



Alpharetta Post 201

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23-24 Leadership Steps Up to the Plate Today; Former Adjutant Tom Billings Now Commander

Post 201's leadership responsibility for the next 12 months now belongs to the recently elected leadership team, effective this morning.

The team includes: Commander – Tom Billings; Immediate Past Commander – Fred Mahony; Adjutant – Harry Hollingsworth; Sr. Vice Commander – Alan Dudley; Jr. Vice Commander – Tom Richardson; Finance Officer – Ralph Jordan; Judge Advocate – Bob Byrd; and Executive Committee Members Bob Moye (3 year term), Mike Roman (2 year term), and an open position to fill the remaining 1 year term formally held by Bob Byrd.

The executive committee will fill the open position.

Open Letter to Post Membership

In an open letter to the membership that he asked to be distributed via this publication Billings wrote:

“Thank you for trusting me to be your Commander for the next year. I’ll strive to live up to that trust and not disappoint. Post 201 has successfully emerged from the “Era of Covid” in sound financial condition thanks to the leadership of Past Commanders Fred Mahony and Alan Dudley as well as the continued efforts of many Legionnaires.

“Now it’s time for us to focus on the traditional American Legion values, i.e. the four pillars of service - 1. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, 2. National Security, 3. Americanism, and 4. Children & Youth. Ways to expand our emergency assistance and educational assistance to veterans should be explored.

“Sending young men to Boy’s State and helping the Auxiliary send young women to Girls State to learn about the functioning of our government should be a priority. Engaging with the community such as with Law Officers and First Responders would benefit everyone.

“Post operations are extensive. We have the club room and bar open every day except for Christmas and Thanksgiving, dances several days and evenings per week, hall rental for various events, and a

robust baseball field utilization and concession operation. The Walk of Memories and maintenance of our 13-acre campus all require the effort of many.

“Both financial and physical resources are necessary for the operation of the post. We have an active finance committee and a forward-looking Finance Officer scrutinizing our finances, but please consider volunteering to help with the physical needs.

“Along with the support of the Sons of the Legion and the Auxiliary we are the Legion Family. Together let’s continue to make Post 201 the premier post in Georgia. Please email me at tombill03@comcast.net with your suggestions or concerns.”

Billings was Post Adjutant for Five Years

Billings, who served as Post Adjutant for the past five years, retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 in 1997. His naval career includes 12 years enlisted service, rising to the rank of E-7; and 20 years commissioned service.

He served with the Naval Security Group and Amphibious Group 2 during which he had assignments in Germany, Washington, D.C., National Security Agency, Charleston, Homestead, Key West, Mayport, Little Creek, and the U.S.S. Guam.

His civilian career includes 37 years as a civil engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, retiring in January 2006. During that time he earned the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service; the Army Achievement Medal for his leadership during Hurricane Andrew relief efforts; and two Commander’s Awards for leadership in many environmental programs including Superfund, Brownfields, Installation Restoration, and BRAC programs.

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Women Veterans Day Ceremony Set for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 10

The 3rd Annual Women Veterans Day Ceremony hosted by the Johns Creek Veterans Association is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, June 10, 2023 at Newtown Park’s Veterans Memorial Park/Walk at the Women’s Monument, 3150 Old Alabama Rd, Johns Creek.

Lt. Col. Janice Hiers, USAF Nurse Corp (Retired) and a JCVA member will MC the event.

Keynote speakers include: Lt. Col. Jacqueline Isabell, US Army (Retired), Attorney at Law; and Lt. Joanne Melear, Viet Nam Era Navy Nurse. The wreath will be laid by SSgt Melissa Deane, US Army (Retired) and ISG Charlotte Whitaker, US Army (Retired).

Also presenting: JCVA Color Guard, JCVA President Michael Mizell, Lt. Col., US Army MP Corps (Retired), SSgt Roger Wise, US Army Veteran, presentation of "Freedom Is Not Free,"

SSgt LaVeda Kendrix, USMC (Retired) will preside as the Chaplain, and Meghan Cavanaugh, singer. Chief Petty Officer Sharon Skellie, US Navy (Retired) and Administrator of Georgia Military Women, will host the GMW table. Capt Jerry Tiarsmith, US Army Infantry (Retired) will host the Wreaths Across America table. For more information contact Janice Hiers at ltcoljaniced@gmail.com

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SAVE the DATE!

Bourbon and Cigar Night to be Replaced By Scotch and Cigar Night, Friday, July 28

There's an old saying that "change is good for the soul." But the real question to be answered on Friday, July 28 at the Post will be how does changing from bourbon and cigars to scotch and cigars suit the palates of the participants?

The only way to find out is to Save the Date and plan to attend. Ticket pricing and scotches to be tasted both fit in the TBD category at the moment. More info to follow and watch for event flyers in the Clubroom.

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Upcoming Post 201 & Other Veterans Related Activities

[Click here to see this weekend's baseball schedule on the Post's field.](#)

Saturday, June 3, 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.

Saturday, Jun. 3, 8 a.m. Ride for Vets and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., PACT Act Claims Filing and More. Park Place, Newtown Park, Johns Creek. [Click here for details](#) on both events.

Monday, June 5. 8 p.m. O'Glory Drawing. Tickets, \$2 each. Can be purchased from the bartenders. Also "Monday Night Music Trivia with Lisa."

Tuesday, June 6, Tuesday, June 6, 6:30 p.m. House Committee.

Thursday, June 8, 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting.

Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m. Laughter at the Legion featuring Atlanta-based comedians Lace Larrabee and Nick Murphy. [Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets online, or tickets may be purchased at the Clubroom/Bar during regular operating hours.

Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m. Executive Committee.

Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m. Order of the Purple Heart. Meets 3rd Thursday of every month.

Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. Alpharetta Lions Club Cornhole Benefit Tournament will be played at Post 201. [Click here](#) for more information.

Tuesday, June 20. 7 p.m. General Membership Meeting.

Thursday, June 22, 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Harley-Davidson Killer Creek Night at the Post. SAL members will be cooking. Anticipated menu: hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, and chicken quarters. Event coordinator: Jeff Rahn.

Monday, June 26, 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.

Thursday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Oct. 1. Georgia Military Officers Association of America State Conference. University of North Georgia, Dahlonega. www.gmcmoaa.org

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.

Sunday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Annual Cruz-In. Planning Lead: Tommy Youngblood. Email - youngbloodtom@att.net. Mobile: 678-462-9023. Leave message if no answer.

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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 not the price you pay to be a member,  
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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