed information about
all dance activities and schedules.

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Resource Links

Post 201 Walk of Memories - [Click here](#) for more information.

Past Issues of Post 201 E-Newsletter - Visit www.legion201.org and click on the "Weekly eNewsletters" box at the top right of the landing page.

Post 201 Website - www.legion201.org.

VA Telephone Hotline - 1-877-222-8387

Veterans Crisis Line - 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

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

Benefits for Georgia Veterans - [Click this link](#).

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

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