



Alpharetta Post 201

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Leadership Nominations, \$\$ Expenditures On Tuesday's Membership Meet Agenda

April's General Membership meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, is shaping up to be a busy one for members. In addition to nominating officers and one executive committee member for leadership positions next year, there are several matters involving major expenditures needing member approval.

And for those who always ask, "Yes" dinner will be served prior to the meeting starting in the 6 p.m. time frame. This month's menu will be an assortment of pizza offerings.

At the meeting membership approvals are expected to be sought for:

- \$2,000 to support the upcoming Family Day at the Legion on Saturday, Apr. 29.
- \$1,350 to complete the flooring in the Clubroom/Bar area.
- \$1,533.71 to purchase a new beer tub for the Clubroom/Bar. The current one has been leaking for at least a year.
- \$500 to purchase fertilizer for the Walk of Memories Grounds.
- \$150 to bring the already approved \$350 donation to the "Submarine" Mike Kotler Scholarship up to \$500. This would be the Post's contribution to fund an anticipated \$4,000 scholarship in his memory. His VFW Post (which meets at Post 201) has committed \$2,000 toward the goal and the Johns Creek Veterans Association anticipates making up the difference to bring the scholarship to the \$4,000 goal.

The scholarship in Mike's name would be presented by the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame to a JROTC high school senior who plans to attend a university or college in Georgia, continue to participate in ROTC and accept a commission upon graduation.

In addition to the financial expenditures discussion, other agenda items may include the upcoming June 10 "Laughter at the Legion" program, current plans to start an "Old Glory" raffle in the Clubroom, an update on the status of Bingo, and additional construction needed at the baseball field concession stand.

Leadership Nominations

The evening's key activity is expected to be the nominations for next year's leadership.

Adjutant Tom Billings has posted a nomination form on the bulletin board in the Clubroom for write-in nominations for five officer and one member of the executive committee for the 2023–2024 year.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor during Tuesday's meeting, after which nominations will be closed. This will give those nominated approximately one month to solicit support and encourage supporters of candidates nominated to attend the Tuesday, May 16 General Membership meeting - - - at which time next year's leadership will be elected.

The open officer positions for one-year terms include: Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Finance Officer, and Judge Advocate. Also one Executive Committee member slot is open which is a three-year term.

At publication deadline yesterday here are the published nominations.

- Three for Commander: Jeff Rahn, nominated by Calvin Bennett; Dave Kirchner, nominated by Jim Nessia; and Tom Billings nominated by Fred Mahony.
- None for Sr. Vice Commander.
- One for Jr. Vice Commander: Tom Richardson who is self nominated.
- One for Finance Officer: Ralph Jordan, nominated by Dave Kirchner.
- None for Judge Advocate.
- None for the the three-year executive committee position.

Billings says the position of Commander, which according to the Post By-Laws is normally a two year term, will be a for a one-year term this year in order to complete the unexpired term of Fred Mahony, the current Post Commander. Mahony has said he will not serve the second year of his term due to personal plans which will be taking him away from the local area.

To be a candidate or to nominate a candidate, and to vote in the election you must be a Post 201 Legionnaire in good standing and paid up for Calendar Year 2023. Billings also said that nominees must provide a copy of their DD-214 to be certified as eligible by the Credentials Committee prior to the election.

[Click here to read](#) the draft minutes from the March General Membership Meeting.

[Click here to read](#) the draft minutes from the April 3 Special Executive Committee meeting.

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Saturday, April 29 'Family Day'
At Post Set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Clubroom/Bar Opens at 12 noon

The Family Day at Post 201 planning committee has laid out an event-packed four hours to celebrate American Legion Family Day on Saturday, Apr. 29 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Post.

Plans include having the Clubroom/Bar open at 12 noon that day rather than the normal 1 p.m. Games for children, a cake walk, scavenger hunt, bouncy houses, and a DJ to provide musical entertainment are also on the agenda. Hamburgers/hot dogs and chips prepared by Tommy Youngblood and Paul Sheridan will also be available for sale.

Auxiliary members DiAna Casale and Ellen Youngblood are leading the planning team. Other committee members include Cheirie Lowery and Gina Dawson from the Auxiliary, SAL members Tommy Youngblood and Bob Anderson, and one Legion member volunteer, Ralph Fike.

More volunteers would be welcome. Just put the words "Family Day Volunteer" in the subject line and send it to americanlegionalpharetta@gmail.com. Either DiAna or Ellen will find you!

American Legion Family Day is an annual event that the National Executive Committee unanimously supported at its meeting on Oct. 12 & 13, 2022 in Indianapolis. It should be celebrated each year on the last Saturday of April. Posts are encouraged to use the opportunity to open their doors to members of their community 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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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

King's Ridge Baseball at Post 201. Season schedules for the Varsity and JV teams are published on the Post's web site, www.legion201.org. Click on the "Baseball" link.

Thursday, Apr. 13, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Saturday, Apr. 15, 8 a.m., Tillman Honor Run, benefiting the [Pat Tillman Foundation](#). Starting point, Roswell City Hall. [Click here for the registration link](#) and choose Georgia/Atlanta. Registration is also available onsite. An after party with free food and drinks at "From The Earth" will follow the run/walk. For more information contact Race Captain Seth Deitchman, SethSunDevil@yahoo.com

Sunday, Apr. 16, 2 p.m. 8 Ball Pool Tournament.

Monday, Apr. 17, 5:30 p.m. Special Executive Committee Meeting to discuss the June 10 "Laughter at the Legion" show.

Tuesday, Apr. 18, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Thursday, Apr. 20, 11:30 a.m. Georgia Mountain Chapter - Military Officers Association of America monthly lunch meeting. Golden Corral, 2025 Market Place Blvd., Cumming. Meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

Thursday, Apr. 20, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

Monday, Apr. 24, 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.

Friday, Apr. 28, 7 p.m. Bourbon and Cigar Night. Taste a flight of three bourbons, smoke of fine 'stogie,' and sample some outstanding hors d'oeuvres - - - all in the interest of raising funds to benefit veterans. Tickets for the 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. event are \$50 each if purchased at the Clubroom/Bar prior Friday, Apr. 21. After that the price jumps to \$60 per person.

Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. American Legion Family Day at the Post.

Tuesday, May 2, 4 p.m. Special Executive Committee Meeting to discuss the Post's FY 23-24 Budget.

Saturday, May 6, 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. First responders who attend are exempt from the 'bring something to share' expectation. For more info contact John Dowd, 770-366-1284, or email jedowd3@gmail.com.

Monday, May 8. 13th Annual MSgt. George "Rip" and Barbara Masters Golf Tournament. Cobblestone Golf Course, 4200 Nance Rd. Acworth. Shotgun start 9 a.m. Individual player registration \$125. Proceeds to benefit The Marine Corps Scholarship Fund. Contact Craig Moore, tournament director, for more information, sponsorship opportunities and registration details. Email: craigmoore10@hotmail.com, phone 404-934-6337.

Tuesday, May 9 - Saturday, May 13. 8 a.m. to Sunset. Paint the Town. The Post will host artists who may wish to create paintings at the Post. Paint the Town is a five-day artist invitational where artists of all media from around the country will paint outdoor locations around Alpharetta. Their work will be on exhibition at the Alpharetta Arts Center May 13 - June 10.

Saturday, Jun. 3, 8 a.m. Ride for Vets - - a motorcycle ride to support veterans with PTSD. Sponsored by the Johns Creek Veterans Association. \$50 entry fee per motorcycle. [Click here for more information.](#)

Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m. Laughter at the Legion featuring Atlanta-based comedians Lace Larrabee and Nick Murphy. Individual general admission tickets are now on sale at the Clubroom/Bar only. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$150 for a table for six. Buy your tickets now, because you may see a price increase when the tickets are offered to the general public. As of Monday, Apr. 10 thirty-six tickets have been sold for this show at the \$25 per person 'early bird' rate.

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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.

Survivor Assistance Checklist - [Click this link.](#)

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

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

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

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