



Alpharetta Post 201

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Executive Committee OK's \$20K For Replacement Kitchen Hood

At Tuesday evening's Executive Committee meeting, the long-discussed 'kitchen hood matter' finally moved toward a final resolution with an approval to spend up to \$20,000 to purchase and install a new, larger hood over the kitchen stove.

The hood itself is expected to cost some \$6,000. The difference includes \$9,600 to install it and another \$4,000 to install a new fire suppression system that meets code enforcement standards associated with the new hood.

The installation will be done by Larry Mathis, owner of Superior Repair Service. The new hood and associated fixtures are being manufactured by Hoodmart, who has operations in Dallas (Ga.). The need for a new hood was identified last year during a routine code inspection by the Alpharetta Fire Marshall's office.

When the work is completed, the Post can start renting the kitchen again to third parties who need it for their specific cooking or food related functions, or in conjunction with rentals of the Post's ballroom where access to an industrial kitchen is needed as part of the rental package request.

Other highlights of Tuesday's Executive Committee meeting include:

- Approved spending approximately \$1,600 to purchase a small freezer, a table-top warmer and a popcorn machine for the concession stand. Reimbursement for this expenditure is expected to come from concession stand sales during the remainder of the baseball season.
- Heard an update on the FY 2023-2024 budget which is currently being developed. Finance officer Ralph Jordan said he expects the final budget would be presented to Post membership for approval at the July membership meeting.

Current projections assume total income for the year (before expenses) to be in the range of half a million dollars. Expense projections are in the same general range suggesting a need for continued expense monitoring during the coming year. More work and "drilling down" on individual income and expense budget lines will be taking place during the next 2-3 weeks.

- Although no start date has been identified, the Auxiliary is moving forward to get Bingo restarted at the Post. Equipment is currently being tested and some test games will be played before a “Bingo is Back” date can be announced.
- New flooring is expected to be installed in the Clubroom starting Sunday night, May 21 with installation completed before the Clubroom is scheduled to be open at 3 p.m. Monday, May 22. The pool table, which will need to be removed from the Clubroom during the floor install, is scheduled to be returned to the Clubroom on Tuesday, May 23. Volunteers are needed to help with the floor install on May 22 starting at 7 a.m. and throughout the day.

Most of the volunteer help is needed first thing in the morning to move furniture out of the Clubroom - - - then as work is completed to move the furniture back in. Also some late Sunday night moving help is needed to move some items so the install work can get a good jumpstart Monday morning. Email Bob Byrd at bobbyrd947@gmail.com if you can help.

- Adjutant Tom Billings provided an update on how Leadership elections would be handled at the upcoming General Membership meeting this coming Tuesday. *(Editor’s Note: A special election edition of this newsletter will be published tomorrow.)*
- Volunteers are still needed for the May 20 Post Clean Up Day, which is also Armed Forces Day.
- Some special activities similar to the recent Family Day at the Post are being planned for Memorial Day. However no specifics are available yet.

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Kenneth Otto Christian
Oct. 13, 1939 – May 5, 2023

U.S. Navy, Viet Nam. 22-year member of the Legion. Post 201 Boys' State Chair for many years. Service with Military Honors, 10 a.m. Monday, May 15, at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton. [Click here](#) for obituary.

Barge (Peter) Stoios
Jan. 15, 1953 – May 6, 2023

Member of SAL. A Celebration of Life service will be held 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21 at Post 201. [Click here](#) for a A Go Fund Me page to help with memorial expenses.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other

Veterans Related Activities

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.

Friday, May 12, 8 p.m. Siren Songs at Red Clay Music Foundry, Duluth. An evening of gorgeous acoustic music celebrating the spring season. \$25 special ticket price at the door for veterans. One member of the duo has several military/veterans in her family. It's her way of saying Thank You for Your Service. [Click here](#) for more information.

Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting and Election of New Leadership for Next Year. Dinner served prior to the meeting starting in 6 p.m. time frame. Menu: TBD a publication time.

Wednesday, May 17. Last day to purchase "Laughter at the Legion" early bird tickets for \$25 per person (open seating). Price jumps to \$35 per ticket, but the extra \$10 includes one drink ticket. More information about the show and online tickets available at Eventbrite. [Click here to visit the site.](#)

Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

Saturday, May 20. Armed Forces Day. Post 201 Clean Up Day starting at 9 a.m. Clean up 'zones' which need some attention include brush on the fence side at the Wills Road entrance, pine cone pick up in the Walk of Memories area, underbrush cleanup around all the Magnolia trees along the baseball field's outfield fence, some general cleanup around the concession stand, and underbrush cleaning along the grass area next to the fence at the back of the Post.

Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. American Legion Post 307 Armed Force Day BBQ fundraiser at Beaver Toyota, 1875 Buford Highway, Cumming. Tickets are \$10 per person. Enjoy live music and Socks' Love Barbecue.

Saturday, May 20, 7 p.m. AboutFace-USA Charity Poker Tournament to help prevent veteran suicide. Stars and Strikes, 133 Merchant Square, Cumming. [Click here](#) for details.

Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. 8-Ball Pool Tournament Cancelled due to Celebration of Life service for Barge Stoios.

Monday, May 22, 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.

Monday, May 29. Memorial Day. Activities at Post TBD.

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. Visit www.legion201.org for more information.

Wednesday, Oct. 11. SAL's 6th Annual Rick Gimpel Memorial Golf Tournament at The Golf Club at Bradshaw Farm in Woodstock. [Click here](#) for more information on corporate sponsorship. Or contact either Derek Garmon 770-294-4259 or Kevin Solik, 404-483-3230 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.

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."***

**Post 201 - Serving Vets for 75 Years**  
*November 26, 1947 - November 26, 2022*

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